Best Fest in the West
A look back at 25 years of Springfest at Whitworth
Whitworth in 30 Seconds: What Would You Say?

One of the first concepts I learned when studying sales and marketing was that of the “elevator speech.” The concept is simple – if you had only 30 seconds (presumably in an elevator) to tell someone why your product or service was worth buying, what would you say? The goal of an effective elevator speech is to get 30 more seconds of the person’s time and attention, that process repeats until, as the story goes, you make the sale. elevator speeches must be concise, to the point, and interesting enough to hold someone’s attention. The process repeats until, as the story goes, you make the sale. Elevator speeches must be concise, to the point, and interesting enough to hold someone’s attention.

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Letters to the Editor

I am rather amused at the Whitworth Today comment (Fall/Winter 2012, Page 31) about my recent re-election to the AGO National Council. I would refer you to the home pages of our American Guild of Organists, www.agohq.org, or you’ll see links for national and regional councils. It’s part of our traditions, I guess, and we have chosen to retain the “quirky” spelling. Maybe we’ve been hearing too many Pemco insurance ads: “We’re a lot like you – a little different.”

Dean Jamieson, Ph.D., ’68

[Letters to the Editor]

We’re adding a new department in our fall issue: My Favorite Professor. If you’re interested in doing a little reminiscing (we’ll send you a list of questions) about the faculty member who most influenced you when you were at Whitworth, please e-mail or snail-mail a brief message to let us know what you’re doing, when you graduated, and why you’d like to participate. We’ll get back to you ASAP.

Also, if you’re thinking about sending electronic photos to us for publication in the magazine, we need digital photos with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi at 100 percent size (at least 4x6 inches). In general, jpg photos should be at least 800 KB or larger; tif photos should be at least 3 MB or larger. We can still include prints in the magazine, if they’re very crisp and clear, with good color and discernible faces. Send My Favorite Professor ideas and electronic photos to tmitchell@whitworth.edu. Edited print photos can be sent to Terry Rayburn Mitchell, Editor; Whitworth Today, University Communications Office, Whitworth University, 300 W. Hawthorne Road, Spokane, WA 99251.

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March 13 Lecture: Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia Tarnet Laye Admassu, “Transformation of Life in Jesus”
March 20 English Endowed Reading: Eastern Washington University professor of English Paul Lindholm
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In March, the Whitworth Theatre Department performed the docudrama The Laramie Project, based on the death of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., in October, 1998. Shepard was murdered in a hate crime because of his sexual orientation. A year and a half after the violent attack on Laramie, members of New York’s Lecomte Theater Project traveled to Laramie and interviewed the people of the town. From these interviews, they wrote the play. “Theatre can provide a safe space to talk about things that might otherwise be hard to talk about, or give us perspectives that we haven’t thought of, or just help us consider our beliefs in new ways,” says Diana Trotter, theatre professor and director of The Laramie Project at Whitworth.

Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, was a guest speaker at Whitworth in fall 2011, speaking on “The Message of Matthew.” She and her husband founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation, to honor the memory of their son.
Shifting the Culture of Scholarship: Weyerhaeuser Younger Scholars highlight the significance of a liberal arts education

By Lucas Beechinor, ’09

Whitworth’s first course catalog describes the university as an institution committed to “guarding well the moral and religious life of the students, ever directing them in the pursuit of that learning and culture of mind and heart that make the finished scholar.” The Weyerhaeuser Younger Scholars program has played a major role in exemplifying that pursuit by bringing together Whitworth faculty and students who produce original, graduate-level research that the students present at research conferences in their disciplines.

As an English and biology double-major, Diana Cater is combining those fields in an investigation of the role of science narratives in popular culture, focusing on Randy Shilts’ book about the AIDS epidemic, And the Band Played On. In addition to her research, Cater has been involved with HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness campaigns in Spokane.

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“The student meets regularly with the professor and pursues a research project,” he says. “Money is provided to help defray both research costs and the cost of travel to a regional conference. The program requires that the student present his or her research at an academic conference during the school year.”

Seven faculty members and eight students have been involved in the Weyerhaeuser program during the 2012-13 academic year. Fields of study vary greatly, as do research projects, but all of the current scholars and their mentors seek to exemplify the value of the liberal arts in students’ pursuit of success in their chosen fields. Alumni and current scholars find that their work in the program has enriched their learning, their professional credentials, and their lives. Read more about their projects in the following vignettes.

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“The faith that individuals such as Dr. Mig had in my abilities translated into a confidence that I was able to project as I applied and worked at the museum,” says Hogstad. He says that because of the younger scholars program, he didn’t have to guess whether he had the skills necessary to work in an academic setting. His abilities had already been put to the test. For his part, Migliazzo had quickly recognized Hogstad’s curiosity, passion and enthusiasm for history. “I put those three things together and thought he might be really interested in this program,” says the longtime Whitworth history professor.

“One of the things that struck me right off the bat about Jason was when he came to me regarding a class project and said, ‘What can I do to make this better? What can I do to finesse this argument?’” Migliazzo enjoys participating in the program and gets a special satisfaction from seeing a student’s sense of accomplishment, along with his or her recognition that s/he has the ability to frame legitimate arguments and see different perspectives. “They [students] decide what to do,” he says. “The mentor may make suggestions, but really it’s a student’s baby from the beginning to end, and it’s great to see the feeling of accomplishment they get from it.”

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“My practice is focused on commercial litigation,” he says. “It usually involves contract or statutory disputes about money between the federal government and many non-federal entities, including commercial or state entities.”

Forsyth recalls his time in the Pew Younger Scholars Program and his guidance from faculty mentor Julia Stronks as being critical in decisions he made regarding his career. “One of the most significant things she did was help me think about graduate school and recommend that I consider certain law schools. It’s fair to say that without her guidance, I would not have ended up at Notre Dame.”

While at Whitworth, Forsyth, an international political economy major, was interested in how economics play out practically in public policy. “That’s been the theme of his research project while he was in the younger scholars program. He was interested in surveying Christian perspectives of economic justice and comparing them with influential non-Christian perspectives such as those of Milton Friedman. This became the basis for his research project while he was in the younger scholars program.

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Carly Kwak is currently the sales manager of River Point Farms, in Hermiston, Ore. The company is the largest grower, packer, shipper, and processor of onions in the United States. She says that her time at Whitworth, and especially in WYS, has played a key role in her career at River Point.

Kwak’s job requires her to track data, follow market trends, and communicate that information internally and externally. As a younger scholar, she was introduced to doing professional-level research while working under a deadline. She says that she sharpened her skills dramatically through her research project, which involved documenting the history of a Spokane church.

“Soden recalls Kwak as a bright and thoughtful student. ‘She had a passion for the history of ideas and the complex forces that shape our world,’ he says. Kwak says that her time in the program was one of the highlights of her Whitworth career – a time that prepared her for the future in ways that informed and inspired her search for both capital-T truth and a meaningful career in an ever-more complex world.

“Of the many students who participate in the program, there are a handful that will go on to become prosecutors.” Stronks says. For example, “many students care for the poor by feeding them in volunteer programs or by raising funds. That is important. But some students are then able to examine social and political realities that cause poverty or that keep people in poverty. The younger scholars program helps students dig deeper into significant challenges that our society faces.”

Carly Kwak, ‘06, and Dale Soden (History):

“We [looked] those ideas that in Core might seem abstract, and then we ‘put some meat on those ideas’ if you will, and [explored] the real-world consequences of those ideas,” Forsyth says.

“Kyle was a quiet intellect,” Stronks says. “Working on a larger project gave us the chance to know each other better both personally and professionally. I can’t sufficiently express how proud I am of students like Kyle who are contributing to the world by using the gifts God has given them.”

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There was some buzz at Fuller about your new approach—and it was all good. We have been expanding our offerings for Presbyterian students to include coverage of the different polities and confessional documents. So without coordinating this, Fuller and Whitworth are on the same track! And it is the right track! Many blessings.

Richard J. Muow
President, Fuller Theological Seminary

Deepening Roots, Branching Out

Trustees act to uphold and advance Whitworth’s historic mission amid changing church landscape

Edited by Julie Riddle, ’92

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or 123 years, Whitworth has carried out its founding vision as an institution of higher learning that is Presbyterian in heritage and nonsectarian in identity, and that opens its doors “to all lovers of truth and learning.” Today, Whitworth’s Christ-centered commitment to its founding principles remains unchanged.

In April 2013, amid a decline in mainstream church membership and identification, both nationally and among the Whitworth community, the Whitworth Board of Trustees adopted the following actions that affirm and expand Whitworth’s historic relationship with the Presbyterian church and elevate the university’s theological identities:

• Whitworth will continue in a mutual but nonexclusive partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
• The university will explore and establish other Presbyterian partnerships.
• The university will emphasize its Reformed, evangelical and ecumenical identities.

These decisions are the culmination of a yearlong inquiry—a board-appointed task force conducted in anticipation of the June 2013 expiration of the university’s current covenant agreement with the Synod of Alaska-Northwest and the concurrent cessation of the synod’s functions. The synod is a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In the following Q&A, Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor discusses the diverse voices that informed the trustees’ decisions, the Whitworth community’s subsequent responses, and what these decisions mean for Whitworth’s future.

Q. What did this process reveal to you about the breadth of Whitworth’s constituencies?

A. First, I think it’s important to know that virtually all of Whitworth’s constituencies strongly advocated for Whitworth to remain Christ-centered. The Christian mission of the university was never at stake in these discussions, and neither the trustees nor I would have ever considered weakening that mission as an option. Many marginally church-related colleges and universities have used the kind of process we just concluded as a veiled effort to distance themselves from their Christian missions. Whitworth’s Christian mission was never in jeopardy, and I’m so grateful for that.

Where I saw the most diversity was on the issue of how denominationally centered Whitworth should remain. For many Whitworthians, the university’s Christ-centered mission trumped any formal relationship with an affiliating denomination. Not surprisingly, this was especially true of our students and younger alumni, who largely grew up in the Christian church, and I’m grateful it took as much care in communicating its decisions as it did in making them. Board chair Walter Oliver, ’67, and task force co-chair Clark Donnell deserve special recognition for their leadership.

The response to the board’s communication has been almost unanimously positive. Every written or verbal communication I’ve personally received has been strongly supportive. I’ve heard directly from dozens of alumni, parents, students, faculty and staff, pastor from across the spectrum of Presbyterian life, elected denominational leaders, seminary and university presidents, and community members. To a person, these individuals see the enormous value in Whitworth’s Christ-centeredness, and in its ability to relate to and remain vitally connected with various expressions of the Christian faith. The thrust of these communications has been, “This decision fits well with who and what we know Whitworth to be. Thank you.”

Q. What do the board’s decisions mean for Whitworth’s future?

A. Ironically, after a year of study and hours of task force and trustee deliberation, life at Whitworth will remain largely unchanged. The board’s direction to the university was descriptive more than prescriptive, meaning that the university’s new positioning within church life accurately reflects our existing posture and relationships more than directing us to new ones; our university language and formal identity simply needed to catch up with where the university is now.

The board did give the university community some homework: Over the next year, we will have intentional conversations among our constituencies about what it means to be a university that elevates its Reformed, evangelical and ecumenical identities. Those conversations will be healthy and will reaffirm Whitworth’s mission to equip graduates “to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity.”

To read the board of trustees’ Statement on Whitworth’s Denominational Relationships, the press release communicating the board’s decisions, and an FAQ, visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.

I commend you and your board for the stance you have taken. It seems to me to be especially important that institutions like Whitworth and Princeton function as communities of hospitality and dialogue, drawing together the diverse strands of our church constituencies. I continue to be profoundly grateful for Whitworth’s unique vision and ministry.

Darrell L. Guder
Henry Winters Luce Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology
Princeton Theological Seminary

1899
Whitworth is founded in affiliation with the Presbyterian church.

1983
Whitworth forms a covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) due to denominational restructuring at the national level.

1983-2013
Whitworth remains affiliated with the PC(USA) through a non-binding agreement with the Synod of Alaska-Northwest.

April 2012
In anticipation of the June 2013 cessation of operations of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, Walter Oliver, ’67, chair of the Whitworth University Board of Trustees, convenes a task force on denominational relationships.

May-October 2012
The 11-member task force conducts research and commissions two surveys of Whitworth faculty/staff and students.

January 2013
The task force presents its report and recommendations to the board of trustees.

March 2013
President Beck Taylor is appointed to the board of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, an organization in a covenant agreement with the PC(USA).

April 12, 2013
The board of trustees adopts the task force’s recommended actions.

June 2013
Whitworth’s covenant agreement with the Synod of Alaska-Northwest expires in concurrence with the cessation of the synod’s functions.

Fall 2013
The Whitworth community takes part in conversations about the university’s theological identities.
Since its inception in the spring of 1987, and through all kinds of weather, Springfest provided fun before finals and goofiness before saying goodbye for the semester. Depending on whom you ask, it’s the stuff of legend. This May, after 25 years, Springfest transformed into Spokane Block Party and moved to The Service Station, a local coffeehouse and event center. The celebration recognized the efforts of students and the Spokane community to help end human trafficking through Unite, a student-led movement that has educated the Whitworth community throughout the year about this injustice and how to advocate against it. Though the cotton candy, dunk tanks, flying pies, music, races and pageantry may seem like nothing more than sweet pieces of nostalgia, Springfest – now the Spokane Block Party – has proven to be a glorious celebration of what Whitworthians can accomplish as a community.

Then & Now

Charities supported

Amid the tomfoolery, Springfest has always sought to help charities that were close to students’ hearts. A few of the beneficiaries:

- RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
- SPOKANE FOOD BANK
- CROSSWALK
- HOSPICE OF SPOKANE
- CITY GATE
- CUP OF COOL WATER
- PARKINSON’S RESEARCH (in memory of math professor Howard Gage, ’62)
- SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SPOKANE
- AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
- MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
- GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD
- CHRIST KITCHEN
- JAMAICA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
- BELIEVE

Thoughts from former Mr. Whitworths

One event known always to draw a crowd at Springfest is the Mr. Whitworth competition. Beau Chevassus, Mr. Whitworth ’06, reflects on what clinched the title for him:

“During the second chorus of I’m Blue, curiously handsome backup dancers Eric Fredriksen and Gavin Jamieson, both ’07, swooped onto the stage to support their Mr. Whitworth candidate (me), who was painted bright blue from head to toe.”

Read more reflections from former Mr. Whitworth winners online at www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.
Ingram, Team Strike Gold Again

Whitworth Forensics takes first place in national competition

If it’s tough to live up to one’s reputation for excellence, no one has told Mike Ingram and the members of his Whitworth forensics team. In 2012, with assistance from co-coach Keith Wyma (Philosophy), Ingram, a professor of communication studies and the director of Whitworth Forensics, and his team finished ahead of teams from Dartmouth, Wake Forest, Clemson and Villanova to win the national forensics competition. Now the team celebrates a huge win in the national forensics competition, by Chris Burnett, ’16, of Whitworth’s communication studies and the director (Philosophy), Ingram, a professor of assistance from co-coach Keith Wyma (Philosophy), Ingram, a professor of

speech and 10 individual debate awards. Where Whitworth won 15 individual speeches and 10 individual debate awards. Whitworth also claimed three national speech championships, by Chris Burnett, ’16, and Sam Director, Matt Hancock, ‘15 – and Coach of the Year honors for Ingram, whose NCCFA colleagues voted him the association’s top dog.

President’s Leadership Forum Features Innovator in Education Reform

Doris Kearns Goodwin to headline fall 2013 forum

This spring, Whitworth’s President’s Leadership Forum brought its second nationally known speaker to Spokane and finalized plans to bring its third this fall. Following the forum’s inaugural speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George Will, who visited Spokane last fall, Kathleen McCartney, dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a prolific writer in early childhood education, was the featured speaker at the Spokane Convention Center. McCartney was recently selected president of Smith College, one of the “Seven Sisters” of American academic achievement. In her remarks in Spokane, she addressed “Investing in Education Reforms that Work.” In her remarks, McCartney shared statistics on the current state of public education, pointing out areas that need reform, and offered examples of ways in which to make that reform happen. She focused on four strategies: teacher preparation, evaluation and professional development; extended learning time (longer school days and school years); early childhood education; and human capital development. On Oct. 15, the forum will welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, whose acclaimed book Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln was the basis for Steven Spielberg’s recent movie Lincoln. Team of Rivals garnered numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize and the inaugural American History Book Prize from the New York Historical Society. Goodwin is a frequent guest on television’s Meet the Press and Charlie Rose. Her books include No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II (also a Pulitzer Prize-winner), Wait Till Next Year: A Memoir, and The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys: An American Saga.

The Seat of Knowledge

Leppien is inaugural Margo Long Chair

Standing in front of their “new” facility, now known as Hardwick Alumni House, the headquarters of the Whitworth Office of Alumni & Parent Relations and Annual Giving is named for Francis E. Hardwick, interim president of Whitworth from 1938-40 as well as linguist, mathematician, psychologist, ordained pastor, and beloved longtime dean of students. After extensive renovations to the building last fall, its newest residents moved into their offices in January. Next time you’re at Whitworth, drop by Hardwick House (at the corner of Whitworth Drive and Hawthorne Road) for a chat and a cup of coffee!

Whitworth House Is New Home to Alumni

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Taking Care of Business

Whitworthians shine again at competition

When Whitworth students took to the stage in April to present their plans for a number of new businesses, they did so with their customary acumen and panache. Whitworth’s entrants walked off with first, second, and third-place finishes in two categories in the 2013 Inland Northwest Business Plan Competition, winning a total of $9,500. This year, more than 120 teams, from Whitworth, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga, Spokane Falls and Spokane Community Colleges, submitted plans in three project categories: social enterprise, community-based, and student-generated. Twenty teams were chosen to present their plans in the finals; their presentations were followed by an awards ceremony and reception.

Whitworth students Devon Deflardin, ’16, and Cody DeJardin, ’14 (brothers from Salem, Ore.), took home $5,000 for placing first in the student-generated category. Their business plan, Perspectives: Clothing and Apparel, is a clothing line sold from an online store. The brothers say that Perspectives’ mission is to sell high-quality clothing and apparel, and to share stories through their website that have the potential for positive impact in the world. Visit www.perspectivesapparel.com.

Whitworth students John Baxley, ’13, and Patrick Stewart, ’13, won $2,000 for taking second place in the student-generated category. The team’s business plan, Errandipity, is a free grocery-list application designed for iOS and Android mobile devices. Errandipity provides users with access to price and inventory information through partnerships with retailers. By tracking user shopping habits, the app also creates market data that is used to generate revenue through analytics, personalized coupon delivery, and mobile advertising.

Whitworth students Spencer Joice, ’13, Aleksandr Solodyankin, ’14, and Felix Busni, ’12, took second place and $2,000 in the social-enterprise category for their plan, WUFASA, and Peter Lundgren and Makayla Palmer, both ’13, took third and $500 in the social-enterprise category for their plan, Scooter Friends.

‘For Such a Time as This’

WIM, ELI to address roles within the changing church

The Whitworth Institute of Ministry (WIM) is gearing up for its 38th annual summer program for pastors and their families. “For Such a Time as This: Ancient Christian Wisdom for Postmodern Times” will address this transitional moment in the life of the church. During the same week, Whitworth’s inaugural Elder Leadership Institute (ELI) will seek to prepare ruling elders to be transformational leaders whose lives reflect a growing relationship with God and a working knowledge of scripture, theology, church history and mission strategies.

WIM, July 8-12, and ELI, July 7-12, will both take place at Whitworth. WIM’s plenary speakers include James K.A. Smith, professor of philosophy from Calvin College (Mich.), Carolyn Goodson, associate professor of communication in the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary (Calif.), and Whitworth theology professors Jerry Sittser, Karen Petersen-Finch and James Edwards, ’87.

“These speakers will help us renew the rhythms, practices and disciplines of the church in helping Christians remain faithful to Christ and each other through even the most uncertain periods,” says Dean of Spiritual Life and WIM Director Terry McGonigal. “We invite pastors and their families to join us as we renew and refresh our minds, hearts, bodies and imaginations through the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

ELI’s instructors include founding director Sara Singleton; Whitworth trustee Jim Singleton; Sittser; and Leadership Transformation, Inc., founder and CEO Steve Macchia.

According to ELI’s learning objectives, “Our goal is transformation, not simply information. Participants will learn how to function as elders according to the model set forth in the New Testament.” ELI hopes to inspire a movement that will help the church rediscover the gospel and its power for life and mission.

For additional information about WIM and/or ELI, visit www.whitworth.edu/wim or www.whitworth.edu/eli.

Symons Receives Whitworth’s Highest Honor

With a fervent “Thank God for Art Symons!” Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor bestowed the George F. Whitworth Medal upon Symons, ’51, a longtime trustee who has “greatly influenced the course of the institution he loves.” During the Spring Convocation ceremony, Taylor cited Symons’ contributions of time, passion, financial resources and energy during his 44 years on the board of trustees, placing the honoree among the pantheon of “Whitworth’s most illustrious members.”

“Great leaders whose lives reflect a growing relationship with God and a working knowledge of scripture, theology, church history and mission strategies,” Taylor said, “are the kind of people Art Symons is.”

In his remarks, Symons reflected on Whitworth’s history, the university’s transition from a small college to a large four-year university, and the challenges it faces today.

“[Whitworth NEWS]
Whitworth Prepares for Crucial ‘Green Dot’ Moments

Whitworth is confronting and reducing power-based personal violence in a whole new way. After intense preparations and anti-violence training sessions conducted by student leaders and sponsored by Whitworth Student Life, the university welcomed Dorothy Edwards, the executive director of Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategies, to campus to speak on “Ending Violence One Green Dot at a Time.”

Edwards works with government agencies, the military, nonprofits, high schools and colleges around the world, seeking to lower rates of violence. Green Dot’s strategy is based upon three premises (paraphrased here): 1) To limit violence, a cultural shift must begin in which people are willing to choose to use their voices, actions and choices to make one small corner of the world safer. 2) When a community shares a vision, it creates momentum through common language and purpose. 3) The Green Dot strategy is a social movement that harnesses the power of peer influence and individual choices to create lasting culture change and a reduction in power-based personal violence. In a sea of red dots (incidents of violence), one green dot (intervention) can make a lasting difference.

Green Dot has a greater potential for transforming student attitudes and culture on campus than any ‘prevention’ program I’ve seen,” says Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Dick Mandeville. “By providing in-depth training and equipping small groups of influential leaders, the program has had an almost immediate impact. The slogan that ‘No one can do everything (to stop personal power-based violence), but everyone can do something’ puts the power for change into the hands of each of us.”

Green Dot training sessions, to which students, faculty and staff are invited, will continue each semester at Whitworth. Learn more about Green Dot at www.whitworth.edu/greendot.

Bucs Redux

Whitworth nab sixth consecutive McIlroy-Lewis Trophy

With conference championships in men’s soccer, women’s and men’s swimming, men’s basketball, men’s golf, and men’s track & field, as well as third-place finishes in women’s cross-country, women’s soccer, women’s basketball (tie), softball (tie), women’s tennis (tie), women’s golf, and women’s track & field, the Pirates once again took a commanding lead in the points scramble during spring semester and emerged at the top of the NWC heap. Three Whitworthians – Sean Bushéy in men’s soccer, Toby Schwarz in men’s track & field, and Warren Friedrichs in men’s soccer, men’s track & field, and Warren Friedrichs in men’s soccer – also earned NWC Coach of the Year honors in the 2012-13 season.

The McIlroy-Lewis Trophy, given for all-around excellence in NWC athletics, is hallowed hardware for NCAA Div. III athletes in the Pacific Northwest. Whitworth’s first McIlroy-Lewis win came in 2005, and the trophies have come thick and fast since that time, with the Bucs piling up seven wins in nine years. Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor, an ardent Pirates fan, says of the victory, “The entire university community celebrates with Director of Athletics Aaron Leech, our coaches and athletic trainers, and our fabulous student-athletes on winning the McIlroy-Lewis Trophy for 2012-13. Whitworth loves its Pirates, and this award once again confirms the broad excellence of our athletics program.”

Highlights from the 2012-13 year

At the end of the season (the team’s second consecutive 26-4 campaign), second-year head coach Matt Logie was named a finalist for the Glenn Robinson National Coach of the Year award. Logie still marvels at his team’s accomplishments. “After beginning the season with a five-point loss to eventual No. 1 St. Thomas, the guys rattled off 20 consecutive victories,” he says. Mentioning the Bucs’ strong showing in the national rankings over the past few years and their take-no-prisoners march through the NWC, Logie adds, “We collected lots of great memories as we had the opportunity to host three sellout NCAA tournament games at home, including victories over Redlands University (Calif.) and Emory University (Ga.), catapulting our guys into the NCAA Sweet Sixteen for the fourth consecutive year.” Despite a second-half comeback and the Bucs’ best efforts, their season ended with a loss to eventual national finalist Mary Hardin-Baylor University (Texas). The home loss certainly stung – but it also marked the end of another stellar season for Logie and his team. If there was a star on the well-balanced 2012-13 team, it was Wade Gebbers, ’13. Gebbers, a starting point guard since his freshman year, played hurt during much of the season, yet led his teammates through the 20-game winning streak and the conference championship that took them again into the national tournament. Mentioning Gebbers as “a First-Team All-NorthWest Conference and All-Region selection,” Logie says that “Wade led on and off the court as well with his second consecutive selection to the CoSIDA Academic All-Region 8 Team. His leadership, unselfishness, and winning attitude were major factors in Whitworth going 106-13 during his four years on the hardwood.” Gebbers, a magna cum laude graduate in business management, also became a father during the season when his wife, Kristina, gave birth to Rylie Elizabeth. (Ever the tough competitor – but also an anxious first-time dad – Gebbers left a regular-season game at halftime to be in the delivery room for his daughter’s birth.)
‘A Great Fit’

Simon’s appointment leads slate of administrative changes

Declaring himself “thrilled” at the fruits of a year-long search, Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor calls Whitworth’s new provost and executive vice president, Caroline (Carol) Simon, “a great fit to be Whitworth’s chief academic officer. The university’s academic future is its great hands.”

Simon is associate dean for teaching and learning at Hope College (Mich.). She has held numerous administrative leadership roles and has served on Hope’s board of trustees. She also held the Jacobson Endowed Professorship, a four-year appointment, and chaired the philosophy department for six years.

Simon, who holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Washington and a B.S. in philosophy from the University of Oregon, is energized by Whitworth’s mission and its people.

“In other administrative developments, Dean of the School of Education Dennis Stermer, E.D.D., has announced that he will step down from his current position and resume his original role at Whitworth as a professor in the SOE. A first-rate accreditation review and the school’s acceptance of its largest single donation ($3 million for the Margo Long Endowed Chair in Gifted Education) are just two of the SOE’s accomplishments under Stermer. Beck Taylor says that “Dennis’s legacy of leadership has created wonderful opportunities for the school going forward.” Barbara Sanders, E.D.D., who served as interim provost during the past year, will step into Stermer’s shoes as interim dean of the School of Education.

Busy Days Ahead

Bynagle, Holler hit retirement running

Whitworth Library Director Hans Bynagle and Associate Professor of Education Carol A. Holler, this year’s faculty retirees, are preparing to use their “free” time to great advantage.

Bynagle, who has helmed the library since 1983, plans to spend time with family, including his wife, Jan (also a longtime Whitworth employee), their children and daughter in San Francisco. Home projects also await: “I figure I have a minimum of two years’ worth of house and garden projects queued up,” Bynagle says. He also plans to read, jog, bicycle, enjoy music and volunteer his time in some as-yet-undecided areas. He will remember fondly the library project from the 1990s, when he worked with people across campus to expand and improve Whitworth’s library facility and holdings. And, he says, “working with so many wonderful colleagues in all areas and at every level of the institution, and with so many wonderful students, has been a joy. I know it’s what I’ll miss most.”

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Welcome to Whitworth!

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ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS
Elizabeth Abbey, Health Sciences
Eugene Bempson Nyantakyi, Economics
Claudia Dumitrescu, Marketing
Will Kyres, Theology
Keith Lambert, ’91, Education/Director of Student Teaching
Jann Leppien, Education/Margo Long Endowed Chair (see story on R 15)
Shane Wibelt, Health Sciences/Assistant Athletic Trainer

INSTRUCTORS
Jessica Clements, English*
Luella D’Amico, English*
Stacy Keogh, Sociology*
Mark Killian, Sociology*
Eric Sartell, ’94, Finance/Economics*

*Will move to assistant professor positions after the Whitworth Academic Affairs Office receives verification of doctoral degree completion.

Parker, Taylor Celebrate with Class of ‘13

Washington State Representative (R) and Whitworth alumnus Kevin Parker was the speaker at the university’s 2013 commencement ceremony on May 19, sharing his experience and wisdom with 575 graduates in the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. Parker was a young life leader at Columbine High School, in Littleton, Colo., and was in the school’s library on April 20, 1999, the day 13 people were killed and 23 wounded by two students with assault weapons. As a survivor of that shooting, he has spoken internationally about his experience and has shared his views on leadership with a number of companies, nonprofits, and political officials. In addition to his work as a state representative, Parker is an entrepreneur who owns the Dutch Bros. Coffee franchise, in Spokane. He is also a leadership instructor at Fairchild Air Force Base and an adjunct business professor at Whitworth. On Saturday, May 18, Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor was the featured speaker as the university awarded 75 master’s degrees at its graduate commencement ceremony. Taylor chose “Peacemaking” as the topic of his address.
In Memoriam

Rev. Dr. Lewis Archer, longtime Whitworth English professor, died April 4 in Manitou Springs, Colo. He was 77. Lew was a graduate of the University of Denver who earned his M.Div. from Pacific School of Religion (Calif.) and his Ph.D. in religion and literature from Drew University (N.J.). From 1957-60 he was a Methodist missionary in South Africa, where he learned Zambianic to be able to teach immigrant miners to read and write in their own language. In 1962, he married Jean Wurst in Johannesburg. Upon their return to the U.S., he completed his studies and became a professor of English, initially at Emory University (Ga.). He spent the majority of his career (1969-89) at Whitworth, where the English department’s senior awards are named for him. He and Jean moved to Colorado in 1991. Lew often presented his research at the Historic Speakers Series, held by the Mineral Springs Foundation and the Manitou Springs Heritage Center. He also taught classes in local history, served as a guide for national tours that came through Manitou Springs, and did philatelic work, including creating, repairing and replacing wooden toys and other handiwork items for anyone who asked. Lew is survived by his wife, their son and daughter, two brothers, and one granddaughter.

Music major Daniel Glen Carter, ’15, of Ephrata, died Dec. 30 at age 20. Dan began studying piano at age 6, picking up the classical guitar at 12. He spent a year studying at Pepperdine University with renowned guitarist Christopher Parkening, and he was studying with Whitworth’s Paul Grove at the time of his death. During his senior year in high school, Dan performed a benefit concert to raise funds for the Clean Water in Haiti Project. In addition to his passion for music, Dan also taught classes in local history, and is a devoted collector of esoterica, to Whitworth.

Alumnus and Whitworth supporter Robert H. Ruby, M.D., ’43, died in February at age 91. The 2006 winner of a Whitworth Alumni Award earned his M.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. In the early ’50s, while serving as the hospital director at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Robert discovered a passion for Native American culture. He moved to Moses Lake, Wash., and set up a private practice in general surgery, from which he retired in 1991. He served at the Job Corps clinic in Moses Lake well into his 80s. Robert taught courses on Pacific Northwest Indians and wrote or co-wrote 13 scholarly books and an historical novel. He also lectured at museums and scholarly meetings throughout the West. The Okanogan Tribe named him Sso Huk Min, or Caretaker of Tribal History, in 2003. A devoted collector of esoterica, Robert donated the bulk of his collections, which included Western art, memorabilia from the space program, collectible furniture, and books and items autographed by famous Americans, to Whitworth.

in retirement he served on the board of directors for the Hedco Foundation. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, two sons and their spouses, and four grandchildren.

Jean B. Polhemus, wife of longtime trustee Marty Polhemus (who died in 2002), died in December at age 91. She was an Iowa State student “when Marty sported her gorgeous red hair, asked her to dance, and was totally hooked,” according to The Spokesman-Review. Later, the mother of six delighted in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her support of Marty’s career was key to his success, and service to others was her defining quality. She served as an elder at Manito Presbyterian Church, was a longtime member of the Whitworth Auxiliary, and cataloged American Indian baskets for the Cheney Cowles Museum. Jean is survived by her daughters and three sons, her brother and sister, 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Donations in her honor may be sent to the Jean Polhemus Endowed Scholarship at Whitworth; to Manito Presbyterian Church, 401 E. 30th Ave, Spokane 99205; or to Hospice of Spokane, PO Box 2215, Spokane 99210.

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Faithful in the Little

By Gerald L. Siers
Professor of Theology

There’s a problem with saints, whether long dead or still living. They are simply too good - noble and godly - and thus out of reach to ordinary people like you and me, who lead quiet lives and try to do the best we can to follow Jesus. I think that living an ordinary life is meaningful; it just doesn’t promote us to the ranks of sainthood. Saints are faithful in a lord. Most of us are faithful, if that, in the little.

I like to keep track of Whitworth alums, as most of my colleagues do. Last January, my wife, Pat, and I spent two weeks in Bolivia to speak at a missions conference. We also spent time with four alums, all recent graduates, who are just getting started in their vocations. At this point, neither National Geographic nor Christianity Today has dispatched a reporter to cover their stories. Still, what Pat and I saw sent us back to Whitworth with hope and gratitude: Whitworth’s mission is alive and well in these four former students.

We traveled to Cochabamba, a city of 1 million people, where my wife and I met Katie Stewart, ’07, for a long lunch. Katie teaches third grade in a Christian after-school program called Centro de Amistad y Ayuda (Center of Friendship and Support), which reaches out to impoverished and disadvantaged Quechua children in the community and supports those who struggle to succeed in the public school system. As Katie told us, she and her fellow teachers serve children on the margins. The parents of these children live in small adobe houses and work from 6 a.m. to as late as 9 or 9 p.m. each day, usually for very little pay. The goal of the center is to introduce the children to the love of Christ and to break the cycle of poverty and hopelessness in their community.

Our last visit was with Shelley Humphries and Rachel Longton, both ’10, who moved to Cochabamba 18 months ago to work as hospital nurses. They were not in town for very long, however, before they began to notice a large population of street people who sniffed glue, begged for food, and made money from prostitution. Every Friday, Shelley and Rachel visited a popular plaza, providing food and medical care for the people there. The need was so great and the work so demanding that they eventually decided to work full time in the plaza. They pray and read Scripture with the people there, share Christ with them, and meet their practical needs. They also lead a twice-weekly Bible study in a women’s prison, and they will soon open a medical clinic and a home for women who want to get off the street.

As Pat and I walked the streets of Cochabamba with Shelley and Rachel, progress was slow because people kept calling out to the young women, making us feel like groupies in the company of rock stars. Everyone seemed to know them. They may not be saints, but the people we met treated them as if they were.

Around the world, Whitworth alumni are doing good work and hard work. Results come slowly, if at all. And the four alums we visited told us many stories of heartache and failure as they did their work. But the success rate doesn’t matter to them; they thrive at their tasks (Calvin’s term for vocation), and, at least for now, there will remain, being faithful in the little.
The Whitworth University Office of Alumni & Parent Relations is pleased to present its annual awards: three during Commencement Weekend and the fourth during Homecoming Weekend. Nomination letters for these awards should be sent to the office of alumni & parent relations at alumni@whitworth.edu. A committee of alumni and staff will select recipients based on the criteria listed below for each award.

**Distinguished Alumni Award**
The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to an alum who has...
- reached high achievement in her/his field;
- been of service to the community and the world; and
- expressed loyalty to and connection with Whitworth.

**Alumni Service to Whitworth Award**
The Alumni Service to Whitworth Award is presented annually to an alum who has...
- shown exceptional and sustained dedication to the university and the alumni program; and
- expressed the mission of the university to others and encouraged the support of other alumni.

**Alumni Mind & Heart Award**
The Alumni Mind & Heart Award is presented to an alum who has...
- lived foremost the Whitworth mission to “honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity” through a life of Christian service; and
- expressed loyalty to and connection with Whitworth University.

**Recent Alumni Award**
(to be presented at Homecoming)
The Recent Alumni Award is presented to an alum who has graduated from Whitworth within the past 15 years and in that time has...
- achieved steady advancement in her/his field;
- expressed loyalty to and connection with Whitworth University; and
- exemplified the Whitworth mission.

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

**Vernon Grose, ’50**

Equipped with a physics degree from Whitworth, Vern Grose has invested the greater part of his long and illustrious career seeking to make the world a safer place through his work on weapons-system reliability and NASA’s manned space programs, and as a member of the five-person National Transportation Safety Board during the Reagan administration.

Vern is founder and CEO of the Omega Systems Group, an international systems-management consulting firm that holds the patent on a revolutionary methodology for managing every conceivable risk in all types of companies and organizations. This technique, SMART, was successfully used to combat terrorism at the 1998 Summer Olympics, in Los Angeles.

In 1988, as a respected expert on aviation and risk, Vern began participating in interviews on such major network news programs as The Today Show, Good Morning America, CBS NewsWatch, and BBC-London. To date, he has participated in more than 400 such interviews. During the Clinton administration, in 1997, then-Vice President Al Gore solicited Vern’s expertise for the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security.

Vern has written several books and has been published internationally in more than 60 journals and periodicals. Despite his professional success, Vern is most proud of the fact that he and his wife, Phyllis, ’51, raised their six children to be committed Christian adults.

**Alumni Service to Whitworth Award**

**Tammy Reid, ’60**

Tammy Reid has served Whitworth in myriad capacities during her four-decade tenure as a professor, administrator, and herbalist. After a decade of teaching in public schools, Tammy joined the Whitworth English faculty in 1972, teaching introductory writing courses. She soon became a full-time associate professor with the department and began developing advanced writing courses for adult learners. She also taught with Whitworth’s Core 250 team for six years and worked as the director of student-teaching and teacher placement through the education department. Tammy is particularly proud of the courses she designed during this time and the lectures that she added to the Core curriculum, many of which remain in place today.

After completing her Ph.D. from WSU, Tammy accepted the first of many administrative posts at Whitworth. From 1985-96 she served as acting chair of the education department, as associate dean of faculty, as acting dean of faculty, and as acting academic vice president. In 1996, she was selected from a pool of national candidates as Whitworth’s academic vice president. It was the first time that a Whitworth graduate — and a woman — had held the position.

By 2005, Tammy had invested 46 years in education, including more than 30 years at Whitworth. Looking back, she says, “It was a joy to work with the Whitworth faculty.” As she finished her career, she made the transition back to her first love, teaching with the department from which she had earned her bachelor’s degree in 1962. In a lovely bit of karma, the office she was assigned was the one that had belonged to one of her favorite professors and mentors, Whitworth’s beloved Clarence Simpson.

**Alumni Mind & Heart Award**

**Jeff Boyd, ’85**

Since his graduation from Whitworth, Jeff Boyd has faithfully served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He and his wife, Christi, share a common commitment to service within the church and to working with marginalized communities. The Boys were commissioned by the PCUSA in 1990 to serve with the Njombe District Development Trust, a community-run and church-endorsed education project with six secondary schools in Tanzania, East Africa. In 1996, Jeff and Christi moved to Zaire, which is now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo. At that time, two-thirds of the schools there were run by churches. Jeff served as the assistant director of the Presbyterian community of Kinshasa’s education department. After two outbreaks of war and the closing of their children’s school, the Boys evacuated to Cameroon, where Jeff became a consultant to the education department of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon.

For the past 10 years, Jeff has been a regional liaison with the Africa office of Presbyterian World Mission, while Christi has worked with a network of churches and organizations that are focusing on the root causes of hunger and poverty. At the request of the PCUSA, Jeff and Christi will return to Kinshasa, Congo, later this year, to continue their ministry.

To see videos about the 2013 Alumni Award winners, visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.
The classes of 1993, 2003 and 2008 will celebrate class-year reunions, alumni who participated in the forecourses program will gather for an alumni reunion, and alumni from 1986-89 will gather for a cluster reunion during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 4-6.

All alumni are invited to camps for a weekend of fun events including football, volleyball and soccer games, lectures, and opportunities to connect with your classmates and favorite faculty. More details are available at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.
Four Reasons to Support The Whitworth Fund

Among the many opportunities to stay engaged and give back to Whitworth, supporting The Whitworth Fund is one of the most important ways alumni can propel Whitworth’s mind-and-heart mission.

Did you know you can designate your Whitworth Fund gift to one of four crucial areas?

• Student scholarships are the greatest area of need and will always be the top priority of The Whitworth Fund.
• Academic & student life gifts honor Whitworth’s commitment to building community among students and faculty and offering opportunities for learning outside the classroom. This includes conference funding, summer research opportunities, student-leadership programs and service-learning.
• International initiatives are outlined in Whitworth’s strategic plan, which includes a number of programs that involve students in international experiences as well as to increase the international-student presence on campus. The Whitworth Fund supports these efforts, including the Costa Rica Center, study-abroad programs, and campus initiatives designed to aid in the success of our international students.
• Facilities & grounds funding serves our efforts in recruitment of new students and in meeting the needs of current students. These gifts support new technology, building maintenance and renovations, campus security, and the exterior beauty that welcomes community members and visitors.

For more information or to support The Whitworth Fund, contact us at 509.777.4769, whitworthfund@whitworthu.edu or www.whitworthu.edu/whitworthfund.

1980s

1988 David Paul LaMontagne serves as the stated clerk of the President of New Brunswick. He published his first book, Barth and Rationality: Critical Realism in Reformation, in 2012.

DEATHS

Alphonse M. “Mac” Marshal, ’81, died Aug. 3, 2002. Lynnette E. (Fikut) Ruggles, ’81, Oct. 6, 2002. Helen M. Shanewise, ’82, died Aug. 3, 2002. Helen M. Shanewise, ’82, died Sept. 19. After earning a bachelor’s degree from Mount Union College (Ohio), Helen and her husband, Bob, moved to Spokane. She graduated from Spokane Community College and went on to earn a master’s degree from Whitworth, in the 1990s. Helen and Bob built and operated an assisted living home in town. She served on many auxiliary, boards and committees and did volunteer healthcare work overseas with Bob. She was also an instrument rated pilot who flew in the 1970 All-Women Transcontinental Air Race. She is survived by her daughter, sons, grandchildren, and nieces. Judy L. (Boyd) VanHoutan, ’83, died Jan. 5. Judy married Daniel Settle. She worked many years in the Spokane area as a counselor and therapist. In 2005, after Daniel’s death, Joyce partnered with Judy and they moved to Seattle, where they lived when their daughter was born in 1982. He was a dedicated Christian of nearly 50 years. He is survived by his wife, four children, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

1990s

1998 a boy, Jack, to Dave and Sarah Pichtel, April 26, 2011.
1998 a boy, Gus, to Melissa (Wong) and Dan Salgado, June 14, 2012.
1998 a girl, Sydney to Min (Beard) and Kyle Smith, Jan. 28, 2011.
1998 a boy, Amos Blaire, to Jessica (Whitworth) and Justin Uhler, x’96, Oct. 1, 2011.
1998 a boy, Benjamin Earl, to Amanda (Ayers) and Jay Nevin, Oct. 22.

DEATHS

Steven A. Arnold, ’90, died Jan. 4. Born in July 1954, Steve was drafted into the Army in 1965. After he served in Vietnam, he and his twin brother, John D. Ansotigue, ’74, moved to Seattle, where they lived when their daughter was born in 1982. He was a devoted Christian of nearly 50 years. He is survived by his wife, four children, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Paul D. “Doug” Swannack, Jr., ’92, died Feb. 5. Born in July 1947 in Spokane, Doug attended Washington State University and Eastern Washington University to earn his bachelor’s degree in education. He later earned his master’s degree at Whitworth. Doug taught in the West Valley School District for more than 25 years and served in the Army from 1962-64. He enjoyed singing, sports, and playing brass instruments. He was also a member of the El Katif mind-and-heart mission.

Did you know if there’s something I want to leave behind, it’s the celebration of the complex beauty we have all around us. If you stop to look, you’ll see it everywhere.” To view some of Hawk’s work, please visit www.youtube.com/wildlifepark or www.facebook.com/ryanhawk.

Hawk Takes Flight

By Lydia Buchanan, ’13, & Josie Camarillo, ’14

A college major is a passport for some and a springboard for others. Ryan Hawk, ’97, it was the latter. After several years working in international business, in which he earned his degree at Whitworth, Hawk chose to pursue photography as a profession. He says, “My interest in photography thought back then was, I have to do something more creative…something that matters. And that to get out of a cubicle!” He did, indeed, escape those four fabric walls. Today he is the photographer and videographer on staff at Seattle’s Woodland Park Zoo.

Whitworth is not only where Hawk met his wife, Heather (Pataki), ’99, it is where he discovered his calling. “Whitworth…was about being broad in knowledge and deep in knowing who you are,” he says. Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology Ron Fraise was one influential mentor in Hawk’s vocational philosophy. “Ron’s words on the Central American Study Tour spoke to the core of my personality,” Hawk says, “and gave me validation that I didn’t have to excel in one thing only. I could experience all that life has to offer and just try to do good work in the process.” Hawk’s work takes him to places like Papa New Guinea, and allows him to interact closely with a wide array of exotic zoo animals. He remembers when a four-week-old Sumatran tiger sank her teeth into his calf and then fell asleep on his foot. Hawk says, “I’m lucky enough to have subject matter that people can’t seem to get enough of, and it’s rewarding to see that tens of millions of people around the world have seen your work. It is a great motivator for those days you’re stuck at your desk editing.”

“Photography and short videos communicate instantly,” he says. “And that’s so crucial to my work in conservation. Images have the power to change hearts and minds.”

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1960s

1963 Ruth Ann (Ferrall) Dailey, who is part of a team working to introduce teen writers to the Christian publishing world, is setting up and facilitating a writers’ contest. Bill Sperling, who recently retired after 25 years with U.S. Bank, joined the BMO Private Bank Advisory board, in Seattle. 1968 Peggy (Thomas) Turner and her husband, Tom, relocated to Lubbock, Texas, in 2003 and started Wash’n’Wag, a mobile dog grooming business. Peggy describes it as being “a ministry to dogs and their people.” Loren Minnick’s daughter, Sarah and Jane, own a Zagat-rated top 10 Portland restaurant called “Lovely’s 50-50.” His son, Casey plays basketball for Whitman College and will graduate in 2014. 1969 Woody (Muco) Boyd reunited with Mary (Pineo) Heindl, his “big sister” from her technician year at Whitworth, through an adult Bible study at Sequim (Wash.) Bible Church.

DEATHS

Lorne M. “Mac” Swanson, ’61, ’63. Mac graduated from Whitworth with a business degree. A lifelong resident of Dukuk, Minn., he worked for Dwight Swanson Co., owned Dwight Swanson Realty, and worked for St. Mary’s Hospital and at the St. Louis County Courthouse. He was also a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Minnesota National Guard and Army Reserve. Mac was an avid sports fan and enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, sister, brothers, and other family and friends. Julie (Gunn) Nays, ’63, f.d., Feb. 19, 2003. Alberta (Gall) Price, ’63, f.d., Feb. 12. “Bertie” earned her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Wyoming and got married in 1967. She worked in the telecommunications industry for 27 years. Bertie was a member of First Presbyterian Church, in Cheyenne, Wyo., and enjoyed quilting, counted cross-stitch, and playing mahjong. She is survived by her husband, Tom, her two sons, and other family and friends. Richard L. Shannon, ’63, f.d., Sept. 1. R. Roberta (White) Standard, ’63, f.d. Sept. 2. David L. Kendall, ’64, f.d., Nov. 23. Born in Spokane in 1942, Dave worked as a summer camp trainer for the NFL’s Oakland Raiders, as an instructor and head trainer, and, in 1967, he married Elaine C. “Becky” Beck. In 1965, he graduated from Indiana University with a master’s degree in sports administration. He died Sept. 1. Kenneth J. (Poore) Heindl, ’66, f.d., his “big sister” from her technician year at Whitworth, through an adult Bible study at Sequim (Wash.) Bible Church.

1950s

1958 Mary (Van Wechel) VanHorton enjoys gardening, traveling, spending time with her family, and serving as a deacon at her church.

DEATHS

Hazel (Belcher) Bishop, ’50, d.d., April 14, 1991. Born Oct. 24, 1928, she passed away peacefully in her sleep. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, one brother, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Miriam E. (Murphy) Clark, ’50, d.d., Sept. 30. After graduating from Whitworth, Miriam earned a master’s degree from San Jose State University. After raising her children, she became an adult education teacher at a liberal arts college. She loved travelling, her husband, Ken, and she enjoyed history, the outdoors, and raising golden retrievers as guide dogs for the blind. She trained her last dog, Pello, as a therapy dog. Miriam is survived by her husband, children, and grandchildren. Kenneth W. Elfrum, ’50, d.d. Jan. 17, 2012. Dr. James P. Lewis, ’51, d.d., Aug. 10, 2012. Gloria (Stokes) Murphy, ’51, d.d., Aug. 26. She was the daughter of Frank Allen Stokes, president of the Northwestern chapter of the NAACP, and, as a child, she met writers Langston Hughes and Richard Wright. She was a charter member of the first African-American Girl Scout troop in Spokane, and she later became the first African-American female scientist to be accepted into the Alumnae Society of Whitworth. She volunteered at the Salvation Army and Guan, where she met her husband, Howard D. Murphy, ’56. They were married for 50 years before he died, in 2001. For 10 years, Gloria taught fifth grade at Heritage Elementary School. After she retired, she traveled to Hawaii, Italy, the Panama Canal and Mexico. She is survived by three children and six grandchildren. Roy R. Myers, ’51, d.d., Dec. 31, 2012. Born in 1920 in Idaho, Glenn attended Washington State College, and at Spokane Falls Community College. Lowell was a member of the Spokane Central Lions Club for nearly 50 years. His wife, Eleanor, and he enjoyed traveling, gardening and spending time with family. After 63 years of marriage, Eleanor died recently. Lowell was known for his humor, kindness, and upbeat attitude. He is survived by his son, his daughter and other family members. James F. James, ’51, d.d., Feb. 17. John C. Boppell, ’51, f.d., Sept. 3. Born in Seattle in 1917, John grew up in Santa Cruz, Calif., where his father started the Santa Cruz Shirt Company. After college, John moved to South Africa, where he started American Parlour in Ovam, which grew into a major company in the country. John is survived by his wife, 34, and his stepdaughter, sisters, brother, grandson, and nieces and nephews. Dennis D. Roffler, ’51, f.d. Feb. 26.

‘64-’65 Reunion

Mark your calendars now for the combined 50th reunions of the classes of 1964 and 1965 next June 20-22, 2014. The weekend will include activities, gatherings and meals planned by your classmates, including overnight accommodations in Whitworth residence halls. Classmates who attended for just a year or two and did not graduate from Whitworth are warmly invited to attend. Watch for more details.
1940s

1949 Martin (Dorothy) Peterson published her book, *If You Were... Who... How... What...*. A memoir of her time in the Peace Corps and of her world travels teaching English and sharing the Bible.

1942 Dolores (Muench) Hoyt's poem "This Ole House" was printed in the book *Best Poets of 2011 Volume 2*, published by Eber and Wein Publishing. Someday, Dolores would like to publish a "small book about a child's world."

DEATHS

Helen (Burgos) Adams, '40, died Oct. 8. Born in Spokane in 1915, Helen attended Kamiakin Business College and Whitworth before graduating from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing, in Seattle, in 1941. Helen married Clyde W. Olsen in Tacoma, Wash., in 1942. During the majority of her life, Helen taught and practiced nursing. In 1962, she and her family moved to Hermont, Ore. After Clyde passed away, Helen married Alexander G. "Ar" Adams, who passed away in 1969. She carried on as an owner and manager of her family's arts and stationary store for a while before becoming a registered nurse. Helen volunteered as a camp nurse for more than 25 years and enjoyed nature walks. In addition to serving for 16 years on the Hermiston City Council, she was a member of various boards, founded two garden clubs, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church for 50 years. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and other family members. Louise G. (Holter) Marks, '43, died Nov. 21. Born in June 1922, Louise served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve from June 1943 to 1945. She was honorably discharged as a sergeant. Her husband, Joe Martini, also served, as a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant major. Louise was a life member of the Edith Macias Vann Chapter of the Women Marines Association. She battled cancer and was learning to walk every day. She enjoyed theatre and social gatherings and was known for having a big heart and cherishing her friends. She is survived by her two sons, her grandson and other family members. Louis J. Allen, '47, diedSept. 23, 2012. Born in 1921, Louis served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. In 1949, Louis married his high school sweetheart, Ilene Nelson. The couple spent 60 years together. Ilene is survived by her children, grandchildren, and other family members. Lloyd G. Uecker, '47, died Dec. 30. Born in 1919, he spoke only German before starting school. After high school, Lloyd moved to California, where he secured a position building military aircraft at Consolidated Vultee. In 1945, during World War II, he was appointed pastor of Evangelical United Brethren Church, in Spokane. Soon after, he graduated from Whitworth with a psychology degree in 1949. He was appointed to Englewood Evangelical United Brethren Church in Portland, Ore., in 1950. Lloyd was appointed pastor of First United Brethren Church, in Spokane. Soon after, he graduated from Whitworth with a psychology degree in 1949. He was appointed to Englewood Evangelical United Brethren Church in Portland, Ore., in 1950. Lloyd was appointed pastor of First United Brethren Church, in Spokane. Soon after, he graduated from Whitworth with a psychology degree in 1949. He was appointed to Englewood Evangelical United Brethren Church in Portland, Ore., in 1950. Lloyd was appointed pastor of First United Brethren Church, in Spokane. 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English literature brought me to Spokane. My Hong Kong Baptist College English Professor Eleanor Taylor told me that she and her good friend Patricia MacDonald, of Whitworth College, had started a student exchange program between the two schools. “You should consider it,” she said. I thought about it and said “Why not?”

After graduation, I exchanged annual Christmas letters with my Whitworth English professor, Lewis Archer. A few years ago, I sent him my long-overdue gratitude, after reflecting on two decades of my career working with countries in the former Soviet Union. I don’t speak Russian and neither have I studied the history or politics of these countries to prepare me for the work I do. I told Lew that the only academic qualification I could point to was my exposure to the great Russian novels – Anna Karenina and The Brothers Karamazov – that I read in his class.

Success in international-development work generally requires long-term investment and persistent hard work. This is especially true if one is promoting active citizenry or building strong civic investment and persistent hard work. This is especially true if one is promoting active citizenry or building strong civic institutions. In the early years I dreaded the exact amount of money you were carrying. You had to pull out all of your money, count it in public, and then record the precise amount.

Once, after turning in my forms, I was pulled aside to verify the cash I carried. The customs officer searched through my bags, and it turned out I had $3 more than I’d reported. I’d tucked some change in the pocket of my hatband and had forgotten about it. I immediately asked to correct my form. “No!” the stern customs lady said. “Fine!” I asked how much the fine would be. “Fifty dollars,” she said. It was obvious that the officers were looking for a bribe. Using my Whitworth-encouraged logic and critical-thinking skills, I insisted they show me the policy that said the fine for a $3 error would be $50. After 15 minutes of back-and-forth, the customs officer realized she was wasting her time. She waved me by. Once more, my education has eased my passage.

Sometimes, what we see on the surface can be deceptive. Several years ago, after visiting program sites in the countryside in western China, I was in a car returning to the city. I saw a dozen youngsters in their school uniforms walking along the highway, carrying backpacks and cardboard boxes. I was told they were from the villages and were taking the two- to three-hour walk back to their boarding school after a weekend with their families. The locals who were with me asked me to guess what the children were carrying in their backpacks and cardboard boxes. “Books and homework?” I asked. “No,” they said. “They’re carrying bread, their food for the week, back to school.” At school, the children got one small bowl of noodles a day. All meals were eaten standing up in the schoolyard; there was no cafeteria. And small children slept two or three in a bed. Who would have thought that a question about what’s in the backpack would lead me to learn so much about the lives of these youngsters? My curiosity and interest in other cultures, honed at Whitworth, led me to find out more about the people around me in this place about which my knowledge was limited.

I’ve circled back to Spokane a few times over the years, mainly to visit my mentors, life coaches and good friends Professor Emeritus of Psychology Patricia MacDonald and Carolyn Gloyd. This year I am speaking at the Great Decisions lecture. What a remarkable journey it has been that has taken me from Hong Kong through Whitworth to Washington – and then on to so many interesting places in the world.

Yan was recently named COO of The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, in Washington, D.C.

The group accepted Viren’s challenge and sent an appeal to fellow graduates from 1950-54. “They responded generously,” Cole says.

The Early Fifties Endowed Scholarship donors – 154 alumni and their spouses – not only reached their ambitious goal in December 2012; they exceeded it. The fund currently stands at nearly $1.1 million. To date, $368,509 in scholarships has been distributed to 90 deeply grateful students, many of whom could not meet tuition costs without the alumni’s support.

“We want to encourage other alumni groups to establish their own special endowment fund to help future generations of students have the Whitworth experience,” Cole says.

What Whitworth group is special to you? Get the gang together and start an endowed scholarship to honor your past and support students’ futures.

An Early Fifties Endowed Scholarship recipient, Anya Krmpotich, ’12, complete her B.A. degree in biology and Spanish.
Did you know that the Whitworth Auxiliary has raised almost $200,000 in “lifetime giving”?

This dynamic fund-raising group has worked tirelessly for 98 years to support Whitworth. The auxiliary has evolved from a small gathering of devoted women who sewed curtains for dorm rooms into a dynamic membership that raised $13,500 in 2012 for residence-hall-lounge renovations, off-campus travel experiences for international and Hawaiian students, and scholarship support for the President’s Discretionary Scholarship Fund.

In 2012, the auxiliary established The Whitworth Auxiliary Endowed Scholarship; the inaugural award will be given to a student in fall 2015, to coincide with the group’s centennial celebration. The endowment allows the auxiliary to sustain the legacy of its members as Whitworthians for Life and to continue into perpetuity the values of Whitworth’s mind-and-heart education that its members so faithfully support.

Many Whitworthians for Life, including the members of the Whitworth Auxiliary, have used endowments to pass their values on to future generations. When you create and fund a named endowment with Whitworth, you will support a program, facilities, or even part of the university’s operating budget, and your commitment to our mission and ideals will serve Whitworth for generations to come.

For information on how you can include Whitworth in your estate plans with an endowment, please contact The Whitworth Foundation at 800.532.4668 or visit our website: www.whitworth.edu/foundation.