

Alumni efforts improve lives of Parkinson's patients

In 1998, **Bill Bell '84** was still struggling to find medical care in the Northwest for his mother, who had been battling Parkinson's disease for more than a decade.

Carey Christensen '79 was feeling the first trembling effects of the disease, although she wouldn't be diagnosed for another year.

In the nine years since, the Whitman alumni have become high-profile advocates for the care of Northwest Parkinson's patients and the procurement of national research funding to study the disease.

Bell's solution to his frustration about the dearth of information and medical specialists for his mother was to help create the Booth Gardner Parkinson's Care Center in Kirkland, Wash., where a team of doctors and therapists treats a patient's body and mind. To support the work of the center, he helped found — and still directs — the nonprofit Northwest Parkinson's Foundation to educate patients and their families about the disease and advocate for their care.

Christensen, while battling the debilitating symptoms of her disease — including severe depression — developed a Web site to help Parkinson's patients understand the mental health issues that

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— Carey Christensen '79



Photo courtesy of Bill Bell '84

Left to right: Bill Bell '84, Scott McKinley '80 and Ryan Johnson '82 at the summit of Grand Teton in July of 2006. Team Parkinson's raises funds for the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation.

often accompany the disease and joined advocacy efforts on a regional and national level. Today she is the Washington state coordinator of the national Parkinson's Action Network and a member of the People with Parkinson's Advisory Council for the national Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

“What Carey does exceptionally well is represent members of the Parkinson's community who can't be there to speak for themselves,” Bell said of her appearances before the Washington State Legislature and U.S. Congress. “She does it eloquently and with passion.”

The feeling of respect is mutual.

“Bill is one of the very few people in the United States who gets it,” Christensen said. He understands Parkinson's patients deal with so much more than the

physical aspects of the disease.

“He has an incredible reputation nationwide for his approach to the whole person and for listening to what Parkinson's patients really want and need.”



Bill Bell was a geology major at Whitman in the early 1980s, a student on the six-year-plan, as he describes it. He enjoyed the social activities on campus, played rugby and took a term off to work on his uncle Dan Evans' Senate campaign in Washington state. After college he pursued a variety of jobs, from oil exploration to managing a cheese shop, a political campaign and start-up companies. In 1998, he was working for a company that developed equipment for the Air Force when he decided the only way to provide the medical services his mother and other family friends with Parkinson's needed was to quit his job and work at the project full time, to create a clinic devoted to the disease.

He and friend Craig Howard, whose mother also had Parkinson's, tackled the problem as if it were a business plan for a start-up company. They shopped their

plan to local hospitals, including Evergreen Healthcare in Kirkland, Wash.

“Within 20 minutes of talking to (the hospital administrators) they decided it was something they had to do,” Bell said. A year and a half later, in July of 2000, the Booth Gardner Parkinson's Care Clinic opened in Kirkland.

“Part of the faith Evergreen put in us was based on our belief that anyone diagnosed with a chronic degenerative disease will travel far and wide to see if we could make them feel better,” Bell said. “That has held true. People have come from the Eastern Seaboard, India, Tokyo.”

The center, named after the former Washington governor who himself has the disease, was designed as a one-stop shop for Parkinson's patients whose symptoms are varied and complex.

“Twenty-one years ago wasn't a good time to have Parkinson's,” Bell said of the time his mother was diagnosed. “Ten years ago wasn't a good time. Today is a good time. There are so many therapies, treatments and medications now coming available, and more coming down the pipeline.”

In the meantime, patients need to stay as healthy and active as possible while they wait for the cure. To help them, the clinic offers a team of professionals, including neurologists, neuropsychologists, therapists, nutritionists, social workers and counselors who treat the symptoms of the disease, from depression to difficulty swallowing.

“It is a multidisciplinary, holistic view of someone's journey with Parkinson's,” Bell said. “It is developed from a patient's perspective rather than an insurance perspective.” In the planning stages of the clinic, Bell and Howard talked to people in Parkinson's support groups to find out what they wanted and needed.

“You would expect people to say they want the world's finest doctors and best research,” he said. “But the answers we got were ‘Can you please have armrests on the chairs in the waiting room so we can help ourselves out of the chairs?’”

As Bell and Howard worked with Evergreen to build the clinic, they knew the facility and its specialists alone would not be enough. “There was not only a lack of specialized care, but a lack of aware-

ness, education and advocacy,” Bell said. “I have never met a community hungry for knowledge and education. They are looking for a higher quality of life day-to-day.”

To meet these needs and help fund the clinic, Bell and Howard created the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation.

“The foundation is focused more on care than a cure,” said Bell, a licensed pilot who sometimes flies a small plane to meet with patients in rural support groups in a five-state area. The foundation has grown to serve about 20,000 families, but Bell estimates there are 72,000 families touched by Parkinson's in the Northwest.

“People with Parkinson's often have a visible symptom and 70-plus percent also have a degree of clinical depression,” he said. “This causes patients to become reclusive. We have to go find those other 52,000 families we have yet to connect with.”

To do so won't be a chore for Bell, who said the years he has spent developing services and care for Parkinson's patients — first from a computer in his home office while his young son Jake slept in the next room, and later from the foundation's offices in downtown Seattle — have been by far the most rewarding of his life.

“I never saw myself in this position, working in the nonprofit world in a



Daniel Bachhuber '10

disease-based organization,” Bell said. “It shows that rewards come in many different ways.” He treasures being able “to work with the community that I do, meet the people I meet, create friendships with a broad spectrum of people I would otherwise never get to know. It's taught me that it is important to follow your passions.”



Carey Christensen sees Whitman as a constant thread in her life. It was a source of joy during her college years in the late 1970s, of opportunity when she joined the first Whitman in China program, of destiny when she met in China the Whitman alumnus she would later marry, and of salvation as she has called upon what she learned at Whitman not only to survive, but even thrive and educate herself and others about her disease.

Christensen describes her time in Walla Walla as the “quintessential Whitman experience.” She lived in Jewett Hall, pledged Tri Delta, tried out drama, got “totally into” history, helped Professor Tom Edwards with his research and enjoyed Nannette Edwards' desserts during study sessions at their home.

Christensen graduated in 1979 and two years later jumped at the chance to participate in Professor David Deal's tour to China just after relations with the country normalized. There she met **Mark Abrahamson '66**, whom she married in 1983. (Although now divorced, Christensen said Abrahamson remains a strong source of support for her, as does their daughter, Elizabeth.)

Through connections Christensen made on her life-changing Whitman trip and her study of Chinese history, she was hired to coordinate an exchange program between the faculty of the University of Washington School of Medicine and three schools in China. She went back to college to learn Chinese and continued to work at the UW for the next 18 years.

Looking back, she realizes it was near the end of that work that she began expe-

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Carey Christensen '79, left, and her daughter, Elizabeth, tour the Whitman campus in the fall of 2006.

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riencing the first symptoms of Parkinson’s. “I started feeling odd and out of sorts, hyperventilating,” she said. About the same time, she moved to a part-time position and started graduate studies in education. In the spring of 1999, she could no longer hide a tremor in her hand, and her friends urged her to consult a doctor. Through a battery of tests, doctors ruled out a brain tumor, Lou Gehrig’s and a host of other diseases.

Fearing a much worse scenario by that time, Christensen took the news of Parkinson’s with a sense of relief. “I felt good and empowered when I got the diagnosis,” she said. “There were new drugs on the scene and hope with research. I thought I could manage it well and work for a long time.”

Christensen’s enthusiasm was short-lived. She continued to work for a while, but when the bottom dropped out of her job, she went into a severe depression from which she couldn’t rebound. Months later, she went back to her doctor, who told her that depression is a symptom of Parkinson’s.

She was outraged that she hadn’t been warned when she was diagnosed, and even more frustrated when Internet searches offered scant information about the mental health side effects of Parkinson’s.

In addition to depression, Christensen found she would forget the simplest of things, such as to pay her bills. “I used to be so on top of things. Now I can’t write well. I suffer from depression. I’m not reliable mentally or physically. I can’t multi-task. My follow-through is terrible,” she said. “I worried about my daughter; it made me unemployable.”

Realizing she could no longer work was far more difficult than accepting the initial diagnosis. “To come to a decision that you are disabled when you are 45 ... How can this be happening?” she asked herself. “Not being able to work was the single most devastating thing in my life. I lost my network of friends. I couldn’t be competitive in the workplace ...”

The fallout from the disease also was financially devastating. She depended on the assistance of a local food bank for a year, and it took many more years to get approved for Social Security disability.

While she dealt with the obstacles, she continued her quest for information. In 2002, she traveled to Washington, D.C., for a meeting of the Parkinson’s Action Network. Bell was there, and Christensen met fellow patients Michael J. Fox and Muhammad Ali, who were testifying in Congress for Parkinson’s funding.

“I was hooked, and I’ve been involved ever since,” said Christensen, now the Washington state representative for the organization she describes as “the voice of Parkinson’s on Capitol Hill.” She describes the work as the most “empowering thing I’ve ever done in my life.”

Determined to help other patients understand the mental health effects related to the disease, Christensen also started her own Web site — cognition.org. “Cognition is a word made up by a friend,” said Christensen. “It’s in wide usage in the Parkinson’s community as a way to describe the confusion that can accompany the disease.”

As she reflects on her Parkinson’s journey, Christensen is convinced she has been able to survive — to be an advocate for and a provider of information to patients — largely because of what she experienced at Whitman. She describes it best in an essay she wrote a few years ago in which she talks about learning “to think and connect; to dig deeper and ask questions; to do my homework and trust my instincts” while at Whitman.

“Don’t get me wrong,” she wrote. “I’d rather be using my education to find more traditional success on a path unimpeded by an incurable, progressive, degenerative, neurological disease.

“But the point is: My liberal arts education has not let me down.”

— Lana Brown

Editor’s Note: Bill Bell’s aunt, Nancy Bell Evans '54, is a founding, emeritus member of the Northwest Parkinson’s Foundation Board.

WWW Information about the Northwest Parkinson’s Foundation is available by calling (877) 980-7500, e-mailing bbell@nwpf.org or at www.hopeforparkinsons.org. Information about the Parkinson’s Action Network is online at parkinsonsaction.org.

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Friends, students of longtime art professor to host retrospective, create memorial

When Richard “Dick” Jens Rasmussen came to Whitman to teach art in 1950, he was a one-man art department. More than four decades later, the late professor’s students are forging his legacy with a retrospective art show of his works and a memorial in his honor.

The memorial, a three-dimensional steel wall sculpture from a design created by Rasmussen, will occupy a permanent place in the new Fouts Center for Visual Arts when the facility is complete in 2008, according to Frank Munns, an artist and former Whitman art instructor, who along with Rasmussen’s students is spearheading the tribute.

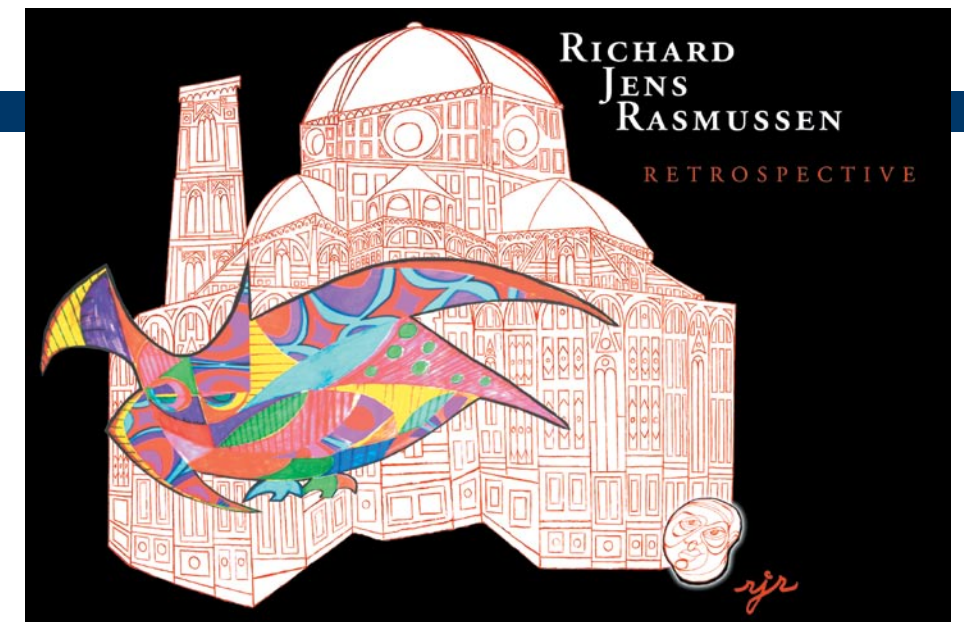


Dick Rasmussen

The retrospective of Rasmussen’s art will be on display in the Walla Walla Foundry Gallery from Aug. 30 to Dec. 31, 2007.

Proceeds from sales of prints of his work will benefit the memorial sculpture project, which organizers estimate will cost \$25,000 to \$35,000 to create and install.

The memorial project was born in 2000, a year after Rasmussen died at age 84. Those involved in the effort say it is fitting that the man who helped plan the current Olin Art Wing for the first generations of art students at the college



should be memorialized in the new facility that will serve future generations.

Munns, Rasmussen’s daughter Lisa Anne Rasmussen '86 and former student Mark Anderson '78 have teamed up to create the conceptual high-relief sculpture (above), which will feature an owl flying out of the Duomo, motifs that represent Rasmussen’s love of Picasso and interest in architecture and design. Rasmussen’s self-portrait can be seen in the lower right-hand corner.

“In the 1950s, when America was awash in McCarthyism, the polio scare and ‘Ozzie and Harriet’ morality, Dick introduced students to the ‘Ash Can School,’ Picasso and abstract art,” said former student Gretchen Koch de Grasse '69, another of the project’s organizers.

“This sculpture represents a major step in Whitman’s growth as a leading liberal arts institution through the establishment and growth of the Art History and Studio Art departments, which Dick pioneered,” reads the memorial proposal.

In a 1987 interview, Rasmussen said: “You look at others’ work and see them. I hope others look at my work and see me.”

Organizers say this project strives to fulfill the artist’s vision of his work.

Retrospective: Richard Jens Rasmussen

What: Paintings, drawings and prints by the late Whitman College art professor emeritus. Proceeds from sales of prints of his work will go toward expenses for a sculpture in his honor in the new Fouts Center for the Visual Arts.

Where: Walla Walla Foundry Gallery, 405 Woodland, Walla Walla, WA 99362

When: Aug. 30-Dec. 31, 2007.

Opening reception: 6-8 p.m., Aug. 30. “Reflections on RJR’s Life & Work,” a talk by his daughter Lisa Anne Rasmussen '86, will begin at 7 p.m.

More Information: lisa.rasmussen@charter.net



Whitman Alumni Collection

BRIEFLY

Udall Legacy Bus Tour

Two-time Udall scholarship winner **Savanna Ferguson '06** hit the road this summer with 12 other Legacy Interns traveling on the first "green certified" motor coach in the nation. Their mission, in addition to celebrating the



Savanna Ferguson

10th anniversary of the foundation named for former Congressman Morris K. Udall, is to coordinate and implement nearly 30 public service projects in six national parks, six Native American communities and 26 cities. Ferguson spent the last academic year working at Whitman as the geology technician. To read real-time data and Ferguson's blog, visit www.udall.gov.

How sweet it is!

Portland Alumni Club members found themselves bagging, of all things, onions when they volunteered for the Oregon Food Bank in March. "Alas, they were not Walla Walla Sweet Onions," said club member **Kim Smith '90**, "but the significance was certainly not lost on our volunteers!" Twenty-two Whitman alumni bagged 3,730 pounds of onions at the Oregon Food Bank's Maybelle Clark Macdonald Volunteer Action Center. That's the equivalent of onions for 2,869 meals, according to the OFB. "We all wore our hairnets with Whitman hats on top and happily bagged tons of onions," said Smith, who has served on the Portland Alumni Club Steering Committee for the past decade. The group has volunteered for the Oregon Food Bank before, as well as for Habitat for Humanity.

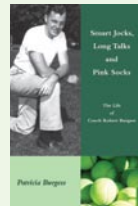
Lesley Johnson Farmer '71 has authored her 20th book, "Collaborative Leadership and Support: Working with Administrators and Support Personnel." Farmer is a member of the Educational Psychology, Administration and Counseling Department at California State University at Long Beach. (See www.csulb.edu/misc/inside/archives/v59n2/15.htm.) E-mail lfarmer@csulb.edu.

Phil Ershler '74 and his wife, Susan, along with Robin Simons, have written "Together on Top of the World: The Remarkable Story of the First Couple to Climb the Fabled Seven Summits." On May 16, 2002, Phil and Susan Ershler reached the top of Mt. Everest and became the first couple in history to scale the Seven Summits together. Susan, one of few women ever to complete the Seven Summits, was a Fortune 500 executive who had never hiked or climbed until she met Phil, a professional mountain guide who was the first American to summit Everest's treacherous north face. He climbed despite Crohn's disease, a chronic, debilitating illness. Prior to the climb, complications from surgeries for colon and prostate cancer were expected to end his career. (Warner Books, 2007)



Royce Buckingham '89 spoke to residents of Whitman's Writing House in April about the release of his first novel, "Demon Keeper." Royce discussed his deal with Penguin for his book, "Goblins," and the purchase of his screenplay, "Demon Keeper," by 20th Century Fox. "Demon Keeper" is a Harry Potter-style fantasy set in Seattle. It follows the adventures of a boy who inherits a house full of demons and the job of caring for them. "Sure, kids get eaten by large monsters, but that's part of the fun," Royce joked. "Actually, I think readers will be surprised and rewarded by the sneaky social commentary buried in the fantasy mayhem." Royce honed his writing skills at the University of Oregon Law School. For 13 years he has supported his writing passion by working as a prosecuting attorney. He lives in Bellingham, Wash., with his wife and two children. (Penguin-Putnam Publishing, May 2007)

Patricia Burgess, daughter of long-time Whitman tennis and basketball coach **Bob Burgess**, has written a biography of her father titled "Smart Jocks, Long Talks and Pink Socks." The book tells Burgess' life story, including the years he coached and was an athletic director at Whitman, 1949-1981. (Castle Island Publishing, online at www.fbeedle.com)



Su Fang Ng '93 authored her first book, "Literature and the Politics of Family in Seventeenth-Century England." She won an American Philosophical Society/British Academy Joint Fellowship for Research in London for summer 2007, and she will be a fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, N.C., for the academic year 2007-08. E-mail ngsf@ou.edu. (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

Most alumni books are available at the Whitman Bookstore (509) 527-5274 or www.whitman.edu/bookstore

Runners, coach join Athletics Hall of Fame

Two of the most successful runners in the history of Missionary athletics, along with retired swim coach Lee Coleman, are the latest inductees into the Whitman Athletics Hall of Fame.

Inducted in May were **Robert "Bob" Hough '61**, one of the links in a proud Whitman tradition of track sprinters; **Jessica Bissonnette Rolfe '94**, a seven-time NAIA All-American in cross country and track; and Lee Coleman, a lifelong advocate for women's athletics who made her final coaching stop at Whitman from 1980 through 1997.

As a freshman in 1958, Hough was a key contributor on legendary Coach Bill Martin's 10th and final conference championship team. In each of his four seasons, Hough shared conference titles in the mile relay. He twice won the 100-yard dash title and added victories in the 220 at both the conference and district meets.



Robert "Bob" Hough '61

Slowed by leg injuries as a junior and senior, Hough was a co-winner of the 1961 R.V. Borleske Trophy as the top male athlete on campus. He also received the Klise Memorial Trophy, given annually to a track athlete for athletic ability and leadership.

Injuries also dimmed Rolfe's otherwise brilliant running career. She was the top cross country runner

in the conference as a sophomore and junior, leading Whitman to back-to-back team titles, and she capped her junior track season by winning an NAIA national crown in the 3,000 meters (she placed third at nationals in the 5,000). A leg injury midway



Coach Lee Coleman, right, poolside.



Jessica Bissonnette Rolfe '94

through her senior cross country season short-circuited her bid for more national honors. She won the 1996 Mignon Borleske Trophy and is married to **Alex Rolfe '97**, winner of the R.V. Borleske Trophy in his senior year.

As professor of physical education and coach of men's and women's swimming, Coleman was the first woman with a professional coaching background to serve Whitman for a significant length of time. Her swim teams produced a steady flow of All-Americans, and she also served as women's athletic director and department chair. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wittenberg University, Coleman is remembered for her allegiance to both academics and athletics, and for her big smile and generous spirit. She also coached at her alma mater, Williams, Brigham Young and Kansas. She lives in Walla Walla and is in her 50th year of running a summer canoe camp in Minnesota.

— Dave Holden



To nominate an alumnus for future induction into the Whitman Athletics Hall of Fame, visit www.whitman.edu/content/athletics/hall-of-fame.

Announcing the establishment of the Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Each year alumni and friends make gifts to Whitman College in memory of classmates, friends and family. In response to these generous donors, the college has established a new Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Contributions to this fund will build a legacy that helps make a Whitman education possible for current and future students.

As of July 1, 2007, memorial gifts not otherwise designated by the donor will be directed to the new Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Those remembered with a gift to the Memorial Scholarship Endowment will be listed in a special section of the Annual Report of Gifts each year.

If you wish to make a memorial gift or would like more information, contact the Office of Development at (509) 527-5165 or e-mail development@whitman.edu.

Alumna earns Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Paula England '71, a respected expert on gender stratification, received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Whitman at Commencement.

A professor of sociology and a faculty research affiliate of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford University, England has gained a reputation of excellence as a scholar, author and mentor. She is the author of "Comparable Worth: Theories and Evidence" and co-author of "Households, Employment and Gender: A Social, Economic and Demographic View."

A former editor of *American Sociological Review* and former chair of the American Sociological Association

Section on Sex and Gender, England sits on several editorial boards.

England's honors and awards include a recent grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Development on "Determinants of Women and Men Initiating Divorce." In 1999 she was honored by the ASA with the Jessie Bernard Award for her career contributions to scholarship on gender. She was praised in the citation for not only her scholarship but also her social activism and mentoring of new feminist scholars.

England earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Whitman, and her master's degree and doctorate from University of Chicago.



Paula England '71

Future international graduates need expertise of international alumni

Calling all international alumni.

Soon-to-be international alumni need a few moments of your time and attention to help them navigate the job market following graduation.



Lea Simek

International alumni know the challenges newly graduated international students face: The one-year Optional Practical Training period allowed makes it difficult to find employment, and financial constraints limit job searches.

Lea Simek '06 faced those challenges this past year as she worked three part-time jobs in Walla Walla before returning to Croatia in June to help support her family. In her search for advice, she found few international alumni in the college's Career Consultant Network.

Although it won't help her in the short term, she embarked on a quest to help future international alumni by working with the Career Center, Intercultural Center and the Development Office staffs to enlist the help of international alumni

who are knowledgeable and understanding about such problems and able to give advice about potential solutions.

If international alumni are anything like the students she encountered at Whitman, Simek feels certain they will want to help. "International students are a tightly knit community on campus, they care for each other," she said. She hopes international alumni will be willing to make a minimal time commitment to provide information via e-mail or phone about internships, jobs, summer employment, job-shadowing opportunities, interviewing and housing.

International alumni willing to advise their younger counterparts may visit www.whitman.edu/content/career_center/, click on "Alumni," then "Networking at Whitman" and "Sign up for the Career Consultant Network." To assist the Career Center in identifying international alumni, enter "international alumna or alumnus" in the "description of responsibilities" section. For more information, contact Susan Buchanan, director of the Career Center, at buchansm@whitman.edu or call (509) 527-5183.

TRIPS ■ TOURS ■ EVENTS



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Winter warmth Ski with the President

Enjoy a weekend of Sun Valley days, cozy Whitman nights, and group meals and activities with President George Bridges. Reserve rooms at the Sun Valley Lodge in the Whitman block at (800) 786-8259; call the Alumni Office for meal reservations. Release date for rooms and dinner reservations is Nov. 30, 2007.

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Sept. 26-28, 2008

Fall Reunion Weekend

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Alumni Club Events:

Sept. 15, 2007, San Diego, Calif. "The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context" lecture with Associate Professor of Religion Robert Morrison followed by exhibit viewing and rooftop lunch at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Sept. 19, 2007, Palo Alto, Calif. Welcome reception for President George Bridges.

Oct. 11, 2007, Seattle, Wash. Whitman after Work. Spitfire-VIP room.

Oct. 13, 2007 Los Angeles/Pasadena, Calif. "Journey to the Red Planet" with lecture by Rob Manning '80 followed by Jet Propulsion Lab Tour.

Oct. 18, 2007, Tri-Cities, Wash. Welcome reception for President George Bridges hosted by Mike '69 and Marsha Stipe.

For details and reservations for alumni trips, call Margaret Høglund in the Alumni Office at (509) 527-5167 or (800) 835-9448, ext. 1, or e-mail hoglund@whitman.edu.



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Pictured: Jackie Xinlan Brick, 5-year-old daughter of Phil Brick, politics professor, and Susan Holme Brick, director of international programs, and Margaux Faris-Merkert '10