Hope for Higher Ed
Whitworth rises to meet national challenges, realize students’ dreams
March 2 was a cool but sunny Friday, and typical in many ways: Students were busily wrapping up their week of study and activities, excitedly planning their weekend events. Members of the community were enjoying French dip sandwiches, a Friday favorite, in the HUB, and our theatre students were anxiously anticipating opening night of their spring production of Arthur Miller’s *All My Sons*. Also on the calendar that day was a faculty-staff gathering where we celebrated the release of Professor of Mathematics Lyle Cochran’s highly acclaimed calculus textbook. (During the celebration, we all shared our favorite jokes about derivatives.) As is the case on most spring Fridays, dozens of prospective students and their parents were scheduled to be on campus for a “Why Whitworth?” orientation, and our admissions personnel were grateful that the sun was shining; they tell me that a bright sky makes recruiting students from California and Hawaii a bit easier. Perhaps the biggest event in the minds of many was the first round of the NCAA Div. III basketball tournament, in which our men would play against McMurry University (Texas). That afternoon we would stream the live game from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Texas, to a packed house in Robinson Teaching Theatre, where fans would enjoy pizza, popcorn and soda and cheer our beloved Bucs to victory. It was a busy and exciting day, but it was also a pretty standard Friday on the Whitworth campus. I was glad not to be traveling so that I could take it all in!

That March Friday might have turned into a fairly typical end-of-the-week day had it not been for one very important and unexpected event: The day before, the Whitworth team had won the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl. Whitworth was a national champion for the first time since the baseball team won the 1960 NAIA title! Our team, coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies and Academic Affairs) and Keith Wyna (Philosophy), beat out teams from colleges and universities such as Wake Forest, Loyola Chicago, U.C. Santa Cruz, Dartmouth, and Georgetown before claiming the title with a win over Clemson, a former champion. By doing so, Whitworth became the first small school, and the first Christian school, to win the National Ethics Bowl title since the competition began, in 1995.

So on this now-not-so-typical Friday, an impromptu welcoming party was dispatched at about noon to the university’s front entrance to surprise our victorious students and faculty coaches with a Whitworth hello. As the van carrying the team from the airport slowly made its way to campus, hundreds of students, staff and faculty gathered at the main entrance to cheer and celebrate the team. And as the team’s van, carrying Jesse Javana, ’12, Krister Johnson, ’13, Bridger Landle, ’12, Max Nelsen, ’13, and Sarah Sauter, ’15, turned into the Loop Road, a huge cheer went up across campus. Our champions were welcomed home as if they were rock stars. Hugs and high-fives were exchanged, and roommates and strangers alike expressed their appreciation to these “fabulous five” debaters who represented themselves and Whitworth wonderfully well. I was so proud of our students and our community.

Not every Friday is as eventful as March 2, but we do celebrate the academic achievements of our students and faculty each and every day. This academic year has been filled with accomplishments, great and small, that point to the importance of the academic mission at Whitworth. Here are just a handful:

- Thanks in part to the priceless contributions of longtime Fulbright Advisor John Yoder (Political Science), Whitworth was once again named a top producer of Fulbright Scholars.
- Junior Micah Spaun, ’13, was awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for excellence in science.
- Whitworth’s fourth endowed faculty position, the Margo Long Chair in Gifted Education, was created with a generous $3 million gift from two of Whitworth’s dearest friends (see the story on Page 14 of the News section).
- Many of our graduates were accepted to prestigious graduate programs, and our physics department announced placements in programs at Columbia, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, Cal Tech, and Johns Hopkins.
- Whitworth was selected as one of 40 national sites to host a traveling exhibition honoring the King James Bible’s 400th anniversary.
- Whitworth was named a second-best value in the West in the latest *U.S. News* rankings, which reflect both academic quality and affordability.
- Whitworth’s School of Education was reaccredited by the National Council for the Accreditation for Teacher Education. The SOE was recognized for meeting every standard; NCATE cited no areas for improvement.

Thank you for supporting Whitworth’s academic mission. And as always, please keep Whitworth in your prayers.
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In this Whitworth Today I’ve written an article about a vibrant, happy, beautiful wife and mother of two, a member of the Whitworth Class of ’93, a churchgoer and Bible-reader and home-schooeler who has for years invested every bit of herself in God, in family, in home – and who, one day, fell to the floor, shaking uncontrollably, when a blood clot invaded her head and cut off the blood flow to the part of her brain that controls movement on her left side.

Joanne Heim was in the hospital for months. She now does physical therapy, acupuncture, and everything else she and her family can think of to get her back to normal – and, if that’s not possible, to get her as close as possible to where she was pre-stroke. She is just as beautiful, just as loved, just as faithful to God and her family as she was before the stroke – but she may be forever hindered by this seemingly random event; this tiny speck of time when her world changed irrevocably from a healthy, happy place to one where a stroke victim must wonder if she’ll ever again feel good, sleep well, walk comfortably, be carelessly happy.

Whitworth Today is about the lives of Whitworthians. About people whose lives change in a second. About alums whose bios populate our class notes; about grads from the 1940s to the 2010s who still consider this place to be the center of their friendships and the place where they learned to be adults. It’s about people like the Heims, who thrived during their days at Whitworth and who are now learning to love one another and to love God in a new way. It’s about debaters who bring home national championships; about athletes who keep Whitworth on top of the NWC every year; about a young executive V.P. (and ’89 alum) who’s off to Michigan to be president of Calvin College; about what can be done to keep a Whitworth education affordable and academically rigorous for current and future students; about an alumna who had to examine her longtime faith deeply and painfully to discover that the church is the safe place from which one asks the hard questions that stymie so many believers. It’s about all of us and about our connection to one another – connections that really may be strongest in the once-broken places. We hope you enjoy this issue of Whitworth Today.

[Letters to the EDITOR]

I seriously hope you are advancing Whitworth’s discussion on homosexuality beyond the one-sided view set forth by Judy Shepard in a recent visit to Whitworth. Your report on her visit left me wondering: Is there discussion regarding 1) the findings of the official investigation into the motivation behind Mr. Shepard’s death? Wasn’t it, in fact, determined not to be anti-gay? 2) How do Christians deal with the intolerance of the LGBT community toward those who leave the lifestyle? 3) What are Christian-ministry alternatives for people with unwanted same-sex-attraction issues? 4) What options do church communities have when they want to serve AIDS sufferers who want to leave the homosexual lifestyle and those within the lifestyle? 5) How do people of faith respond to ongoing pressure upon public policy to endorse the LGBT lifestyles? 6) How do people of faith confront LGBT activists yet maintain their Christian demeanor?

Michael Le Roy wrote in his article “Disagreement by Design” that “… our goal [is] to produce graduates who can engage respectful Christian views, think critically, and act compassionately across all societal difference.” To that end, it is my hope that the university is in fact furthering its sponsorship of speakers who will address these issues from the Christian worldview.

Carolyn Jacobs, ’69
Spokane

[Write US!]

We want to know what you think – about Whitworth Today, and about Whitworth in general. Send us an e-mail (tmitchell@whitworth.edu) to offer your response to what Whitworth’s doing to keep its brand of higher education relevant and accessible. Respond to the letter from Caroline Jacobs, ’69 (left), or let us know what you think of the new book by Andrea Palpant Dilley, ’00. Respond to a news story or to one of our departments. Your comments help steer the direction of this magazine, and we’re interested in what you like about W.T., what you want to see more of – and what you’d just as soon never see again. (The phrase “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all” doesn’t apply here.)

We also appreciate word from you alums about what you’re doing out there in the world. E-mail us at alumni@whitworth.edu to keep your alma mater and your friends up to date on what’s happening with you.

If you’d rather do the snail-mail thing, write us at Whitworth Today, University Communications Office, Whitworth University, 300 W. Hawthorne Road, Spokane, WA 99251.
To view a calendar of all of Whitworth’s upcoming events, visit www.whitworth.edu/calendar.
Events below are free unless otherwise noted.

**July 9-13** The 37th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry. This year’s week-long conference features Rich Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary; MaryKate Morse, professor of leadership and spiritual formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary; and Rev. Tod Bolsinger, senior pastor at California’s San Clemente Presbyterian Church. For registration and information, please visit www.whitworth.edu/wim.

**Sept. 1-8** Orientation Week. Incoming freshmen participate in Whitworth Traditiation – attending student fairs, special dinners, residence-hall meetings, ice-cream socials, Mock Rock, the Yell-Off, and other annual events. Music auditions also take place during this week. If you are a member of the Class of ’16, or the parent of an incoming student, watch your mail for information and for the address of this year’s Orientation Week website.

**Sept. 6** Opening Convocation. Join the Whitworth community in asking God’s blessing on the 2012-13 academic year. Fieldhouse, 11 a.m.

**Sept. 10-Nov. 2** Ben Moss Art Exhibition in the Lied Art Center. Artist’s reception on Sept. 11, 5 p.m. in Lied Art Center, followed by artist lecture at 7 p.m. in the Eric Johnston Science Center.

**Sept. 21** 18th Annual Pirate Night Dinner and Auction Fundraiser, at The Lincoln Center, in Spokane. Cost is $40. For tickets, call 509.777.3224.

**Oct. 4-6** Faith, Film and Philosophy Lecture. In conjunction with Gonzaga, Whitworth students and community members will explore the complex relationships between faith and reason in contemporary culture, film and literature.

**Oct. 5-7** Homecoming Weekend. Alumni gather for five-year, 10-year and 20-year reunions, along with late ’70s alums (’75-’79). For details, see www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.


**Oct. 19-21** Parents’ Weekend. Parents are invited to visit their Whitworth students and join in the Whitworth experience. Students are welcome to attend all events with their parents. Additional details for Parents’ Weekend 2012 can be found at www.whitworth.edu/parentsweekend.

**Nov. 3** Whitworth Jazz Ensemble fall concert with nine-time Grammy-nominated jazz pianist Kenny Barron. Cowles Auditorium, 8 p.m. $15 general admission; $10 for students and senior adults (62+).

**Nov. 18** Whitworth Symphony Orchestra fall concert. Cowles Auditorium, 3 p.m. $5 general admission.

**Dec. 1-2; 8-9** Whitworth Christmas Festival concerts at the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox, in Spokane, Dec 1-2, and at First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Dec. 8-9. Ticket prices TBD. Call 509.777.3280.

**Dec. 9** Candlelight Nativity Service, 7 p.m. in Seeley Mudd Chapel. The annual Candlelight Nativity Service is part of Christmastafest. The nativity story will be told with candles, and music will be led by the Whitworth men’s chorus. Call 509.777.4345.
A Crisis of Faith

Alumna’s memoir chronicles her search for God in a fallen world

Edited by Julie Riddle, '92

Andrea Palpant Dilley was raised in a Christian home, grew up in a Christian community, and attended a Christian college. The daughter of Quaker medical missionaries, she lived in Kenya until age 7, then moved with her family to Spokane, where she was active in the youth program at Knox Presbyterian Church. Dilley double-majored in Spanish and English at Whitworth and graduated summa cum laude in 2000. Yet at age 23, Dilley says, “I stepped over the threshold of the church and walked away. I had no idea if I would come back.”

In her spiritual memoir, Faith and Other Flat Tires: Searching for God on the Rough Road of Doubt (Zondervan, 2012), Dilley explores encountering a crisis of faith. The book’s foreword is by Whitworth Professor of Theology Jerry Sittser, who writes, “though I began the book thinking about [Andrea’s] story, I ended it thinking about my own...I found myself reflecting on what faith means in ordinary life, how faith is forged, why it comes so hard for so many of us.”

In the following Q&A, Dilley discusses her faith journey and new memoir.

Q. What motivated you to write Faith and Other Flat Tires?
A. My experience of struggling with faith is a fairly common one. For those of us who struggle, we sometimes hide and stigmatize our own doubt. But all we have to do is look at Job, Lamentations, and the Psalms to find that doubt can be a healthy part of faith. After coming back to the church, I felt a clear calling to write about my spiritual crisis. I wanted to normalize that experience and tell a story that brought doubt back inside the space of the sanctuary.

Q. What was the most challenging part of the writing/production process?
A. Far and away the biggest challenge was trying to balance two separate lives as a writer and a mother. I landed the contract with Zondervan months after giving birth to my first child, and I had to spend hours locked away in my study. While writing, I felt guilty for not being with my daughter. While spending time with my daughter, I felt guilty for not writing. Fortunately, I have a very supportive husband [Steven Dilley, '97], who is committed to co-parenting. He – along with others – made this project possible.

Q. The summer you spent in Kenya in 2000 as a nanny for Jerry Sittser’s children seems pivotal in your spiritual pilgrimage. How did that trip affect you?
A. While Jerry taught at Daystar University, the Sittser kids and I volunteered each week in an orphanage in the slums of Nairobi, where we took care of AIDS babies and played with orphans. That summer I witnessed what I call “the theological paradox of Christian compassion”: on one hand, children who seemed forsaken by God, and, on the other hand, Catholic nuns acting out God’s call to bless the forsaken. At the time, I was in a really fragile place spiritually, and so the dark part of that paradox – the feeling of abandonment by God – took over my heart. I came home from that experience and, because of that and other factors, walked away from the church for two years.
Q. What doubts do you explore in your memoir? In your search for God, what new questions did you encounter?

A. My faith crisis was driven in part by the problem of evil. Why does a good God allow suffering? Why does the world seem so unjust and messed up? After leaving the church, though, I found myself asking a different question: What does the alternative to theistic faith look like? I didn’t like the answer. In a naturalistic worldview, life is just a cosmic accident. We’re animals fighting to survive in a godless world. The notions of justice and injustice don’t mean anything. As I wrestled with faith, that vision didn’t sit right with me. I couldn’t talk about justice at all without anchoring my morality in a theistic worldview. I realized that my questions belonged inside of faith rather than outside of it.

Q. In what ways did Whitworth inform or influence your spiritual pilgrimage?

A. My faith crisis started to gain momentum during college. People might assume that my entire college experience somehow caused my faith crisis. On the contrary, I spent four years in the presence of learned Christian professors who walked with me inside and outside of the classroom. I remember sitting in a seminar with Laura Bloxham, studying Flannery O’Connor’s take on faith; standing in Jerry Sittser’s kitchen (as his nanny), talking about the institutional church; listening to Vic Bobb over coffee tell the story of his spiritual journey; and taking notes in a Core 250 lecture on faith and reason. In the years after college, I carried those classes and conversations with me.

Q. Who is this book written for?

A. As I correspond with readers, I’ve been surprised by the diversity of people who seem to resonate with the story: college students trying to figure out faith, retirees reflecting back on their own stories, and people in life stages in between. Even readers without religious affiliation have connected with the book. Recently, a young woman sent me a letter in which she described herself as a “worn-out theist” who felt like the book “offered solidarity in the ongoing struggle of the human condition.” This book is written for her, and for anyone who’s ever wrestled with questions of doubt, faith and belief in God.

Q. In what ways do you hope your book touches others?

A. I hope readers come away carrying one simple but livable insight: that doubt has a place inside faith and inside the church. In my own journey, I left the church burdened by questions, but eventually realized that those same questions actually belonged in the sanctuary. They only made sense inside of a theistic framework. Sitting in church one day after years of struggle, I thought, “Okay, I’ll call this place home. I’ll bring my doubt. I’ll wait for God in this space.” Even now, this idea of “bringing my demons to church” – as I call it in the book – challenges me to stick it out in Christian community. It also gives me comfort, knowing that I don’t have to find all the answers before I can lay claim to a church pew.

Q. What can the church do to make room for people struggling with their faith?

A. Active doubt (as opposed to passive skepticism) can be a vital, soul-searching part of faith. In Mark 9:24, the father of a demon-possessed child says to Jesus, “I believe, help my unbelief.” Flannery O’Connor calls this the foundation prayer of faith. During my own faith crisis, people gave me space to pray that “prayer of unbelief.” My dad sat on the couch and talked with me about my doubts. Whitworth professors took me out to coffee. Friends listened to my questions without giving cheap, easy answers. They modeled the church at its best – as a place of stark honesty and shared pilgrimage.

Andrea Palpant Dilley is a documentary producer whose work has aired nationally on American Public Television. She is the recipient of Whitworth’s 2009 Young Alumni Award and has collaborated with Whitworth to produce the documentaries In Time of War, Art in Me, and A Portrait of Leonard Oakland. For more information on Dilley and her upcoming readings, including a Sept. 21 reading at Whitworth, visit www.andreapalpantdilley.com. Faith and Other Flat Tires is available at amazon.com, zondervan.com, Barnes & Noble, and local bookstores.

Web extra: Read Whitworth faculty members’ reviews of Dilley’s book at www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.
Higher education in America is experiencing a watershed moment. Americans have long placed faith in institutions of higher learning and in the value of a college degree, but for many, that confidence has begun to erode in recent years. Prospective students and their parents, coping with stagnant or shrinking incomes due to a turbulent economy, are wondering if and how they will be able to afford an increasingly expensive college education. Amid stubbornly high unemployment rates, many college grads are facing a dreary job market and a pile of student loans and are questioning whether college was worth the investment.

Higher-education leaders, meanwhile, are grappling with how they will continue to provide the high-quality education the public has come to expect at the increasingly affordable prices they demand, even as these institutions face their own financial pressures. These leaders must also tackle issues including how to make college accessible to an ever-diverse student population and how best to prepare their students for a constantly changing world.

The Whitworth community is not immune to these issues. But neither is it stymied by them. To find out more about the challenges confronting colleges and universities across the U.S. and how Whitworth is rising to meet them, we spoke to three Whitworthians who live and work at the front lines of higher education: President Beck A. Taylor, Director of Admissions Marianne Hansen, ‘97, and Alicia Peebles, a senior biology major from Tacoma, Wash.
Q. How do budgets and policies being discussed at the state and national levels affect Whitworth? How are we responding to these challenges?

BT It’s a common misperception that private independent universities like Whitworth are unaffected by state and federal public finance. Our students benefit directly from state and federal financial aid programs. For example, as much as $2.4 million in State Need Grants to 355 Whitworth students were in jeopardy during this Washington state legislative session. And important federal programs such as the Pell Grant and Stafford Loan are under continual scrutiny. These possible reductions and changes could hurt Whitworth’s neediest students and could seriously impede the university’s goal of providing access to students from across the family-income spectrum.

I’ve spent time in Olympia and Washington, D.C., talking with the governor and our federal and state delegations about the importance of investing in a college education for our citizens. Whitworth is also budgeting more institutional financial aid than ever before: More than $29 million in tuition dollars has been reallocated back to students and families in 2011-12. Our students are leading on this issue as well. Junior Macy Olivas heads Whitworth’s chapter of Students for Educational Reform, and she has traveled the country lobbying on behalf of our students. Her leadership has been inspirational to me.

The state-level budget cuts also are rapidly closing the gap between public and private tuition. State universities have historically operated on a relatively low-tuition, low-financial-aid model. Private institutions like Whitworth have operated on a relatively high-tuition, high-financial-aid model. As state funding has diminished, Washington’s public universities have had to raise their tuition dramatically – approximately 35 percent in just the past two years. So a Whitworth education is looking increasingly affordable to many families. And when you add the relational culture and small class sizes we offer, the Whitworth experience becomes even more attractive.

In addition, President Obama recently stated that he is “putting higher education on notice.” His State of the Union address this year included many positive actions for students – like lowering student loan interest rates and extending tax credits for higher education. However, I worry about his suggestion about forms of federal regulation that could tie mandated institutional measures of performance to institutional access to federal aid for students. Our experience in education has been that one-size-fits-all regulations simply do not offer the range of remedies needed to address an increasingly diverse set of colleges and universities, not to mention the diversity of students and families at those institutions. The good news is that Whitworth would likely stand out as an over-achiever on most, if not all, of the scorecard measures – like retention rates – that are being suggested by the administration.

Q. What other pressing higher-education issues require Whitworth’s attention?

BT First, I would say that Whitworth must remain true to its founding mission to provide a mind-and-heart education. Our mission calls us to combine an intellectually rigorous education with an education that embraces the idea that Christian faith matters. In a society that is being pulled to the extremes on so many issues of importance, Whitworth offers a place for thoughtful people who reject today’s pitiful standards for civil discourse. Protecting that unique mission is both a pressing challenge and my highest responsibility as president.

Another pressing challenge is managing the complexities of the higher-education economic model. Much has been written recently about the increasing costs of higher education, and rightly so. The reality is that prospective parents and students expect the best – the best faculty, the best programs, the best facilities, the best opportunities – and the best is very expensive. Most of Whitworth’s annual operating budget, about 80 percent, is allocated to personnel. Any employer will tell you that personnel costs are skyrocketing, and they are the root cause for the increase in tuition at universities like Whitworth. But what’s the alternative? Talk to any prospective student, or any alum, and they will tell you that what makes Whitworth special are the small classes and high student-faculty interaction. Colleges that begin to cut investments in personnel almost immediately begin to see a decline in quality, and then a decline in enrollment. That would be disastrous for us. So we are continuing to find money-saving efficiencies in our business processes and squeezing out costs that are not core to our educational quality. Finally, we remain committed to working with parents and students from across the economic
shrinking. State budget cuts also are making it harder for students at public universities to graduate on time, which can dramatically increase a student’s total college costs, while more than 85 percent of Whitworth’s most recent graduating class finished in four years. We also need to acknowledge that the cost of providing an excellent college education has been going up faster than the rate of inflation — similar to other industries that are dependent on a highly educated work force, early adoption of new technology, and other atypical cost drivers. This places a burden on families and calls on us to make the case for the value of a Whitworth degree. Whitworth is ranked by Kiplinger’s as one of the top 100 private university values in the United States and is second among 118 regional universities in the West in U.S. News & World Report’s 2012 rankings of best values. These rankings reflect Whitworth’s academic excellence, affordable tuition relative to comparable institutions, and strong commitment to financial aid.

Q. What are some steps Whitworth is taking to address these issues?

MH For next year, we’ve increased our financial aid by about 10 percent — increasing both academic merit scholarships and need-based grants. We’ve also revised the criteria for our academic scholarships, to make it easier for more students with good GPAs, who may not have great test scores, to qualify for higher scholarships. The big decision in the Whitworth 2021 plan to stabilize enrollment is enabling the university to reduce our student-faculty ratio and strengthen our professors’ abilities to advise, mentor and support students. I would expect an even higher percentage of our graduates to finish in four years.

Q. Some alumni say that they could never get admitted to Whitworth now. Is this true?

MH As the number of applications to Whitworth has grown by 440 percent over the past decade, it’s true that we have had to turn away many more students. However, we still take a holistic approach to reviewing admissions applications and do not reduce students to just numbers like GPA or SAT scores. In fact, we were one of the first schools in the Pacific Northwest to give students the choice of doing an interview rather than having their test scores considered in the admissions process — since we realize that there are good students who may not be good test takers. Nevertheless, the academic profile of students applying to and enrolling at Whitworth is definitely rising. And that is a good thing for both the intellectual vitality of the campus and the value of a Whitworth degree.

Q. What are some of the concerns parents and prospective students are voicing?

MH We certainly hear concerns about affordability. Related to that are concerns about job and graduate school placement. As the unemployment rate remains above historical norms, families want to know that the significant investment they are making in higher education is going to pay off in terms of career advancement. Even with heightened concerns about financial issues, most students and parents are still very interested in mission, campus look and feel, and the quality of community life. In these areas, Whitworth continues to shine.

Q. How do you respond to those concerns when talking with students and their parents?

MH We encourage families to look at the net price of attendance after financial aid rather than the “sticker price.” With private colleges like Whitworth investing more in financial aid, and tuition rising at public universities, the gap in net price between public and private institutions is
Whitworth Senior Alicia Peebles

Q. Why did you want to attend college? Why did you choose Whitworth?

AP I wanted to come to college because I knew that if I wanted to be independent and to be able to provide for myself and my future family, I could not just sit around my hometown and do nothing. For as long as I can remember, my parents have encouraged me to go to college and to pursue my dreams, so not going to college was never a realistic option for me.

Originally, attending a Christian liberal arts college was not my plan; I wanted to go to a big state school that everyone knew about and that would stand out on a résumé. While completing my senior exit project, I heard about this small school in Spokane called Whitworth, and they sent me a streamlined application that didn’t require an essay and was free to fill out. So I filled it out, sent it in, and waited for my acceptance letter so that I could include it in my exit project. But as I began to research Whitworth, I was very impressed by the goals, standards and achievements that defined the university. Before long, my desires began to shift, and when I got my acceptance letter, I knew that I would be a Whitworth Pirate.

Q. What did you and your parents hope you would get out of your college education? How has Whitworth met your expectations?

AP At first, my parents and I hoped that I would get a degree and that I would be able to get a good job so I could provide my own family with experiences that I did not get to enjoy due to growing up in a low-income family. I felt that I was strong in my faith and that I was smart, so I wasn’t looking to change who I was. Then, at Whitworth, I began to meet so many people who were passionate about so many different things, and I began to question my motivation for everything I did. I discovered that I was trying to do things so I could get the prestige that comes with a certain career and not because I was passionate about them or because that was where God wanted me. The education I’ve received has met my parents’ and my expectations, but more than that, I feel my growth as a person and as a Christian at Whitworth has been much more than we could have ever hoped for.

Q. What did you and your parents have to do to get you to Whitworth, in terms of finances? How did Whitworth help you?

AP My family and I have had to take out loans because we are low-income, but I’ve also received quite a bit of financial aid help from Whitworth. The financial aid office has also recommended numerous scholarships that I have applied for, and they’ve answered any questions that my parents and I have had.

Q. What are your post-graduation plans and long-term goals?

AP Science has always fascinated me, and I love the endless possibilities that a science degree holds – anything from medicine to HIV research – and the constant discoveries that change and redefine what it means to be a biologist. After graduation, I plan to go to pharmacy school and join the military. I hope that in the long term I can do gene therapy research to discover more about resistance to cancer, HIV, and other diseases. But above all, I want to find the place that God has prepared for me and I want to love His people through service.
In 2003, Joanne Heim, ’93, began writing “The Simple Wife,” her online blog, about life in the house she shares in Englewood, Colo., with her husband, Toben, ’93, and their daughters, Audrey, 13, and Emma, 11. She posts about her favorite foods and how to make them, about how she decorates her house for the seasons of the year, about what she’s reading and what it means to her. She also writes about home calamities, like the times she forgot to open the fireplace flue – twice in one week – and filled the frigid house with smoke before she realized that “The flue is open when that little handle thingy is pulled toward you.”

Heim’s writing is funny, self-effacing, filled with the familiar little things that make up everyday life. She knew from the start what she wanted her blog to address: simple, abundant life. “Living simply,” she wrote, “is not so much about the particulars of our lives as it is about the principles that govern them. Knowing what God has called you to do, and then doing it – that’s living simply.” She had declared that 2011 would be the Year of Love on the site, and she was thinking in late 2010 about ways to write about and live out that theme in the context of “The Simple Wife.” “I want to learn to love well this year,” she wrote. “I want to get to a year from now and look back on 2011 and say with honesty, ‘I loved well this year.’”

Her planning came to an abrupt halt less than a week after the second fireplace debacle. On the frigid morning of Jan. 11, Heim began a morning run on the treadmill in her basement – and woke up on a gurney in the emergency room at a nearby hospital, unable to use the left side of her body, with her terrified family praying for her life and a phalanx of concerned doctors hustling her off to radiology for the first of countless CAT scans. Her then-10-year-old daughter, Emma, had found her mom shaking violently on the floor by the treadmill, and Emma and Audrey, then 12, had called 911 and summoned their father and their grandmother.

At the hospital, doctors told the family that Joanne had suffered a major stroke. “They started drug therapy [to remove the clot that caused the stroke], but determined that they needed to go in with a catheter through an artery and into her brain,” wrote Toben. Their efforts restored some blood flow, but eventually doctors had to remove and “bank” a piece of Joanne’s skull to allow for the brain swelling that took place after the first procedure.

Toben began posting to Joanne’s blog, keeping readers up to date and asking for their prayers. At the end of each post he listed specific prayer requests – requests that went out to thousands of people. On a typical pre-stroke day, “The Simple Wife” received a couple thousand hits – a healthy following. The day after Joanne’s stroke, 60,000 people checked in. Hits on the site would eventually total more than 2.8 million.

Toben asked Joanne’s online friends to pray that the swelling in his wife’s brain would subside and that she would regain her abilities to speak and read; he also asked for God’s grace for his and Joanne’s daughters, for pain relief and restful sleep for
Joanne, and just for his wife to open “her beautiful brown eyes. And I want to be there for it,” he wrote. He was.

At one point early on, before Joanne had regained consciousness, Toben wrote of her as “still here, still the love of my life, still the one I want to grow old with.” He ended with this: “Enough of this writing. Time to hold hands with my girl.”

Eventually, Joanne was able to squeeze the hand that held hers through those dark early days. After four grueling months in the hospital, Heim went home. Despite her joy at returning to her family, she faced countless challenges that had never been hurdles before. Her father had outfitted the house with ramps and handrails for her use, and eventually he built a gym in the garage that he and Heim use to help her regain movement in her still-paralyzed left side.

Though she has come a long way since that day in January, she still fights brutally hard for small milestones in her recovery. Ever the consumer and producer of words, she’s trying to master one-handed typing and even texting – using the tiny virtual keyboard on her iPhone. Friends also bought her a Kindle and an iPad with software for stroke survivors; technology has become her special friend.

Fifteen months after that terrifying dash to the hospital, Heim is generally sanguine about the future. Countless responders to her blog posts speak of the inspiration that she provides by example. Her faith is intact. Her love for her family and her appreciation for those who’ve been there since the beginning – including her steadfast parents, Chuck and Kay Friedenstein – is palpable. The Year of Love turned into something much different than she’d expected, though love was never in short supply. But sometimes the stark reality of her current condition hits her hard. On one of those days, seven months after the stroke, she posted the following:

“How are you?” is a question that I am asked often. My response is usually along the lines of ‘OK...hanging in there.’ And it’s true. I am OK and hanging in there. But it’s not quite the whole truth.

“There is often not time or space to answer fully – and maybe the person asking doesn’t want the real answer. But here it is: I am sad. I am hurt. I am lonely. I am scared. I feel cheated and betrayed and lost and alone. Most days I don’t really want to get up and face the day. Most days I creep to the edge of the pit of self-pity and look down into the depths. Most days I back away from the edge.

“But some days I jump on in and wallow in the muck, feeling sorry for myself, angry and bitter. Those are not good days – days that I may be hanging on, but just barely and only by my fingernails. Those are days when I review all I have lost and worry that I may never get any better than I am right now. Those are days I ask, ‘Why, Lord?’ over and over. Days I play with despair and wish for a different life. Days I tell God how badly my feelings are hurt . . . .

‘...Every day I try to remind myself of things I know are true: Jesus does love me. My life does have purpose even though it doesn’t feel like it. There is good in this somewhere. This is just a season and it will end...someday...somehow.’

Heim reports lately that after a long time when she felt that God was far away, she’s beginning to feel his presence again. And she is grateful for small things these days – the flowers blooming outside her house, a warm afternoon spent reading on the deck, an assisted walk around the neighborhood or the mall, a change in medication that allows her to sleep more easily and more soundly.

When asked her fondest wish, Heim writes, “To get back to life as it was in the past. I’m still waiting to see some good come of this, though we have seen huge reconciliation with Toben’s family where there had been a lot of distance and hurt. And that makes it worth it for me.” After the Year of Love – which turned out to be the most difficult year of their lives – Joanne and Toben Heim look ahead with hope.

To read “The Simple Wife,” visit thesimplewife.typepad.com. You can also follow the Heims on Twitter at twitter.com/joanneheim and twitter.com/tobenheim.
The Gift of Learning

Spokane community leaders James P. & Wanda Cowles give $3 million to endow chair

James P. and Wanda Cowles, longtime friends of both Spokane and Whitworth, have been announced as the donors who last fall pledged $3 million to fund an endowed chair in gifted education at Whitworth. The landmark gift is named in honor of Margo Long, the widely respected associate professor of education emeritus who founded Whitworth’s Center for Gifted Education & Professional Development. The Cowles’ generous donation will support Whitworth’s commitment to preparing teachers who pursue vocations in serving gifted and talented students and will ensure the future of the center, the only one of its kind in Washington state.

“Jim and Wanda wanted the focus to be placed on Margo Long’s remarkable legacy and on her national reputation in gifted and talented education,” says Whitworth President Beck Taylor, “but we asked that they grant us permission to make their generosity and initiative known to the public. The news was simply too good for us to keep secret, particularly given the Cowles family’s long history with Whitworth.”

Jim Cowles is chairman of Inland Empire Paper Co., the largest subsidiary of Spokane-based Cowles Publishing Co. Wanda Cowles worked as an elementary school teacher in Spokane and has been a leader in Washington state education, most recently serving with Margo Long on the Gifted Education Advisory Board of Washington’s Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Will at Whitworth

President’s Leadership Forum brings George F. Will to Spokane

Three weeks before Americans vote in the 2012 presidential election, Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnist George F. Will will share his insights on the election and the country’s political landscape at Whitworth’s annual President’s Leadership Forum, sponsored by U.S. Bank, on Oct. 16 at the Spokane Convention Center. For tickets and more information, call Nancy Rau at 509.777.4250.

“My goal with the leadership forum is to bring timely and relevant experts to the Spokane community to discuss issues that are important for our region and for those who lead it,” says Whitworth President Beck Taylor. “George Will’s appearance will provide up-to-the-minute commentary on the upcoming general election, and I’m sure people will appreciate his thoughtful and informed perspectives. We are grateful to U.S. Bank for partnering with us to support this event.”

Whitworth’s President’s Leadership Forum series brings speakers to Spokane who represent a broad range of voices, perspectives and ideas. Believing that Christian worldviews and the ideas of Christian thinkers are sharpened by rigorous and open intellectual inquiry, Whitworth seeks to lead the way in inviting speakers to Spokane who can help the community engage in critical and careful thinking, civil discourse and effective action.

George Will is one of America’s most widely read columnists. His newspaper column has been syndicated by The Washington Post since 1974; it appears twice weekly in roughly 400 newspapers in the U.S. and Europe. In 1976, Will became a regular contributing editor to Newsweek magazine, for which he writes a bimonthly essay. Eight collections of his Newsweek and Washington Post columns have been published, the most recent of which is One Man’s America. In 1977 Will won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his newspaper columns.

All My Sons Is Whitworth Main Stage Hit

Senior Kristina Hess, as Kate Keller, embraces junior Ramsey Troxel, playing her son Chris, during the dramatic conclusion of Whitworth Theatre’s spring production, Arthur Miller’s All My Sons. The play was the Whitworth directorial debut for Susan Hardie, who has previously directed and acted at Spokane Civic Theatre. “My experience with All My Sons at Whitworth exceeded all my expectations,” Hardie says. “The cast, crew and design staff...delivered a powerful evening of theatre. The response has been very positive, and our appreciative crowds seemed to really be moved by the show. That, to me, is the hallmark of a truly successful production.” All My Sons debuted on Broadway in 1947, and has since been adapted for film, radio and television. The Whitworth Theatre Department staged the show previously, in 1991.
Great Debaters Make History

Whitworth students win two national championships

For the first time in Whitworth history, a team of students took home the championship trophy at the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Whitworth is the first Christian school to win the National Ethics Bowl. The team’s win marks the third time in four years the university has placed in the top five in the competition.

The Whitworth team competed against 32 top-scoring teams from 10 regions across the nation in the 16th annual NIEB. Last fall, more than 125 public and private colleges and universities competed in 10 regional bowls; Whitworth took second place in the Northwest region’s bowl competition.

Members of the Whitworth team include political science major Jesse Javana and English and philosophy double major Bridger Landle, both ’12; philosophy major Krista Johnson and political science major Max Nelsen, both ’13; and philosophy and Spanish double major Sarah Sauter, ’15. The team was coached by Mike Ingram, professor of communication studies and associate provost for faculty development and scholarship, and by Keith Wyma, associate professor of philosophy.

At the national competition, Whitworth defeated teams from Eckerd College, Loyola University Chicago, the University of California Santa Cruz, Weber State University, and Wake Forest University, as well as past national champion Clemson University. Other schools in attendance that finished below Whitworth in the standings included Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Indiana University, Villanova University and the University of Michigan.

In a separate competition, Whitworth’s forensics program, which re-launched this year, already boasts its first national champions. The team competed in the International Public Debate Association national tournament, held in Texas in April. Travis Walker, ’12, and Jacob Wilson, ’15, earned the title of co-national champions out of a field of 94 debaters from 28 schools. Their wins mark the first time in Whitworth history that students have taken home individual national titles in a speech or debate event.

The Whitworth team won six awards at the tournament. Krista Johnson, ’13, advanced to the quarterfinals, and Rachel Busick, ’12, Sam Director and Laryssa Lynch, both ’15, advanced to the round of 32. Team members also included Dee Ingram and Jonathan Kim, both ’15. Debate topics addressed issues including ethics in public journalism, freedom of expression for military personnel, taxing online businesses, and the proper role of skepticism.

Whitworthians Inspire Local High School Students to BELIEVE

In 2010, four Whitworth students – Molly Hough, Macy Olivas and Sergio Jara-Arroyos, all ’13, and Jonathan Whitmore, ’12, set up BELIEF: Because Every Life Is Empowering the Future. They planned the program to provide Spokane high school students in low income areas with resources and practical tools to make higher education an obtainable goal.

BELIEF’s inaugural conference was held in January at Whitworth. Twenty students from Rogers High School participated in the three-day event.

“I’m so excited to be here,” said participant Jacolby Rivers (above) when he arrived on campus. “Just being around inspiring people, being with people who will get our minds on college – it will make me want to go to college more.”

Students took part in workshops that focused on leadership, breaking stereotypes, the cycle of liberation, and what colleges look for in prospective students. They also listened to motivational speakers, enjoyed recreational activities, spent two nights in the dorms, and experienced campus life.

“We wanted to focus on empowerment and creating hope,” Hough says. “There’s a stigma in poorer neighborhoods that [youth] are not even expected to go to college. We wanted to remove that stigma and for them to know that their ZIP code does not determine where and if they go to college.”
On the Move

Administrators appointed to key leadership roles

- **Michael Le Roy**, '89, Whitworth's provost and executive vice president, was recently selected to be president of Calvin College, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Le Roy's last day of service to Whitworth was May 27.

  Le Roy was previously department chair and associate professor of political science and international relations at Wheaton College, in Illinois. He returned to Whitworth in 2002 as a professor of political science. He was appointed vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty in 2005 and was named executive vice president in 2010.

- **Barbara Sanders**, who joined the Whitworth education faculty in 1995, has been appointed interim provost as Whitworth conducts a search to fill Le Roy's position permanently. Sanders served most recently as associate provost for instruction, providing leadership for the academic programs and services that affect students' academic performance and success.

- Whitworth appointed **Noelle Wiersma**, '90, current professor and chair of the psychology department, to the position of dean of the new Whitworth College of Arts & Sciences. Under Wiersma's leadership, the college will carry out the primary responsibilities of providing an education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and committed to the integration of faith and learning. The college comprises 122 faculty members, supports the general education of undergraduate students, and offers 41 majors. The college also houses Whitworth's interdisciplinary programs, including U.S. Cultural Studies, Women's & Gender Studies, and the Core program.

- **Timothy Wilkinson** was named the Charles L. Boppell Dean of the School of Global Commerce & Management. Wilkinson, who will join Whitworth July 1, has nearly 20 years of experience in business education and administration. He is currently interim dean of the College of Business at Montana State University Billings and director of the university's Center for Business Enterprise.

  He served previously as associate director of the Institute for Global Business at the University of Akron, where he was also an associate professor of international business. In 2011, he won a prestigious Berry-AMA Prize for the best book in marketing published in 2010 for *The Distribution Trap! How to Retain the Value of Your Innovation*.

- **Kathy Storm**, current vice president for student life and dean of students, has been appointed associate provost for faculty development and scholarship. The three-year appointment is an internal position open to tenured faculty. Storm succeeds Professor of Communication Studies Mike Ingram, whose distinguished term of service concludes in June. Storm has served as vice president for student life since 1992, after teaching in Whitworth’s psychology department. (See Storm’s “Faculty Focus” column on Page 23.)

- After a nationwide search, **Dick Mandeville**, current director of residence life and associate dean of students, will succeed Kathy Storm as vice president for student life and dean of students. Mandeville brings 22 years of experience supporting and engaging Whitworth students to his new role, effective July 1.
‘Not As I Pictured’

*Pulitzer winner shares his journey through lymphoma*

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer John Kaplan, diagnosed at age 48 with a potentially deadly form of lymphoma, turned the lens on himself and chronicled his experience during treatment through photos and video. Eventually, he used the material to create an inspiring film to help fellow cancer patients, caregivers and survivors. On March 15 Kaplan shared his documentary, *Not As I Pictured: A Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photographer’s Journey through Lymphoma*, with the Whitworth and Spokane communities.

“Every day of treatment is a cliché,” Kaplan says. “But, when you get cancer, you don’t feel like a cliché, you just pray you can beat it.”

With help from his family, doctors, and even Mother Teresa and a rock star, Kaplan’s film captures the same determination and powerful storytelling ability that propelled him to the top as a photojournalist.

Although the topic is serious, the film is positive in tone and ends with the news of Kaplan’s complete remission. The film began airing nationwide on PBS stations in September and has won national acclaim and more than 20 film honors, including two prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Awards and several film festival honors for best documentary.

“John Kaplan’s ability to visually tell a powerful story is second to none,” says Kirk Hirota, who teaches photography at Whitworth. “He documents his experience dealing with lymphoma, but not in the typical ‘feel sorry for the guy with cancer’ way. The film is truly inspirational and life affirming.”

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A Decade of Achievement

*Whitworth and Act Six celebrate 10 years together*

When Act Six and Whitworth began their collaboration in 2002, no one could have known that the program, which at that time offered scholarships to emerging community leaders from high schools in Seattle and Tacoma, would flourish at Whitworth and, eventually, throughout the region.

This winter, 17 high school students won Act Six full-tuition scholarships and are now bound for Whitworth and Gonzaga University. The students are among 46 scholarship recipients selected from nearly 1,000 high school students in Washington and Oregon who took part in a rigorous three-month competition. Act Six scholars are selected based on their distinctive leadership abilities, academic potential, and commitment to making a difference in their communities. Collectively, the awards will provide more than $8 million in financial aid over four years.

Since the program’s inception, 37 cohorts of ethnically diverse and mostly first-generation, low-income Act Six scholars from urban Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Spokane and the Yakima Valley have enrolled at eight Northwest colleges and universities. To date, 90 percent of the 256 scholars who have begun college have graduated or are still enrolled; their graduation and retention rates far exceed national averages. Nearly 85 percent of Act Six alumni have returned to their home communities to work and serve, and 22 percent are pursuing or have earned graduate degrees.

“As a scholar, I am humbled and grateful to be a part of a movement and not just a scholarship program,” says Naticcia Melendez, ’12. “We are here to shed light on injustices, build bridges, and open our hearts to various perspectives around us. I’m honored to be an Act Six scholar and a future Whitworth grad.”

Esther Louie, Whitworth’s assistant dean for intercultural student affairs, says, “Since we launched the program at Whitworth, Act Six scholars have helped to transform our campus with their leadership. We look forward to welcoming Cadre Ten as we continue to engage our communities to bring forth the best young scholars.”

Whitworth and Gonzaga will host the Act Six 10th Anniversary Convention Aug. 1-4 in Spokane. Member schools and Act Six scholars will attend workshops, engage in strategic planning, and hear from program alums who are working in communities in Washington and around the world.
Top of the Conference
Whitworth wins fifth consecutive McIlroy-Lewis trophy

Whitworth Athletics once again walked away with the highest award bestowed by the Northwest Conference, claiming its fifth straight McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy, given for across-the-board excellence in athletics.

Whitworth won seven NWC championships this year, with conference titles in men’s cross-country and women’s volleyball, a tie for the title in men’s soccer, NWC crowns in men’s swimming and men’s basketball, a win in men’s track & field, and a tie for the championship in baseball.

In addition to the seven conference titles, Whitworth finished second in women’s swimming and men’s golf and third in women’s tennis and women’s golf. Linfield was next on the list with four championships.

“Winning one all-sports trophy is a high achievement,” says Whitworth Athletics Director Aaron Leetch, “but five in a row is really rare. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our coaches, athletic trainers, and staff – and the highest praise belongs to our student-athletes, who are as successful in the classroom as they are in athletics.”

School of Ed Earns an “A”
Whitworth earns re-certification with teacher-education’s most respected accreditor

The Whitworth School of Education recently earned a nearly unheard-of perfect score for its programs in teacher education. After an extensive review of Whitworth’s programs, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education passed the School of Education with flying colors and cited no areas for improvement.

“Voluntary national accreditation is important to us because it involves regular internal review of our programs, external review by a national team of experts, and impartial information about what we are doing well and where we can improve,” says Dennis Sterner, dean of the Whitworth School of Education. “These reviews are all based on high national standards for the preparation of teachers, school counselors and school administrators.”

Particular strengths of Whitworth’s teacher-education program as cited by NCATE include cultural competency, clearly defined benchmark assessments for students, outstanding faculty who are recognized by their peers and have an in-depth understanding of their content areas, and respected administrative leaders who enact effective processes for continuous improvement. In addition, NCATE praised Whitworth’s implementation of unique cultural and diverse field experiences.

From Breaking Away to Baader-Meinhof
Oakland festival features classics, debut of movie producer Beck Taylor

In addition to art exhibits, lectures, discussions and concerts, Whitworth celebrated Heritage Month 2012 with its fourth annual Leonard A. Oakland Film Festival. Oakland, who has taught in Whitworth’s English department for more than 46 years, was honored in 2009 with an endowment in his name that supports the festival each year.

This year’s movies, in keeping with Heritage Month’s “Whitworth in the ’70s” theme, included the classic comedy-dramas Breaking Away (1979) and Bad News Bears (1976), along with Harold and Maude, a beloved cult comedy from 1971. Baader-Meinhof Complex (2008), a look at the Red Army Faction, a German terrorist group, departed from the Heritage Month theme – and from the comedy genre – to round out the festival’s offerings.

The festival also introduced Whitworth President Beck Taylor in an entirely new role. In addition to his accomplishments in academia, Taylor recently added the title of movie mogul to his résumé when he served as executive producer of What Poor Child Is This?, which debuted at the festival. The film investigates the plight of indigent Americans and features insights from an array of national authorities as well as suggestions for improving the future of America’s poor. “I’m hopeful that the film increases awareness of and knowledge about the pervasiveness of child poverty in the U.S.,” Taylor says. “This was a labor of love for me, and I’m grateful that the film seems to be making an impact already.”
A Great Place to Work

Whitworth recognized nationally and locally for excellence, commitment to service

Whitworth is known nationally not only as a great place to go to college, but as a great place to work. In January, the university was named a “Best Christian Workplace” among higher-education institutions, based on a national survey of employees at Christian businesses and nonprofit organizations. This marks the third time in the past decade that Whitworth has participated in the survey and has been recognized as a Best Christian Workplace.

The Best Christian Workplaces Institute conducts annual employee surveys across a range of industries. Employees respond confidentially to an online survey of more than 50 questions on topics such as job satisfaction, personal development, management, commitment, pay and benefits.

“Whitworth faculty and staff identified a high level of trust between senior leadership and employees,” says Dolores Humiston, associate vice president for human resources at Whitworth. “They also believe that we recruit, hire and retain highly qualified employees. We will use the data to improve in areas where we’re already strong, and to address areas that will make us an even better place to work.”

And for the fourth time in six years, Whitworth has been placed on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National Community Service. The honor roll, launched in 2006, is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

As further evidence of the university’s strong service-learning and community-engagement programs, 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 disabilities, honors organizations that make exceptional efforts to improve its clients’ lives. The Arc honored Whitworth for its campus-donation projects, innovative service-learning courses, and campus engagement projects, which foster the inclusion of individuals with disabilities at Whitworth.

Such a Lovely Green Building

The U.S. Green Building Council has certified Robinson Science Hall (where the plaque to the left is located) as a LEED Gold building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and while Whitworth has a number of other LEED facilities, this is the university’s first LEED Gold project. Many people were involved at every step of the design, construction and commissioning process to make this certification possible, and it signals another step toward Whitworth’s realization of its ongoing institutional commitment to sustainability and its participation as a signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.

Biz Whizzes

Whitworth teams take home cash prizes at business competition

Whitworth teams won five out of nine awards in the 2012 Inland Northwest Business Plan Competition, with Whitworth taking first place in two of the competition’s three categories. The five winning Whitworth teams garnered a total of $14,500 in prize money.

Nine teams of students, from Whitworth, Eastern Washington University, and Spokane Community College, captured $22,500 in cash awards for proposals they submitted for the competition, which is open to graduate and undergraduate students from throughout the region.

This year, more than 40 teams submitted plans in three project categories: social-enterprise, community-based, and student-generated. Fifteen teams were chosen to present their plans for the final round of competition.

Whitworth senior Kyle Jordan took home $5,000 for placing first in the student-generated category. His business plan, “Whitworth Lawn Boys,” details the franchise expansion of Jordan’s current lawn care business. Jordan also won $2,000 for taking second place in the social-enterprise category for his “Hoop Dreams” plan.

Whitworth graduate students Tara Lambert, Kimberlee Betts and Mandell Campbell won $5,000 for taking first place in the community-based category. Their business plan, “MaidNaturally,” outlines a management and growth strategy for the Spokane-based cleaning business, which started in 2006 and has since expanded nationally.

Whitworth senior Jeffrey Aly took second place and $2,000 in the student-generated category for his plan, “Up & Down Golf Apparel,” and Whitworth senior Jacob Klein took third and $500 in the social-enterprise category for his plan, “Inland Mobility Services.”

Major funding for the competition was provided by the Herbert B. Jones Foundation, Avista, STCU, Sterling Bank, and Paul Wham.
Hope for Years to Come
WIM ready to address tumult in the church

The Whitworth Institute of Ministry, the university’s annual week of renewal for pastors and their families, will convene July 9-13 to address the topic “Our Hope for Years to Come: Theological Foundations during Turbulent Times.”

“Tension has always been present in the church,” says Dean of Spiritual Life Terry McGonigal. “Sometimes it comes from internal theological disagreements; at other times it issues from threats incubated in external host cultures. Many Christian leaders today experience these dual tensions. In turbulent times, church leaders have found strength, wisdom and guidance to envision a trajectory for adaptive change from those who have gone before them. This year’s WIM will ask, ‘What can we learn from our past that will help us lead more effectively as we strive to live faithfully in our commitments to the gospel and to the church?’”

Speakers at this year’s conference will be Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary (Calif.); MaryKate Morse, professor of leadership and spiritual formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary (Ore.); and Tod Bolsinger, senior pastor at San Clemente Presbyterian Church (Calif.). In addition to hearing from these speakers, attendees can enroll in workshops on leadership in times of change (led by Campus Pastor Mindy Smith, ’98, and Jerry Deck, executive director of Presbyterian Global Fellowship); and worship leadership (led by Associate Professor of Music Benjamin Brody, ’97, and other members of the WIM music-leadership team).

ELI’s Coming

“Eli,” a word that means “my God” in Hebrew, is also the name of an Old Testament priest who failed in his duties. And it is the name of a new Whitworth program that will begin in spring 2013. The Elder Leadership Institute (ELI) will help elders and pastors to expand upon their work for the church and to seek the intimacy that each Christian is called to have with God.

ELI is a 15-month program that works in concert with the Whitworth Institute of Ministry (WIM), the university’s annual summer program that brings together pastors and lay leaders to focus on biblical teaching, preaching, fellowship and encouragement. ELI participants will complete readings and writing assignments and will prepare a congregational history that covers their church’s inception, strengths, problems, context and future.

In July 2013, the inaugural ELI class will gather for the first time as a cohort track within WIM. ELI instructors are Sara Singleton, founding director of ELI and parish associate at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs; Jerry Sittser, Whitworth professor and chair of theology; Steve Macchia, founder and president of Leadership Transformations, Inc.; and Jim Singleton, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, who will transition to Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass. For additional information about the program, please visit www.whitworth.edu/eli.

Making Memorable Music
Whitworth Wind Symphony takes Costa Rica by storm

In its first international concert tour, the Whitworth Wind Symphony traveled to Costa Rica in March, where the group performed at the Whitworth Costa Rica Center’s grand opening celebration and held concerts and workshops at venues around the country.

“While the entire week was fantastic – including an unforgettable, blustery performance for the inauguration of the Costa Rica Center – probably the most memorable experience was our time with young music students in the small town of Miramar,” says Richard Strauch, professor of music and director of the wind symphony.

The symphony’s workshops and concerts for students took place at two music schools in the towns of Miramar (pictured below) and Desamparados. The schools are a part of Sistema Nacional de Educación Musical (SiNEM), Costa Rica’s national music education system – approximately 30 schools that serve underprivileged and at-risk students. Whitworth recently began accepting music education students from SiNEM for intercultural placements at the Costa Rica Center, where they complete internships for class credit.

In a concert sponsored by the Costa Rican cultural ministry, the ensemble performed at Morazan Park, in downtown San José. They also performed at Hotel La Condesa, in San Rafael, and at National University, in Heredia, as part of that school’s intercultural concert series.
Caffeinated Conversation

Lindaman Chair envisions meeting between Calvinist and feminist

On the heels of theologian John Calvin's 500th birthday and amid renewed interest in his teachings, Whitworth Political Science Professor Julia Stronks presented her first Lindaman Chair Lecture, "If a Calvinist Had Coffee with a Feminist," on March 28.

Time magazine has called the "new Calvinism" one of the 10 most influential areas of thought currently affecting the world, and feminism continues to influence our culture. During her lecture, Stronks focused on public policy issues that are important to both of these seemingly incongruous perspectives.

According to Stronks, Calvinist theology provides an intellectual way to think about the role of government and other institutions in society, while feminism highlights injustices of which many Christians are unaware.

"On the face of things, Calvinism and feminism have little in common, but I think when we look more deeply at both perspectives we can see there are ways in which they can work together," Stronks says. "They have much to learn from each other when we are thinking about difficult policy areas."

Stronks' research focuses on faith, law and public policy. During her four-year tenure as Lindaman Chair, she will work on projects related to immigration; sex trafficking; high school curriculum that emphasizes citizenship and life-long learning; employment rights of faith-based institutions; and what it means to be a Christian lawyer. A number of Whitworth students are assisting Stronks with these projects.

Stronks, who is in her 18th year at Whitworth, has served as director for the Murdock Charitable Trust's $1 million grant for the Lives of Commitment Project since 2001.

George Would Be Proud

Honors program supports in-depth learning

Each year Whitworth accepts high-achieving student applicants, only to lose some of them to peer institutions that offer honors programs. This winter, Whitworth established the George Whitworth Honors Program, in part to attract and retain high-achieving students who are looking for educational experiences that promote in-depth research and collaborative learning. Professor of English Doug Sugano has been appointed director of the program.

"Doug comes to this role from a long history of promoting and delivering quality academic experiences to highly motivated students at Whitworth," says Provost and Executive Vice President Michael Le Roy, '89. "He has served as a very capable department chair of the English department and as a faculty member who collaborates well across disciplines."

Whitworth's honors program is not intended to be exclusive or elitist. Rather, according to Le Roy, the program will reshape the university by promoting active, reflective and technological teaching styles that will engage students and faculty across campus.

Students enrolled in honors courses will not do more at a faster pace, but will engage in deep, integrated learning and high-level analytical and critical thinking through instruction and activities not easily incorporated into traditional courses. The honors program will also challenge faculty by providing opportunities for professors to experiment with pedagogy and high-interest topics.

Honors courses will be offered to incoming freshmen in fall 2012. Eligible students must possess a minimum 3.75 GPA and 1870 SAT score. Faculty members whose proposed honors courses were selected by the program's steering committee this spring will take part in a summer workshop to develop their courses in preparation for the fall semester.

Honors courses for all class levels will be offered beginning in fall 2013. Students who qualify for the honors program will have the first opportunity to enroll in classes; any remaining seats will be open to general undergraduates. To graduate with George Whitworth Honors, students must possess a 3.75 GPA, be in the top 20 percent of their academic departments, and complete designated program requirements.
In Memoriam

Martin “Nick” Faber, ’50
Associate Professor Emeritus of Education

Nick Faber died in December. Faber was recruited in 1946 by then-Whitworth president Frank Warren to study and play football, basketball and baseball at Whitworth. After his graduation, Faber was a classroom teacher in Tonasket and Moses Lake from 1951-64. He then returned to school, earning his M.A. and Ed.D. degrees in counseling from the University of Wyoming. Faber taught at Gonzaga University from 1967-72 and then returned to his alma mater for the rest of his career, teaching counseling and education courses at Whitworth from 1972 until his retirement, in 1990. His passions were collecting Heisey glassware, barbecuing, hunting, and, as mentioned in his online obituary, “changing lives through his gifts for listening and counseling.”

Dean of the School of Education Dennis Sterner says of Faber, “During his tenure at Whitworth, Nick touched and changed many lives. He was a big man with a big heart and he truly was a friend to everyone he met.”

Faber is survived by his wife, Beverly (Holmes, ’49), his five children (four of them Whitworth alums) and their spouses, his sister, his grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews.

If you would like to send a card of condolence to Beverly Faber, please contact Gretchen Cleveland, ’00, assistant to the provost, at gcleveland@whitworth.edu or 509.777.3702.

Jean Mounce

Whitworth was informed in April of the death of Jean Mounce, wife of former Whitworth President Robert (Bob) H. Mounce. Jean and Bob served Whitworth from 1981-87. They were married for 60 years. Earlier this year, Western Kentucky University journalism major Shelby Mack created a video, Thoughts on Love and Care, featuring the Mounces. The video explores, through Bob’s eyes, the question of whether love gets better with age. To read a brief article about the video and to link to YouTube to see it, visit www.newportbeachindy.com/2012/02/14/lesson-love/.

A service was held for Jean Mounce at Pacific View Memorial Park, in Newport Beach, Calif. Those who would like to offer condolences may e-mail them to bobmounce@gmail.com.

The Word Made Manifest

Whitworth hosts King James Bible exhibit

Whitworth’s Harriet Cheney Cowles Memorial Library was one of only 40 sites nationwide chosen to host a traveling exhibition, “Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible,” in honor of the King James Bible’s 400th anniversary. The exhibit, which celebrates the first printing of the King James Bible in 1611 and examines its fascinating and complex history, was displayed April 11-May 13 at Whitworth.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Cowles Library sponsored free programs and events, including an opening reception and lecture by Whitworth Professor of Theology James Edwards, ’67. The library also sponsored a panel discussion about the KJB featuring Whitworth Assistant Professor of Art Meredith Shimizu, ’93, who discussed the Bible and art; Whitworth Professor of English Leonard Oakland, who talked about the Bible and literature; and Gonzaga Professor of Religious Studies Linda Schearing, who discussed the Bible and popular culture.

The “Manifold Greatness” exhibit was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The traveling exhibit comprises high-quality reproductions of rare and historic books, manuscripts and works of art from the Folger and Bodleian collections, interpretive text and related images. The only other site in Washington state that hosted the exhibit was the Mid-Columbia Library District, in Kennewick.
One of the most gratifying moments of each school year is commencement – and the opportunity to watch at close range as every graduating student walks across the stage to shake the hand of the president and receive his or her diploma. It is thrilling to see every senior achieve this meaningful milestone and to know many of their stories, their individual journeys, the hurdles that they’ve overcome. That is one thing that has made my work in Whitworth Student Life an enormous privilege and a great joy.

For 20 years it has been one of my life’s great opportunities to serve in the student life division in the company of wise, skilled and deeply committed colleagues. As partners in Whitworth’s educational mission, student life daily encourages personal growth and rich community. It serves as a laboratory for living out our mission in human community, conscience and independence of choice. While being respectful of the individual’s remaining true to transcendent values.

Second, in Christian higher education, we walk a delicate path, affirming the individual choices of students; we teach the importance of doing what one loves (and rightly so). We want people to follow their hearts when charting a vocational path, rather than to be co-opted by someone else’s vision for their life. At the same time, we are committed to living out an institutional mission that affirms core values, that assumes divinely defined human purpose, that prizes some life paths above others. For example, we value community and service and the common good; if someone’s life runs directly opposite to those commitments, we are concerned. So this is the complex path we walk: affirming without imposing, remaining true to transcendent values while being respectful of the individual’s conscience and independence of choice.

Finally, given the complexity of living out our mission in human community, staff and faculty are fortunate that we’re not in this alone! We are privileged to have student leaders deeply committed to the university’s mission who are involved each day in the front-line work of building community. When challenging ideas present real-life dilemmas, students in leadership offer a safe, wise presence. In the delicate task of finding one’s way in a world of transcendent values, rich conversations with leaders committed to the best interests of those around them are vitally important. Every fall, meeting with students who are preparing for leadership is among the most inspiring moments of the year; one of the joys of working in student life is getting to know many of these leaders.

So commencement is thrilling because students have completed years of challenge to consider important ideas and to think about how those ideas should make a difference in their lives. They have considered their calling and the role that individual passions and transcendent values play in their vocational choices. Their journeys have been enriched by the mentoring of staff and faculty and by the influence of bright and dedicated peers. It has been exciting to recognize commencement as a moment of their personal accomplishment, as well as recognition of this common experience. I will miss this close-range view. At the same time, after 20 years in student life, I look forward to furthering the same goals in new ways at the institution I love.
Getting Around Campus

PHOTO ESSAY BY JORDAN BEAUCHAMP, '12
An “x” before a class year indicates that the person attended, but did not graduate from, Whitworth.

2000s

2001 Kendra (Kimball) married David Chapman Oct. 8 in New York City. Christy Lang, ’99, officiated at the ceremony. The Chapmans met at a bus stop in NYC on a snowy day in 2009, and are “overjoyed” to have found one another.

2002 Eric Olson is a fire dispatcher in Spokane. Jennifer (Kann) Olson is a teacher for the Rosalia School District. Adam Walker Cleaveland was ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Nov. 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, Calif., and was installed as associate pastor Jan. 22 at First Presbyterian Church in Ashland, Ore.

2003 Matthew Kaemingk received a Fulbright scholarship to study for a year in the Netherlands. His wife, Heather (Graham, ’04) Kaemingk, graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with her master’s degree in worship and music ministry.

2004 Crystal Hayes lives in Lake Charles, La., where her husband, Patrick, recently took a job as assistant professor of jazz studies and saxophone performance at McNeese State University. She continues to pursue her master’s in special education at McNeese State University. She is currently building a private trombone studio for her students from Lake Charles and surrounding areas. Karen (Ellison) Andres enjoys retirement, being a new grandparent, volunteering with Interfaith Community Services, and the Ministry of Visitation to the Homebound, as well as being a member of women’s ministry, Bible fellowship, couples’ small groups and the worship music team. Tara (Eaton) Leung and her husband, Daniel, live in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where Tara manages development projects for Save the Children.

2005 Paul Ranheim earned a master of divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary in May 2011. He continues with songwriting and performing and is the director of worship and arts at a church in Santa Barbara, Calif. Aaron Coe completed a master’s in history at Portland State University. Jennifer (Frankovic) Ingram will graduate with a master’s in English literature from Central Washington University, in June.

2006 Josh Kerns married Nichole (Betts), ’07, Oct. 22 in Spokane. The Kerns have settled in Mead, Wash., after a honeymoon in Maui. Cory Siebe lives in Milwaukee and studies medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Wauwatosa. Katy (Peringer) Vancil was hired in August as a school counselor at Salk Middle School, in Spokane. She was the only out-of-district hire for Spokane Schools. Amy Mattie is a kindergarten teacher at Felix International School in Japan. Her school is a private English-immersion school. She was in Japan in March 2011, when the 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit. Mary Eagle received her master’s of education in administrative leadership degree in May. She and Corby Harwood are engaged to be married this summer. Corby earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Washington State University in May and is now an assistant professor of mathematics at George Fox University, in Newberg, Ore. Matthew and Stephanie (Grace) Sharp moved from the Seattle area to Chicago in August 2011. Matt works in the Chicago office of comScore, Inc. Stephanie earned a master’s of science in nutrition from Bastyr University in June 2011 and was placed in a dietetic internship at Edward Hines, Jr., Veterans Administration Hospital in Chicago. At the end of her internship this spring, she will prepare for the registered dietician exam.

2007 Fa’ana Fanene married Bobby Martin in November. Lauren Kleinshmidt was accepted to the New York City Teaching Fellows program.

From Whitworth to DIY TV

Kristel DeVries, ’04, who is used to getting her hands dirty, is the executive producer for the television show House Crashers, on the DIY Network, and the co-executive producer for Room Crashers, on HGTV. Designers and builders with these shows ambush unsuspecting shoppers at hardware stores and follow them home to renovate their yards, or rooms in their houses. DeVries does everything from planning projects, directing cameras, writing shows and operating saws to guiding the projects to ensure that something beautiful is created in three short days. DeVries, pictured above on set, enjoys the work, saying, “I love seeing something ugly become beautiful.” As a proud alum, she credits Whitworth for encouraging her to follow her heart and to do what she loves.
after living and traveling abroad for several years. She works in Brooklyn with first- and second-grade students with emotional and behavioral disturbances. Courtney Powell married Josh Remmenga Jan. 7. She is currently raising support to serve with Youth Dynamics, in Anacortes, Wash.

2008 Jennifer (Tracy) Ford is a second-year law student at Pepperdine University (Calif.). Her husband, Robert, works in admissions. She is pursuing a career in government and is an intern in the sex-crimes division at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. Robert will begin his master of business administration degree program this summer. The Fords are hoping to stay in California when both are done with school. Amanda (Ikea) Dolan began working for Carlsbad Seapointe, a Grand Pacific Resort in Carlsbad, Calif., as a front desk clerk in early 2009, and has since been promoted to director of guest services at Grand Pacific Palisades Resort and Hotel, which is also in Carlsbad. Ryan Scrupps serves with the United States Marine Corps. He married his high school sweetheart, Kelsey, in 2011. Jared Hall placed third at the National Trumpet Competition. He is completing a master of music degree in jazz studies at Indiana University, where he is an associate instructor in the jazz studies program. He assists in directing several jazz ensembles and performs frequently in groups such as the David Baker Jazz Ensemble and Mixteto Sonido. He plans to pursue doctoral studies after completing his master's.

2009 Christopher Dennis is in his first year of a master's program in social work at the University of Denver, in Denver, Colo. Amy Moos earned her master's degree in Spanish literature from the University of Utah in May.

2010 After completing a 10-month Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in rural Malaysia last year, Blair Daly was hired as an EducationUSA Adviser at the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange, in Kuala Lumpur. EducationUSA provides information to students who want to enter American universities, and promotes American higher education in general. Tyler Hamilton is completing his second year of teaching in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Teach for America. He is completing a master's degree in education from Hunter College.

2011 Sophie Sestero works for Ritter Public Relations as an assistant account executive. She is releasing a book about social media marketing through the Idaho Women's Journal this year. Eric Vander Heyden completed his master's in teaching degree at Whitworth, and then went on to spend a year in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa, with Mennonite Central Committee, co-teaching with local Tanzanian English teachers in three of the city's lowest-achieving secondary schools. He plans to return home to Seattle in July to pursue his first year of teaching in an inner-city elementary school.

BIRTHS

2000 a boy, Taytum Louise, to Jennifer (Eastman) and Todd Johnson, Nov. 1
2000 a boy, Casen Michael McGhan-Kezel, to Daniel and Kelli Kezele, Dec. 16
2001 a boy, Brendan Isaiah, to Marc and Molly (Lawson, '02) Henning, June 23, 2008
2001 a girl, Annalise Margaret, to Marc and Molly (Lawson, '02) Henning, Jan. 5, 2011
2002 a girl, Kyla, to Andrea (West) and Matt Allen, Feb. 25, 2007
2002 a boy, Noah, to Andrea (West) and Matt Allen, April 22, 2011
2002 a girl, Catherine Joy, to Carrie (Erickson) and Joel Bradley, March 12, 2011
2002 a boy, Caleb Elijah, to Adam and Sarah Walker Cleaveland, Dec. 30
2002 a girl, Lola Diane, to Samantha (Nowell) and Clegg Hubbell, May 12, 2008
2002 a boy, Orrin Scott, to Samantha (Nowell) and Clegg Hubbell, Jan. 29, 2011
2002 a girl, Anna Sofia, to Annie (Snow) and Ben Jones, March 2, 2011

2002 a boy, Preston Caleb, to Stefanie (Black) and Chris Marriott, Nov. 27, 2010
2002 a girl, Gwendolyn, to Eric and Jennifer (Kann, '02) Olson, Jan. 29, 2009
2002 a boy, Jeremiah, to Eric and Jennifer (Kann, '02) Olson, May 19, 2011
2002 a boy, Andrew Jeffrey, to Hillary Starr and Jeff Lamb, March 27, 2009
2002 a boy, Nathan James, to Hillary Starr and Jeff Lamb, Nov. 5, 2010
2002 a boy, Ryder, to Nathaniel and Rachael Van Valin, March 10, 2011
2003 a boy, Cameron, to William and Jennifer (Geroy, '03) Condon, Jan. 31
2003 a boy, Aaron Joel, to Lisa (Sommner) and Ryan Crane, Aug. 15, 2011
2003 a boy, Calvin Stewart, to Matthew and Heather (Graham, '04) Kaeminger, Aug. 24, 2010
2004 twin boys, Linus and Micah, to Tara (Eaton) and Daniel Leung, Sept. 12
2005 a girl, Theresa Joy, to Alyssa (Hansen) and Matthew Bell, Feb. 28
2006 a girl, Brooke Elizabeth, to Nathan and Megan (Hanson, '05) Backman, Oct. 13
2007 a boy, Matteo Makua, to Chris and Rebecca (Karste, '06) Ahsing, Feb. 14
2007 a boy, Torell Robert, to Katherine (Troxell) and Wade Maulsby, Dec. 5, 2010
2007 a girl, Grace Evangeline, to Daniel and Kristi (Bechtel, '07) Mullen, April 26, 2011
2007 a girl, Eden, to Suzanne (Viducich) and Nathan Rains, March 22, 2010
2007 a boy, Jude, to Suzanne (Viducich) and Nathan Rains, Sept. 6
2008 a boy, Gavin Ryan, to Ryan and Kelsey Scrupps, Jan. 11
2008 a girl, Pyper Ryn, to Erin (Clarizio) and Christian Starr, July 19, 2011

1990s

1990 Kelley (Donahue) Adams' husband of 18 years died suddenly in 2009; she then moved from Seattle to Portland and settled in Vancouver, Wash., in November 2011. She works for a company that helps the elderly and disabled.

1992 Joan Frank is a fellow of International Training in Communication and the vice president of the northwest region at POWERtalk Int'l.

1993 Kristen (Nichelson) Anderson and her husband, Bruce, adopted their first child, Cole David Anderson, last October.

1996 Matthew Hirschfelder is a professional piano technician in Salem, Ore.

1998 Erik Olson is a game warden for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. He is based at a marine division out of Seattle, and he works throughout the state during various times of the year. In October, he was selected as the 2010 Officer of the Year and was also selected as the recipient of the Shikar Safari Officer of the Year Award.

BIRTHS

1994 twin girls, Jessica and Rachel, to Juli (Piller) and Jim Powers, '93, June 24, 2011
1995 a girl, Lilijana, to Tait and Marijana (Ilincic, '97) Wasser, Aug. 17
1996 a girl, Hope Elizabeth Anne, to Douglas and Erika Haub, Nov. 21
Late Wife’s Legacy Inspires May
By Rachel O’Kelley, ’12

John May, ’02, spent eight months married to the love of his life, Katie, before she died following a long battle with a rare lung condition.

Katie was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension in 2003. It limited her ability to move, as she was functioning on only 30-40 percent lung capacity. But “if you met her you would never have guessed that she was struggling for life,” May says.

Despite Katie’s deteriorating condition and the reality that it could prove impossible to find a donor lung for the transplant that might spare her life, May was sure he wanted to marry her. She offered him an out during her last months, saying she would understand if he ended their relationship. However, May knew even then that marrying Katie would be the best decision of his life.

“I proposed to her the following week, on my birthday. I knew she couldn’t say no on my birthday,” May says. They were married in November 2010.

The Mays wanted to cherish every moment they had. John notes, “We had to forgive quickly and love each other radically. There was no other way to live and love, given our circumstance.” Katie had enjoyed an active life, so it was difficult for her to endure the physical limitations imposed by her condition. John remembers their last date, to a concert, in June 2011. “She danced like I’d never seen her. It was unbelievable. I’m crying as I remember it now. She fought for every inch of life,” May says.

Together, they held on to the hope that a transplant would become available to prolong Katie’s life. “We would hold each other and pray every night and thank God for another day,” May says. Katie battled her condition for eight years and finally waited for a lung transplant at the UCLA Medical Center, where she died on July 16, 2011. May says, “I’m thankful to have been married to Katie at all. Some people live a lifetime and never get to experience the type of redemptive love that Katie and I shared together.

“We were living at UCLA hospital for six weeks, waiting for Katie’s lungs. They never came,” May says.

Young Life was a shared passion for John and Katie. May has been on staff with Young Life since he graduated from Whitworth, and he is currently the area director for San Luis Obispo County, in California. Katie’s parents, Jeanne (Evans, ’78) and Gary Parsons, also have longtime Young Life connections, and Gary helped begin Young Life in the former Soviet Union. Katie and John met during a program for the Young Life Russia Committee. He cherishes the time they traveled to Moscow with Young Life, recounting the joy she felt on that trip, as she came alive in the city in which she grew up.

“I’m focusing on God’s goodness in giving me Katie and healing me through her life and love. It carries me as I continue to work with Young Life,” he says. May’s vocational work and deep relationships in the region have opened doors for him to speak honestly with student groups about the importance of organ donation.

He also offers this advice to his groups: “Love well, live well, and help bring heaven on earth while you are here. That’s Katie’s legacy.”

To learn more about Katie May and her legacy, visit www.katieparsonsmay.com.

DEATHS
Lois (Keck) Tillotson, ’90, died June 23, 2011. She was born July 18, 1948, in Oakdale, Calif. She married James Tillotson in 1969. She enjoyed making crafts, scrapbooking, and four-wheeling outdoors. She traveled on short-term mission trips to Russia, Israel, and Southeast Asia. She loved first and foremost the Lord, her family, and teaching. She is survived by her husband, her daughter, and other family. June (Koetite) Wyrick, ’91, died March 22. She was born Feb. 12, 1945, in Shreveport, La. She married Ronald Wyrick in 1966. They moved to Spokane in 1974. They had four children together, and her family later expanded to include six grandchildren. She earned her master’s at Whitworth while raising her four children. She taught kindergarten and later became a substitute teacher, and loved to serve the church and 1996 a boy, Renner Gregory, to Jenny (Gregory) and Matthew Hirschfelder, ’96, Nov. 21
1997 a girl, Maggie Rose, to Michael and Keri Phay, Sept. 22
1997 a boy, Cruz, to Kris Vegas and Ana Montes de Vegas, April 24, 2011
1998 a boy, Thomas Patrick, to Maria (Colacurcio) and Brent Frei, Feb. 15
1998 a boy, Amos Blaise, to Jessica (Wentworth) and Justin Uhler, ’96, Oct. 1
1999 a girl, Serenity Mei, to Dave and Coral (Langton, ’02) Haslet, Sept. 1

1981 Cindy (Hubert) Steinborn teaches seventh grade reading/language and arts/history at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, in Kennewick, Wash. She is also the drama club advisor, seventh-grade co-team leader, lunch-intervention instructor and track coach. In addition, she is the Southridge High School Booster Club Secretary, and she helps with children's ministries at South Hills Church, also in Kennewick. Cindy earned her national board certification, passing on her first attempt. She continues to encourage and help others who are working on this same rigorous adventure.

1985 Rebecca Douglass lives in Daly City, Calif., with her husband and two sons. She works for the library, serves on the school board, and just published her first book, *The Ninja Librarian*, for young adults.

1987 Marilyn (Megney) Newkirk is the author of two books, *Spokane, 22nd Street & the Fifties*, and *The Legacy of Yesteryear*, which she wrote after her retirement. She and her late husband, Ray, worked with a drug recovery program known as Truly Motivational Transitional Living, as well as with their church. They have eight children, 20 adopted adult children, and 17 grandchildren.

**BIRTHS**

1987 a boy, Miles, to Brooke (Shopbell) and Robert MacElrath, Feb. 21, 2011

**DEATHS**

Lenore (McReynolds) Haight, ’80, died Sept. 6. She retired in 1976, after 33 years in education. She married Nick Haight June 5, 1933, and they spent 66 years together until his death in 1999. She loved to read and dance. She is survived by her son, daughter, and other family. Sarah J. Ramsey, ’80, died Jan. 18. She began her career in media advertising, and she was a talented salesperson, often finding lasting friendships with her clients. She was also a storyteller who enjoyed the opportunity to share an anecdote with those around her. She is survived by her brother, sister, and other family and friends. Alfonso M. Marsh, ’81, died Jan. 23. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, was a Vietnam veteran and spent his years of service in the Navy (1966-70) as a member of the Western Pacific Fleet. In 1972, he began work for Pacific Northwest Bell and met his wife, Marsha. They were married in 1974, and they became the parents of two sons and a daughter. He worked in telecommunications for 25-plus years, and went on to work with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier in Seattle. Last July, despite kidney cancer that was diagnosed two years earlier, he was able to enjoy a scenic Alaska cruise trip with his family. Lola (Minnick) Moore, ’81, died Dec. 12. Her first marriage was to Charlie Gilbreth, with whom she had one daughter. During WWII, Lola worked at Fairchild AFB cleaning planes after they returned from missions. Her second marriage was to John Moore, with whom she had a son. After their divorce, Lola came back to Medical Lake and worked in her father's store, at The Spokesman-Review, as a switchboard operator at Eastern State Hospital, and as owner/operator of a small restaurant. After graduating from Whitworth, she went to work at DHS as a social worker. She loved drawing, painting and writing, and she in 2002 she was named International Poet of Merit by the International Society of Poets. She is survived by her daughter, son, and other family. Georgean (Roth) Brown-Roth, ’85, died March 9. She began her career at Head Start as a volunteer in 1969, becoming the lead teacher in 1975 and accepting the position of director in 1980. During her 30 years with Head Start, she assisted in establishing seven local area centers and secured millions of dollars in grant money. In 1995, she received the national award for excellence in management from the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Head Start Management Fellows Program. She enjoyed gardening, remaining active in the community, and spending time with her family. She is survived by two daughters, a son, two brothers, and other family. Wendell R. Bryant, ’85, died Dec. 5. In high school he was active in basketball, football, karate, wrestling and track, as well as in the school band. He was a baker at Great Harvest Bakery for 16 years. He is survived by his mother, sisters, brother, and other family. Colleen (Thompson) Busby, ’85, died Nov. 21. She was an elementary school teacher at Longfellow and Ridgeway schools, and though she was unable to have children of her own, she had a deep love for her students and her profession, which she considered to be her life’s definition. She is survived by her husband, her parents, her brothers, and other family.

**1970s**

1972 Dorothy (Larson) Hay began her 25th year as conductor of Issaquah Singers, a four-part, all-volunteer community choir of more than 60 members, last September. She also began her 15th year as a high school counselor in the Issaquah School District. Durand Splater sold his company, Alpine Mortgage, to The Legacy Group, a Bellevue, Wash.-based mortgage banking company, after 21 years as owner and president. He is currently the branch manager of TLG’s Northgate office. He continues to play basketball, traveling with his team to various national seniors tournaments. Their most recent trip was to St. George, Utah, for the Huntsman Senior Games, where his team won the gold medal in its age division. Carol A. Reineck was recently
promoted to full professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing at San Antonio.

1974 Dave Reynolds is a retired high school teacher and coach. He is a private pitching instructor, and also pitches (overhand) for the Washington Titans, a 55-plus men’s baseball team, which has won the Roy Hobbs World Series AAAA 55-plus Legends title for six of the past seven years. He is a resale representative with American District Telegraph Securities and was elected 2012 vice president for The Network of Tacoma.

1975 Helena (Ansotigue) Reynolds is a parks program coordinator for the City of Kent Senior Activity Center. Since her hiring at the center in 1990, her responsibilities have included volunteer coordination, fund-raising, marketing, promotions, and event production. One of her community events, “A Jazz & Art Showcase,” was honored by National Institute of Senior Centers as one of the top 2011 special events in the nation. She and her husband, Dave Reynolds, ’74, live in Federal Way, Wash., near their son Jason, ’03, his wife, Julie (Jones, ’03), and their son Jonny, born July 11, 2008.

DEATHS

George L. Dye, ’71, died Feb. 29. During his time in the USAF, he traveled west to Spokane, where he met his wife, Sharron. After graduating from Eastern Washington University and Whitworth, he went on to be on the faculty in the Deer Park School District for 25 years. George retired to travel in his motorhome in the company of his wife, his mother-in-law, and his children. He was an active member of Northview Bible Church and Gideon International. He loved spending time camping, golfing and fishing with his family. He is survived by his wife, his mother-in-law, and his sister. Mary E. Guimond, ’72, died Nov. 29. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and attended the Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy. Her faith was a central part of her life; she made two pilgrimages to Venezuela later in her life. She married her husband, Jim, after WWII and they adopted three children. After graduating from North Idaho College and Whitworth, she taught elementary students at St. Thomas Elementary, Sorenson, and Borah schools. She loved gardening and quilting. She is survived by her siblings. Karen (Aznoe) Kersul, ’72, died Oct. 9. She was a high school home economics teacher in Deer Lodge, Mont., and at Shadle Park High, in Spokane. She also worked as a home economist at The Spokesman-Review, as a church receptionist, and with children at Bible Study Fellowship. Karen enjoyed Bible study, working with children, the outdoors, and quilting. She is survived by her husband, George, her brothers, and other family. Don Scott, ’74, died Dec. 19. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Mica Grange, Kootenai Masonic Lodge, Sons of the American Revolution, Calam Shrine, Elk Lodge 1254, and retired teachers, and he was a 52nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason. He taught at Coeur d’Alene High School until his retirement in 1987. He loved to travel, visiting 92 countries and all 50 states in the Union. He also enjoyed swimming, fishing, boating and collecting history books. He is survived by two nieces, a nephew, and other family. Pauline (Schmidt) Bowker, x’76, died Feb. 20. After attending Whitworth, she married her sweetheart, Lester, and lived in Spokane for most of her adult life. She loved her family, friends and cats. She enjoyed spending her time playing Bunco, listening to music, and traveling. She is survived by her son, daughter, and other family. Bonnie (Dinnison) Geleynse, x’76, died in December 2010. She was an expert in the Atikamekw language, a branch of Eastern Cree, and she translated the New Testament into Atikamekw. She is survived by her husband, her sister, Amy (Dinnison) McDonald, ’77, her brother, Joseph Dinnison, ’79, and six children. John R. Heddle, ’77, died Feb. 27. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, and then attended Winona State College, where he met his wife, Barbara. He earned his master’s in speech from Whitworth. In 1972, they moved to Coos Bay, Ore., and moved back to Winona, Minn., in 1978. He had a passion for family and friends, motorcycles, music and fast cars. He traveled the country on his motorcycle, or in his Miata, to visit friends and family. He is survived by his girlfriend and other family. Legendary Whitworth football player and member of the Heritage Hall of Fame Doug Long, ’77, died Jan. 21. He married his wife, Kristie, in 1979. He is survived by her and by his son, daughters, parents, sisters, and other family. A benevolence fund has been set up by fellow Whitworth alumni to support Doug’s family. Tax-deductible contributions can be made at www.LongFamilyFund.org.

1960s

1961 Jerry Bremmeyer retired in May 2010, with 47 years in public and private education, only to find that “tutoring is a great way to spend time away from the golf course.” He says that Whitworth provided him with the tools to be a successful teacher, coach and administrator. He travels extensively each year, to destinations such as Scandinavia, China, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

1963 Alton Grun works as a psychologist with the U.S. Army in Wiesbaden, Germany. In August, he plans to move to the Washington, D.C., area. Ben Lindstrom is retiring from ministry. He has been a pastor in churches in California, Oregon and Washington. He served as pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, in Des Moines, Wash., for 31 years.


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DEATHS

Edna (King) Lewis, ‘61, died Dec. 24. She married Charles Lewis in 1961, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2011. She put her nurse’s training to use on the mission field in Indonesia, where she lived for 36 years. After her retirement from the foreign mission field in 2005, she settled down in Mount Hermon, Calif., where she was hired as a Heartland Hospice nurse. She gave selflessly throughout her life and desired that all those she encountered would come to know Jesus. She is survived by her husband, their four children, and other family. Marie (Crane) Ogle, ‘61, died April 21, 2011. She is survived by her four children, including Ron Ogle, ‘65, nine grandchildren, and other family. Philip Booth, ‘63, died Oct. 9. He served in the Army, and he was married to Joanne (Rackerby, ‘63); after they divorced, he married Barbara Young. He taught math at Highland High School and also at Tenino High School for 28 years. He was a baseball and basketball coach for many years. He retired from teaching in 1992. Phillip was an elder at the Tenino Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, daughter, two sons, and sister. Michael Edmunds, ‘63, died Jan. 16 in Spokane. He graduated from North Central High School, where he was an all-city and all-state athlete, and he attended the University of Idaho and Whitworth. After a career in management, Mike retired and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, attending sports events, and living part-time in Arizona. He loved to fish and enjoyed an annual fishing trip to Alaska with his sons and friends. He is survived by his wife, Nicole (Kreitzer, ‘65), and his daughter, sons, and other family. Sharon L. Gustafson, ‘63, died Sept. 9. She dedicated her life to making the world a better place by helping the next generation. She loved to cook, read, play bridge, and visit with her family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, sisters, brother, and other family. Frank (Bob) Hamilton, ‘65, died Dec. 30. At the age of 16, he earned his pilot’s license, as his father had before him. He was in the Air Force Reserve for six years. For 29 years, he worked as a summer aerial observer for the U.S. Forest Service. He and his wife were married in 1951, and he served as a teacher, coach, and advisor for of The Cedar Post, the weekly newspaper, at Sandpoint High School. He loved the outdoors, flying, landscaping, and his family. He is survived by his wife, four children, and other family. Robert H. Nelson, ‘65, died Jan. 1. While attending Eastern Washington University on an athletic scholarship, he met his wife, and they were married in 1952. In 1955, he moved from teaching in Colville to Spokane’s Central Valley School District, where he taught physical education and coached football and baseball. He was a basketball referee for 55 years. After his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed their family and their home on Lake Coeur d’Alene. He is survived by his wife, children, sisters, brother, and other family. Robert R. Richards, ‘65, died Feb. 10. He was a Korean War veteran, having served on active duty for two years. He worked as a teacher and administrator in Spokane School District 81, for 30 years, primarily at Salk and Garry Middle Schools. He was assistant director of the community resources workshop at Whitworth for six years, was president of the Spokane Principals Association, and was legislative chairman and welfare and benefits chairman of the Association of Washington School Principals. He also served on the Spokane Teachers Credit Union Board of Directors for 32 years, and was past president of the Spokane Area Retired Educators Association. He and his wife, Marilyn, were married for 52 years and were blessed with four children and eight grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. He is survived by his wife, children, a brother, and other family. Marvel (Talkington) Badgett, ‘66, died Feb. 2. She went to Deaconess School of Nursing, where she received her training to be a registered nurse. She worked at the Montana State Training School and Hospital, in Boulder, Mont., and at Deaconess Hospital and Holy Family Hospital, in Spokane. She spent 16 years working as a school nurse in Spokane School District 81. She loved to play and listen to music, and she played with the Whitworth Orchestra. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, five sons, four brothers, and other family. Barbara (Winn) Roberts, ‘66, died Sept. 22. She was an avid reader and was a member of Rainbow Girls. She married Bill Roberts in 1938, and they later settled down in the South Hill area of Spokane. They enjoyed camping and visiting lakes in the area. Barbara enjoyed her career in teaching and retired at age 70. She loved learning and the outdoors. She is survived by her children and other family. Flora (Heath) Gibbs, ‘67, died March 15. She earned her teaching credentials at the University of Idaho and began teaching in one-room schools in Agatha, Union, Arrow, and Culdesac, Idaho. At the beginning of WWII, she went to work in Washington, D.C., at the Pentagon, as a civil service employee supporting the Marine Corps. She married Forrest L. Gibbs, Sr., and in 1946 they moved to Spokane, where their two sons were born. She taught third grade at Field School, and later taught at Lewis and Clark High School. She earned her master’s in education from Whitworth in 1967, and she retired from teaching in 1970. She is survived by her son, sisters, and brother. Harriet (Hendrick) Adams, ‘68, died March 1. She taught music in the state of Washington, including at Northwest Christian High School, where she was the director of the Sound of Faith Choir for 10 years. She organized and directed choirs in the Spokane area, for adults and children. Harriet also taught music for home-schooling families. After her retirement, she continued to direct the choir at Orchard Crest Retirement Home. She is survived by her five children and other family. Daryl J. Anderson, ‘69, died Jan. 7. He had a long career as a real estate broker and was the owner of Wickup Properties for 24 years. He was a member of the Mark West Chamber of Commerce, serving as president for two terms and as director of the annual Harvest Trade Show for 14 years. He also served on the Mark West Community Services Formation Committee. Daryl loved Sonoma County, Calif., and always considered it his home. He is survived by his wife, children, mother, brothers, and other family. Edwin L. Keil, ‘69, died Dec. 6.

1950s

1951 David Yeaworth received a Certificate of Merit at the annual conference of the Association for Retired Ministers, Their Spouses or Survivors, of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in San Antonio, Texas, in October.

1952 Florence (Jones) Holman retired as office manager of Northminster Presbyterian Church of Sacramento, Calif., in September 1995, and is enjoying “a contented retirement.” Donald Bennett retired from Young Life after 36 years. He spent five years with Young Life in Kenya, East Africa, and 17 years at Hope Presbyterian Church, in Cordova, Tenn.

1956 Rev. William Burd has been a Presbyterian minister in the Evangelical part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 60 years. He has served as an installed minister in five Presbyterian churches and in six Presbyterian interim positions.

1958 Richard L. Waddell, Jr., has served as a hospice chaplain for seven and a half years, and has found it very rewarding. He engaged in mission projects in Honduras as a Spanish interpreter, building homes, water projects and making friends.

DEATHS

Martin “Nick” Faber, ’50, died Dec. 15. He was a loved and respected Whitworth retired faculty member. He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Holmes, ’49) Faber. (See in Memoriam.) Gilbert E. Gordon, ’50, died Dec. 16. He worked in Cameroon, Africa, as a teacher and as father to four foster sons. He was a father, soldier, missionary and teacher during his life. Jean (Hatrick) Gray, ’50, died Jan. 16. During her time at Whitworth, she met her husband Paul Gray, ’51, and they were married in 1951. After Paul graduated from seminary, they returned to Spokane and raised two children. Jean is survived by her husband, Paul, son, daughter, and other family. Rachel M. Morse, ’50, died Jan. 8, 2011. She attended Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, in Concord, Calif., where she was active in many activities including the quilting group, choir, and board of deacons. She is survived by her daughter, her sons, and other family. Hope (Ainley) Burris, ’51, died Jan. 25. After graduating from Whitworth and receiving her California teaching credential from San Jose State, she was primarily a kindergarten teacher, for more than 30 years, until her retirement in 1992. She married John Burris in 1957, and they had two daughters together. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived
Larson Says It’s All About the People
By Josh Cleveland, ’01

Melinda Larson, ’92, has found relationships to be at the core of her work in Whitworth’s Athletic Training Education Program. Larson developed her love for athletics early, and the influence of a female athletic trainer in high school helped her decide to pursue the same vocation. In her 20 years as a certified athletic trainer and 17 years as a professional at Whitworth, she has found that the relational nature of athletic training “feels like home.”

Larson spent her first two years of college at Eastern Washington University, where she played basketball on an athletic scholarship. She couldn’t combine the major she wanted with her athletic participation at Eastern, so, since she had friends on Whitworth’s basketball team, she became a Pirate and earned both athletic and academic scholarships. She graduated from Whitworth with a B.A. in sports medicine and later earned her M.S. in exercise physiology from Florida International University.

Larson has served in many capacities at Whitworth: as assistant athletic trainer, head athletic trainer, Core 150 and Core 250 discussion group leader, instructor, program director, colleague, confidante and friend. Last Jan Term, Larson traveled with health science majors to Whitworth’s Costa Rica Center, where students, who lived in homestays, took a Medical Spanish course and a one-credit internship. Larson is eager to return to the CRC; she will take another student group in January 2013.

When asked about the highlights of her career and her proudest achievements in her work at Whitworth, Larson cites relationships as the answer to both. “It’s why I do athletic training,” she says. “I’m in the middle of the path people have to walk down when something is going on in their lives. I get to be present with and for them, and it’s my responsibility to help them. It’s a privilege to be on the journey with others, even in the midst of difficult and sometimes life-changing conversations.”

With relationships at the core of her wide-ranging work, Larson has even been known to mentor her students in how to mix Gatorade in hotel bathtubs. Larson smiles and says, “That’s not something we teach in the classroom.” When she is in the classroom, Larson’s teaching specialties include pathophysiology and therapeutic modalities.

Mike Ediger, Larson’s colleague and associate professor in the health sciences department, has seen the influence of Larson’s leadership on the relationships she values so much. “Athletic training students generally enter our program intimidated by her strong leadership,” he says. “But by their senior year, they admire the way she models and integrates her faith, professionalism, and excellence into everything she does as a practitioner. As students become alums, they begin to see her as a colleague and friend.”

Larson is also dedicated to health and wellness outside of her workday. She has commuted to work by bike, no matter the season, for most of her professional career. And she is on a quest to bike Idaho’s 1,200-mile Centennial Trail. She began her pursuit in 2009, has completed 500 miles to date, and doesn’t plan to stop anytime soon.

by her husband, daughters, brothers, a sister, and other family. James W. Hardie, ’51, died Dec. 6. He joined the Marines in 1943, at the age of 17, and served as a radio operator for naval gunfire teams and participated in numerous beach landings. He was student body president during his time at Whitworth. After college, he began to work for the Navigators, a Christian organization, and later taught in Plainview and Galveston, Texas. He married Marlys (Nielsen, ’49), and James was a supervisor of instructional resources and television for the Galveston Public Schools. They and their son moved to Olympia, Wash., in 1962, where James served as state supervisor of audiovisual and television services at the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He later became coordinator of instruction television services at WSU, and the Hardies were involved in numerous ministries, including Young Life Leadership training. He was the author of The Magnificent Adventure and contributed to To Know This Mystery. James is survived by his son and other family. Jean Paeth, ’51, died Sept. 2. She spent most of her life in Minnehaha and Ridgefield, Wash. She had many friends and had a very special relationship with her five nieces. She is survived by her brother, Robert Paeth, ’49. Laura L. (Johnson) Young,
'52, died Sept. 8, 2011. She served as a volunteer mission worker in rural Nebraska and also served at Ming Quong Orphanage, in Los Gatos, Calif. She married Rev. Herbert C. Young, '49, in 1954, and together they served churches in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota. She also participated in counseling and Christian education, and was active in local and state Presbyterian women’s groups. After retiring, she became an active member of Eastridge Presbyterian Church and she and Herbert traveled. Laura loved to travel, read, garden, and spend time with family and friends. She is survived by her husband, son, and other family.

Don E. King, '53, died March 25, 2010. Bonnie J. Sandstrom, '53, died Dec. 6, 2011. She spent the early part of her life in the desert, 40 miles from Barstow, Calif., before her family finally settled in Kennewick, Wash. After graduating from Whitworth and Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, she married in 1954, and moved to California after a year in the Spokane area. Bonnie put her support in her husband and two children, also using her nurse’s training for part-time work at Stanford Hospital. She is survived by her husband, children, sister, brother, and other family.

Barbara (Hultman) Harris, '54, died Oct. 1, 2010. Madelyn (Graybill) Levy, '54, died Dec. 10. Madelyn was manager and bookkeeper of Hillcrest Garden, Inc.; she was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Park Ridge, N.J. She enjoyed reading, traveling and going to Broadway shows. Mary C. (Brown) Treganowan, '55, died Sept. 20, 2011. She and her husband, Dwight Treganowan, '56, met at Whitworth. After their marriage, they moved to Walla Walla. There they built their family home, and Mary lived there for the rest of her life. She taught fifth grade at Bemey Elementary for 28 years. After her retirement, she volunteered as a tutor for struggling readers. She is survived by her husband, sons, brothers, and other family.

Hughena (Hecht) House, '55, died March 21. She attended Whitworth, the University of Washington, and Cheney Normal. She taught at schools throughout Washington state, at Onalaska, Newport, Vanport and Carson, as well as at Logan School, in Spokane. She was a part of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, during WWII. Hughena was a wonderful mother, a great cook, a seamstress, a painter, and a poet. She loved to work with her husband, whom she married in 1946.

Ronald Singley, '56, died June 2, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Carolee (Chamberlain, '59) Singley, his children, and other family. James R. Gady, '59, died Dec. 26. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers as a sergeant in the Korean War. He married his high school sweetheart in 1956, after returning from Korea. He taught in the Riverside and Mead school districts. In 1971, he founded Gady Pump and Electric. He is survived by his wife, his children, including Sandy Gady, '92, and Steven Gady, '99, and other family.


1940s DEATHS

Dr. Rex V. Blumhagen, '42, died Feb. 24. He was born on the Flathead Indian Reservation, in Polson, Mont. He married his college sweetheart, Jeanne Bourland, '45, (who also became a physician) in 1943. He served in the military during WWII, and he is known for his work at Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Room, where he was one of two founding doctors. He and his wife started the Stratford Urgent Care Center. From 1960-95 he split his time between the U.S. and Afghanistan, a country to which he had always felt called. He worked with a hospital and outpatient clinics in the central highlands, and he later founded medical projects in Nepal, Bangladesh and Cyprus. He had a passion for travel and for gardening, and he loved people. He is survived by his wife, four children, his brother, and other family.

Vernon Forkner, '43, died Nov. 27. He met his wife, Peg, at Whitworth. Vernon was a staff sergeant in the Military Police Platoon of the 44th Infantry Division during WWII. He was an English teacher briefly and then worked for Simonds Cutting Tools for 36 years, retiring as plant manager. After his retirement, he began a second career as a real estate agent. He is survived by his daughter, son, and other family.

Marjorie (Johnson) Roose, '45, died March 12. After graduating from Whitworth, she attended Case Western Reserve University (Ohio), where she received her master's degree in nursing. She married Walter Roose in 1949, and she served as a registered nurse for the Wardner Hospital, as a director of nursing at the West Shoshone Hospital, and as director of nursing at the Shoshone Inn, now known as the Mountain Valley Care and Rehabilitation Center. She then served as a nursing care reviewer for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Coeur d’Alene. She finished her career in Boise, retiring in 1985. She loved her family, knitting, and the outdoors. She is survived by three children and other family.

Richard C. Schwab, '45, died Sept. 2. He earned his Whitworth degree in chemistry, but later went on to Dallas Theological Seminary. He pastored three churches in more than 45 years of ministry. He is survived by his five children and other family.

Odin A. Baugh, '47, died March 18. He served in the Army during WWII, returned to Spokane in 1946, and graduated from Whitworth in 1947 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1950. He was the pastor for churches in Washington and Montana for 34 years. He retired in 1985, and resided at Holman Gardens Retirement Community. He is survived by his wife, Deede (Marcus, '48), daughter, son, sister, brother, and other family.

Rudy L. Bradshaw, Jr., '47, died June 11, 2009. He was an accomplished musician and had his own band, the Dixieland Dukes, until 2003. At 64 years old, he earned a black belt in tae kwon do. He received his master's degree in music education from Vandercook College of Music, and he taught music and academics in Marin and Contra Costa Counties (Calif.). Rudy was a veteran of WWII. He is survived by daughters, stepdaughters, and other family.

Donald R. Springer, '47, died Nov. 29. At 17, he entered the Naval Reserve and trained as an electrician. After completing school, he was assigned to the USS Tolland 64, in the Philippines. After WWII, he went on to work and attend both Whitworth and the University of Washington. He re-entered the Navy, in 1951, to serve in the Korean War, and was discharged in 1955. He married in 1952, and he and his wife had four children. In 1967, the family moved to Prosser, Wash., where they lived for 44 years. Upon retirement, the Springers toured the canyons in the Southwest. They became involved in researching their genealogy, later publishing a book, and all the while traveling around the U.S. He is survived by his children and other family.

Elizabeth (Heideman) Tucker, '48, died Dec. 13. After graduating from Deaconess School of Nursing at Whitworth, she married Vern Tucker in 1948 on the Whitworth campus. She was a nurse in the Spokane Valley for more than 30 years. She is survived by two sons, her sister, and other family.

Elizabeth “Betty” (Summerson) Turner, '48, died Sept. 20. She was senior class treasurer, a member of Whitworth Players, secretary of the women's conference, and a member of the staff of The Whitworthian. She later taught speech and English and directed plays at Leavenworth High School (Wash.). Betty, who married her husband, Darrell, in 1949, was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. She retired from her job as a medical secretary in 1993. She is survived by her daughter and son, brother and sister, and other family. Herbert Young, '49, died Oct. 30. He served in the U.S. Marines before attending Whitworth, and he went on to seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained by the United Presbyterian Church. He married his wife, Laura, in 1934. They served churches in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Both retired in Lincoln, Neb., where Herbert served as a temporary parish associate for Eastridge Presbyterian Church. He loved his family, gardening, traveling, reading and sports. He is survived by his son, sister, and other family.
Hanson’s Faith Sends Her to Africa – at Age 73
By Karen Robison, ’12

Dorothy (Russell) Hanson, ’65, grew up in Ethiopia as a “third-culture kid” and returned there in 2005 to serve God by working with people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Hanson was born in Seattle, where her missionary parents sought refuge after having been expelled from Ethiopia. By the time she reached age 7, her family had returned to Africa, where Hanson grew up until she returned to the states for high school and college.

When Hanson reflects on her time at Whitworth, she remembers her “huge, green, gas-guzzling 1950 Buick” and living in McMillan Hall, which was then a women’s residence hall. Her fond memories of her time in McMillan include a Halloween party in the secret attic over her room. Hanson credits Whitworth for expanding her idea of family, and says she gained from Whitworth “not only an education, but a foundation in Christian living,” which has given her endurance in her commitment to serve God’s people in Ethiopia.

After graduating from Whitworth, Hanson married and lived the “normal American life” while continuing her education. She worked as a nurse and raised her two children in West Virginia and Arizona. Hanson felt called to return to Ethiopia to volunteer and began work there in 2005. She says her faith has grown as a result of her work and adds, candidly, “Growing in Christ-like behavior is easier in Africa.”

Hanson says the entirety of her life – her childhood as that third-culture kid, her education, family life, work, and especially her studies at Whitworth and in master’s degree programs – was preparation for her current season of life. “God had me in training for a long time,” she says. Now, at age 73, Hanson notes God’s careful timing in allowing her to return to Ethiopia; she had originally applied to move to Malawi to teach midwives. While working at the Presbyterian Church (USA) headquarters in health and development, informing congregations in the United States about the AIDS crisis in Africa, Hanson became aware of the position in Ethiopia.

Since 2010, Hanson has served as a volunteer advisor to ETNERELA+ Ethiopia, a non-governmental organization that reaches out to religious leaders who are affected by HIV and AIDS. Hanson also volunteers with, and was a founding member of, the Noble Cause Elder Care and Support Organization, which helps elders in the Addis Ababa and Tanbaber areas. She is currently working on grant applications and developing a curriculum for teaching nutrition to HIV-positive individuals in Ethiopia. Hanson says, “I did not choose to work in HIV and AIDS. God put me there! While smiling, don’t you think?”

Hanson’s faith has helped to ground and inspire her to serve and support others. Though she is clearly making a positive impact in many lives and staying very busy, Hanson strives to make an even greater mark on Ethiopia. She hopes to “stay and live here as long as my health is strong, serving God.”

Hanson says that some of most meaningful aspects of her job are “knowing that I am where God called me; that it is my presence more than what I do; and that showing the love of Jesus to those who are stigmatized and marginalized is very important work.”

1930s
DEATHS
Janet (Williams) Perry, ’33, died July 6, 2009. She was born May 17, 1911, in Spokane. Katherine (Crosby) King, ’39, died Oct. 27, 2010. She married U.S. Navy Officer George King in 1940, and they moved to Seattle, Pasadena, Washington, D.C., and New Jersey during WWII. They moved back to Mercer Island after the war, and Katherine attended Mercer Island Covenant Church, where she was the organist and a Sunday school teacher. Eventually they moved to Massachusetts and then to Warsaw, Ind. She was a homemaker and a member of the Winona Lake Literary Club, and she enjoyed her family, sewing, and square dancing. She is survived by her daughter, two sons, one brother, and other family. Edward J. Machle, ’39, died Aug. 4, 2011. He lived in Canton, China, with his missionary parents, until they moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1929. He is survived by his wife, children, and other family. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, and other family.
‘Something Brand New’

By Gretchen Cleveland, ‘00

I remember having tea with Alicia, one of my dear friends, in Seattle a month before I got married. I was simultaneously finishing one job, beginning another clear across the state in Spokane, planning a wedding, and trying to figure out how my apartment in Seattle was going to get packed up before Josh and I moved into our apartment in East, the newest residence hall at Whitworth (where Josh worked as a resident director). I was overwhelmed, exhausted, and wondering what I was going to do without my community of friends and family around to support me through the transition – not to mention pondering how living in a residence hall would look at age 31 and newly married. As my entire world seemed to be in flux, Alicia calmly looked at me and said, “Well, you’ll be wearing the same clothes.” God bless my friend for helping me find one constant in a sea of change.

In my three-year career at our alma mater, I have watched as Bill Robinson retired and Beck Taylor took the helm. I have listened to students and faculty as they return from their semester experiences and tell of how their lives were changed. I’ve seen leadership changes in the School of Global Commerce & Management, and I’ve seen the university catch up with its growth by organizing into schools under deans, which has resulted in the hiring of a brand-new dean. Kathy Storm is moving from student life to academic affairs, which led to a national search and Dick Mandeville being called into his new position as vice president for student life. Oh, and I’m getting a new boss as the current provost, Michael Le Roy, ’89, takes his leadership skills on the road and moves into the presidency at Calvin College, in Michigan. Whitworth has benefited a great deal from Michael’s vision of what it can be; every decision he has made has been grounded in his love for the university and the students, faculty and staff. And while the move is good for him, his family, and Calvin, we will miss his presence and his love for this community.

Yes, it feels like a lot of change to occur in one place in such a short span of time, and while at times I feel overwhelmed by it all and want to curl up in a ball until calm returns, I also admit this is a powerful time to be working at Whitworth. At our wedding, my dad preached on the verses from Isaiah 43 in which God speaks of doing a brand-new thing in the midst of his people. It feels like a fitting word in this season at Whitworth as we’re at that point where God seems to be inviting us to “Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?” (Isaiah 43:19, The Message).

When I returned to Whitworth when Josh and I started dating, and then after we were married, I remember thinking it had changed significantly. The “Camp Whitworth” signage was long gone, the fine arts building no longer was home to families of squirrels, and – oh, dear lord – the students had suddenly become much younger than I was as an undergrad. But I also saw familiar faces around campus; the same faculty and staff who knew me as a student welcomed me home and embraced my return as a staff member. (Case in point, Laura Bloxham still encourages me to come hide out in her office when I need to.) In the words of my friend Alicia, Whitworth is still “wearing the same clothes.” The mission of the university remains unchanged, and the faculty, staff and students still understand what it means to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. The mind and heart of this place remain on the narrow ridge, and I continue to be proud of the university and of the people who make it what it is.

Frisbees still fly on campus, obstacle courses are still built in the residence hall lounges by RAs in the evenings on Prime Time (or “duty,” to those of us from the ‘90s era). Forrest Baird is still lecturing about C.S. Lewis, and Doug Sugano keeps reminding me to not take myself too seriously, even when I’m hounding him for information about the new honors program. Meaningful conversations continue to happen in classrooms, in coffee shops, in the dining hall and in residence halls. And yes, faculty still know students by name and continue to welcome them into their homes. Whitworth is still Whitworth.

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THANKS, KARLA MORGAN! I was terrified in my first economics class, because we had to interpret theory into graphs. But Dr. Morgan’s way of teaching and engaging with students makes learning much simpler. She is always ready to help and is very friendly.

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS: My favorite class is Financial Management. We studied financial analysis and made stock market analyses. It’s the best feeling when you figure out the reasons for the various stock market ups and downs.

YOU CAN’T BEAT EXPERIENCE: My sophomore and junior years, I interned at the U.S. embassy in Colombo, Sri Lanka. I worked in the public affairs office, compiling remarks for the public affairs officer and coordinating activities for Sri Lankan relief programs.

This spring I interned at the International Trade Alliance, in Spokane, conducting research on the North American Free Trade Agreement and other policies regarding Washington State export and import regulations.

DIGGING DEEP: At Whitworth, I did a case analysis on Amazon.com and Intel Corp., and I researched and wrote papers on Washington State trade, economic development in Sri Lanka, and international trade in Germany.

COFFEE ANYONE? I love Whitworth professors’ willingness to make time to engage with students, to listen to them, and help them make the right choices. Dine with a Mind (vouchers for faculty and students to have a meal or coffee at the café) played a major role.

WHAT’S NEXT? I will work for a year and then I plan to enter the Ph.D. program in economics at the University of Washington in fall 2013.

DOWN THE ROAD: I’d like to do research in economics, concentrating on trade and finance with economic development. Being born and raised in a developing country, and taking an economic development class at Whitworth, intrigued me to take this path.

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