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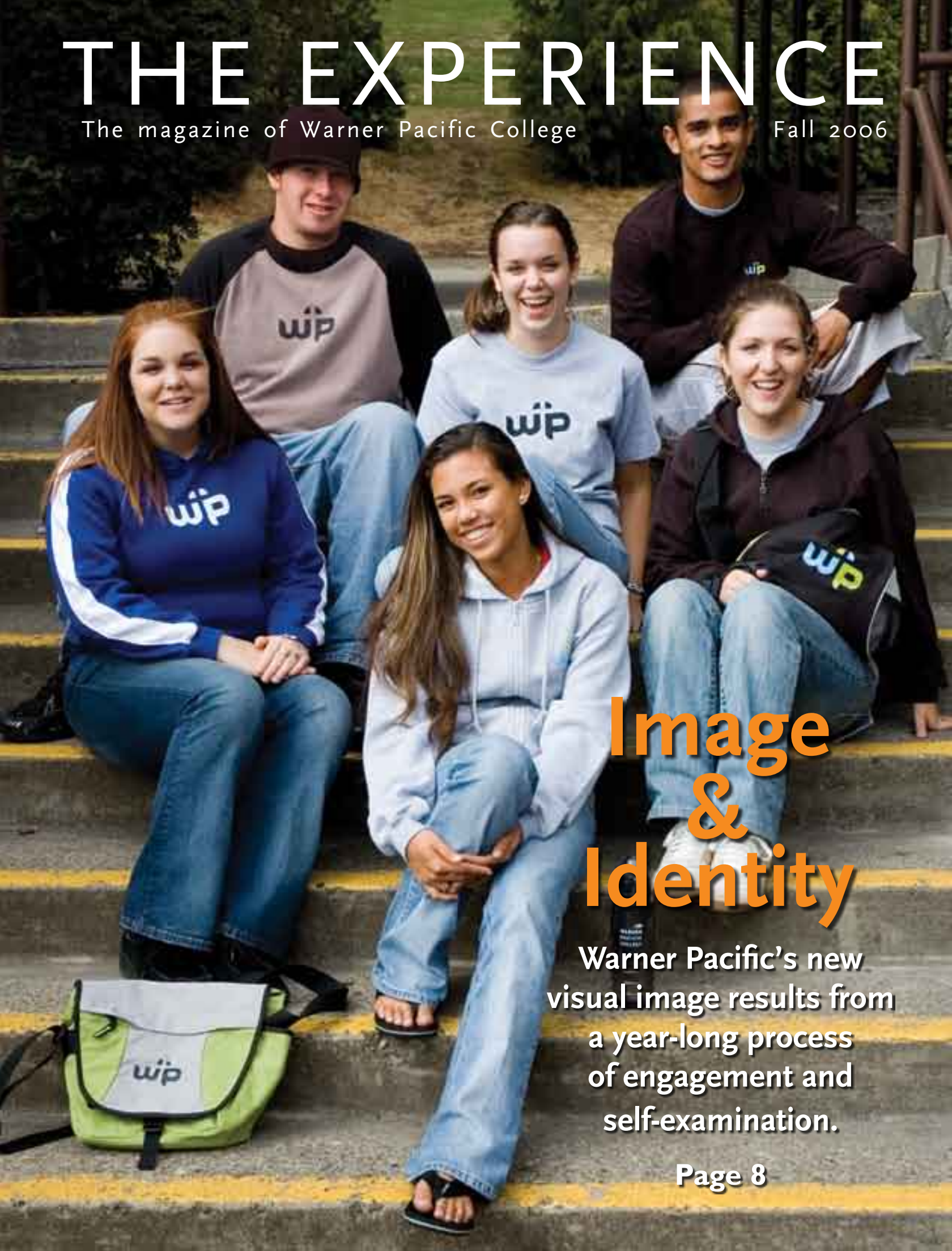


Image & Identity

Warner Pacific's new visual image results from a year-long process of engagement and self-examination.

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A New Era at Warner Pacific

Our first ever Summer Bash, August 25, was a truly remarkable event. Hundreds of alumni, faculty and staff, and community guests enjoyed a perfect summer evening of music and food and learned of some historic developments at the College.

After celebrating the accomplishments of our championship Ethics Bowl and men's and women's basketball teams, I had the privilege of announcing that with the payoff of its remaining \$2.9 million lease with GEOS International, the Col-

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lege will be debt-free for the first time in its 69-year history. The agreement will be finalized in January.

In addition, the City of Portland and Warner Pacific College have entered into discussions to explore the feasibility of converting the City's 8-9 acre maintenance yard, located just west of campus, into a multi-purpose athletic facility that will serve both the College and the surrounding neighborhoods. Though it is very early in the process, we welcome your support as we look forward to the hopeful outcomes of this partnership between the College, the City, and our important neighbors.

This is a new day at Warner Pacific College. We now stand on the strongest financial footing in the College's history. We have moved from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. It has been an honor to have served as president of Warner Pacific for the past ten years, and I look forward to more exciting developments at the College during my third term.

We praise God for the many blessings we have received and have faith that He will generously provide for our future.

Blessings,



Jay A. Barber '64
President



President **Jay A. Barber '64** and his wife, Jan, received a plaque commemorating ten years of service to Warner Pacific College during a brief program at Summer Bash, August 25. President Barber officially began his third five-year term this summer.

On the Cover: (Clockwise from top left) **Aaron Simons '09, Hannah Morris '10, Chris Price '09, Mellisa Shrout '07, Kealani Gangwes '10, and Jennifer Gill '09.** Photo by Scott A. Thompson.

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Changes exciting to see

The Summer 2006 issue of *The Experience* was excellent, especially the story on John Fazio. It is exciting to see the College doing so well and Cole Dawson as Vice President of Academic Affairs. My experience in Warner Pacific's Humanities Core Curriculum enhanced my preparation for directing Messiah College's core course entitled "Created and Called for Community." I wish Pennsylvania had Oregon's fishing.

John E. Stanley
Faculty 1983-1995
Grantham, Penn.

A cover-to-cover read

The Experience gets better and better. I read it cover to cover on my commute and I am inspired by the time I arrive at work. I graduated with my BS in Business from Warner Pacific and I am thrilled to read about where people are today. *The Experience* is a perfect name for what's inside this incredible magazine.

Raynette Yoshida '91
Gresham, Ore.

Good things happening

I am always proud when I see good things happen at Warner Pacific. It's nice to see that Warner Pacific has a Master's in Education Program. I am excited about what is happening in athletics, as well. What a great avenue to be ambassadors for the College.

Warner Pacific College has always allowed for students to succeed in the field of education. I am currently the Principal at Highlands Middle School. We are always looking for great teachers who serve Christ to teach in the public school system. Continue the good work you do and send some of your quality educators our way.

Scott Parker '93
Kennewick, Wash.



Portland Parks and Recreation's Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard sits just west of Warner Pacific's main campus.

College eyes city property

Warner Pacific looks to purchase adjacent land currently used as Portland Parks and Recreation's Maintenance Yard.

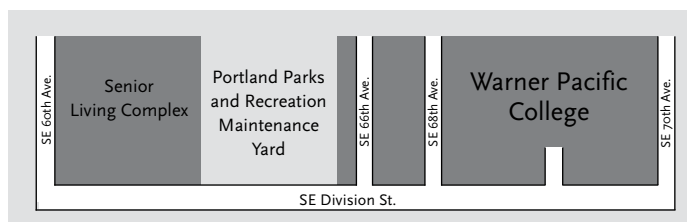
Warner Pacific College has approached the City of Portland to discuss the possibility of purchasing 7-9 acres of city property immediately adjacent to the western border of campus. Currently, the land is used as the maintenance yard for Portland Parks and Recreation. The City is in the process of determining how to better service parks in Portland and is considering decommissioning the Mt. Tabor Yard because of its rundown condition.

Warner Pacific envisions creating a multi-purpose athletic facility that it would make available for community use. College administration considers the land essential to the College's plans to expand enrollment to 1200 student on Warner Pacific's main campus.

"Warner Pacific College must grow to be viable, and being in the urban context of Portland is essential to our educational mission," said president **Jay Barber '64**. "If we are unable to secure additional land to grow, we may need to consider relocating the campus to a suburban area where more land is available. This would be disappointing, given our commitment to preparing students to serve and lead in this urban setting."

While the land isn't currently on the market, the College and the City signed a Memorandum of Understanding in

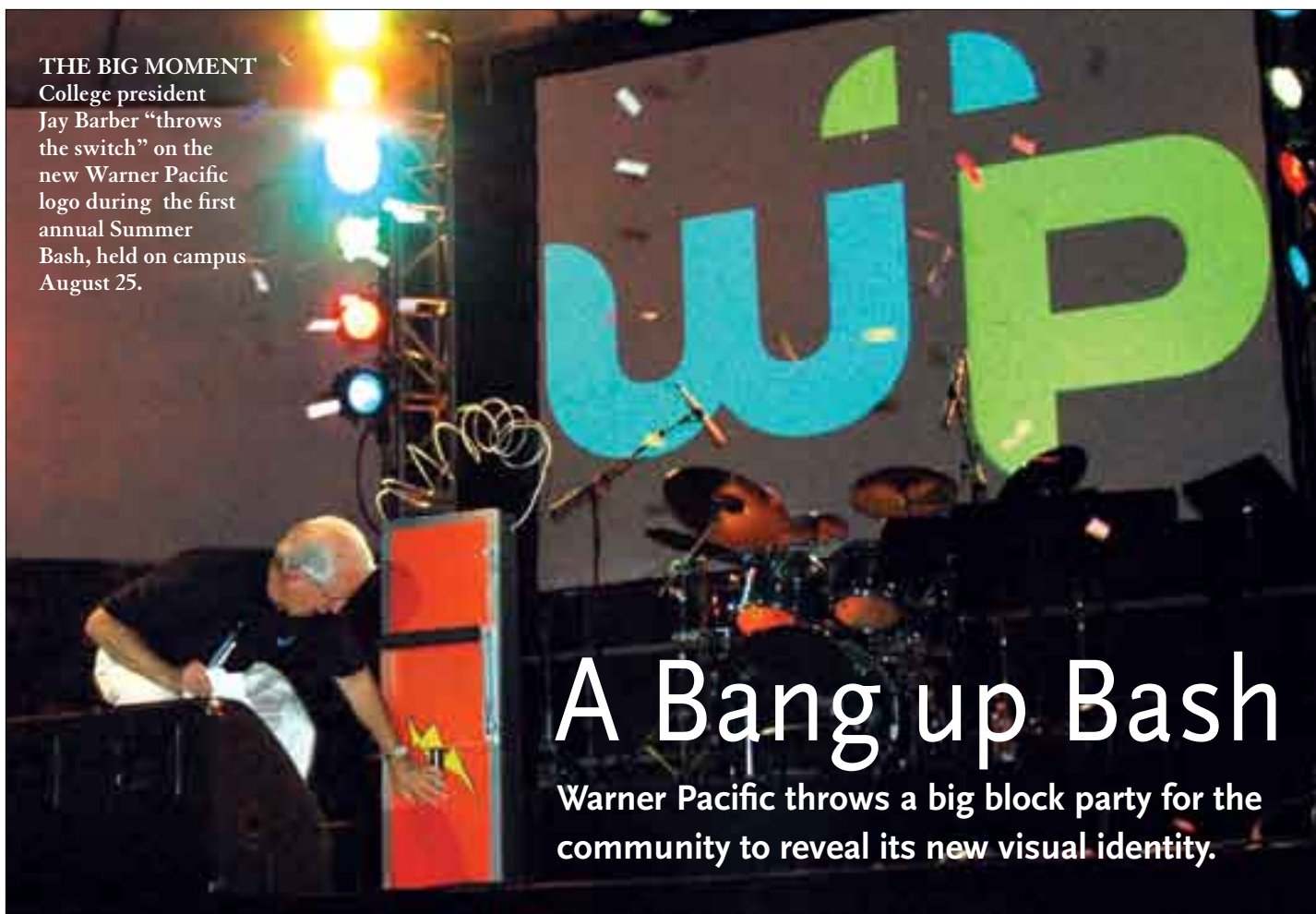
August that formally acknowledges their ongoing dialogue. President Barber made a presentation regarding the College's plans at a meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association on September 20. While some neighbors expressed concern, others in the neighborhood association have signaled strong support of the College's efforts.



In an effort to continue its open process, the College has invited additional community groups, including Friends of Mt. Tabor, the South Tabor Neighborhood Association, and representatives from Portland Parks and Recreation, to continue discussing the College's goals for the property.

"We will continue to converse and to work toward an outcome that benefits the City of Portland, the neighborhood, the Parks Department, and Warner Pacific College," said Andrea Cook, WPC's Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "We believe the development of this property into multipurpose athletic facilities will transform a piece of land that has languished into a wonderful resource for Southeast Portland."

THE BIG MOMENT
College president Jay Barber “throws the switch” on the new Warner Pacific logo during the first annual Summer Bash, held on campus August 25.



A Bang up Bash

Warner Pacific throws a big block party for the community to reveal its new visual identity.

Warner Pacific celebrated a new look – and a new attitude – at its first annual Summer Bash block party on August 25. The campus lawn was transformed into festival grounds, complete with food booths, an outdoor stage, and a carnival area for kids. The event kicked-off the new academic year and showcased the College’s new visual identity.

“I think this is a wonderful event,” said **Marva** (Cantrell) **Adams ’77**, who shared a blanket with daughters **Ali** (Adams) **Shiply ’01** and **Lindsay Adams ’08**, sister **Robyn** (Cantrell) **Heerlein ’71**, and friend **Dee** (Johnson) **Carlson ’70**. “It’s a great function for the community and churches to experience the campus again.”

The College advertised the event heavily on a local Christian radio station and sent flyers to area churches and neighborhood homes. Local musical groups **RESCUE** and **Dan and Georgene Rice** performed.

“I thought this would be a great time to come out and see what’s going on,” said Rev. Franklin Brown, pastor of Community Church of God, in Portland. “It’s good clean fun.”

The evening’s centerpiece moment came when President Barber ceremoniously flipped a “switch” to reveal the College’s new logo, setting off a cloud of confetti and booming music. “This is a new day at Warner Pacific,” he said.



(Clockwise from top) Guests lounge on the campus lawn as singing group **RESCUE** performs • Leisa Hart and the other members of the **Dan and Georgene Rice** Worship Band perform a set of stirring gospel music • Volunteers **DeeDee** (Dunham) **Bergler ’65**, **Ed Bergler**, **Carol** (Kuykendall Jones) **Walters ’68**, and **Betty Jo** (Martin) **Shrout ’75** work the Alumni Association food booth • (Left) WPC professors **Robbie Campy** (in red knight suit) and **Tom Kunke** (in blue) do battle in the carnival jousting ring, which also featured an inflatable castle for kids.





“These are the kinds of institutions we want in Portland. It’s a great campus.”

Portland Mayor **Tom Potter**, following his visit to Warner Pacific College August 18.

Portland mayor Tom Potter takes campus tour

Portland mayor Tom Potter paid a visit to Warner Pacific on August 18 to meet with president Jay A. Barber and other staff, and to become better acquainted with the school. During his hour-long visit, Potter learned more about the school’s history and its commitment to higher education and service to the community. Potter said he wanted to support the College’s plans for growth.

Portland mayor Tom Potter (right) met with College president Jay Barber and toured campus on August 18.

“These are the kinds of institutions we want in Portland,” Potter said. “It’s a great campus and I’m looking forward to working with you folks to [help you] grow to your real potential.”

Joint Student - Alumni Choir to sing Handel’s “Messiah”

Alumni are invited to sing portions of Handel’s *Messiah* with the Warner Pacific Concert Choir and a live orchestra on December 3 at 3:00 p.m., in McGuire Auditorium. There will be two rehearsals for the performance: Nov. 11 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and a mandatory Dec. 2 rehearsal from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., both in McGuire. Contact choral director Dr. Thomas Miller at 503-517-1059, or via e-mail at tmiller@warnerpacific.edu.

WPC Athletics unveils new logo, web-site “wpcknights.com.”

In keeping with the College’s general branding efforts, WPC Athletics has developed a new logo and website. The design is inspired by Ephesians 6, which describes putting on the armor of God. The logo is intentionally more aggressive than its predecessor, which featured a knight on a horse holding a lance. In addition to the new logo, the Athletics website has been redesigned, allowing for quicker postings of game results and statistics. Check out all the latest news from WPC Athletics at wpcknights.com.



Foundation grant underwrites peer mentoring program

New Mexico-based ECMC Foundation has awarded Warner Pacific a \$12,000 grant with the intent of increasing retention among students of color and those who are the first in their family to attend college. The grant underwrites stipends for twelve junior and senior “peer mentors” who will work with this year’s freshman class through the new Freshman Year Experience course (See story “College as a Pilgrimage” on page 11). The ECMC grant also provides a budget for artistic and cultural events, all in the effort of helping freshmen become connected with the college, and the city of Portland.

Golf Tournaments bring in a record \$35,000 for scholarships

The Warner Pacific Golf Tournament, held June 20 at Persimmon Country Club, in Gresham, Ore., raised a record \$35,000 toward athletic scholarships. Mid Valley General Agency was the title sponsor of the event, and KEX 1190 AM radio host Paul Linnman served as the emcee of the post-tournament auction and dinner.

Later in the summer, the 31st annual Torchbearers Golf Tournament, held August 4 at the Mountain View Golf Course, in Boring, Ore., garnered an additional \$3,000 for general scholarships at the College.

December Graduation moves to New Hope Church

December graduation is moving off campus and will be held at New Hope Community Church on Dec. 16, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. New Hope is located at 11731 SE Stevens Road, in Portland. More info at 503-517-1012.

Recording of 1952 Pacific Bible Choir concert available on CD.

A recording of a spring concert by the 1952 Pacific Bible College (Warner Pacific) Choir is available on compact disc, thanks to the efforts of **Val Linn ‘64**. Copies are available for \$5, plus \$3.95 shipping. Contact Richard Starr at 69th Ave. Recording, 0108 S.W. Thomas St., Portland, OR, 97239, or by phone at 503-224-2420.

Hoop teams set to defend Cascade Conference championships

The WPC men’s and women’s basketball teams share the same mission: to repeat as Cascade Conference champions. The women return a solid core from last year’s team, including standout scorer **Nicole Brown ‘07** (pictured). The men also return key starters **Scott Gallagher ‘08** and **Josh Jackson ‘08**, and have added a strong crop of transfer students. The men open their season Nov. 3 and Nov. 4 with games against Division 1 opponents Sacramento State and Gonzaga. Learn more at wpcknights.com.





Common Day of Service, Part II.

Teams of students, staff, and faculty spent the second annual Common Day of Service, Sept. 27, volunteering in the community at six different work sites, most near campus. Volunteers read to children, assisted teachers, and completed assorted cleaning, landscaping, and painting projects at Abernathy, Atkinson, Bridger, and Pioneer elementary schools. A fifth team removed evasive plants from portions of Mt. Tabor Park, while the last group helped with erosion control at Stiger National Wildlife Refuge, near Washougal, Wash.

ADP welcomes new director

Warner Pacific's Adult Degree Program has hired Toni Pauls, Ph.D., as its new Executive Director. She replaces **Ed Whitehead '64**, who will serve as ADP's Director of Academic Services until retiring next year.

Pauls directed the Adult Degree Completion Program at Goshen College, in Goshen, Ind., from 1996 to 2001. Most recently, she served as the Chief Operating Officer of Northwest State Community College, in Archbold, Ohio.

"I have a passion for adult students because I did all of my [university] education as an adult working full time," Pauls said.

Pauls takes the helm of a vibrant program that enrolled 320 students as of September. The Centre 2005 campus also added classroom space over the summer due to extensive remodeling, and launched its first cohort group in the new master's of Management and Organizational Leadership degree in August.



Pauls

Dinners with the President

Alumni and friends of WPC are invited to enjoy a dinner with president Jay A. Barber and learn more exciting news about the College.

All dinners begin at 6:00 p.m.

Call 503-517-1114 to reserve your seat.

November 9, 2006
Convention Center
Edmonds, Wash.

December 5, 2006
Salem / Albany, Ore.
(Location TBA)

November 10, 2006
Red Lion Hotel
Olympia, Wash.

December 9, 2006
Tri-Cities, Wash.
(Location TBA)

November 16, 2006
Tiffany Ballroom
Portland, Ore.

January 9, 2007
Phoenix, Ariz.
(Location TBA)

Image & Identity

Warner Pacific's new visual image results from a year-long process of engagement and self-examination.

by **Andrea Cook, Ph.D.**

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

A year ago, Warner Pacific College began extensive market research to assess the college's image, identity and marketplace awareness. For many years, students and alumni have regularly described how Warner Pacific shaped their lives for the better. However, broad awareness of WPC's current status and programs seemed to be lagging in the community and church, and among alumni and friends.

Research completed in 2005 on behalf of the College's Admission Office suggested that Warner Pacific's reputation was unknown rather than particularly positive or negative. Clearly, the College needed to engage in a process to gain greater clarity of its image and identity.

To accomplish this, Warner Pacific College hired Richard Harrison Bailey/The Agency, an Indiana-based marketing firm that specializes in higher education. RHB's research approach focuses on pinpointing an institution's niche and coherently communicating key distinctives.

The research process involved interviewing focus groups comprised of students, faculty and staff to hear perspectives from those who experience the college today. The next set of focus groups engaged alumni, parents, ADP students, donors, church leaders, and local community members. Finally, The Agency sent mail surveys to 4,700 alumni and 512 church leaders.

A research scope of this breadth results in a more holistic understanding of Warner Pacific's strengths, opportunities, and challenges. Internal voices share the stories of what is, while external constituents provide the perceptions that exist.

Through the focus groups, great stories of student mentoring were told. Students shared how faculty members not only challenged, but also supported them as they wrestled through the rigors of Warner Pacific's Humanities core, which is based on the notion of paradox. Parents expressed appreciation for the quality of education their students received and affirmed WPC as a great educational bargain. All agreed that the campus physical plant is in need of updating and the addition of new facilities. Strong sentiment was expressed that the college needs to better market itself in the region. The neighbors, donors, and church leaders particularly focused on marketing the institution as a priority.

RHB personnel listened well, read all of what we've said about ourselves (in brochures and other publications), and what others have to say about us. Based on what was learned

through this comprehensive process, seven points of distinction became clear:

- Warner Pacific is a Christ-Centered liberal arts college.
- Warner Pacific actively engages students in transformative, seamless learning processes.
- Warner Pacific's unique Humanities Core Curriculum challenges and supports students as they wrestle with the paradoxes of life and culture.
- Warner Pacific personalizes education for each student, based upon their distinctive talents and interests.
- Warner Pacific College's urban setting in Portland provides opportunities for enrichment and advancement.
- Warner Pacific prepares students for service and leadership.
- Warner Pacific's experience is rooted in the values of the Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

With these distinctives in mind, RHB designed a logo that uniquely identifies the transformative nature of Warner Pacific College's Humanities Core and its Christ-centered campus in the heart of Portland, Ore. The tagline, "Mysteries Made Known," came about when one of the RHB researchers announced, as she arrived at work one day last spring, "I think I just read about Warner Pacific College during my devotional time this morning in Ephesians 3."

With the ongoing services of Richard Harrison Bailey/The Agency, Warner Pacific has redesigned its website (set to go live in early November), and will create future publications that present visual and written messages that coherently communicate WPC's distinct identity. Our resulting marketing plan provides the opportunity to share the reality of the Warner Pacific College experience with prospective students, parents, alumni, churches and friends. This process is not about changing the essence of the institution's identity; it is about clearly articulating and living out that identity with great enthusiasm and joy.



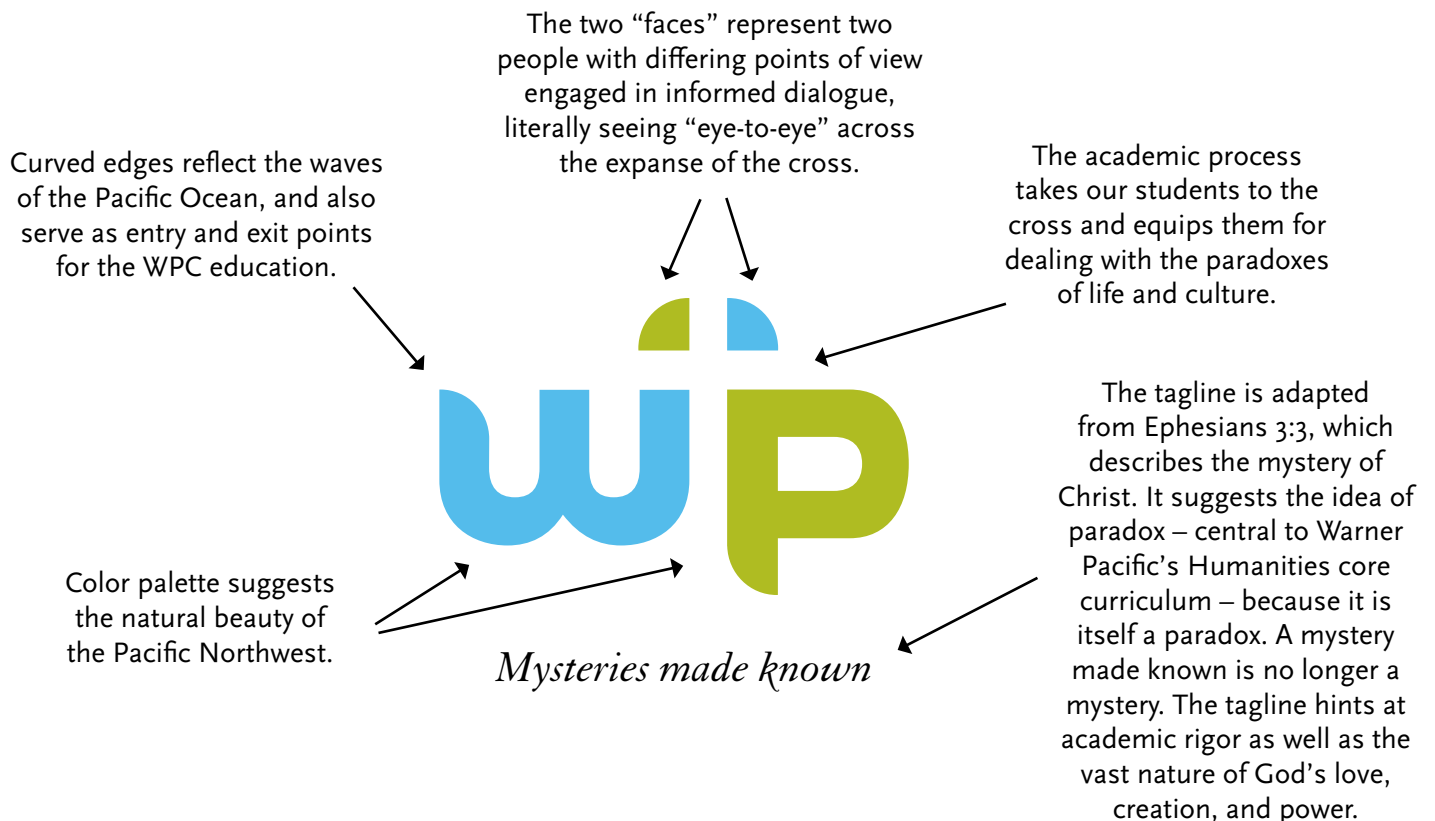
Scott Thompson



Photo courtesy LaMar Advertising

In timing with its Summer Bash, Warner Pacific launched a new marketing campaign this summer that featured advertising on local radio and on Tri-Met busses, as well as a new line of clothing and accessories showcasing the College's new logo. (Left) Senior **Gabe Davis '07** models a teshirt while (top) **Kealani Ganwes '10** and **Jennifer Gill '09** carry backpacks with the new logo.

Anatomy of a Logo



A Trip to China

A group of four from WPC spend a month teaching English and touching hearts in Nanning, China.

Trina Baker '08 knew it would be hard to say goodbye, but nothing prepared her for the swell of emotions she felt having to leave her students after spending four weeks teaching English in Nanning, China, last August. As she prepared to board her train for the 18-hour journey to the airport, a small crowd of students wept and hugged Baker and the 19 other American teachers who had operated an English language camp for children and young adults. A few students even ran alongside the train waving as it pulled out of the station, which prompted plenty of tears from the teachers, as well.

"Watching [the students] wail was beyond heart-wrenching," said Baker, a Human Development and Family Studies major from Klamath Falls, Ore. "It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Camp China

In July, Baker, senior **Brynn Otness '07**, junior **Kariebeth Baldwin '08**, and Director of Campus Ministries **Jess Bielman '00** helped operate the four-week-long English camp at a middle school affiliated with Guangxi University of Nationalities, in Nanning. Nicknamed "Camp China," the program was sponsored by the California-based English Language Institute-China (ELIC), which sends teams on short and long-term teaching assignments. The 144 students present ranged in skill levels from beginning to advanced, and ages eight to 21. Most represented poorer minority groups in China.

"Of all of the ELIC teams that went out, we were the only one that worked with China's poor," said Bielman, who served as principal and disciplinarian during the camp. "We were the only site where most of the students go for free. Some of them had to leave home at the age of five to go to boarding school."

The teachers divided the students into classes of ten, and taught morning lessons using the Olympics as a theme.



Photos courtesy of Jess Bielman

There were also afternoon outings and evening events, such as trips to the zoo and lip-synching contests using American pop songs. Since the teachers also lived in the compound with the students, they were able to create opportunities for conversation, particularly of an eternal nature. However, they were asked to refrain from discussing topics of religion, unless asked.

"We tried to foster things that would spark questions," said Otness, a Business Administration and Human Development double-major. "We were there to teach them American culture."

Breaking through

The month had its share of challenges. The weather was hot and humid, and a few times monsoon rains flooded the streets. Some of the male students tested the authority of the team early (one boy set his desk on fire, for example), but Bielman said he and the teachers watched even the toughest students eventually settle down and participate.

"I really wanted to go to become a spokesperson for the [ELIC] program," Bielman said. "I want to see Warner Pacific send teams again and again."

The Warner Pacific team members remain in e-mail contact with many of the students from the school, which helps

Junior **Trina Baker '08** (center) was one of three WPC students who joined a team of teachers in Nanning, China last July to teach English to children and young adults.



(Top) A class of older students at Camp China. (Above) WPC's Director of Campus Ministries, **Jess Bielman '00** stands with two boys who struggled with their behavior at the start of the camp, but who ended up becoming close friends with Bielman by month's end.

ease some of the heartache the teachers felt leaving Nanning.

"I know that we made a difference this summer," Baker said. "Lives were changed."



College as a Pilgrimage

New Freshman Experience Class helps students make the leap to life at WPC.

Freshman **Jon Hopkins '10** was a little surprised this summer when a book and homework assignment from Warner Pacific arrived at his home in Fremont, Calif., weeks before classes officially started. The book was the reflective travelogue “Through Painted Deserts” by Portland, Ore. author Donald Miller. Hopkins’ task was to finish the book and write a one page reflection and have it ready on the first day of class.

“I was talking to all of my friends and I was like, ‘I already have a paper due,” said Hopkins. “Then I talked to my pastor and he had already read the book. He said it was a good book.”

The assignment was part of the new Freshman Experience class, a course designed to help first year students better transition into the social and academic culture of Warner Pacific. The incoming freshman were divided into six separate cohort groups of about a dozen students, each taught by a full-time faculty member and supported by two upper class mentors.

A student retention task force representing faculty, staff, and administration researched student retention last year and recommended the creation of the course. Humanities professor **Terry Baker '81** spearheaded the development of curriculum in collaboration with the five other professors who agreed to participate: Phyllis Michael and Sandy Ahlquist (Social Science), Tom Kunke (Health and Human Kinetics), Jennifer Cameron (Music), and Steve Arndt (Education).

Baker chose the Miller text because it offers an account of a spiritual pilgrimage of two friends driving in a van from Houston, Texas to Portland, Ore. He felt the book had some nice parallels with the college experience at Warner Pacific.

“A pilgrimage is something you throw down and pursue,” Baker said. “It is an intentional process. This is about getting down to it and making this transition, making it through the first week of classes. You’re going to get hit with a lot of reading, new roommate adjustments. You’re going to get hit with where this or that is.”

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Professor **Terry Baker '81**, regarding the new Freshman Year Experience course.

The course covers such topics as the culture of college, time management, nutrition and stress, strategies for studying, and goal-setting.

“I thought, ‘Here’s a good opportunity to help them understand the rigor of a Christian college approach but also feel supported and encouraged in the midst of making that cultural shift,’” said Michael.

Students say they appreciate the camaraderie the class has fostered.

“I think it’s a really good idea,” said Vancouver, Wash. freshman **Marxis Valderrama '10**. “It’s very motivating. We all relate to each other. When you are in there, you can take a deep breath and know that you’re not alone.”

Hopkins says that he appreciates his particular cohort because students were willing to enter into deep conversations from day one. He adds that the resolve the characters in “Through Painted Deserts” demonstrate is something he can reflect on as he goes through his college experience.

“Sometimes the van breaks down, but they keep on going, keep on pressing forward,” Hopkins said. “I might go through some things that might make some people break down but I know that God placed me in college at this point in time at Warner Pacific and then I’m going to keep on trying to push and keep on achieving.”

Monroe Peacemaking Fund honors former professor, wife

Dale '70 and Monica (Palmer) Monroe '69 establish endowment in memory of his parents, Dr. Warner and Mildred Monroe.

Documents signed last June launched the Monroe Peacemaking Fund at Warner Pacific College, named in honor of former WPC philosophy professor Dr. Warner Monroe - who taught at the College from 1943 to 1974 - and his wife, Mildred. The Monroes were life-long pacifists.

The Monroes' son **Dale '70** and his wife **Monica (Palmer) Monroe '69**, of Portland, Ore., established the endowment after being inspired by a similar peacemaking fund at Anderson University, in Anderson, Ind., that recognizes former WPC professors Mack and Irene Caldwell.

"We're members of the Church of God

Peace Fellowship Group and have made numerous trips to Anderson for their conference," said Monica. "We thought it was time to do it [at Warner Pacific] and everyone was very supportive."

Monica shared her vision for the endowment this summer with WPC Dean of Faculty Cole Dawson, also a member of the Church of God Peace Fellowship. They saw the fund as eventually underwriting scholarships, guest lecturers, student peace groups, and even a future Peace and Conflict Transformation minor at the College.

The fund currently has \$12,000. Once it reaches \$50,000, sufficient interest income will become available for various projects.

"We want to further the cause of peace," said Dale. "Conflict has a purpose but it needs to be transformed."



Monica (Palmer) '69 and Dale Monroe '70

To contribute to the Monroe Peacemaking Fund, please contact the Office of Advancement at 503-517-1028.



Photo courtesy Jane (Newcomb, '64) Whitehead.

By Bassem Melki

God has done amazing things through the war. Huge doors and bridges have been opened between Muslims and Christians. The Ashrafieh church I pastor is in Beirut, but we live about 30 minutes east in the hills during the summer at a Church of God camp. We hosted two Christian families in our home, and [later] we hosted five families who were Muslim Shiites.

We had daily prayer meetings and some of the [Muslim] people started coming. Another group from the church went to a school where there were about 100 families. We visited them once a week and fed them and gave them clothes, toiletries, mattresses, and bed sheets. These were donated by church members.

Extending grace in a time of war

In his own words, pastor **Bassem Melki ('02, M.Rel '04)** describes serving displaced Muslim families in Beirut during this summer's war between Israel and Hezbollah.

Pastor **Bassem Melki ('02, M.Rel. '04)**, his wife Roula, and their children, Samantha and Brandon, hosted Muslim families at a Church of God camp outside Beirut, Lebanon during July's war between Israel and Hezbollah.

with nothing to play with. Imagine. They're traumatized and they haven't bathed. They've never been in the Christian [section] of Beirut. So you imagine sitting there and you have five, seven, nine children? It was crazy.

About 15 of us from the church also went to houses in the extremely poor Christian areas of Beirut. Muslim refugees had found abandoned homes and were living in them. In one house, there would be seven to ten Muslim families.

So, once a week, we took care of 150 families while the bombing was going on. In three weeks, we took care of 700

This was a doorway to be with [displaced families]. These were difficult moments on a psychological and spiritual level. There were families whose houses had been completely demolished.

In the school, we knew no one and we started going there and playing with the children. They had spent one month there

families and about 4000 people. We tried to feed them, give them clothes, bedding, clean water, medicine, and we talked with them, giving them counseling.

We tried to give a few books that talked about Christ. We tried to provide coloring books for the kids. We gathered together boys and girls in the street. We would play with them, we would tell them stories. I'm sure these are things they will remember when they go back to their villages. We took a lot of names and phone numbers. A lot of the families are still here because their houses are still demolished. But we will try to stay in contact with them as they go back to the south.

We visited a family that had a little boy who wanted a bicycle. My daughter Samantha told me that if he needed a bicycle he could have hers. We took her bicycle back to the family and the father said that if Christians are like this, he didn't mind being friends.

We were honored that we could serve people like these. We thank God that he gave us the opportunity. It was just amazing. The food never ran out, the gas never ran out. God provided everything materially and spiritually. We were able to show the love and grace of God to others.

An unexpected Day

From Middle East television reporter to attorney to state political leader, **Vance Day '84** credits God and the generosity of others for guiding his career.

Vance Day '84 doesn't take much credit for the uncanny twists and turns his career has taken over the last twenty-one years. Day has worked as a news producer in the Middle East, apprenticed as a cabinet maker in Virginia, and, for the past 16 years, has operated a successful law practice in Salem, Ore.

He also has been active in the Oregon Republican Party, and last year became State Chairman. Day has even lectured on leadership to members of Congress and White House staff. And Day describes numerous points in his journey where he says God ushered him through difficult roadblocks.

"I have lived a very blessed life, and it has not been by my doing," Day said.

The WPC journey

Day transferred to Warner Pacific College in the fall of 1981 to study social science and secondary education. He appreciated the close relationships with his professor, and the Biblical emphasis on campus.

"There wasn't a false sense of distance between professor and student," Day said. "It felt like we were on this journey together. It began a journey of quantifying leadership for me."

Middle East newsman

After graduating in 1984, Day went on a personal sojourn to Israel, but ended up nearly penniless. Day said, "I remember saying to the Lord, 'You brought me here for a purpose, so I need a job to live.' That afternoon I got a call from the principal of an Anglican school. He was desperate for a substitute teacher."

Day filled in at the school for a few weeks, and then landed a copywriting job for Middle East Television, a subsidiary of the Christian Broadcasting Network, based in Jerusalem. He soon became a producer and began traveling around the Middle East covering politics and sports.

"It was a dream job," Day recalled. "I interviewed the [Israeli] prime minister. They even sent me to cover Wimbledon. But as I pondered my future, my bureau chief came to me and said, 'What about your interest in politics?' 'Why don't

you get your master's degree?'"

Onto graduate work

Day elected to study public policy at Regent University in Virginia, even though he had no money. Much to his surprise, the University inexplicably waved his tuition. He worked in a Mennonite cabinet shop to pay the bills. It was also at Regent that Day met his future wife, Mattie, who was studying law and public policy.

"The first person I sat down next to [at Regent] is now the mother of my three children," Day said.

Broad experience

Day studied for two years, then became Regent's Assistant Director of Admissions. He wanted to study law, but, again, had no money. Then, on a plane flight from Miami to Jacksonville, Fla., Day assisted an elderly man with his luggage, and the two got to chatting. The man turned out to be Shepard Broad, the wealthiest man in Florida.

The two kept in contact and Broad later offered Day a full-ride scholarship to law school. Day studied for a year at Florida's Nova University before transferring to Willamette University Law School, in Salem, Ore. He graduated in 1991 and has enjoyed a busy personal injury practice ever since.

"I'm aggressive and I like conflict," said Day.

Mattie's miracle

Of the many blessings Day counts, including his three teenaged children, the one that amazes him most is the miracle his family experienced three years ago, when Mattie survived being drowned on the Oregon Coast.

On September 26, 2003, Mattie was

praying alone on a remote stretch of beach near Lincoln City, Ore. when a sneaker wave dragged her into the surf. She washed ashore a mile north, where two beachcombers found her and administered CPR. Doctors estimated she had been in the water at least thirty minutes.

Paramedics soon arrived and got her heart started. They then flew her by helicopter to Emanuel Hospital, in Portland. Meanwhile, doctors called Day in his office with the news. "I prayed, 'She's in your hands, Lord,'" Day said.

Salem, Ore. attorney **Vance Day '84** lectures on the topic of leadership to White House administration and staff in May, 2005. Day is Chairman of the Oregon Republican Party and operates a law practice in Salem, Ore.



Photo courtesy Vance Day

"There wasn't a false sense of distance between professor and student. It felt like we were on this journey together."

Attorney Vance Day '84 describing his studies at Warner Pacific.

Day and a friend rushed to Portland. An hour after he had arrived, Day was at Mattie's bedside when she finally opened her eyes. They were glazed and lifeless.

"I thought, 'Father, that isn't Mattie,'" Day said. "All of a sudden, brightness came back and she looked at me with that curious, 'What the heck?' look."

Except for some minor memory lapses, Mattie made a full recovery. She even completed a master's degree in Public Policy the following year.

"My best friend gets to interact with her children and me," Day said. "I am a man of profound blessings."

60s

After over 31 years of ministry at First Church of God in East Wenatchee, Wash., **Don Hussong '69** has retired. He and his wife, **Kathy** (Cutshall) '68 will continue to reside in East Wenatchee. Don works part-time for the funeral homes and Kathy serves as the church secretary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Wenatchee.

70s

Rev. Bob Moss '77 has become the State Minister for Indiana Ministries, as well as the chair of the General Assembly of the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) for a two-year term. Moss most recently served for fifteen years as senior pastor of First Church of God in St. Joseph, Mich. His new role will involve mentoring pastors throughout Indiana. Moss and his wife, **Renee** (Dorsey) '77, reside in the Indianapolis area. They have three adult children.



80s

Douglas K. Hartman '81 was recently appointed Professor of Literacy, Language & Culture in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut. He also is a research scientist in both the University's Literacies Research Lab and the Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention. He is also the Senior Editor of the Journal of Literacy Research. Doug lives in Storrs, Conn. with his wife, Bena, and three children.

Loren Gray '84 is a staff sergeant stationed with the 402nd Battalion of the U.S. Army in Kurkuk, Iraq. He is part of a reconstruction team that is helping Iraqi nationals with business development. Prior to his deployment, he was a service manager at Clarity Visual Systems in Wilsonville, Ore.

90s

Kristen (Spencer) **Zgonc '96** has taught 5th and 6th graders in California for eight years, and recently participated in Hurricane Katrina recovery operations with FEMA during school breaks.

00s

Kerri (Cissna) **Heath '01** is the Leadership Development Coordinator and Student Government Advisor at Pepperdine Uni-

Bridge Builder

Dana McGuire will champion WPC as the new Director of Alumni, Church, and Parent Relations.



McGuire

Dana McGuire relishes her new role as Warner Pacific's Director of Alumni, Church, and Parent Relations. Her experience as a minister, missions coordinator, and small business owner make her a natural fit for the position, which will involve plenty of event planning and handshaking in the coming months.

"I enjoy interacting with people and learning their story," said McGuire (who is unrelated to the family for whom McGuire Auditorium was named).

McGuire is a 1983 graduate of Vanguard University of Southern California, a Christian liberal arts college where she studied sociology and counseling. McGuire spent the first part of her career co-pastoring a number of Assemblies of God congregations in Oregon with her husband, Randy.

In 1994, she became Oregon State Director for Women's Ministry for the Assemblies of God. She organized leadership conferences in Oregon, and led work teams to Eastern Europe and South America. She later helped established Empower Africa, an Oregon-based outreach to countries in Eastern Africa.

From 2000 to 2003, McGuire worked at Northwest Medical Teams International, managing programs in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Three years ago, she opened a Curves fitness franchise in Damascus, Ore., which she still owns. With staff in place to run the business, McGuire went looking for another opportunity and found Warner Pacific.

"I talked with many people who have attended or graduated, and they all spoke highly of the staff, leadership, and their experiences here," McGuire said. "God is moving Warner Pacific forward. We really want to focus this year on celebrating what God is doing and to be able to build the awareness among the alumni."

versity, in Malibu, Calif.

Dana Green '04 has earned a Master of Science in Teaching Music degree from Portland State University. Green's degree has an emphasis in piano.

Brianna Hilby '05 is teaching third graders at Monte Vista Elementary School, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Andy Magel '05 teaches GED, ESL, and computer classes for the Denver Housing Authority, in Denver, Colo. On August 6, 2006, he married Megan Bolz in McKenzie Bridge, Ore.

Alina Croall '06 is a special assignment missionary with Global Missions of the Church of God in Tokyo, Japan. She teaches conversational English to preschool children at a number of churches.

Births

JoAnna (Gray) '87 and **Adel El-Shaer** gave birth to their third son, Emanuel Adel, on

June 2, 2006, at Providence Hospital in Portland, Ore. Emanuel joins brothers Marcel, 4, and Yussef, 2.

Jane and David Powell '00 welcomed daughter Shaoraina Powell on July 12, 2005. David works for the State of Washington in juvenile rehabilitation and also serves with the Air Force Reserves.

Kerianne (Ranton) '03 and **Jeremiah Ford '02** gave birth to son Elijah Daniel on July 25, 2006 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, in Beaverton, Ore. His grandfather is **Greg Ford '83**. Jeremiah is the youth pastor at Hoodview Church of God, in Woodburn, Ore.

Stephanie (Ryan) '04 and **Michael Pollard '00** welcomed Owen Michael Pollard, on August 14, 2006 at Good Samaritan Hospital, in Portland, Ore. Owen joins sister Aeva, 18 months. Grandparents include Steve and **Cindy** (Petersen) **Pollard '03** and **Myron '97** and **Kathie** Ryan. Great-Grandparents include **Dan '56** and **Roberta** (Bunnell) **Petersen '54** and **Jerry Spires '55** and **Carol** (Ashford) **Phillips '56**.

Weddings

Aaron Marvin '04 and **April Beykovski '04** on February 17, 2006 at the Academy at Vancouver, in Vancouver, Wash. Pastor **Dan Williams '04** officiated.

Jordan Skornik '04 and **Andria Cotton '05** on June 24 at New Hope Church, in Portland, Ore. Andria's father, **Ray Cotton '73**, officiated. **Janet** (Peelman) '75 was the proud mother of the bride.

Gavin Shearer '04 and **Tiana Buck '04** on April 22, 2006 at Northside Community Church, in Newberg, Ore.

Anton Bossio '05 and **Tasha Winkler '05** on June 17, 2006 in Vancouver, Washington. **Dominic Bossio '07** was the best man.

Cameron Marvin '06 and **Ashley Wells '07**, on May 19, 2006, at the Lewis River Golf Course. **Aaron Marvin '04** was best man.

Emily (Coombs) '06 and **Donovan Chandler '06**, on July 22, 2006, at the Old Laurelhurst Church, in Portland, Ore. Donovan's grandfather, **Ben Chandler '60**, M.Rel. '85 officiated. Others in attendance included Donovan's parents **Tracy** (Pratt) '81 and **Kurt Chandler '80**.

Tyler Rohr '06 and **Jodi Williams** on June 23, 2006 in Tomball, Texas. Family members include Tyler's parents **Gary '78** and **Jan** (Boberg) **Rohr '73** and uncle and aunt **Buz '66** and **Billie** (Newcomb) **Boberg '66** and aunt **Jill** (Boberg) **Hayes '80**.

Tyler Caffall '06 and **Alexandra Kuechler '07** on July 14 in Portland. Relatives included the brides' parents, **Wayne '79** and **Lori** (Shea) **Kuechler '03**, and Tyler's grandmother, **Karen Tindall**.

Devin Burton '06 and **Laurie Benson '04** on August 26 at Beaverton Nazarene Church, in Beaverton, Ore. **Colin Burton '03** was the best man.

Jamie Hiller '09 and **Geoff Bishop**, on July 22, at Lents-Gilbert Church of God, in Portland, Ore. Geoff's grandfather **Roy Dockter '60** and Jamie's father **Aaron Hiller '93** officiated. Other family members include Jamie's mother **Julie Hiller '05**.

Brent Mueller '05 and **Cassie Johnson '06** on July 22 in Grand Forks, British Columbia. Cassie's grandfather **Ira Johnson '65** officiated. Parents include **Brent '82** and **Kim** (Roeser) **Johnson '81**.

Brian Arnold '06 and **Sheila Freeman '05** on September 16 at Holladay Park Church of God. Brian's uncle **John Kuykendall '70** officiated. Relatives included Sheila's parents **Barry '76** and **Kristi** (Weber) **Freeman '75** and Brian's parents **Steve '76** and **LaVisa** (Fritzler) **Arnold '73**.

En Memoriam

Naomi Juanita Dearmore

Former Warner Pacific College employee **Naomi Jaunita Dearmore** died August 2, 2006, at the age of 88. She was born on Nov. 9, 1917, in Cardwell, Mo. She moved from California to Portland in 1968, and worked as a cook, including for Warner Pacific College.

Arthur F. Kluge, Jr '50

Former pastor and educator **Arthur F. Kluge Jr '50** died May 10, 2006 in Flint, Mich. Born on June 6, 1925, Kluge served with the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. In 1946, he enrolled at Pacific Bible College (Warner Pacific College). He and his former wife **Mary** (Kluge) **Wilcox '50**, pastored in Washington, the Cayman Islands, Ohio, and Oklahoma. He was principal of Westwood High School, in Flint, Mich. for ten years, then became a financial planner.

Rev. Fred J. Mamaloff '76

Rev. Fred J. Mamaloff '76 died on June 30, 2006, in Anchorage, Alaska. He was 79 years old. **Rev. Bob Tornquist '62** participated in the July 6 funeral.

Mamaloff was born on Oct. 30, 1926, in Kenai, Alaska. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He attended Warner Pacific College in addition to

three other schools. Mamaloff was ordained as a minister in 1959 and served as a pastor in Alaska and Montana and as a missionary to Alaska Natives with the Church of God. Survivors include his wife, **Evelyn** (Heinrich) **Mamaloff '49** of Anchorage.

Dr. Mickey Ann Parker

Former Warner Pacific faculty member **Dr. Mickey Ann Parker** passed away on July 24, 2006, at the age of 76. She was born on May 23, 1930, in Long Beach, Calif. After serving in the Army and the Navy she taught in elementary schools in Missouri, Kansas, California and Washington. She later taught in the Skill Center at Warner Pacific College. Most recently, she worked for the American Red Cross administering health and safety programs.

Mary (Kluge) Wilcox '50

Mary (Kluge) **Wilcox '50** died on July 11, 2006, at the age of 81. Wilcox was born March 30, 1925 in Noble County, Ind. She received a bachelor degree in Christian Education from Warner Pacific College and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

She lived in Aberdeen, Wash., the Cayman Islands, Ohio, and Oklahoma and retired from Westwood Heights School District in Flint, Mich. She was preceded in death by her former husband, **Arthur F. Kluge '50**.

Upcoming Events

Dennis Plies and Ruth Yerden

Nov. 5, 2006 - 3 p.m.

McGuire Auditorium

\$10 general, \$7 students / seniors

Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor"

The Cellar Theatre

Nov. 10 - 12, 17 - 19

Fri. - Sat., 7:30 p.m. / Sun. 3:00 p.m.

\$7 general, \$4 students / seniors

Reserve tickets at 503-517-1207

Handel's Messiah

Student / Alumni choirs

Dec. 3, 2006, 3 p.m.

McGuire Auditorium

\$10 general, \$7 students / seniors

December Graduation

New Hope Church

Dec. 16, 2006

Info at 503-517-1012

Homecoming

Jan. 25 - 28, 2007

Duo Piano Concert

Ruth Yerden & Jean Shackleton

Jan. 28, 2007 - 3 p.m.

McGuire Auditorium

\$10 general, \$7 students / seniors

Aaron Meyer, violin

Feb. 11, 2007 - 3 p.m.

Schlatter Chapel

\$7 general, \$4 students / seniors

Call 503-517-1369 or visit www.warnerpacific.edu for more information

The Day the President Spoke

Thirty years ago, on May 24, 1976, U.S. President Gerald Ford gave the commencement address at Warner Pacific College. Former College president **Dr. E. Joe Gilliam '50** reflects on that historical day.

Interviewed by Scott A. Thompson

President Ford took over the office in August of 1974, and I met him in September. I happened to be in Washington D.C. and I was staying at the Sheraton Hotel just down from the Capital, and he was in [the hotel] for a news conference. That's where I met him. I decided that first time I met him that I was going to try to get him [to visit Warner Pacific].

I started cultivating a friendship with him. Senator [Mark] Hatfield and Oregon congresswomen Edith Green both helped me. Edith Green was in the House when Ford was and he had such high regard for her that she had a lot of influence with him. We did some letters back and forth. It just kept developing.

[The day he came] was a Sunday. Security was on top of A.F. Gray Hall, on the gym, and all around on the ground. Of course the building was packed, and not everybody got in. We had a television screen in the gym for the overflow. We had some of the politicians from Portland there and there were also TV cameras from the three local stations.

President Ford was supposed to arrive at 11:00 a.m. but he didn't get there until around noon. I went out to the car with a big umbrella – it was sprinkling – and walked him in. We got our robes on and then we went on upstairs.

On the way up the stairs, he and I were walking together. He said, "Now tell me about the College." I started in with some rhetoric about the school. He said, "No, no, no. I want to know what kind of commitment you have to Christ." I said, "Well,



President Gerald Ford speaking at Warner Pacific College's Commencement on May 24, 1976.

that's the central commitment." He said, "That's what I wanted to know." I really appreciated that.

When President Ford finished his speech, Mark Hatfield was on one side of him and I was on the other. Mark said, "Could we have that speech here at the College?" The President said, "No, I have to turn it in to the White House." Mark said, "Well, let me see it." So President Ford pulled it out of his pocket and gave it to the senator. Mark said, "Let's give that to Joe." The President said, "I don't know if I can do that." Mark handed it over to me and said, "You just did." Ford said, "Well, then it's done." He had a great attitude. Then he shook hands with every graduating senior.

Afterward, the President came down into Egtvedt Hall with everybody and was shaking hands. He went around and talked with all of the faculty and everybody else. He had a great spirit.

Then Mrs. Green had him back in Portland for a breakfast. She invited [my wife] Marilyn and me and it was nice to spend more time with him. He was a special person.

It was an exciting time. The College needed some stability, visibility, and credibility. In terms of visibility, you couldn't have done better than him.

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