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An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

I often say that I'm standing on tall shoulders as I lead Whitworth. Not only do I continue to benefit from the wonderful legacy left by my predecessor, President Emeritus Bill Robinson, but I'm also inspired by the important leadership of previous campus leaders like Frank Warren and Ed Lindaman. The shoulders I stand upon are not only tall - they're also quite broad, reaching across Christian higher education, to women and men who lead our nation's network of Christ-centered institutions dedicated to transformative education and moral formation for service to God. There are no shoulders taller or broader than those of my good friend and consummate Whitworthian, Seattle Pacific University President Philip Eaton, '65. Phil is stepping down this summer as president of SPU after 17 years of remarkable service. Many of you know Phil as a proud Whitworth alumnus who taught English and American literature at Whitworth for many years, eventually serving as Whitworth's interim president before taking his leadership role at SPU in 1996. Tomorrow, I will be in Seattle meeting with the presidents of Washington's independent colleges and universities, and I've been asked to honor Phil's service to our state's consortium of private institutions. I will highlight three things in particular about Phil. First, he represents the best of faith-based education. Throughout his distinguished career, he has courageously championed the importance of integrating quality academics with Christian faith. There is perhaps no more articulate a supporter of Christian higher education than Phil. He has been prolific in his speaking and writing about how the Christian academy can best engage culture and ultimately change the world. Second, Phil represents the best of Whitworth. Our alumni continue to mention Phil among their most beloved professors, citing both his rigorous and comprehensive expectations of students and his warm and personal style. In 2000, Whitworth awarded Phil an honorary doctorate for his lifelong commitment to quality Christian education. Finally, there is perhaps no one who has been more kind and supportive to Julie and me in our first months at Whitworth than Phil and his wife, Sharon, '64. Phil graciously offered the prayer of dedication at my inaugural, and he continues to offer support, guidance and prayer to me and our family. Most of all, Phil cares for Whitworth and its mission. Whitworth is thankful to Phil for all he has done to "honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity." God bless you, Phil and Sharon, as you follow God's calling into the next exciting chapter of your lives.

ACADEMICS

Michelle Smith (English) has been awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend. The title of her project is *Alice in Utopia: Transcendental Rhetoric and Domestic Labor at Brook Farm*. This research will examine the Transcendentalist community of Brook Farm, illustrating a mismatch between the community's egalitarian rhetoric and the practices that relegated women to domestic drudgery.

Whitworth is one of 40 sites nationwide selected to host "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible," a traveling exhibition that celebrates the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the KJV and examines its history. The exhibit will run in Harriet Cheney Cowles Library April 11-May 13. Jim Edwards, '67 (Theology), will lecture in the Robinson Teaching Theatre, Weyerhaeuser Hall, at 7:30 p.m. on April 19, after the opening reception. A panel discussion will take place Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the RTT and will feature Meredith Shimizu, '93 (Art), Leonard Oakland (English), and Gonzaga Professor of Religious Studies Linda Schearing.

Join us at Gonzaga April 21 for the Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference. Whitworth had the opportunity to host this important event last year; it included more than 200 student presenters and 70 faculty sponsors from Whitworth, Gonzaga and other Spokane institutions.

Forensics captured second-place sweepstakes awards at recent regional tournaments. During Spring Break the team placed 5th out of 26 schools at the National Christian College Forensics National Tournament, where Travis Walker, '12, won five trophies and took 6th place out of 100-plus students in the competition. Travis' parents are currently building him a new trophy room at his home.

Spring sabbaticals: Patty Bruininks (Psychology) continues her research into the effects of sociocultural environments on hope; Gordon Jackson

(Communication Studies) is an administrative consultant to Christian higher-educational institutions in Egypt and Nigeria; Alan Mikkelson, '00 (Communication Studies), is writing a book on relationships, based on the Scriptures and social-science research; Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) continues her work on R-body proteins and hopes to establish procedures for doing heteronuclear multidimensional NMR spectroscopy on our campus; and Raja Tanas (Sociology) is writing a textbook about the Middle East.

Last month, Casey Andrews (English) directed 10 students in a play at Salem Lutheran Church, in Spokane's West Central neighborhood. The play, *Zacchaeus: For the Lord He Wanted To See*, is based on Luke's Gospel.

Pamela Corpron Parker, '81 (English), is on the selection committee for the Lilly Fellows Graduate Program. She is also the presiding chair of the British Women Writers Association.

THE ARTS

Broadway Unbound, which will take place Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. (\$3 admission), is an end-of-the-year showcase of Whitworth students' acting talent in fully staged performances on the Main Stage in Whitworth's Cowles Memorial Auditorium. Please join us!

In March, 19 Whitworthians - piano students of Judith Schoepflin, Beverly Rhodes, and David Brewster - participated in the Washington State Music Teachers Adjudications. Each student performed two pieces and was evaluated by BYU-Rexburg's Stephen Allen. Nine performed at the Collegiate Honors Recital held at Spokane's Steinway Gallery.

Jared Hall, '08, won 3rd place overall at the National Trumpet Competition 2012, held last month in Washington, D.C. Jared attends Indiana University, Bloomington, where he will complete his master of music in jazz studies this summer; he is an associate instructor in the I.U. jazz studies program, led by renowned jazz educator David Baker.

STUDENT LIFE

Arend Hall did an amazing job putting on its traditional Green with Envy Dance, where roommates were encouraged to set one another up for a special date and dance. (Blessing or curse? You be the judge.) Students also participated in KONY 2012 "Invisible Children" awareness programming that discussed the issue of kids who've been sold into soldiering and the sex trade. This month, students will show their skills with board and computer games at Whitcon. We'll also be deep into ASWU elections, the Whitworth Unplugged talent contest, a visit from spoken-word artist Shihan, and Dance Illuminate, a night of music and terpsichorean frivolity.

HONORS

The Arc of Spokane recently chose Whitworth as its 2012 Organization of the Year. Each year The Arc, which works with local people with developmental difficulties, honors organizations that make exceptional efforts to improve its clients' lives. The Arc is honoring Whitworth for our campus donation projects, innovative service-learning courses and campus-engagement project, which fosters the inclusion of individuals with disabilities at Whitworth.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll has named Whitworth to its 2012 list. The honor roll highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement; it recognizes institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve. For the fourth time in six years, Whitworth has been named to this list by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

ALUMNI AND PARENTS

The Class of 2012 is preparing to celebrate Commencement Weekend, May 11-13. Congratulations to our almost-graduates, who will soon be decorating their mortarboards, and to their parents and families! For information, visit www.whitworth.edu/commencement.

Commencement Weekend reunions for the classes of '52 and '62 are just around the corner. Alums who graduated in 1962 and earlier are invited to join us on campus May 11-13. You can still register for this weekend of celebration, but hurry! Visit www.whitworth.edu/reunions or contact the alumni office at 509.777.3799 or alumni@whitworth.edu.

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Alumni and professors who were with the Central America Study Programs in 1979, 1982, 1987 and 2002 will reunite on campus this summer to celebrate their experiences. For information, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

Alumni from the classes of 2007, 2002, and 1992 are invited to celebrate five-year, 10-year and 20-year class reunions during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 5-7. There will also be a special gathering for members of the classes of 1975-79. We'll catch up with one another, honor our 2012 Alumni Award winners, and cheer on the football Bucs as they face Willamette. More information is available at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

ADMISSIONS

The May 1 deadline is approaching: Incoming freshmen, it's time to submit an enrollment deposit to hold your spot in the Class of 2016. Submit your deposit online at www.whitworth.edu/admittedstudents, where you can also access important information about next steps for admitted students.

The first week of May will find admissions office staffers calling incoming freshmen to schedule telephone appointments during which they can discuss academic plans with faculty advisors and register for fall classes. This is just one of many ways that our professors invest in the lives of our students.

FINANCIAL AID

We have 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 FAFSA 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, the financial aid office will e-mail 2012-13 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

Each alum has a stake in Whitworth's success. Each month, about 17,000 of our alumni receive *Mind & Heart*. At last count, 1,440 of them have made a gift to Whitworth this year. The office of annual giving is reaching out to alumni to communicate how much every gift matters, and some generous alums have raised the stakes for new gifts to The Whitworth Fund: they've built a matching fund to encourage gifts from new alumni donors. We have until June 30 to reach our goal of 2,912 alumni donors. If every alum who reads this makes a gift (even \$5 counts), we'll get there. Consider that a challenge!

CHAPEL

Join us at the 37th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry July 9-13. Our focus this year is on "Our Hope for Years to Come: Theological Foundations during Turbulent Times." Speakers include Richard J. Mouw, president of Fuller Seminary; Tod Bolsinger, senior pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church; and MaryKate Morse, professor of leadership and spiritual formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/wim or by phone at 509.777.4345. And follow us on Facebook!

COSTA RICA

The art students in our spring semester program are bringing life and color to San Rafael. They've painted a beautiful mural at an outdoor park there, and one student is creating a mural at a museum in San Jose; others are adding their paintings and sculptures to our own CRC. In March, the 50-plus-member Whitworth Wind Symphony played up a storm at concerts and musical workshops throughout Costa Rica. The CRC's official dedication took place on March 18, when Provost & Executive V.P. Michael Le Roy, '89, trustees David Myers, '64, and Scott, '84, and Sue Chandler, '85, joined me and the spring students, the wind symphony and 100-plus friends and neighbors as we publicly dedicated ourselves to God and to the service of our Costa Rican neighbors.

SPORTS

Baseball is off to a great start, with the Pirates tied for first place in the conference after series victories over PLU and Linfield. Tyler Pfeffer, '14, leads the league in RBIs, while Jason Renner, '15, is the King of Saves.

The softball Pirates have won 10 of their last 11, including five of six at the Tucson Invitational. Heather Hesselgesser, '13, is batting .400-plus, and Taylor Gilbert, '14, has won six of her first seven pitching decisions.

Men's tennis is 8-5 overall and 5-2 in the NWC. The Pirates went 2-1 during Spring Break, including a win over NCAA Div. II Augustana (S.D.). Daniel Redfern, '12, is 10-3 in singles play.

Women's tennis is 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the NWC. Whitworth went 3-1 during their Spring Break trip, including wins over Birmingham-Southern and SUNY-New Paltz. Jesse Steele, '13, leads the team with a 12-1 singles record.

Men's track and field continues to dominate. Carter Comito leads the nation in the discus and is second in the shot put, and Chibron Tomeo broke a 26-year-old school record in the pole vault.

Women's track is battling through injury and illness. Jheri Gates, '14, leads all NWC women in the high jump.

Emily Guthrie, '13, was the top NCAA Div. III finisher when the women's golf team competed in the Augustana Spring Fling during Spring Break.

Men's golf played a pair of one-day events in Arizona last week. Jesse Salzwedel, '14, shot a fine one-under-par 70 at the Arizona National Golf Course.

I'm finishing this newsletter on Palm Sunday. I'm struck how quickly cheers and accolades turned to betrayal and hatred for our Lord during that first holy week in Jerusalem. I pray that my own relationship with Jesus isn't as fickle or as easily swayed by the sentiments of the crowd. But despite my shortcomings and lack of faith, Jesus still marched to Calvary for me. He saw past my imperfections, the frailty of my faith, to see the child He created in His own image...one worth dying for. That's the kind of Savior we have - full of grace. May we each be agents of that saving grace this week as we reflect upon Christ's death and Resurrection. Easter blessings on you all.

Beck

I'm writing this month's *Mind & Heart* just a few steps from our nation's capitol. I've been here for several days meeting with policymakers concerning federal support for higher education and President Obama's newest ideas surrounding affordability and accessibility – ideas outlined in his State of the Union speech and in a subsequent speech at the University of Michigan last week. I applaud the president's commitment to engaging higher education leaders on issues that influence affordability: There is no question in my mind that one of the most important investments a person can make in the future is a college education, and we should work to ensure that this opportunity is available to the broadest possible cross-section of students. In all candor, I'm also a bit nervous about the president's call to link federal financial aid dollars to campuses that have demonstrated some yet-to-be-defined progress on certain indicators of cost, value and learning outcomes. Higher education institutions like Whitworth, whose students receive millions of dollars of subsidy from American taxpayers, should be held accountable. But one-size-fits-all policy prescriptions are not the way to go, in my opinion. They will inevitably fail to recognize the incredible diversity of America's colleges and universities; they may also fail to regard the different contexts within which those institutions compete.

The good news is that Whitworth would undoubtedly pass the test, even if such federal scorecards were created. In terms of Whitworth's "value proposition," many external publications extol the quality-price combination that Whitworth embodies. The latest *U.S. News* ranks Whitworth as the second-best value among its Western peers. Next year, we've budgeted more than \$30 million in institutional financial aid for our students, an increase of about 11 percent over this year. About one-third of our total gross revenue is currently being allocated back to parents and students. And in terms of accountability, Whitworth's student-learning outcomes rank among the best in the country, and not just on academic subjects. Our students continually score well in measures that focus on public service, for example. And in terms of transparency, the university's new 10-year vision and strategic plan, *Whitworth 2021*, includes more than 150 indicators of student and institutional success, measures we are tracking and will report to you on a regular basis. So, regardless of any federal efforts to regulate how independent institutions like Whitworth operate, I stand ready to work with the president and with my higher education colleagues to ensure that all students can share in the American dream. Whitworth will be a leader.

ACADEMICS

Last semester, Matt Silvers (Health Sciences) took 20 students to the annual meeting of the Western Society for Kinesiology and Wellness, in Reno. Each student presented at the student session, and five students – Maddy Himmel, '13, Danielle Kym, '12, Teagan Norton, '13, Keith Parker, '12, and Joy Shufeldt, '13 – received Outstanding Presentation awards.

In Jan Term 2011, Fred Johnson (English) taught *Visual Narratives*. In that class, Hannah Charlton, '14, created an outstanding short comic as a course project. She and Fred submitted her piece to the *Journal for Undergraduate Multimedia Projects* at the University of Texas at Austin, and it was published last month. See the journal at jump.dwrl.utexas.edu/content/hcv3.1.

Here are just a few examples of the varied ways in which students learn about their academic disciplines by participating in professional internships: Elorm Atisu, '12, coordinated campaign logistics for Spokane School District's United Way campaign. He says that the most fulfilling part of his internship was working with special-needs students to get them involved in the campaign.

- Haley Atkinson, '12, managed all communications for the anti-human-trafficking program at World Relief, developing a volunteer program and a training manual as well as meeting with new volunteers about their roles in the program.
- Annick Føyen, '12, spent January working with Norway's Abildso Cooperation on dropout prevention. She oversaw 40 youth and taught effective communication and other practical skills, along with directing

activities from horseback riding to cooking lessons.

- Holly Gregg, '12, managed and recruited/organized volunteers for the Northeast Community Center's Coats for Kids Drive, which collected and distributed more than 1,000 coats to Spokane kids.

Faculty just back from fall sabbaticals include Nancy Bunker (Library), who is completing research for her book on the Reverend May C. Jones, one of the first ordained women in the Pacific Northwest, and Barb Sanders (Education), whose work examines and engages in academic support and intervention for first-generation college students.

In summer 2011, 12 faculty members committed to write articles for publication as part of our Faculty Faith and Scholarship Program, and just look at the results! Jenny Brown (French) wrote "Ni Avec Toi, Ni Sans Toi: The Desecration of the Grail in Julien Gracq," which was accepted by *Literature and Theology*; Nate Moyer, '04, (Mathematics) wrote "Connecting Mathematics Students to Philosophy and Faith," which was accepted to the *Journal of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences*; Kathryn Picanco (Education) wrote "The Power of Reflective Collaboration to Explore Personal Belief Systems in Teacher Preparation Courses" for the *International Christian Community for Teacher Education Journal*; and Adrian Teo (Psychology) wrote "Male and Female He Created Them" for the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. We are grateful to the Servant's Heart Foundation for its generous support of faith-and-learning integration at Whitworth.

Eric Sartell, '94, (SGCM) recently published an article, "Contributing Factors to Economic Growth in Developing Countries: An Empirical Examination of Klein's Shock Doctrine," in the *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*.

THE ARTS

For the second year in a row, the Music Educators Association has honored the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dan Keberle (Music), by inviting them to present a special performance at the Washington Music Educators All-State Conference, in Yakima, on Feb. 17. Last year the band performed at the Music Educators' All-Northwest Conference.

Last month, Scott Miller and Christopher Stanichar presented the Northwest premiere of a new work for tenor and piano by Stanichar (Augustana College, S.D.). The song cycle, which uses the text of Edgar Allen Poe's *The Raven*, featured Miller (the tenor) and Stanichar (the composer/pianist). Vic Bobb (English) presented a pre-performance lecture on Poe and this very famous poem. A sample of the piece and an interview with the composer can be heard on a podcast at the website for radio station KPBX, 91.1 FM.

Vocal arts at Whitworth will present a concert, *Music for Valentine's Day* (a couple of days early) in Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church's Quall Hall on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Come join the choir, the women's choir, the men's chorus and the chamber singers for a light and informal (and free!) program of music for Valentine's Day. I'm taking my valentine!

STUDENT LIFE

Jan Term is always a busy time for Whitworth students. Several were programmers and mentors for "BELIEF," a two-day conference that encourages local secondary students to consider higher education as a post-high-school option. Basketball games in the fieldhouse are favorite Jan Term activities, and our teams continue to make us proud to be Pirates. Buses hauled eager snowshoe-ers, skiers and snowboarders to the hills on the weekends, and comic Matthew Jackson and student bands delighted the Jan Term crowd. MLK Day events included a unity march through downtown Spokane and a celebration in the HUB later that evening.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Register today for regional *On the Road* events. Join Whitworthians in Portland (Forrest Baird, Philosophy), Feb. 25; in Denver (Kathy Storm and Dick Mandeville, Student Life), March 3; in Los Angeles (Leonard Oakland, English), March 10; in the Bay Area (Ron Pyle, Communication Studies), March 17; and in Seattle (Julia Stronks, Political Science), March 31. To register, visit www.whitworth.edu/ontheroad today.

February is Heritage Month. This year we celebrate the 122nd anniversary of Whitworth's founding with many special events and programs; see www.whitworth.edu/heritagemonth for details. Our theme is "Whitworth in the '70s" (a great time for Whitworth but a tragic decade for hair and clothing styles), and on Feb. 9, Glen Hiemstra, '71, and Dave Brown, '75, will reflect

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on their friendship and their perspectives on the late Christian futurist Ed Lindaman, Whitworth's president from 1970-80. The Leonard A. Oakland Film Festival, Feb. 16-18, will feature several '70s movies this year. And EWU history professor J. William T. Youngs will speak Wed., Feb. 22, about Spokane's Expo '74 transformation.

I know you'll forgive my excitement about the opening night of the LAO Film Festival, which will feature the premiere of *What Poor Child Is This?*, a documentary about child poverty in the U.S. My friend T.N. Mohan is the film's director, and I served as its executive producer. *What Poor Child Is This?* features an array of national voices and seeks to address the issues faced by children in poverty, offering ideas for positive change. I'm proud of the project, and I would love to share it with you. For more festival details, visit www.whitworth.edu/oaklandfestival.

We encourage you alums to submit nominations for the 2012 Whitworth Alumni Awards, given to deserving graduates nominated by their peers and decided upon by a committee of alumni. Categories include Distinguished Alumni; Service to Whitworth; Mind & Heart; and Recent Alumni. For more information, please visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni/awards, and submit your nominations to alumni@whitworth.edu by Feb. 21.

Come enjoy dessert with us prior to the March 10 Whitworth Theatre production of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*. Guest director Susan Hardie will introduce you to this powerful condemnation of greed and moral irresponsibility. The dessert and conversation begin at 6:45 p.m.; the performance follows at 8. Reserve your spot at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents, or call 509.777.3799.

Secure your lodging soon for Commencement Weekend, May 11-13, when members of the classes of 1952 and 1962, and all alumni from 1961 and earlier, are invited to join us on campus. The Class of 1952 will be honored at a reunion luncheon, and the Class of 1962 will enjoy a reunion dinner and program. For available hotels, visit www.whitworth.edu/reunions or alumni@whitworth.edu, or call 509.777.3799.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Our March 1 application deadline is approaching fast. The applicant pool looks very strong, so please encourage potential Whitworthians to apply soon through our website: www.whitworth.edu/apply.

Students who have been admitted need to submit their enrollment deposits ASAP. We accept deposits through May 1, but housing selection and course registration are tied to the date on which the deposit is received.

We are preparing to host 90-plus students for the first of four Honors Colloquium weekends. About 100 prospective freshmen admitted with honors are invited to each event to compete for two full-tuition scholarships. Despite the intense schedule and the high stakes, I'm impressed by how much fun the students have. Sadly, our great associate director of admissions, Lara Ramsay, '06, who coordinated these events for several years, left us recently to take a position at WSU, where she plans to work on her Ph.D. We'll miss Lara, but we thank her for her great work, and we wish her the best.

The financial aid office is beginning to review files for new freshmen and transfer students for the 2012-13 academic year. New students who have filed their FAFSAs 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 (www.fafsa.gov) will receive their financial aid awards electronically, beginning in May and June. Academic scholarships are automatically renewed.

RESOURCES

It's wonderful to know that Whitworth has a community of alumni, parents and friends who consider themselves Whitworthians for life. What does that mean, exactly? Keep your eyes open for stories and profiles of those who are helping us define the term and who join us in pursuing our highest goals for Whitworth. I hope that every person who reads this newsletter considers herself or himself a lifelong Whitworthian.

Some Whitworthians for life found their mates right here. Check out the alumni page on the university website to view a fun video of two such alums. And if you're among these lucky "We met at Whitworth!" couples, we hope you'll consider making a gift to help us with alumni participation. Your one gift counts for two alumni gifts, and in order to meet our giving goal we need 1,700 more alumni donations by June 30.

SPORTS

The indoor track and field season began with a meet at WSU. The team has already seen standout performances from Chibron Tomeo, '14, who cleared 14'-11" in the pole vault to break the Whitworth record, and Christina Dobbins, '14, who was two-tenths of a second off the school record in the 60-meter hurdles.

The swimming teams just keep winning, baby. Both are 4-0 in NWC dual meets this season. Wesley Walton, '15, has broken through in his first season, leading the men's team in total event victories over the last month. He excels in the backstroke, butterfly and individual medley events. Abby Pavelko, '13, has led the Pirate women with individual victories in the distance freestyle events and the 400 I.M.

Our men's basketball team is 16-3 overall and 9-1 in the NWC, sitting in first place just past the halfway point of the NWC schedule. The Pirates, under new head coach Matt Logie, are currently ranked No. 10 in the country. Post Felix Friedt, '12, leads the league in rebounding average and double-doubles, and the big fella ranks second in scoring average.

Women's basketball is 8-11 overall and 4-6 in the NWC. Lexi Belcher, '12, is having an All-NWC type of season: She leads the team in scoring average and ranks among the league's leaders in field-goal percentage, three-point percentage and free-throw percentage. Very impressive!

The Taylor family's second year in Spokane has afforded us more opportunities to enjoy the beautiful scenery and outdoor activities in the area. One of my favorite episodes of *The Simpsons* has Homer buying Marge a bowling ball (engraved with Homer's name, no less) for her birthday. Julie and I have sometimes bought each other gifts that have been a bit self-serving, too. For my latest birthday, Julie generously gave me a wonderful new mountain bike. Now, you have to understand that I'm not a mountain biker, and Julie has enjoyed getting into the sport in recent months. So I wasn't surprised when I learned that she also bought herself a great new bike (for my birthday). Motives aside, it's been fun to ride with her this winter, a winter that's seen less snowfall than usual, or so they tell me. We really do live in a wonderful part of the world. Spokane's marketing tagline is "Near Nature, Near Perfect." I think they nailed it. As always, please keep Whitworth in your prayers.

I'm writing this month's *Mind & Heart* from sunny Marco Island, Fla., where I am meeting with presidents from other independent private colleges and universities from across the U.S. If I've learned anything in my first year at Whitworth, it's to travel south in January! Topics of conversation here are wide-ranging, and it's good for me to connect with my peers and colleagues, if for no reason other than to reaffirm in my mind that Whitworth stands in a good place in the vast and diverse landscape of higher education. Sure, Whitworth faces challenges, and we have things to work on, but at events like this one, I am repeatedly reminded that I wouldn't trade those for the issues that so many of our sister institutions are facing. Our challenges and opportunities look quite reasonable in comparison.

Three things have struck me as profoundly important as I've listened to the issues facing higher education leaders this week. First, higher education is becoming more and more competitive – students have many great options. In my opinion, this compels Whitworth to remain distinctive. If we try to look just like other universities, we decrease our ability to stand out, and we could undermine our unique mission of combining faith and reason. Second, and related to the first, Whitworth must remain dedicated to the cause of Christ. So many campuses are struggling to find a firm foundation to teach values and ethics – components of a liberal arts education so desperately needed today. At Whitworth, our foundation is the rock of truth and grace found in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. And, finally, I've been reminded that in these volatile economic times, parents and students still demand an exceptionally high-quality educational experience, but at an increasingly affordable price. That's a tough value proposition to meet. We must, and we will, work harder to be great stewards of the resources we are blessed to have, to ensure that the broadest spectrum of talented students have access to Whitworth's transformative mind-and-heart education. I guess that makes for a good list of new year's resolutions for Whitworth. May God continue to bless the Whitworth family in 2012!

ACADEMICS

Jan Term began this week with students traveling to distant lands. Groups of our students are exploring international business in Southeast Asia with Todd Friends (Business); technology and culture in the British Isles with Susan Mabry (Computer Science); the arts in Christian worship in France with Ben Brody, '97 (Music); the Reformation in Germany with Jim Edwards, '67, and Adam Neder (Theology); contemporary South Africa with Larry Burnley (History), Jennifer Holsinger (Sociology) and Ron Pyle (Communication Studies); poverty, altruism and hope in Tanzania with Patty Bruininks (Psychology); and advanced Spanish in Spain with Angeles Allér (Spanish).

Nineteen students spent fall semester in the inaugural Whitworth in China Program with Anthony Clark (History). Students dined on silkworms and scorpions (yes, really), visited teahouses, and spent 10 days in a village where they studied visual anthropology and culture. The group toured the Forbidden City, the Confucius Temple and Buddhist monasteries, where they discussed the teachings of Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. Emily Hanson, '13, wrote of one experience in the group's blog: "Walking into a city that visitors were forbidden to enter for so long was surreal. As we walked through this ancient city, I couldn't help but think of all the emperors who called this place home so many centuries ago. The Forbidden City was breathtaking and massive!"

Three members of the Whitworth forensics team defeated Spokane Falls Community College in the Great Debates series' seventh contest. Rachel Busick, '12, Travis Walker, '12, and Jacob Wilson, '15, upheld the resolution "Faith and reason are not mutually exclusive." I'm not surprised that Whitworth students wouldn't have a difficult time arguing that case!

In service-learning news, last fall's Advanced Spanish live-lab students and office assistants translated more than 70 letters from Covenant United Methodist's sister church in El Salvador. The church's members were most appreciative of the students' and staffers' efforts in this service project. And ethics student Kent Ueland, '12, is helping a local woman, whose sister is a prisoner on death row in California, to sort through case and narrative materials for a book she's preparing on apparent injustices in the case.

Our scholars are really pulling in the grant money!

- Kerry Breno (Chemistry) was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust to use as start-up money for a new faculty position in chemistry. This grant will provide funds for equipment and two summers of research for the new faculty member.
- The Murdock Trust has also awarded Terry McGonigal (Theology/Chaplain's Office) a \$52,800 grant to fund two-year positions for three graduate assistant ministry interns. The interns, who will be enrolled in the M.A. in theology program, will coordinate small-group Bible studies, campus worship, and a student-athlete ministry.
- Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) and Kent Jones (Computer Science) have received a \$15,000 grant from Empire Health Foundation to conduct research that pairs students in an innovative biomedical track at North Central High School with faculty and students at Whitworth. The research focuses on celiac disease, which affects one in every 133 people in our community.
- Scott Kolbo and Gordon Wilson (Art) have been awarded a \$27,150 grant from the McMillen Foundation to fund equipment for their department's photography and video programs. The grant will also fund a program to provide Whitworth with four visiting artists over a two-year period. Each artist will work extensively with art students in a hands-on learning environment.
- Brooke Kiener, '99, (Theatre) received a \$4,223 grant from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation to update and stage the play *The Wisdom of SpokOz*, a collaboration between Whitworth students and VOICES, an advocacy group for low-income individuals.

A peer-edited essay by Jonathan Moo (Theology) has been published as a book chapter, "The Few Who Obtain Mercy: Soteriology in 4 Ezra," in *This World and the World to Come: Soteriology in Early Judaism* (ed. Daniel M. Gurtner; Library of Second Temple Studies 74; London: T&T Clark, 2011), 98-113. Jonathan co-authored (with Robert White, a University of Cambridge professor) an essay published as "Environmental Apocalypse and Christian Hope," in *Ethics in Brief* 17.1 (2011) and in *Bioethics Research Notes* 23 (2011): 37-40. And summer 2011 saw the release of Jonathan's book *Creation, Nature and Hope in 4 Ezra* (Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments 237; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht). Es ist gut!

A Grace Disguised, by Jerry Sittser (Theology), was recently translated into Albanian, a process spearheaded by Gail (Burger) Lilo, '01, who is serving as a missionary in that country. Jerry's book is now available in more than 20 languages and has sold more than 400,000 copies worldwide. Reviews of the book on amazon.com and other sites rank it among the best available resources on the inevitable human journey through grief.

THE ARTS

Marc Hafso (Music) will serve as guest conductor for the Peninsula School District Choir Festival this month at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, in Gig Harbor. Marc will work with district elementary, junior high, and high school choirs during the day, and will conduct a mass choir performance in the evening.

STUDENT LIFE

Even though the time between Thanksgiving Break and finals was short, students packed in a lot of holiday celebrating. Each residence hall had a Christmas party with seasonal food and decorations, and the halls were beautifully decked for a scrumptious Christmas dinner, hosted by Julie and me, at which students "ate hearty" from the main dishes and sampled all the wonderful baked delights that the Whitworth's Women's Auxiliary lovingly created. But our students didn't just partake of holiday bounty; they provided it for others. Boxes in the HUB spilled over with winter coats, toiletry items, books and canned foods that various student clubs collected for folks in Spokane and beyond during the season of giving.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Alumni can enjoy free Pirate basketball in the fieldhouse throughout January. Home games on Jan. 13, 14 and 17 are free to alumni and their families. Start times and matchups are available at www.whitworth.edu/athletics. On Feb. 4, join us for refreshments in the Scotford Fitness Center during halftime of the men's game (the Bucs take on PLU) as part of our annual Alumni Night in the Fieldhouse festivities.

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Registration will be open soon for regional On the Road events. Join us in Portland, with Forrest Baird (Philosophy), on Feb. 22; in Denver, with Kathy Storm and Dick Mandeville (Student Life), on March 3; in Los Angeles, with Leonard Oakland (English), on March 10; in the Bay Area, with Ron Pyle (Communication Studies), on March 17; and in Seattle, with Julia Stronks (Political Science), on March 31. These dessert receptions will feature laughter, Whitworth trivia, meaningful connections, and campus updates. All alumni, parents, and friends of the university are welcome.

Mark your calendar now for Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 5-7. All alumni are invited to campus for a weekend of celebration and reconnection with friends. We'll celebrate five-year, 10-year and 20-year class reunions, and several groups will gather for special reunions. More information soon.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Late this month we'll host 21 amazing students from Tacoma and Spokane who are semifinalists in the Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Program. These students have emerged from the most competitive application/screening process in the program's history and are competing for a spot in Whitworth's 10th cadre of Act Six scholars. Since 2002, Act Six students have provided extraordinary and courageous leadership on campus and have contributed a great deal to our efforts to be an interculturally competent community.

The 2012-13 FAFSA website is now available for new and returning students who wish to apply for 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 2012-13. For new freshmen and students who wish to apply for summer work-study, the deadline is March 1, for transfers, it is July 1. Families who file their tax returns prior to completing the FAFSA may be able to load the IRS data into the FAFSA electronically. This saves time and ensures accuracy of the data. Students who receive only a Whitworth academic scholarship do not need to file the FAFSA. Help for students and parents filling out the FAFSA is available through College Goal Sunday events; visit www.collegegoalsundayusa.org.

New this year: The 2011 1098T Tuition Tax Form will be available electronically at the end of this month. It's easy: Just go to the Student Account Information section of Pirate Port (or WhitNet) and click on 1098 Electronic Consent. By electing to receive the form electronically, you'll ensure that it's available earlier and can be viewed and printed any time. And you'll be helping Whitworth to "go green." This form will support your request for educational tax credits on your tax return. Please consult your tax advisor or go to www.irs.gov for more information on available educational tax credits. You may also want to access the Worksheet for Reporting Scholarships/Grants on Federal 2011 Tax Return, found on the financial aid office's forms webpage, www.whitworth.edu/financialaid, to determine whether any of the financial aid you/student received in 2011 is taxable.

RESOURCES

Thank you to all who made a calendar-year-end gift. Contributions from alumni of the past couple years as well as from alums of the 1950s, church congregations throughout the West, parents and grandparents of current and former students, faculty and staff, Pirate fans, trustees and foundations have all helped to set us on a strong course to carry through the remaining six months of this fiscal year. In December we received our first gifts from members of the Class of 2012, who are raising funds for their class gift: a

fountain courtyard at the heart of campus. I look forward to sharing more about these and other fund-raising efforts in the coming months.

COSTA RICA

"The new year is bringing a lot of new events to the Costa Rica Center," writes CRC director Lindy Scott. "Jan Term will find 33 freshmen and nine health science majors enjoying the CRC weather and studying Shalom, with Terry McGonigal (Theology), or Medical Spanish, with Mel Larson and Yeimy Rojas (Kinesiology/Athletic Training). During this new year, the art, economics/business, and political science departments will each "adopt" a semester and send down professors to offer upper-division courses with a Latino flavor for their majors. The Whitworth Wind Symphony will be here during Spring Break to offer several music workshops and four concerts. Finally, during fall semester 2012, CRC students will have the opportunity to take a one-week field trip to Cuba." I'm personally looking forward to visiting the CRC March 18 to formally dedicate the center.

SPORTS

Whitworth's swimming teams trained hard during the break at California Lutheran University, in Thousand Oaks. The swimmers put in somewhere between 60,000 and 80,000 yards of training during their week in California, building the basis for a strong finish to the season over the next couple of months.

The men's basketball team is 9-2 and looking strong. After a big victory over Calvin College (Mich.) in a game played on Mercer Island, the Pirates have completed non-conference play and will focus on Northwest Conference action the rest of the way. The Bucs' NWC season picks up once again this weekend in Tacoma against PLU and Puget Sound, who currently share first place - and 2-0 conference records - with Whitworth. Post Felix Friedt, '12, is having an All-NWC type of season so far, averaging 17.0 points and 8.0 rebounds per game.

Women's basketball is 4-7 heading back into conference play. Lexi Belcher, '12, leads the team in scoring and rebounding, while Emily Guthrie, '13, has resumed her place as the NWC's most dangerous three-point shooter after tying a school record with eight threes made in a recent win over Lancaster Bible College.

One sign of an exceptional organization is that great employees are occasionally tapped to move on to new and important responsibilities. Michael Le Roy, '89, Whitworth's provost and executive vice president, was recently elected Calvin College's ninth president. Although I am saddened to lose Michael's leadership and presence among us, it speaks volumes that a quality institution such as Calvin would find its next leader at Whitworth. We are doubly proud of Michael since he is also a Whitworth alumnus who represents so well what Whitworth thinks is important. I am confident that Michael will be a great president for Calvin, and I know you will join me in praying for him, along with his wonderful family, as they prepare for their next exciting journey.

Some of you know that one of my heroes in higher education is Father Theodore Hesburgh, former president of Notre Dame. I have read almost everything he's written about Christian higher education, and I often borrow liberally from his most profound observations. For example, the title of the Whitworth 2021 vision and strategic plan, *Courage at the Crossroads*, was inspired by a Hesburgh quote. A colleague recently forwarded another Hesburgh gem, and I thought it important enough to share with you because it goes to the heart of Whitworth's identity as an institution of higher learning centered on the work and ministry of Christ. It draws an important distinction between the identities of the church and the Christian university. I've replaced a few of the words to fit Whitworth's context.

"It should also be said that the [Christian] university is not the [Christian] church. It might be said to be *of* the church as it serves the church and the people of God, but it certainly is not [the church], although it does respect it. It is not a seminary, although seminarians may study in it. It is not the church teaching, but a place – the only place – in which [Christians] and others, on the highest level of intellectual inquiry, seek out the relevance of the Christian message to all of the problems and opportunities that face us and our complex world." (From *The Challenge and Promise of a Catholic University*)

For 122 years, Whitworth has benefitted from and celebrated its affiliation with and service to Christ's church. Ours is a university dedicated to the integration of Christian faith and intellectual learning. As a university open to students of all backgrounds, and as an institution committed to being engaged with society and culture, Whitworth may serve constituencies potentially much more diverse than the church, but our calling has been and always will be to equip our graduates to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. It's only by God's grace that the university can sustain that mission and support the work of the church while also providing space for open dialogue on issues and challenges over which members of the church and the broader society might disagree. That's the "relevance" of the Christian message to which Hesburgh refers. In that sense, I pray Whitworth will always be relevant.

ACADEMICS

Our Ethics Bowl team brought Whitworth a national championship this week! The team, which went undefeated in all six rounds of the 32-team national tournament, bested Clemson University, a past national champion, in the final round. Other schools competing at the tournament included Dartmouth, Georgetown, Indiana, Villanova and Michigan. Whitworth's winning team comprises Jesse Javana and Bridger Landle, both '12, Krister Johnson and Max Nelsen, both '13, Sarah Sauter, '15, and coaches Mike Ingram (Academic Affairs/Communication Studies) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy). It was fun to see our students, faculty and staff congregate at the front entrance to campus to cheer these students and faculty leaders as they returned triumphant. They're rock stars. Let's hear it for our national champs!

Ordinarily, Jim McPherson (Communication Studies) gets 200 hits a day on his Media & Politics blog, found at <http://jmcpherson.wordpress.com>. But on Jan. 27, when he addressed *Newsweek's* recent use of profanity and was mentioned in *The New York Times*, he received more than 3,300 hits. We all enjoy Jim's insights on changing standards of journalism.

Jessica Sexton, '12, sent me a report from the inaugural Tanzania Study Program, led by John Yoder (Political Science). During the students' third week on the island of Zanzibar (after a month in Arusha), they continued to learn Swahili at the State University of Zanzibar. On their visits to the markets they saw three types of bananas, lots of mangos, pineapples, oranges, jackfruit, and fruit for which there's no English name. There is also a market section set aside just for fish: tuna, squid, clams, octopus, small fish, big fish, bright red fish, and blue fish with yellow spots. Bartering is a must. Jessica says it's quite different than aisle two at Walmart.

Physics faculty members keep making us look good. Markus Ong coordinated the Inland Northwest Regional High School Science Bowl this month. And through NASA support, John Larkin is working with nine Whitworth physics students to bring high-altitude balloon experiments to two local middle

schools this spring. They're collaborating with Dave Gamon at Northwood Middle School and Tom Varner at Garry Middle School. John also received a grant from Scientists in Congregations to support science and faith conversations at Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church.

The Whitworth Health Science Department, in collaboration with local orthopedic physician Bryan Mitchell, conducted an orthopedic cadaver lab, in which students were able to make anatomical, biomechanical, and medical connections of disrupted ligaments of the knee. Mitchell also discussed the anatomy of the knee while demonstrating surgical techniques involving knee injuries.

THE ARTS

Whitworth is pleased to present Gerri Saylor's site-responsive art installation, "Infinitesimal," in the Bryan Oliver Gallery. Saylor, who draws inspiration from the landscape around her, utilizes a variety of natural and manufactured materials to explore the cycles of nature and the nature of time. In "Infinitesimal," she explores the events that shaped the landscape of the Palouse during the last Ice Age through the transformative power of ice and water.

The Whitworth Wind Symphony will soon embark upon its first-ever international concert tour. The group will fly to Costa Rica and perform concerts in San José, at local music schools, at National University, and at the dedication of our Costa Rica Center. The group will also present its spring concert, *¡Pura Vida!* at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at Spokane's Martin Woldson Theatre at the Fox. The concert will feature North American and Latin American composers and will mark the premiere of Associate Professor Emeritus of Music Michael Young's *Concerto for Alto Saxophone*. General admission is \$7/\$5 for seniors. Students? FREE.

Philip Baldwin presented a lecture at the Washington State Music Educators Conference, in Yakima, titled "A String Player's Guide to Woodwind and Brass Articulation." He gathered information from textbooks and articles related to pedagogy, and through personal interviews with Whitworth's outstanding music professors. Phil also presented this session last year at the national conference of the American String Teachers Association.

The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dan Keberle, received perfect scores from all three adjudicators at the 2012 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. Lauren Major, '12, was also named one of the collegiate division's outstanding soloists and was invited to perform at Hamp's Club. (And I'm very grateful to Dan and the ensemble for entertaining our guests at last month's George F. Whitworth Banquet.)

STUDENT LIFE

February was anything but boring. Students cheered on their basketball and swim teams and won coveted video equipment at the yearly water-pong tournament, and the Whitworth Wellness Fair invited local businesses and campus organizations to provide healthcare information to students, who enjoyed healthy snacks, push-up contests, yoga and Pilates. The Battle of the Bands closed out February, but the fun continues. Our ski vans to local resorts are full every weekend, and student bands and musicians are performing at both coffeehouses and Whitworth Unplugged. Finally, the searches for next year's student-leadership positions are beginning, and more than 120 aspirants will be hired to serve their fellow students in 2012-13.

A variety of activities took place in residence life, including a birthday party for Estella Baldwin and Marion Jenkins on Feb. 17, planned by some of the residents in the hall named for these beloved Whitworthians. Warren Hall's leadership team presented a bachelor/bachelorette auction that raised more than \$1,200 for MS research. And student leaders across campus set up a variety of events for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

We'll continue to send faculty *On the Road* through the end of this month. Ron Pyle (Communication Studies) will hit the Bay Area on March 17, and Julia Stronks (Political Science) will visit Seattle on March 31. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/ontheroad.

Information on exam energy kits will be sent out soon for parents who'd like to order goodies for their studying offspring. Of course, you can always order early online at www.whitworth.edu/parents by selecting Birthday & Gift Service. The deadline to order is April 13; kits will be handed out just in time for Finals Week. What a great way to encourage your student!

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MARCH 2012

Commencement Weekend reunions are just around the corner for members of the classes of 1952 and 1962. All alums who graduated in 1962 and earlier are invited to join us on campus May 11-13. You can still register for this weekend of celebration, but hurry! Visit www.whitworth.edu/reunions or contact the alumni office at 509.777.3799 or alumni@whitworth.edu.

Alumni and professors who studied and traveled with the Central America Study Programs in 1979, 1982, 1987 and 2002 will reunite on campus this summer with their respective groups to celebrate and remember their experiences. For more information, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

And it's not too early to save Oct. 16 to hear Pulitzer Prize-winning author and political commentator George Will at our annual President's Leadership Forum. Since the breakfast will take place just three weeks before the presidential election, we expect this event to be a major conversation starter for both the campus and the region - and we hope you'll join us. Special thanks to title sponsor U.S. Bank for helping to make this event possible.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

We focused this year on more tightly targeting prospective students who were likely to enroll vs. increasing our overall application numbers. However, we came very close to matching last year's record, with 6,820 applications received by our March 1 deadline. And it's a really smart group of applicants, which has made our admissions decisions more challenging than ever.

Now is a good time for admitted students to submit their \$350 enrollment deposits, which hold their spots in the Whitworth Class of 2016. Our deposits are running about 50 percent ahead of last year, so it's unlikely we will be offering extensions past the May 1 deposit deadline this year.

Spring is a great time for prospective students to visit campus. Go to www.whitworth.edu/visit to sign up for one of our "Why Whitworth?" days or to schedule an individual visit.

Parents of continuing students: Please complete your FAFSA by the May 1 priority deadline. Two weeks after federal tax returns are filed electronically, students and parents should automatically load the tax data from the IRS website (which is preferred over hand-entering the data). Current students' awards will be sent out in late spring. Students who receive only academic scholarships are not required to file the FAFSA; their scholarships are automatically renewed.

RESOURCES

On March 1, we celebrated Tuition Freedom Day, the symbolic point in the school year after which tuition no longer covers the cost of a Whitworth education. Members of our Student Philanthropy Council led the on-campus effort to spread this message: Their experience is underwritten by people like you. One of the most important things we communicate to students during their four years here is that without the support of alumni, parents and friends of the university, tuition costs would be higher, and the opportunities they've been provided might not exist. As our seniors graduate this spring, they do so knowing how important it is for them to support their alma mater.

SPORTS

Whitworth's swimmin' women finished second to UPS in one of the closest final scores in women's championship history. Kate Duvall, '14, won both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events.

The men's swim team won its 10th straight Northwest Conference championship this month. Rory Buck, '12, Wes Walton, '15, and Austin Vierra, '12, all won individual events for the Pirates, who smoked the second-place team by nearly 200 points.

The women's basketball team finished fifth in the NWC standings. Lexi Belcher, '12, was named First Team All-Northwest Conference.

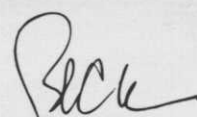
Men's basketball won the 2012 NWC championship and is making its sixth consecutive NCAA Division III tournament appearance. Matt Logie was named NWC Coach of the Year in his first season; Felix Friedt, '12, was named First Team Academic All-America and is a finalist for the prestigious Jostens Award, which recognizes athletic ability, academic success and community service; Idris Lasisi, '13 (First Team), Wade Gebbers, '13 (Second Team), and Jack Loofburrow, '12 (Honorable Mention), earned All-NWC recognition. As I write this, our team is preparing to take on Virginia Wesleyan in the Sweet 16! I'll include an update on spring sports in the April issue of *M&H*.

MISCELLANEOUS

A green building at Whitworth? Yes, the U.S. Green Building Council has certified Robinson Science Hall a LEED Gold Building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and while we have other LEED facilities on campus, this is our first LEED Gold project. The certification signals an additional step toward realizing our ongoing institutional commitment to sustainability and our participation as a signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

For 97 years, the Whitworth Auxiliary has supported Whitworth students. Last year this dynamic group raised \$14,500 for residence-hall-lounge renovations, off-campus travel experiences for international and Hawaiian students, and support for the President's Discretionary Scholarship Fund. The auxiliary's annual Spring Tea & Style Show, "Tea at Two," will take place Tuesday, April 24, at 2 p.m. in Quall Hall at Whitworth Presbyterian Community Church. Come support our students and enjoy an elegant tea and the latest fashions from Christopher & Banks. Please call 509.238.6878 for tickets (\$15).

March Madness has officially descended on the Whitworth campus! Our men's basketball team is making its perennial run in the NCAA Division III basketball tournament, and perhaps even more fun than watching the team is watching our crazy students get into the act. Not many students can travel to attend the tournament games, so most gather in Robinson Teaching Theatre to watch via the Internet. The scene in the room is as fun and loud as any courtside vantage point, I can assure you. This season, our students even came up with their own halftime dance, The Interlude Dance, to entertain themselves and all of us tired people. I encourage you to Google (yes, that's a verb) "Whitworth University Basketball Interlude Dance" to watch the mayhem on YouTube, and then search for "Whitworth CRC Interlude Dance" to see how our students in Costa Rica refused to be outdone. I love this job. As always, please keep Whitworth (and our dancing students) in your prayers.



May is a month of beginnings and endings. As we wrap up Whitworth's 122nd academic year, we celebrate the ending of another successful term and we say goodbye to the students who mean so much to us. Our seniors, who in the fall were exhilarated by the anticipation of their impending graduation, turned melancholy about March when the reality of their departure from the Whitworth community finally sank in. May is their month – a month when we can focus on the ways in which God has blessed this remarkable class to live out Whitworth's mission. It's also a month when we can rejoice in the positive impact our seniors have had upon Whitworth. Our time with the Class of 2012 was way too short, and we now entrust them into the hands of God as they pursue their new lives. At Whitworth, we hesitate to say that we "graduate" students; rather, we like to say we "send" into the world students who are equipped to live, lead, love and learn with intellectual competence, moral courage and deep compassion. And so, as with all endings, we welcome new beginnings, with all the promise of hope they bring. Thank you for your prayers for our seniors as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

In the "Resources" section of the last *Mind & Heart*, I highlighted our need to increase dramatically our alumni participation in giving. We still have a big gap to fill before June 30. Please take a look at this month's "Resources" section to find out how to give, and to see why participation is so critical. Thanks for your continued financial support of a mind-and-heart education!

ACADEMICS

More national champions! The forensics team closed out its first season with a bang at the International Public Debate Association tournament, in Texas, as Travis Walker, '12, and Jacob Wilson, '15, were declared co-national champions in novice debate. This makes two national championship teams (Ethics Bowl and forensics) coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies/Academic Affairs) this semester. Keith Wyma (Philosophy), Mike's co-coach on the Ethics Bowl team, deserves our kudos, as well.

In April, Jim Edwards, '67, (Theology) was invited to be the David I. Berger Lecturer in Theology at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He was also invited to be theologian in residence this month at the American Church of Paris.

On the grant front, Nathan King (Philosophy) received a \$44,185 grant from Wake Forest University's Character Project for his project "Virtue Epistemology: Unexplored Territory." The funding comes from the Templeton Foundation. And Todd Friends (Business) was one of 631 applicants out of 5,200 to receive a U.S. State Department Critical Languages Scholarship.

This month we say farewell and blessings to Michael Le Roy, '89, as he assumes the presidency at Calvin College, in Michigan. We will miss you, Michael. We're grateful that Barbara Sanders (Education) returned from her sabbatical this semester to serve as senior associate provost. She will take over for Michael, as interim provost, on May 21, as the university begins a national search for its next provost/executive vice president.

Two Whitworth teams took first place in their categories in the 2012 Inland Northwest Business Plan Competition, winning a total of \$10,000. In the student category, Kyle Jordan, '12, won \$5,000 for first place with "Whitworth Lawn Boys"; second place, and \$2,000, went to Jeffrey Aly, '12, for "Up/Down Golf Apparel." In the community category, grad students Tara Lambert, '93 (our senior accountant for tax and audit), Kimberlee Betts and Mandell Campbell (our assistant registrar) won first place and \$5,000 for "MaidNaturally." In the social category, Kyle Jordan, '12, won (again!) second place and \$2,000 for "Hoop Dreams," and Jacob Klein, '12, finished third and won \$500 for Inland Mobility Services. Our students are amazing!

John Larkin (Physics) and his students taught middle-school students to fly. They worked on a science project with students at Northwood and Garry middle schools this semester, helping kids design experiments to be carried deep into the stratosphere by a weather balloon. After putting in lots of hours, the Whitworth students and their teams launched their experiments for Dave Gamon's eighth-grade science class and received data and amazing pictures from the experiments (including the balloon's GPS coordinates) throughout the flight. The GPS info allowed them to recover their equipment when it landed between Spokane and Pullman. The project was fruitful and enjoyable for John, his students and the participating middle-schoolers.

Our own Ann Teberg (School of Education) was recently featured in an article in *The Arusha (Tanzania) Times.* Ann, who has been in Arusha since January, is making it possible for Tanzanian students to extend their reading hours each day. Using money donated here, Ann has bought and disseminated solar-powered lamps, as well as books, to students in Arusha whose reading time is ordinarily limited to daylight hours or to time spent near the dangerous fumes and flames of kerosene lamps. The new lamps will promote clean and affordable energy and induce young Tanzanians to read, says Teberg. She adds, "Lights help children do homework, study hard and do well. Now they have stronger opportunities for going on to secondary schools. They may also have better opportunities in life."

STUDENT LIFE

Traditional activities mark the end of the academic year at Whitworth. From the Warren Peace talent show to the finale of Pirate Idol and the senior boat cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, spring on campus is filled with fun (and, of course, studying. Don't forget studying). We've elected our new student body officers for next year: Molly Hough, '13, ASWU president; Tim Gjeffe, '13, executive vice president; and Matt Valdez, '14, financial vice president. And the year ends with Springfest in The Loop, with booths sponsored by Whitworth clubs and organizations, a classic car show, live entertainment and, of course, the Mr. Whitworth contest! All proceeds go to the BELIEF program, founded by Whitworth students, which encourages local high school students to consider higher education.

Community impact from service-learning at Whitworth is valued at more than \$500,000 for spring 2012! Approximately 983 service-learning students provided more than 24,000 hours of academic-coursework-related service to community-based organizations and ministries throughout Spokane County. Based on Independent Sector's 2009 evaluation of volunteer time at \$20.85 per hour, the economic impact of this service to the Spokane community equates to a minimum of more than one-half million dollars. Bravo, Whitworthians, as you faithfully serve humanity.

ALUMNI AND PARENTS

Welcome, parents of the Class of 2016! You'll receive this newsletter from me 10 times each year. You're encouraged to personalize your mailing preference at www.whitworth.edu/mind&heart in order to get the newsletter via e-mail; this is part of our effort to save paper and to expedite delivery. We also wanted you to know about the Summer Sendoff events for new students and families that will take place all over the West during Whitworth's "off-season." More details are coming soon, so look for an event near you; we'll answer your questions, and the gatherings will foster your connection with university staff, regional hosts, and other new Whitworthians.

Commencement Weekend was marked by meaningful 50- and 60-year reunions, as members from the classes of 1962, 1952, and earlier returned to campus for a weekend of reminiscing and reconnecting under the pines. Alumni from 1953 and 1963, mark your calendar now for next year's Reunion Weekend, May 17-19.

Alumni and professors who traveled with the Central America Study Programs in 1979, 1982, 1987 and 2002 will reunite on campus this summer to celebrate their experiences. For information, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

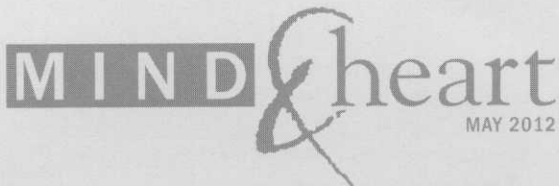
ADMISSIONS

We have a strong class of incoming freshmen. Each should expect a call this month from an admissions counselor who will set up a telephone conversation between the student and a faculty member to help with registration for fall classes. Accepted students, you'll receive information from the registrar's office ahead of time to prepare for these calls – and you'll love connecting with Whitworth faculty. We are excited about the Class of 2016!

Watch also for information about our Summer Sendoffs (mentioned above, under "Alumni and Parents"). Check out www.whitworth.edu/summersendoffs for locations.

Information about roommates will be sent out in mid-July. I don't know how they do it (I think it involves a complex algorithm and rubber chicken feet) but our residence life staff does an amazing job of connecting students with roommates who become friends for life. If you're a confirmed fall 2012 freshman and you haven't submitted your housing preference form, it's time. Go to www.whitworth.edu/housingpreference. If you have questions, contact housing@whitworth.edu. We can't wait to see you on Sept. 1!

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RESOURCES

When we mention alumni participation, it's not as much about the money as it is about the message: Our alumni are proud to invest in Whitworth. *Alumni participation in giving is one of the few ways universities can measure alumni satisfaction.* Strong 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 community at Whitworth than to acknowledge that we support Whitworth's mission *together*. A \$5 gift every year speaks to your commitment to our mission as much as a \$50,000 gift. 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. Support what means the most to you. We need 1,229 more alumni to make it to our goal. Thanks to all who have given already!

COSTA RICA CENTER

CRC Director Lindy Scott reports, "The art students among us are finishing their projects: murals, mosaics, and an oxcart (huh?). Sunday we celebrated Bloomsday South (a three-mile run, walk, or crawl up, and up, and further up the mountain). And our students returned after having spent three months with Costa Rican host families and having shared much Spanish, *good* food, tears and laughter, practical jokes, and a lot of hugs."

SPORTS

Whitworth has won its fifth consecutive McIlroy-Lewis Northwest Conference All-Sports Trophy. The award, which measures team success across all 18 NWC championship sports, is the sixth overall for the Pirates, and the margin of victory was their largest ever. Success in academics and athletics are Whitworth hallmarks.

Pirate Baseball makes its first-ever NCAA Division III tournament appearance this month, advancing to the Div. III World Series. Dan Ramsay was voted NWC Coach of the Year; Tyler Pfeffer, '14, Dan Scheibe, '15, and Nick Motsinger, '15, all earned First Team All-NWC honors.

Softball finished the season with a 19-20 overall record in Cristal Brown's first season as head coach. Jamie Brunner, '12, was selected First Team All-NWC, while Heather Hesselgesser, '13, was chosen to the Second Team.

Women's golf finished in third place at the NWC tournament, as well as in the final conference standings. Emily Guthrie, '13, who was named First Team All-NWC, won the NWC tournament and shot a hole-in-one at the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships. Bravo, Em!

Men's golf finished second at the NWC tournament as well as in the NWC standings. That was quite a comeback after they'd opened the season in fourth place following the NWC Fall Classic. Jesse Salzwedel, '14, played his way onto the All-NWC First Team.

Women's tennis claimed third place in the final NWC standings, losing in the semifinals of the NWC tournament to eventual champion Whitman. Alli Marshall, '12, was voted to the All-NWC First Team.

Men's tennis finished fourth in the NWC standings, also losing to Whitman in the tournament semis. Daniel Redfern, '14, and Cameron Williams, '12, were both named to the All-NWC First Team.

Men's track & field team rolled to a dominating victory at the NWC championships, scoring 270 points – more than double the total of the second-place team. Toby Schwarz was voted NWC Coach of the Year, and Carter Comito, '13, was selected NWC Field Athlete of the Year. The Bucs won nine of the 20 championship events. Whitworth's women finished in fourth place, led by Jheri Gates, '12, who won the high jump.

In closing, I want to inform you of the important and ongoing work of a special task force charged by Whitworth's board chair, Walter Oliver, to study how the university continues to affirm and live out its core theological and educational commitments during an era of rapidly changing denominational life. In April, the board discussed in detail the changes at work within the Presbyterian Church (USA), Whitworth's current covenantal partner – changes that are representative of what's happening across the breadth of Christ's church. Attracting the most attention, perhaps, among outside constituencies are current debates within the PCUSA regarding ordination standards and changing church polity, but the dynamics to which I refer and upon which the task force will set its focus are much broader, including declining membership in all mainline denominations, the diminishing percentage of Whitworth's students, faculty and staff who attend churches in mainline denominations like the PCUSA, and the waning ability of churches and other organizations to support institutions like Whitworth. While historically rooted in Presbyterianism, Whitworth has also consistently identified itself as a Reformed and evangelical institution of higher learning, one that embraces voices from across the spectrum of Christian orthodoxy. Most church leaders agree that we find ourselves in a post-denominational era, and organizations like Whitworth that have benefited tremendously in the past from their denominational connections should be thinking about how they can simultaneously honor that rich heritage and relate in new and exciting ways to the broader church.

To explore the implications for Whitworth of these changes within our affiliated denomination and the broader church, the task force was formed to advise the board as it considers how the university might position itself to advance its mission in this changing church landscape. The members of the task force have committed themselves to spending the next 9-12 months gathering data and community input for the board to consider. The task force represents all of the major constituencies of the university (students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, trustees, community members, clergy), and its responsibility will be to interact with the broader community to hear ideas and concerns. So stay tuned. The task force will be co-chaired by Whitworth Trustee Clark Donnell and me, and on behalf of the entire Whitworth community, Clark and I thank you in advance for your prayers, which will both sustain and encourage the work at hand. Have a great summer, and may Christ fill you with his abiding grace and peace.

At last week's chapel service, Mike Sardinia, '87, (Biology) preached on John 1. It was a particularly powerful text for our semester-long series on the creation narrative as told throughout scripture – a continuous story of God's creative and re-creative work in our world. Mike created space to allow those in attendance to hang on every word in John's prologue and to explore the passage's deepest meanings. The series has been a truly inspired set of lessons asking our community to contemplate the trajectory of God's creation past, present and future. The emerging theme for the series has been the interplay between our identities as created and beloved children of God and our resulting purposes as daughters and sons of a living God who is at work in the world. The links between identity and purpose are powerful as we ask our students, and indeed all of the Whitworth community, to think about how God is calling us into a broken but redeemed world.

As we encourage our students to think about vocation, there are key ingredients to the Whitworth experience that make such efforts fruitful. A few that come to mind include a rigorous academic experience, opportunities to hear from others whose experiences might be important in discerning calling, and confrontation with the awesome challenges that many face in this world. It's good for students to see how their gifts and experiences can make a transformative difference. But meaningful relationships are the one ingredient of the Whitworth experience without which we could not explore deeply the intersections of identity and purpose. Whitworth is an intentionally relational campus, and we think that the most profound educational experiences don't occur while a student is reading a textbook or taking an online course. The opportunities for our staff and faculty to pour their lives into our students cannot happen without the relationships that are formed and nurtured in and on classrooms, laboratories, athletics fields, and coffee shops. That's the model we cling to because that's the model Jesus used.

In Eugene Peterson's introduction to John's gospel in *The Message*, he writes, "For Jesus doesn't impose salvation as a solution; he narrates salvation into being through leisurely conversation, intimate personal relationships, compassionate responses, passionate prayer, and – putting it all together – a sacrificial death." Jesus' model of incarnational ministry is our model for creating important space and experiences for students to discover their identities and purposes. Relationships matter, and each day on the Whitworth campus you'll find the conversations, personal relationships, compassion, prayer and sacrifices that drive our mission to equip graduates to "honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity." As the world continues to push higher education to be more transactional, I humbly ask you to pray that Whitworth continues to be more relational. Because that's how lives are changed, and that's where identity and purpose are discovered.

ACADEMICS

New faculty member Corey McKenna (Education) has stepped into his position with energy, and has also been active in scholarship. His recent publication *There's an App for That* explores the ways in which iPads increase elementary students' engagement and achievement. (By the way, Corey's also an Ironman. Whoa. Is there an app for that?)

The history department is a happening place. Rafaela Acevedo-Field recently completed her Ph.D. in history from U.C. Santa Barbara; visiting professor Tibebe Eshete, from Ethiopia, is teaching African Life and Culture along with African Religions and Core 350; Tony Clark will offer a Skype lecture from China; and the department's Phi Alpha Theta club is actively recruiting new members. History's future is bright (I had to say it).

Several faculty members completed summer fellowships in Christian faith and learning, funded by the Weyerhaeuser Center: Megan Hershey (Political Science), Mike Ingram (Communication Studies), Richard Strauch (Music), and Jason Wollschleger (Sociology) gave a good portion of their summers to research and writing.

More than 60 people are currently enrolled in the Certificate for Lay Ministry Program through the Weyerhaeuser Center. The program helps

train, equip and support men and women to serve more effectively in leadership positions in local congregations.

Whitworth's new honors program is under way. Doug Sugano (English) directs the program, which provides participants with experiences and opportunities that enrich our regular curriculum. Current honors courses include Engineering in Society (Markus Ong/Physics), Core 150 discussion group honors sections (Arlin Migliazzo/History), Reading in Action (Casey Andrews/English), and The Crusades from Primary Sources (Corliss Slack / History). More honors courses and experiences will be added each semester until the program is at full strength.

Whitworth celebrated new teaching and research opportunities at the Verbrugge Environmental Center with a symposium last month. The center, in the Scotia Valley of Pend Oreille County, is available to faculty and students, thanks to the benevolence and vision of the Verbrugge family. It offers invaluable new avenues for equipping our community to be faithful stewards of creation, which is a foundational commitment in Whitworth's educational principles and in our Whitworth 2021 strategic plan.

The defending national championship forensics team, coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies), captured 25 more awards (yep, 25!) at its second tournament of the season. Last weekend at the College of Idaho, the team continued its dominance in debate by closing out the semifinals in the novice division. This marks the second tournament in a row at which Whitworth has had the top four debaters. Way to go!

Martha Gady (Mathematics) and several of her students recently attended the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Women of Color Conference. Students networked with professionals, learned leadership skills and experienced the world of STEM outside academia. They even had a chance meeting with Chair of the Whitworth Board of Trustees Walt Oliver, '67, who was there presenting awards on behalf of General Dynamics.

Erica Salkin (Communication Studies) won the Joseph C. Beckham Dissertation of the Year Award at the Education Law Association – a great achievement for Erica and for her department. She will present her dissertation at the ELA's annual conference next month.

Our theology department is hopping. Karen Petersen Finch delivered a series of lectures on "John Calvin, Postmodernism and Power" at the prestigious Beeson Reformation Heritage Lecture Series at Samford University; Roger Mohrlang's new book on the Apostle Paul will be released in December; Jerry Sittser's latest book, *A Grace Revealed: How God Redeems the Story of Your Life* (a sequel to his best-selling *A Grace Disguised*) was released this month; and Karin Heller is compiling a series of her lectures on women and men in the church into a book. Karin is also preparing to videotape a series on the same subject for distribution in Europe.

STUDENT LIFE

October began with "A Very Hipster Homecoming," for which students made banners for their halls, ran in relay races, and, finally, competed to be King and Queen Hipsters. Arend Hall's entries took home the trophy and presided at the Homecoming Dance at the Service Station. The Open Conversations Club offered a well-attended awareness week for sexual-orientation issues; students heard coming-out stories from classmates, discussed homosexuality as it's addressed in the Bible, and listened to a faculty panel discuss the issue. And a couple weekends ago, 675 moms and dads came to campus for Parents' Weekend, which featured the musical *Honk!*, mini-colleges presented by faculty, and, of course, Whitworth's beautiful fall foliage.

V.P. for Student Life Dick Mandeville is pleased to announce that Nicole Boymook, a longtime member of the student life team, is Whitworth's new assistant dean for off-campus students and student success. And Landon Crecelius, '04, is our student success advocate. These new positions will allow Nicole and Landon to serve an important segment of Whitworth's students.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Parents, order forms for our annual Final-Exam Survival Kits should arrive in your mailbox soon. Students love getting goodies from their loved ones, and the office of alumni & parent relations is taking orders for Finals Week treats until Nov. 15. The cost is \$25 for a fresh fruit bag and \$20 for a snack kit. To order online, visit www.whitworth.edu/finalexamkit. Kits will be delivered Dec. 6.

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The May 2013 Core 650 Tour to Germany with Jim Edwards is filling up quickly. See all of the details at www.whitworth.edu/germany2013. You won't want to miss this great opportunity! Julie and I are planning to join you.

Portland-area alums, mark your calendars for a professional networking event Thursday, Feb. 21. Alumni find these events an enjoyable way to connect with other Whitworth professionals. Watch your e-mail for more information.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

"If you build it, they will come," a famous line from *Field of Dreams*, is proving true in the case of Robinson Science Hall. One year after the building's dedication, we've seen a 52.5 percent increase in the number of incoming freshmen interested in biology, chemistry and health sciences. We'd already experienced a significant increase in the number of majors in these disciplines, based on the quality of our faculty and curriculum; we're thrilled now to have a facility to match our excellent programs.

Our Nov. 30 early action (non-binding) application deadline is just around the corner. Students admitted through this program can submit their enrollment deposits to get priority status for housing selection and class registration. Deposits are fully refundable through May 1, so students can't lose. And it's great to get applications done before the holidays. Our regular application deadline is March 1.

If you're on Twitter and you want to stay updated on news of interest to prospective students, find us at @gotowhitworth. One of our great students, biology/pre-med major Kyle Darbonne, '13, is the main tweeter (or is it twitterer?) behind this popular news feed. You can also find us on Facebook, YouTube, and other social media outlets (see www.whitworth.edu/socialnetworks).

RESOURCES

It's difficult not to think of the things we're grateful for as we get close to Thanksgiving. Many of you support Whitworth because you are thankful for its mission and impact. And we certainly thank God for the support you provide to keep Whitworth strong. Each November, we attach an envelope to this newsletter in the hope that you'll consider contributing to The Whitworth Fund, which supports student aid and other institutional needs. Thanks for considering this extra gift, which will be much-appreciated and well-used. Our students need your support.

As we enter this season, we also enter a campaign especially for Whitworth graduates. The goal of 1,500 by the 15th: Light the Match is to increase alumni participation. If we receive gifts from 1,500 alumni by Dec. 15, one of our terrific trustees has promised to match our total with an additional \$50,000. Your participation is just one way in which you can show how much you appreciate the unique education Whitworth has given you; alumni participation also allows Whitworth to provide that same education to current and future students. Our ability to meet students' financial need relies largely on The Whitworth Fund. So we ask you, with no hesitation or reservation, to *Light the Match* and help Whitworth reach 1,500 by Dec. 15. You can use the attached envelope, or you can go to our website and give online at www.whitworth.edu/give. Thanks so much!

SPORTS

The football team is 6-2 and looking great. RB Ronnie Thomas, '13, leads the Northwest Conference in rushing yards, yards per game and rushing touchdowns.

Volleyball has battled injuries and illness, and stands at 7-12. Jalana White, '15, has come on strong to lead the Pirates in kills over the last month of the season. The Bucs upset nationally ranked Puget Sound in five sets a couple weeks ago.

Men's soccer is just one win away from its seventh NWC championship since 2003 and its eighth overall under head coach Sean Bushéy. GK Kyle Novak, '13, leads NCAA Division III with a stellar goals-against average of 0.13.

The women's soccer team heads into the final two weeks of the season tied for first place in the NWC. Tiara Pajimola, '16, is among the conference leaders in goals scored (8) and total points (19).

Men's cross country heads to the NWC championship meet as two-time defending champ. Tim Hill, '13, has been the Pirates' most consistent runner this fall.

Women's cross country looks to improve on last season's sixth-place finish at the conference meet. Christina Anderson, '15, currently leads the Pirate women.

The men's golf team is deep, young and talented. The Bucs head into this week's NWC Fall Classic as a favorite behind twins Lyle and Oliver Rudnicki, both '16. This week's tournament counts 25 percent toward final league standings.

Emily Guthrie, '15, continues to lead the women's golf team. She has won two tournaments this fall and is a contender for medalist honors at this week's NWC Fall Classic.

I'm finishing this newsletter on the eve of the general election. Like many of you, I'm praying for President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney and their families. I can only imagine what it must be like to run a national campaign and to open up every square inch of one's personal life for public display and potential criticism. I find myself grateful that I don't live in a "swing state," so I can actually turn on my television in the evenings. I'm also extraordinarily grateful for these two men who have answered the call to lead and to endure the sacrifices to do so. I'm also praying for our country and our collective willingness and ability to get behind the person who is elected president. I marvel at our country's ability to move quickly past the rancor and divisiveness of political campaigns. The peaceful affirmation/transfer of power is a wonderful characteristic of the American political system, and not one that can be taken for granted. By the time you read this, our country will have elected its next president. May God in his grace and mercy grant that person, and us, the wisdom and discernment to be agents of God's love, justice and mercy here and around the world.

Beck

The October blitz. That's what Julie and I have come to call the exciting but crazy schedule of events and activities that preoccupies Whitworth when the leaves start turning, the morning air becomes a little nippy, and the entire campus seems like it's running at light speed. Homecoming marks the beginning of the blitz as our faithful alumni return to campus to rekindle their Whitworth connections with classmates and faculty. Even in my third year, I will feel like the "new president" once again as I meet Whitworthians for the first time and share my excitement about being here. The Whitworth Board of Trustees meets on campus the week after Homecoming. Amidst all of the meetings and decisions that are made that week, my favorite time with the board is during the Thursday chapel service they attend. To worship God and celebrate Christ's rich blessings on this community with those women and men who give so much of their time, talent and treasure to support this place is a truly awesome and emotional experience for me. The third weekend in October marks Parents' Weekend, when families descend upon the campus to spend a few fun days with their beloved students. It's amazing what a nice meal out on the town and a little homespun cheer will do for our students who love their home at Whitworth, but who also dearly miss their families. It's not a surprise that everyone, students and staff alike, feels as if they've earned a fall break by the time our mini-vacation arrives at the end of the month. Julie and I will end the blitz as we always do, by opening our home to students for Halloween. Plenty of candy and cookies will be enjoyed as students show up at our doorstep in all sorts of interesting garb. We love October because it provides so many reminders of why we love this place.

ACADEMICS

Whitworth's Graduate Studies in Business Program has expanded into Spokane's U-District. GSB joins the continuing studies program at our downtown location, which makes a Whitworth degree more accessible for working professionals. Professionals seeking a Whitworth MBA can now complete a degree in two years, either at our main campus or in the U-District. Our new business dean, Tim Wilkinson, is already making some exciting moves.

During the summer, Lindy Scott (Costa Rica Center) edited a book that was published in Spanish by Ediciones Kairos and Wipf & Stock. It deals with Christian perspectives on creation care from both the global South and North, as reflected in its title, *El cuidado de la creacion y el calentamiento global: Perspectivas del Sur y del Norte*.

Poet Laurie Lamon, '79 (English) is on fire! *Women's Voices for Change* accepted five of Laurie's poems, the first of which, "Danger" (reprinted), originally appeared in *Arts & Letters Journal of Contemporary Culture* and was then featured on the web's *Poetry Daily*. *J Journal: New Writing on Justice* accepted two poems for its November issue, and Laurie has a poem forthcoming in *Plume* poetry journal. Her "I stopped writing the poem" was a finalist for the Janet McCabe Poetry Prize and is in the fall issue of *Ruminant*. She read, with Thom Caraway (English), at Spokane's Book Parlour earlier this month, at a HOPE benefit for at-risk teens; she, Lisa Flesher, '81, and Thom will be reading at Whitworth during Homecoming Weekend; and in November she'll be reading at Elliot Bay Books with Tess Gallagher, Richard Kenney, and others at an event organized by Washington's poet laureate, Kathleen Flenniken. We're so proud of you, Laurie!

Whitworth's tenth-day statistics are in. The just-arrived Class of 2016 is made up of 631 freshmen who represent the highest achievement academically and the most diverse class in Whitworth's history. Total traditional undergraduate enrollment is currently 2,249 students, and total university enrollment is 2,915. The largest majors on campus are biology and health science. The new Robinson Science Hall is getting a workout!

Whitworth has launched a search for its next provost/executive vice president. As leader of all of Whitworth's academic programs, this very important position is the highest-ranking administrator reporting to the president. The search committee is collecting nominations and applications and will begin to review candidates on Dec. 3. For more information, please visit www.whitworth.edu/provostsearch.

THE ARTS

If you're in Spokane, don't miss the Ben Frank Moss *Mythical Landscapes* exhibit, which continues in our Bryan Oliver Gallery through Nov. 2. Ben, a member of Whitworth's Class of 1959, is a professor of art at Dartmouth and a nationally known landscape painter. I had the opportunity to see Ben's work and to listen to him describe his inspiration and techniques – you won't want to miss this.

Philip Baldwin (Music) will perform the violin solo in Max Bruch's *Scottish Fantasy with the Coeur d'Alene Symphony* Oct. 12 and 13, at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., at CDA's Kroc Center. The program will also include Mendelssohn's *Scottish Symphony* and *Hebrides Overture*. Call 208.765.3833 for tickets. Will Phil wear a kilt?

The latest composition by Marc A. Hafso (Music), *There Is No Rose of Such Virtue*, was published this summer by Colla Voce Music, Inc., of Indianapolis. Some of you have already heard it – the work, set to the familiar 15th-century English poem of the same name, was written for and sung by the Whitworth Men's Chorus at the 2011 Christmas Festival Concerts.

Congratulations to Eric Moe, '95, adjunct professor of trumpet, who in August won the third trumpet position with the Spokane Symphony. Way to blow, Moe.

Don't miss nine-time Grammy nominee and internationally known jazz pianist Kenny Barron, who'll appear with the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble at our 24th annual guest artist jazz concert, in Cowles Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets are on sale now!

It's not too early to get our Christmas Festival concerts on your calendar. They'll take place Dec. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively, at Spokane's Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox; and Dec. 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at Seattle's First Presbyterian Church. Tickets for all four concerts are \$18 regular admission; \$15 students and seniors (62-plus).

STUDENT LIFE

So much involvement at the U! We had a great student-leader training week, readying around 100 students to serve our campus community. ASWU has more than 42 clubs getting into full swing. Community Building Day took more than 1,200 students, staff and faculty off campus for a morning of work in the Spokane community, followed by a barbecue and a word of thanks from State Representative Kevin Parker, '96. Not For Sale, an organization that works to end human trafficking, held its national conference – including workshops, speakers, and the Top Ten iTunes band The Wrecking – at Whitworth in conjunction with our campus's focus this year on the issue of modern-day slavery. In addition, Hispanic Heritage Month began with the program *Latina Confessions*, a one-hour documentary featuring women who have successfully overcome notions of gender roles in a male-dominated culture.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Tour Germany with Jim Edwards, (Theology) '67, and me May 22-June 2, 2013, as the next Core 650 Study Tour takes us to the Backroads of the Reformation. Details can be found at www.whitworth.edu/germany2013. I'll be going along for the first time and would love for you to join Julie and me on this unforgettable learning experience. Jim will be in his element, and we'll learn from one of Whitworth's most influential professors.

Homecoming Weekend is nearly here! The classes of 1992, 2002, and 2007 will celebrate their reunions, and our 2012 Alumni Award winners and their guests will be honored at the Saturday evening banquet. On Friday night, professors Leonard Oakland and Forrest Baird will host a casual gathering for alums as they discuss the management styles of Plato and Aristotle – that should be interesting! It promises to be a great weekend, from beginning to end. And we're already gearing up for 2013!

We'd love to see you on campus for Parents' Weekend, Oct. 19-21. This event offers moms, dads and grandparents an opportunity to visit their students and to join in the Whitworth experience by attending a class led by one of our great faculty members and spending time with residence life staff. See www.whitworth.edu/parentsweekend for details and online registration.

Parents, alumni and friends in the Greater Seattle area are invited to two gatherings in early November. Join us for dessert and conversation with Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Intercultural Relations Lawrence Burnley on Friday evening, Nov. 2, as we discuss Larry's presentation, "An Inclusive Education of the Mind & Heart: Preparing Global Citizens for Christ." You're also invited to gather on Saturday, Nov. 3, as Whitworth

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Football takes on the Lutes. For more information and to register, please visit www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Join us on campus the evening of Saturday, Nov. 3, for dessert prior to the jazz ensemble concert featuring Kenny Barron. Alumni, parents and friends are invited to hear from Barron and from Jazz Ensemble Director (and "cool cat") Dan Keberle at the dessert. Details and online registration can be found at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

There's still space available in our Oct. 14-15 Whitworth Snapshot visit event for high school seniors. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to experience Whitworth. The event is very popular, so please be a Pirate recruiter and encourage interested students to register now at www.whitworth.edu/snapshot.

It was gratifying to see Whitworth listed again among the top 10 universities and top five values in *U.S. News'* ranking of Western regional universities. These rankings do a better job of measuring the quality of inputs to the educational process than they do the quality of the education itself, but the former isn't unrelated to the latter. And we recognize that our good rankings in *U.S. News*, *Forbes*, *Kiplinger's*, *Princeton Review* and other publications help to put Whitworth in the mix of many families' college-search process.

RESOURCES

Fall at Whitworth is hard to beat. It's full of the excitement of new classes and a new year. Students, most of whom are blessed to receive scholarships, flood the campus and enjoy our beautiful facilities. All of this, in combination with our amazing faculty, provides our students with a unique learning experience. This would not be possible without your support of The Whitworth Fund. Did you know that more than 95 percent of our students receive financial aid - and that 75 percent of The Whitworth Fund goes directly to student scholarships? It's a clear correlation: Your support is important. Please visit www.whitworth.edu/give and make your gift today! Thank you!

COSTA RICA CENTER

Director Lindy Scott writes, "The 19 students at the center this semester have finished their one-month intensive Spanish courses and are feeling much more at ease in their Spanish-speaking world of internships and host families and life out in Costa Rican society. Midway through the month we will be going for an eight-day trip to exciting and complex Nicaragua. Given that Nicaragua was one of the major topics of Political Science Professor Patrick Van Inwegen's doctoral research, his expertise on the trip will help to bring clarity and greater understanding for our students."

SPORTS

The gridiron gang is off to a 4-0 start, its best since the 2006 team went 10-0 in the regular season. And the Pirates opened with three straight wins *on the road* for the first time since 1955, flying more than 6,200 miles to do it. RB Ronnie Thomas, '13, leads the Northwest Conference in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, picking up where he left off from his 2011 All-NWC performance. Paul Miller, '14, has been all over the field leading the Whitworth defense.

Our women's soccer team is the very definition of resilience. After an 0-4 start against four strong non-conference opponents, Whitworth has begun NWC play with a 5-0 record while overcoming several key injuries. All five of those wins have been by shutout. Tiara Pajimola, '16, and Amy Sterk, '14, lead the team in scoring this season.

Men's soccer is 7-0-1 and ranked No. 11 in the nation. At press time, the Pirates led the NCAA at every level in team goals-against average (0.12) after allowing just one goal in their first eight matches. Kyle Novak, '13, has a 0.00 goals-against average and leads the nation in that category. Will Wren, '14, is the team's leading scorer.

Volleyball has had to overcome some key injuries and illness. The Pirates are 5-6 overall and 1-3 in the NWC. Nicole Leonard, '16, and Jalana White, '14, lead the team in kills per set this season.

Our cross-country teams continue to develop. Christina Anderson, '15, and Elisabeth Spencer, '14, have led the way for the much-improved Whitworth women. Taylor Steele, '15, has been at the front of the pack for the men.

Men's golf is deep and still deciding who will play among the top five at the upcoming NWC Fall Classic. Twins Oliver and Lyle Rudnicki, both '16, have been the most consistent players this fall. Emily Guthrie, '13, continues to play outstanding golf for the women and figures to be in the mix for top conference honors again in 2012-13.

On Oct. 6, two individuals and one team will be inducted into the Whitworth Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame: James "Pat" Evans pioneered sports medicine and athletic training at Whitworth in the early 1950s, Jan (Okada) Combs was a 12-time All-American in swimming in the mid-'90s, and the 2005 men's soccer team advanced to the NCAA Division III Final Four. Whitworth continues the tradition of athletics excellence that these fantastic honorees helped to build. Go Bucs!

Thanks for all of the notes and cards wishing me well on my physical recovery from my torn Achilles tendon and subsequent surgery. I'm now able to walk using a crutch, but I should be in full weight-bearing mode soon. My experience has given me a fresh look at our campus from the perspective of those with physical ailments and handicaps, and I've already ordered some changes to make our campus more accessible. I also have a deeper level of empathy as I watch some of our fantastic student-athletes deal with debilitating injuries suffered in competition. I've enjoyed receiving some of my physical therapy from our athletic training students on campus. It's been fun to watch our well-trained students in action (thanks, Andy and Brittany!), and to hang out with others in the training room. I think they secretly enjoy seeing the president getting worked hard at the hands of their fellow students! It reminds me that there are often blessings that come with setbacks - we just have to be aware to look for them. God is good and gracious. May God in Christ continue to bless you and yours. Thanks for all you do for Whitworth.

Beck

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An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

Before I knew it, I was on the gym floor wondering who'd kicked me in the back of the calf. Just seconds before, I'd been running and jumping like a gazelle (sort of) with no care in the world other than to have fun with the other students, staff and faculty members playing 4-on-4 basketball in Graves Gym. After I hit the floor, my first instinct was to look to see who had fouled me and sent me tumbling. I looked behind me, and no one was there. Then the pain in my left heel shot up my leg. I was down for the count. I feared I had done what every weekend warrior dreads: The kick in the back of the leg, the sensation of losing control of the foot, and the excruciating pain all signaled a ruptured Achilles tendon. The MRI confirmed my diagnosis. My 42-year-old body had finally caught up with my 18-year-old brain. I should tell you that when I visit the doctor's office, or get a haircut, or receive any other kind of service in Spokane, I rarely disclose who I am and the role I play at Whitworth. It's nice to maintain some anonymity. I broke protocol when I visited my orthopedic surgeon the day after the accident. I promptly declared that I was the president of Whitworth, and that regardless of his busy schedule I had to have surgery immediately so that I could be upright, even if on just one foot, when the Class of 2016 moved onto campus 10 days later. I couldn't imagine lying on my back with my leg in the air as our newest Whitworthians and their families experienced the magic of Orientation and Traditiation. He got me in the next day. So by the time students and families pulled U-Hauls onto campus to begin their Whitworth experience, I was hopping around on crutches and cruising The Loop on a cool red-and-black knee scooter. Of course, I embellished the injury story a bit each of the 500 or so times I got to tell it that weekend: for example, rather than chasing down a loose ball, I was slam-dunking over Professor of History Dale Soden (thanks, Dale, for being a good sport). It was a great weekend, as always, and I'm on the road to recovery. I'll spend about 14 weeks in an orthopedic boot, doing physical rehab. I told Julie my goal was to be in two shoes by Thanksgiving. A guy can dream. My surgeon says I have about 10 years left on my right Achilles, so perhaps someone from the Whitworth Class of 2016 will perform that surgery. Again, a guy can dream!

SPECIAL EVENT

Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnist George F. Will is coming to Spokane to share his insights on our country's political landscape. His breakfast lecture, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 a.m. at the Spokane Convention Center, will be presented by Whitworth University's annual President's Leadership Forum and sponsored by U.S. Bank. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, call Nancy Rau at 509.777.4250, or register online at www.whitworth.edu/leadershipforum.

ACADEMICS

Whitworth is pleased to welcome 24 international students from around the world - Spain, the UK, France, India, Germany, Bulgaria, Argentina, Austria, New Zealand, Korea, Fiji and the Netherlands. In addition, we are very excited to have four students from the new Brazil Science Without Borders Program: www.iie.org/brazilsciencewithoutborders.

We are also thrilled that 18 exchange students have arrived on campus, from Morocco, Malaysia, Korea, UK, Spain, Austria, Hong Kong, France, the Netherlands and Germany. We have an additional 11 international students coming here to matriculate, from Ghana, Guam, Nigeria, China, Serbia, Hungary, Australia, Vietnam and Turkey. I can't wait for our International Banquet in November!

We begin this year with more than 180 full-time faculty, including 17 new faculty members from diverse disciplines, backgrounds and locations: Michael Artime (Political Science), Mark Baird (Psychology), Eugene Bempong Nyantakyi (School of Global Commerce & Management), Brytton Bjorngaard (Art), Elizabeth Campbell (Psychology), Tibebe Eshete (History), Kaye Kamp (Education), Katherine Karr-Cornejo (Modern Languages), Andrew Kirkpatrick (Political Science), Corey McKenna (Education), John Pell (English), Erica Salkin (Communication Studies), Flint Simonsen (Education), Timothy

Wilkinson (SGCM), Maggie Bullock Wolcott (English) and Cynthia Wright (Health Sciences). Welcome!

Roberta Wilburn (Graduate Studies in Education) was invited to return to Oxford University in England to present at this summer's Oxford Round Table on Women and History. The Oxford Round Table is a weeklong international, interdisciplinary forum designed to stimulate debate through meaningful dialogue and presentation.

Casey Andrews (English) participated in a Lilly Summer Seminar called "Teaching Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland." Also, his review of David Cronenberg's film *A Dangerous Method* appeared in the peer-reviewed online journal *Scope*, published by University of Nottingham: www.scope.nottingham.ac.uk/june_2012/film_rev_june_2012.pdf#page=33.

COSTA RICA

"Nineteen Whitworth students have arrived at the Costa Rica Campus for the fall of their lives," writes Costa Rica Director Lindy Scott. "What awaits them? Excellent home stays, communicating (and even dreaming) in Spanish, experiential learning, eight hours of internships per week, and field trips to Nicaragua, Cuba, and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Professors Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science) and Nicole Sheets (English) join our local faculty to provide challenging classes on political economics, creative writing, ecology and social justice, Latin American literature, Spanish at four levels, and courage-filled conversations in Corazón 350 (oops, Core 350)." Our students escaped injury in the earthquake and we are so grateful to God. More from Lindy next month!

THE ARTS

An exhibit titled *Mythical Landscapes, Large Space/Small Scale, Landscape Silence*, by Ben Frank Moss, '59, a nationally known artist, Dartmouth professor and Whitworth alumnus, will run through Nov. 2 in Lied Center. Moss has exhibited extensively throughout the U.S. for the past 30 years and has received numerous honors and awards. As a landscape painter, he seeks to establish a sense of "place" in his work.

***Honk! The Musical* is coming to Whitworth this fall.** Brooke Kiener, '99 (Theatre), will direct this adaptation of a Hans Christian Andersen story that incorporates a message of tolerance and acceptance. Show times (at the Bing Crosby Theater, downtown) are Oct. 18, 19, 20, 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 20, 21, 2 p.m. Tickets are available at TicketsWest and are \$9 general admission, and \$7 for students and seniors 62 and over. And don't miss *Frosh on Stage* on Oct. 7 at 3 and 7 p.m. in Stage II, Cowles Auditorium. See some of our talented new students in action, directed by McDonald Scholarship recipient Rhiannon Batson, '14.

The award-winning Whitworth Jazz Ensemble I, directed by Dan Keberle (Music), has just released its eighth CD, *Sermon!*, available through the music office for \$10. Call 509.777.3280.

STUDENT LIFE

Student leaders led new and returning students as they began "Traveling the World of the Mind & Heart" (this year's Traditiation theme). New students will quickly evolve from Whitworth tourists into seasoned travelers with the help of faculty, staff and students, and we're excited to have them here for this year's journey. September began with traditional events such as Yell Off, Mock Rock and the Stewart Lawn Dance, and students and other members of the community got to attend concerts by Step Afrika and Mat Kearney. More than 42 ASWU clubs are recruiting new members as our year of insightful and entertaining programs begins.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Jena Lee Nardella, '04, a political science major who served as Whitworth's commencement speaker in May, gave the benediction on the opening night of the Democratic National Convention. Jena is the executive director for Blood:Water Mission. Thanks, Jena, for your witness for Christ and for your public service.

Homecoming 2012 is on its way! The weekend of Oct. 5-7 will feature an opportunity to revisit Core 250 and to hear from Leonard Oakland and Forrest Baird over dessert at the Woman's Club of Spokane; campus worship; a picnic lunch; refreshments in the alumni tent during the football game; a free poetry and fiction reading from Professor of English Laurie Lamon, '79,

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and distinguished alumna Lisa Flesher, '81; a catered banquet where we'll honor our 2012 Alumni Award winners; and celebrations of the classes of 2007, 2002 and 1992 throughout the weekend. To see the full schedule, or to register for the banquet/childcare, visit www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

Parents' Weekend 2012 is Oct. 19-21. Join your student(s) and fellow parents for a weekend of activities designed just for you! Please register by Oct. 12 at www.whitworth.edu/parentsweekend.

Mark your calendars for early November events in the Seattle area. Join Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Intercultural Relations Larry Burnley for a conversation and dessert gathering in Tacoma on Friday, Nov. 2. Connect with fellow parents and alumni at a reception on Saturday, Nov. 3, as Pirate Football takes on Pacific Lutheran in Puyallup. Details coming soon.

Did you move or change your contact information this summer? We'd like to stay in touch. You can update your information easily at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/stayengaged.htm.

ADMISSIONS

We're excited to welcome the Class of 2016 that we've spent the past year or more recruiting. The class is just the size we wanted, with 637 members. They bring the highest average SAT (1807) and GPA (3.77) in Whitworth's history. With 120 students from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations, this is also the most diverse class in Whitworth's history.

Our counselors are already hitting the road to recruit the classes of 2017, 2018 and 2019. To read more about our great admissions staff and to see where they'll travel this fall, go to www.whitworth.edu/admissionscounselors. And please encourage college-bound students you know to connect with our staff either through their high school or at a college fair in their area.

Our first Why Whitworth Day campus visit event is Sept. 29, and our annual Whitworth Snapshot event for high school seniors is Oct. 14-15. Both of these programs allow students to visit classes, have a meal in our beautifully updated dining hall, take a campus tour, hear an admissions presentation, and meet with an admissions counselor. Encourage students you know to attend one of these programs or to schedule an individual visit.

RESOURCES

Though it was tempting to bask in the generosity of Whitworth's alumni, parents and friends who gave nearly \$1.32 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, alumni are contacting their classmates to fund-raise in honor of their reunions this fall, and we continue our work to supply the greatest needs of the university. Of all the money that is raised for The Whitworth Fund this year, 75 percent will benefit 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. Please visit www.whitworth.edu/give to get ahead of the curve and make your annual gift this month.

Whitworthians for Life! Check out The Whitworth Foundation's new webpage under "Donors & Friends" on our website. Click on "Plan Your Legacy" for estate-planning tips, information on our Jay P. Graves Society,

e-brochures to help you answer frequently asked questions, and many more resources. Here's the address: www.whitworth.edu/foundation. By including Whitworth in your estate plans, you help ensure that our founding mission of providing "an education of mind and heart" will continue well into the future. If you have questions as you finalize your estate plans, please call Holly Norton, director of The Whitworth Foundation, at 509.879.3224.

SPORTS

The football team has 72 players on the roster, and Head Coach John Tully is optimistic about his team's chances. Whitworth welcomes back several key players on both offense and defense, including senior RB Ronnie Thomas, senior WR Jake DeGooyer, senior LB Scott Carr, and junior LB Ryan Loutsis.

Volleyball hopes to make a run at a third straight NWC crown, which would be its sixth overall under Head Coach Steve Rupe. The Pirates will have to do it with some new faces, but juniors Kristine Kardell and Jalana White return to lead the squad.

Men's soccer graduated seven All-NWC honorees from last year's team. But Head Coach Sean Bushéy believes he has the tools to reload for this year, rather than just to rebuild for the future. Sophomores Robbie Ubben and Colin Shockman earned honorable mention All-NWC as freshmen.

The women's soccer team is full of first- and second-year players under Head Coach Jael Hagerott, '07. Seniors Mackenzie Grow and Kelsey Griswold, both Second-Team All-NWC last year, will provide leadership for their teammates.

Cross country also sports lots of new faces this year. Head Coach Toby Schwarz brought in strong recruiting classes for both men and women, and senior Joy Shufeldt will be looking for her fourth straight trip to the NCAA championships.

The golf teams begin their fall schedules soon. Warren Friedrichs has his largest men's roster ever, while the women look to continue their improvement behind senior Emily Guthrie, who qualified individually for last year's NCAA tournament. Can you say, "Go Bucs!"?

As the academic year begins, let me remind you of the opportunity you have to pray for and with the Whitworth community. So many parents and alumni ask me what they can do to support Whitworth. My first response is always to ask them to remember Whitworth in their prayers. Last year, we started the *On Bended Knee* prayer blog (www.whitworth.edu/onbendedknee). Published weekly, the blog provides specific prayer requests for our campus. Through the blog, we also provide the scripture passage for that week's Tuesday chapel service and a link to listen to a recording of the sermons. I encourage you to check it out and to subscribe on the site to weekly e-mail updates. Thanks for your partnership in the mind-and-heart education Whitworth provides, and thanks for your prayers.

Beck

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SUMMER 2012

An update from Whitworth University President Beck A. Taylor

It's no secret that I'm a big fan of social media. It's also true that the newest tools to connect people and organizations via the Internet have come under scrutiny – many of us know the stories of celebrities and politicians who have misused the ability to post their opinions (or worse) immediately for the whole world to see, or of people who sit for hours doing nothing more than waiting for the next cute cat video on YouTube. I, for one, am guilty of occasionally spending too much time reading about the antics of basketball star Shaquille O'Neal on Twitter or peering into the lives of former high school football buddies on Facebook. I recently read a disturbing report that the word "Facebook" appeared in more than one-third of divorce filings in England in 2011. I suppose that some people will always find a way to abuse new technologies. But I've simply found no better tool than social media to communicate quickly with Whitworth's various constituencies. An occasional 140-character tweet or a Facebook post about an important campus event or news item is immediately communicated to thousands of people connected to the university. As Whitworth's president, I find that it would be easy to allow my schedule and responsibilities to create distance between me and the students I love so deeply. While it's no substitute for the face-to-face interaction I have with students in the dining hall or at a campus event, I find that social media tools allow me to keep a better tab on the lives of students, and they also make me more accessible. I've also used my Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook accounts to communicate regularly with alumni and parents all over the world. For instance, it's gratifying to receive a thank-you message from a parent who's seen a posted picture of me with her student, telling me how much closer that photo makes her feel to her loved one and to the university. Our admissions and alumni teams recently started forming Facebook pages for each incoming freshman class. For example, the students who will be joining the Whitworth family this fall have been getting to know each other for several months now on the Facebook page dedicated to the Class of 2016. It's fun to read how excited they are about coming to Whitworth as they share their class schedules and residence hall assignments, ask questions about Whitworth, and introduce themselves and their interests to their new friends. Occasionally, a new student will share a favorite Bible verse or mention a prayer request. Within hours, dozens of their classmates respond with affirmation and support. Their new Whitworth community is forming before my eyes – what a blessing! I know my college experience would have begun differently had I already communicated with several hundred of my classmates before move-in day. I certainly include everyone when I say that social media may be a great way to keep up with all things Whitworth, whether the messages are on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube! So stay connected, in old and new ways, and thanks for always showing your support. #GoBucs!

ACADEMICS

Nine Whitworth athletic training students took their National Board of Certification exams last spring. An undergrad is eligible to sit for the exam in his or her final term only if s/he has completed all required coursework. Mike Ediger (Health Sciences) tells me that the Whitworth program strongly encourages students to take the exam in their final term so that when they apply for graduate school or employment, they will already be certified and will have an advantage in interviews. The exam is comprehensive, covering the rigorous academic content as well as the clinical experiences included in the program. There's just a 60 percent chance of **graduates** passing the exam – and every one of our Whitworth undergrads passed! Congrats to all of our newly certified athletic trainers and to the amazing faculty and staff who've prepared them over the past four years to excel in their chosen careers. We are blessed to have such outstanding students and a wonderful faculty and staff so dedicated to student success.

During the spring semester, Whitworth professors made the following presentations to their national and international associations: Phil Baldwin (Music), "A String Player's Guide to Wind Articulation & Orchestra Reading Sessions"; Jennifer Brown (French), "The Avant-Garde Medieval in

Guillaume Apollinaire"; Janine Darragh (Education), "Intercultural Sojourners: A Multi-Modal Depiction of One University's Approach to Developing Culturally Responsive Educators"; Megan Hershey (Political Science), "Explaining the NGO Boom: The Case of HIV/AIDS NGOs in Kenya"; Michael Rempe (Math), "Mathematical Models of Sleep Disorders"; and Dinorah Scott (Spanish), "Language Instruction and Experiential Learning at Whitworth University's Costa Rica Center."

Masters in our midst: Brooke Kiener, '99 (Theatre), completed her M.F.A. from Goddard College (Vt.), and Cristal Brown (Athletics) completed her M.A. from Concordia College (Minn.) last spring. Congratulations to both!

The Center for Service-Learning & Community Engagement is currently creating programs geared toward a holistic approach to community development in West Central Spokane. These programs will provide significant impact through sustained partnerships; they'll also offer a rich variety of experiential learning opportunities for Whitworth students. In addition to its new Small Business Support Center, the CSLCE is creating permanent, year-round programs relating to topics such as community safety, community health, sustainable living, youth development, food security, cultural enrichment, and neighborhood communications. Stay tuned for future descriptions of the results of these important programs.

STUDENT LIFE

Student Life is busy preparing for the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. Orientation for new students (freshmen and transfers) begins Saturday, Sept. 1. Residence halls open at 9 a.m., and new students should also visit the Welcome Fair that day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the HUB. They'll find representatives from campus organizations, university services, academic affairs, and local banks. Job information will also be available, along with lots of music, food, and excitement. Make sure you stop by! Parents will have their own seminars during Orientation Weekend before they bid farewell to their students on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Bon Voyage Barbecue. Returning students can begin moving back into the residence halls at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 3.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Homecoming 2012 is just around the corner, and the campanile's chimes will be calling you to return to campus as we celebrate Whitworth's 123rd year! The classes of 1992, 2002, and 2007 will return for their 20th, 10th, and fifth reunions, and Whitworthians from across the eras are invited to join in the festivities. Highlights on Friday include a dessert and lecture featuring Forrest Baird (Philosophy) and Leonard Oakland (English); Saturday offers campus worship, an art exhibit, the Homecoming Game (with an alumni tent offering your favorite "Saga" brownies at halftime), a catered banquet where this year's Whitworth Alumni Award winners will be announced, and casual dessert receptions for gathered alumni. For a full calendar of events and to register, visit www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

Pirate Football is coming to SoCal Sept. 15. All Whitworthians in the area are invited to join Aaron Leetch, director of athletics, and Aaron McMurray, '95, director of alumni & parent relations and annual giving, for a casual barbecue dinner before the 6 p.m. game, where the Pirates will take on the LaVerne Leopards. Look for details in your inbox soon! We'd love to see you there. In addition, the gridiron Bucs will also be playing the Whittier College Poets in the Golden State on Sept. 8, with a 1 p.m. kickoff. (After all, Pirates generally have a pretty good record against Poets.)

We always want you to be aware of athletics and music events – whether they're at Whitworth or at a location near you. Come out and support Whitworth's groups and teams. Check the new Whitworthians for Life website at www.whitworth.edu/alumni for details on events, games and performances near you.

Summer Sendoffs are being and have been hosted in 20 homes across the West – from Honolulu to Missoula and from Phoenix to Bellingham. At a Whitworth SSO, incoming students and their families are greeted by generous hosts who opened their homes to provide the newest Whitworthians for Life with one final opportunity to get ready for life on campus before summer's end. Welcome to the members of the Class of 2016 and their parents!

We believe that being a Whitworthian for Life means many things, and we hope you'll stay engaged, propel the mission, and plan your legacy. Visit the new alumni and parents pages at www.whitworth.edu/parents and www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

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ADMISSIONS

Enrollment deposits are due Aug. 1 for transfer students. Just go online to www.whitworth.edu/admittedstudents and click on "Guarantee Your Spot" to find a link to the transfer deposit submission form. This fall we're expecting to enroll about 110 transfer students who will be a great addition to the Whitworth community.

Our fantastic director of financial aid, Wendy Olson, recently won the 2012 Western Association of Financial Aid Administrators Meritorious Achievement Award. The award goes to a person who has made significant efforts to advance the awareness and understanding of financial aid. This is a great tribute to Wendy from colleagues in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Our students, who are Wendy's main focus, already know she's great.

RESOURCES

Whitworth Fund dollars flew in with strong totals in the final days of the fiscal year. We collected just over \$1.3 million dollars for Whitworth's annual budget. This is excellent news! But we still have a lot of work to do in the years to come in building the ever-important alumni participation numbers, which came in at just 15 percent (or "not so much," as our students say). With Whitworthians like the members of the Class of 2012, we have reason to believe it's possible: This spring, they joined with the classes of '05 and '09 in raising the final funds for a beautiful fountain courtyard in The Loop. Fifty percent of the senior class contributed to the gift, and a few weeks ago, the fountain became a reality. (View a slideshow of the construction process on our young alumni blog, **The 10**, at whitworth10.wordpress.com.) Whether you're an alum, parent, friend, or recent graduate, we are grateful for the support you provide Whitworth each year. Thank you for helping to make this one of the best years in recent memory for The Whitworth Fund and for our campus community.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica Center Director Lindy Scott writes, "Our Costa Rica Center has been host to a variety of visitors this summer. One of the most interesting visits was from 10 Whitworth nontraditional students who are majoring in education. They came to campus for two weeks of living with host families, observing classes in three local schools, soaking up the culture, and practicing their Spanish. It was inspiring to see these older students get outside their comfort zones in a variety of ways. The lessons they learned will make them more culturally proficient and better teachers in the future." Lindy reports that the CRC gang is finishing up Session A of its summer program. "Whitworth students have been studying Spanish, Latin American culture, and literature," he says. "Field trips have taken them to a coffee plantation, a Pacific Coast fishing village, on a crocodile boat trip, and hiking a volcano. Add four weeks of living with our wonderful host families and on-the-job internships, and you have a memorable immersion experience. During our one-week break, students will either be traveling throughout Central America or volunteering at the famous conference of the Latin American Congress on Evangelization. Then they will come back, and, together with some new students, they'll embrace Session B with gusto!"

SPORTS

Whitworth finished 49th out of 447 NCAA DIII schools in the Learfield Directors Cup standings for 2011-12. That places our athletics program among the top 11 percent of all Division III schools in the country. Who says great academics and great athletics can't go hand-in-hand? Our coaches and athletes are living proof that it's possible – and certainly desirable – to be a success in the classroom as well as in/on the field of play. The Learfield standings, combined with Whitworth's acceptance this spring of its fifth consecutive McIlroy-Lewis Trophy – awarded to the school in the Northwest Conference with the best all-around athletics program – lets folks in our region and across the country know that Whitworthians love both learning and competing. Such awards make it clear that our student-athletes compete beautifully with the very best in Division III.

With September just around the corner, Whitworth's fall sports teams will be opening their seasons all across the country over Labor Day weekend. Football kicks off the year at St. Scholastica (Duluth, Minn.) on Sept. 1; volleyball hits the courts at the Wittenberg Invitational (Springfield, Ohio) on Aug. 31; men's soccer takes the field at the Hamline College tournament (St. Paul, Minn.), Aug. 31-Sept. 1; and women's soccer wades into battle at Chapman University (Orange, Calif.) on Aug. 31. Go, Bucs!

Summer is an amazing time on the Whitworth campus. I lament that most of our students don't get to experience the beauty of The Loop during the warmest months of the year. Although many of us here experience a slightly less hectic pace than during the academic term, for many at Whitworth, the summer months mark the busiest season of the year. For example, the wonderful employees in facilities services work overtime throughout the summer making the repairs and improvements that prepare us for another successful year and that keep our campus so beautiful. This summer, in addition to their regular maintenance schedule, our facilities personnel and the students they supervise are busily preparing our new dining hall in the HUB, which will open for business this fall. As students arrive in September, we also plan to break ground for the new campus recreation center behind Westminster Hall and next to the tennis pavilion. That new facility, opening in fall 2013, will house indoor basketball courts, an elevated jogging track, a new fitness center, and a state-of-the-art climbing wall. If you're passing through Spokane, I encourage you to stop by and check out all that is happening, and let us know you're coming. I often remind people that although the campus may look a little different than the last time they saw it, and though there may be some new faces, Whitworth still embodies and represents all that they remember and hold dear: namely, a community of grace emboldened to prepare its graduates, and all who visit this lovely campus, to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. Enjoy the rest of your summer!