

Armand Larive, '58, Bellingham, Washington, is the author of *After Sunday: A Theology of Work* (The Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc., 2004). The book offers a theological framework for a Christian understanding of work. Larive is an Episcopal priest and former Washington State University philosophy professor.

The Whitman Collection



Paul Clee, '64, has written a book for young adults titled *Photography and the Making of the American West* (Shoestring Press, 2003). Clee, retired from the faculty of Tacoma Community College, tutors English and Spanish at College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California. Email Paul at pvclee@hotmail.com.

Stanley Wilson, '66, has published his first book of fiction, a psychological thriller titled *Stubblefield* (Llumina Press, 2004). The book is set in Walla Walla and on the Whitman campus. See www.stubblefieldnovel.com. A clinical psychologist, Wilson is the founder and director of the nonprofit Protect-A-Child-Today.

Jack Greene, '71, is coauthor of *The Black Prince and the Sea Devils: The Story of Valerio Borghese and the Elite Units of The Decima MAS* (Da Capo Press, 2004). The Decima MAS was the first modern naval commando squad. Its covert tactics became a standard for special forces around the world. Greene is the author of four previous books, including *Ironclads at War*.

Kenneth Price, '76, is the author of *To Walt Whitman, America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004). Price analyzes Walt Whitman as "a quintessential American icon" and notes especially Whitman's "legacies for an ethnically and sexually diverse America." Price is Hillebrand Professor of American Literature at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Jerry DeGroot, '77, won the Royal United Services Institute's 2004 Westminster Medal for his ninth book, *The Bomb: A Life* (Jonathan Cape, 2004; Harvard University Press, 2005). The award is given to the best book published in the English language on a war, national security, or military topic. Email DeGroot at gjdg@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Andrew Scobell, '82, is the author of *China's Use of Military Force: Beyond The Great Wall and the Long March* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). Scobell is on the faculty of the U.S. Army War College in Pennsylvania, where his work involves research on political and military affairs in the Asia-Pacific.



2004 Alumni Association Awards

Recipients of the 2004 Alumni Association awards are Professor Pat Spencer, left, Craig Lesley, '67, right, and Robb Ball, '64, and Dan Nguyen-Tan, '96, far right.



In response to a question from one of her students one day, high school teacher Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, '97, looked on the Internet to find out how "astronauts use the bathroom in outer space." She noticed that NASA's position for astronaut educator had been posted. "I got so excited. It seemed so perfect."

In April, Metcalf-Lindenburger, a teacher and cross-country coach at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, Washington, was selected as a member of NASA's 2004 astronaut candidate class.

She is one of three teachers in the 11-member class, which begins training this summer at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Her class joins a current corps of more than 100 astronauts who now train there.

Metcalf-Lindenburger grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado. A geology major at Whitman, she was a scholar-athlete who captured the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) track title in the 10,000 meter race. She also competed on Whitman's women's cross-country team.

NASA taps Whittie for 2004 astronaut candidate class



In her new position as astronaut educator, Metcalf-Lindenburger said she sees herself as a teacher for all people now. "A lot of kids aren't necessarily interested in science and math," she said. "But they do get excited about things like the Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity. I want to continue to build more connections with the community to get them jazzed about studying science."

"People are doing great things with their lives to further science," she added. "I hope to bring the community into what's going on."

Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, '97

Senate confirms Robart for judgeship

On June 17 the U.S. Senate confirmed President Bush's nomination of Jim Robart, '69, to serve as a federal district judge for Western Washington. Robart, who has 30 years of broad civil trial experience, fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Thomas Zilly. The U.S. Court for the Western District of Washington is based in Seattle and also hears cases in Bellingham and Tacoma.

Until his appointment, Robart was the managing partner of the Seattle law firm of Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP. He has been associated with the firm since 1973 and formerly chaired its litigation department. He is respected for his knowledge of complex class-action lawsuits, commercial litigation, labor and employment issues, and intellectual property disputes.

Robart is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He serves on the Ninth Circuit's advisory board and is a past member of the board of governors for the Federal Circuit Bar Association. A trustee of Whitman College, Robart earned his law degree at Georgetown University in 1973. He is a Seattle native.



Jim Robart, '69



Getting ready to march at Commencement, Dick Fike carries the class of 1954 banner.

2004 Alumni Association Awards



Professor Pat Spencer

Faculty Award for Service: Pat Spencer

Professor of Geology Patrick Spencer is the 2004 recipient of the Alumni Association Faculty Award for Service. Spencer, a member of the faculty since 1984, received the award for “sharing his love of the land” through participation in alumni events.

For more than a dozen years, Spencer has led alumni-sponsored trips to the Rogue River, Glacier National Park, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, and Steens Mountain, teaching about each region’s geology. He also has captivated alumni from Reno to Boston with his geology and dinosaur lectures.

Gordon Scribner Award: Robb Ball, '64

The alumni association has honored Robert Ball, '64, with the 2004 Gordon Scribner Award for Distinguished Service to the College. Ball has long given his time and expertise to Whitman College as a volunteer. Elected an overseer in 1986, he provided leadership as vice chair of the western Oregon region and chair of the

academic affairs and the development committees. He was appointed to the board of trustees in 1992 and served as its chair from 2000-2002. As a trustee he led the presidential search committee that hired Tom Cronin. Ball also has twice served as reunion chair for his class, and he and his wife, Julie Sims Ball, '64, have hosted many Whitman events.

Ball is an attorney in private practice with Ball Janik LLP in Portland, Oregon. His practice concentrates on business and real estate transactions. He has been recognized by the Oregon State Bar for his many services on its committees and in its legal education programs.

Alumnus of Merit Award: Craig Lesley, '67

The Whitman College Alumni Association has honored novelist and teacher Craig Lesley, '67, with the 2004 Alumnus of Merit



Robb Ball, '64

Award. Lesley is the author of four novels, *Winterkill* (1984), *River Song* (1989), *The Sky Fisherman* (1995), and the autobiographical *Storm Riders* (2000). The books have won honors from the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association and the Western Writers of America, and *The Sky Fisherman* and *Storm Riders* both received Pulitzer Prize nominations. Lesley also edited two anthologies of short stories, *Talking Leaves* (1991, coedited with his wife, Kathy Stavrakis) and *Dreamers and Desperadoes* (1993).

Lesley earned a master’s degree in English at the University of Kansas and an M.F.A. at the University of Massachusetts. He taught at Clackamas Community College in the Portland area for 25 years. Since then, he has served as the Hallie Ford Professor of English and Writer in Residence at Willamette University, as visiting writer in residence at Lewis & Clark College, and recently as visiting professor of English at Whitman.

Lesley has remained in close contact with Whitman, attending reunions and giving writing workshops and literary readings for students and alumni.

Pete Reid Award: Dan Nguyen-Tan, '96

Dan Nguyen-Tan, '96, received the 2004 Alumni Association Pete Reid Award for Young Alumni. Nguyen-Tan earned a master’s degree in public policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government in 1998. Returning to his hometown of Chico, California, he co-founded Golden Capital Network, which assists technology companies in raising venture capital. He also is a member of the loan administration board for the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation. In 2000, he was elected to the Chico City Council and now serves as finance chair.

Meanwhile, Nguyen-Tan has kept one foot in academia, working as an instructor in public finance at Chico State University. In addition, he is co-founder of Youth Nexus, a youth philanthropy board, and has served as president of Big Brothers Big Sisters and on the board of the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project. He co-founded North State Renewable Energy, a consortium of community leaders, and is a board member of the Northern California Regional Land Trust.



Craig Lesley, '67



Dan Nguyen-Tan, '96

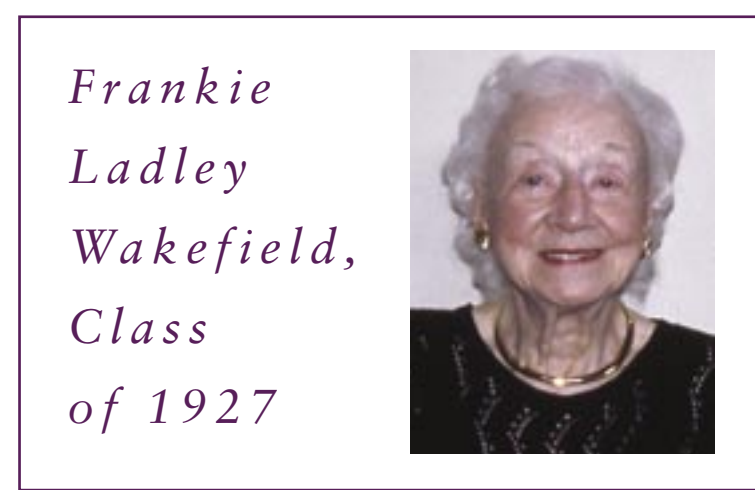
Frankie Ladley Wakefield still appreciates her 1927 Whitman degree, and she still appreciates the sacrifices her parents made so that she could attend the small yet excellent college east of the mountains. At the time, the family — Herbert Ladley, his wife, Pearl, and their four children — lived in Seattle, where Herbert worked for Occidental Life Insurance Company.

“They believed in education and wanted to give their children good educations. They sent me to Whitman, paid my tuition, and saw that

I graduated with my economics degree.”

Wakefield went on from Whitman to Simmons College in Boston, where she earned a degree in retailing. She spent several years as a personnel manager and education director for Willmark Service System in New York, a company that did employee and service surveys for businesses.

Returning to the West Coast, she worked as personnel manager at Best’s Apparel in Seattle, and later she was vice president of Metropolitan Business



College, where she trained employees for work in the war effort. Wakefield also



worked for various local government agencies. After her marriage to

Lowell Wakefield, president of Wakefield Fisheries in Alaska, she spent time in Alaska, always returning to her home in Bellevue, Washington, where she now has lived for more than 45 years.

Through her achievements, Wakefield has honored her parents’ desire to see her educated and successful. Pearl and Herbert Ladley knew that good educations would insure the security and success of their children, and they believed that an education at Whitman College would be the basis for their children’s profes-

Giving to Whitman — An Alumni Tradition

sional careers. Wakefield’s siblings, Gerald, Herbert, and Esther also attended Whitman.

Frankie Wakefield recently has chosen to honor her parents and also her brother Gerald, whose career was in education, by generously establishing the Herbert and Pearl Ladley

Endowed Chair of Sciences and the Gerald DeRoss Ladley Memorial Scholarship Endowment at Whitman College.

For information about gift annuities and similar gift arrangements, contact Jamie Kennedy, '96, director of planned giving, 509-527-5989, or visit the planned giving website at www.whitman.edu/giving/pg.htm.



50th Reunion of the Class of 1954

ROW 1: Joan Nichols Pennington, June Zylstra Butler, Eugene Butler, Joan Akers Beatie, Darcy Judd Wyant, Gwen Dolphin Rawlings, Joanne Christie Lewis, R.H. "Bob" Lewis, Joanne Planting Parker, Jane McFadyean Biersner, Billie Bryant Williamson, Jan Fehlberg Eyestone, Emily Ott Kuszak, Isabel Marvin, Margaret Joseph. ROW 2: Hellen Hemphill, Patricia Maring Conner, Pat McGee Blackburn, Sally Phillips Cummings, Philip

Weinheimer, Jean Jacobson Weinheimer, Marilyn Bundy Fike, '55, Dick Fike, Al Leichner, Don Biersner, Barbara Herman Allen, Bill Eyestone, Tom Kuszak, Ed Marvin, Gabe Joseph. ROW 3: Larry Wilson, Judy Clarkson Atkinson, John "Bud" Blackburn. ROW 4: Don Miller, Judy Miller, Gerry Fry, Marty Fry, Kaye Trantow Skubinna, Myron Skubinna, '53, Jack McMurchie, '53, Carolyn Vester McMurchie, Aileen Connolly Bratton, Molly Ireland

Whittemore, Sam Whittemore. ROW 5: Jerene LaRose, David LaRose, Marya Drew Griffin, Brian Griffin, Judy Higbee Zink, Ann Inman Martin (behind Judy), Jack Martin, Howard Zink, Sandra Keith Flaherty, Don Hanson. ROW 6: Robert Pennington, Drennan Lindsay, Ken Tollackson, Ann Tollackson, Brooks Leffler, John Peterson, Janet Peterson, Bean Comrada, Evona Harford Brim, Bill Ward, Joanne Greenlee Ward, '55, (behind Joanne) Elizabeth

Fowler Logan, Paula Fowler Logan. ROW 7: Bob Miller, Charlie Cissna (behind Bob), Maxie Cissna, Stephanie Burns, Jim Burns, Frank Amen (brown jacket), Dorothy Erdman, Cheryl Erdman, Teresa Fowler. ROW 8: Dan Evans, Nancy Bell Evans, Everett Greer, Phyllis Greer, Bill Fowler, Maxine Fowler, Grace Fowler, Jim Fowler, Brandon Arndt. ROW 9: Joe Heimes, Marianne Mercer Heimes, Julianne Dickson Schreiner, Roderic Schreiner, '53.



40th Reunion of the Class of 1964

ROW 1: Rod Williams, Anita Biklen Williams, Richard Mates, Lucie Murray Mates, Linda Mason Moats, Roy Henderson, David Yamashita, Bob Harris, John Muir. ROW 2: Bob Whitacre, Suzanne Whitacre, Carolyn Woodward Wheatley, '65, Jon Burpee,

Jean Davis Burpee, Mel Henderson, Marianne Harrison Yamashita, '66. ROW 3: Bob Hackett, Mardi Hackett, Tenny Keil, Steve Ronfeldt, Suzy Muldown Ronfeldt, Mary Nelson Daughters, '65, Jim Knowles, Jan Knapman Harris, Mary Ann Veazey Albee, Fran Varnadore.

ROW 4: John Kallenberg, Ruth Barrett Kallenberg, Robert Wagner, '61, Pam Hallmark Wagner, Jack Daughters, Jean Knowles, Bob Albee, Lon Varnadore, Kathy Davis Clark, '63 (behind Lon). ROW 5: Paul MacWilliamson, Jeanette Cameron Keil, Dinah Sharp

Deshler, Bill Deshler, Julie Sims Ball, Robb Ball, Judy Howland, Marge Kafoury (behind Judy), Whit Howland. ROW 6: George Pollock, Steve Immer, Rick Fuhrman, Stephen Kafoury, Charlie Clarke.



Reunion of the Classes of 1968, 1969, and 1970

ROW 1: Pat Morris Johnson, '69, Moriah Squire Armstrong, '69, Linda Weihmann Brown, '69, Greg Brown, '70, Mike Phillips, '70, Steve Danishek, '68, Lee Spencer, '68, Bobette DeButts Bush, '69, Kathee Gerde Terry, '71, Helen Barany Hansen, '69, Alan Larson, '69, Elizabeth Anderson, '70, Craig Lesley, '67, President Tom Cronin. **ROW 2:** Carol Murphy Ellis, '69, Chris Carlson Layne, '69, Helen Johnson, El Peterson, '71, Barbara Bird, '70, Susan McKenney Schubothe, '71, Ralph Schubothe, '70, Mickey Chenault, '70, Diana Cochener Broze, '69, Patty North, '69, Cathy Highberg Williams, '70,

Dan Irwin, '69, Beth Irwin, Peter Snow, '69, Lewis Hale, '70, Elizabeth Tweeddale Hale, '69. **ROW 3:** Jack Riehl, '70, Lee Johnson, '70, Lee Raines, '69, Elaine White Raines, '70, Joe Fielding, Carol Grocock Fielding, '70, Dan Morrison, Jane Ryan Koler, '70, Carolyn Findlay Kiefer, '70 (in front of Jane), Emily Dexter, '70 (behind Carolyn), Mike Stipe, '69, Jessica Reed Camp, '70, Jan Dvorak Tenold, '70, Greg Tenold, '70, Emily Dexter, '70, Jane Ryan Koler, '70. **ROW 4:** Bob Green, '70, Cheri Fisher Courtmage, '71, John Courtmage, '69, Jim Bacca, '69, Joan Valaas Ferguson, '70, Cheryl Smith Hazel, '70, Mary Ashby

Morrison, '70, Tom Evans, '70, Chris Kosmos, '70, Dick Camp, '69, Rick Klobucher, '69, Drew Barden, '69. **ROW 5:** Carol McCormick, '69, Bob Bell, '70, Fred Holmquist, '70, Dick Hazel, '70, John Adkison, '70, Paul Searby, '68, Rick Johnsen, '68, Ann Hunter-Welborn, '68, David Welborn, Mary Lou Schobinger Sumioka, '68, Steve Sumioka, '68, Jim Hogin, '70, Stan Foster, '70. **ROW 6:** Andy Valaas, '68, Steve Gassner, '69, Bill Rodgers, '70, Greg Fisher, '70. **ROW 7:** Nancy Priest Valaas, '68, Doug Titus, '68, Gary Jones, '68, Steve MacRostie, '68, Dave Gwinn, '68, Mary Lou Phillips Holding, '68, Dave Pinkham, '68, Steve

Smith, '70. **ROW 8:** Marsha Franks Munson, '68, Grant Lau, '68, Sherry O'Donnell Burns, '68, Vicki Welsh Jones, '68, Phil Johnson, '68, Sharon Griffith Johnson, '70, Dean Franks, '70, Pam Wong, '69. **ROW 9:** Mike Munson, '67, Karen Luppold Lau, '68, Tony Barkauskas, '68, Barb Nelson Barkauskas, '68, Mary Woodward-Pratt, '68, Frances Ambrose, '68, Sandy McClinton, '68, Jim Waldo '70. **ROW 10:** Don Woodworth '68, Toni Terlase Woodworth, Larry Turnbull, '68, Chuck Cusack '68, Charlie Gates '68, Diane Stevens Willims, '68, Les Williams, '68, Barbara Sweany McClinton, '69.