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The Northwest Corner of Heaven



A History of Cascade College
1994-2009

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Dedicated to every faculty member, staff member, and student who worked or studied at Cascade College and to the donors whose gifts supported this wonderful college for fifteen years of transforming lives for faith, scholarship, and service.

Preface

This is not a history that I wanted to write—at least not yet. When I moved my family to Portland in the summer of 1994 to become a charter faculty member of Cascade College, the future looked bright. After the closure of Columbia Christian College in 1993, much excitement had been generated among Northwest supporters of Christian education when Oklahoma Christian University agreed to lend its accreditation to a branch campus to operate on the site of the former college.

As one of the “pioneer” faculty members, I was encouraged by the support expressed for the college by the church members in the Portland/Vancouver area. I was even more impressed by the devotion to the college expressed by the former students of Columbia Christian College, many of whom sacrificed a year of their college careers to help bring about the opening of a new college on the site. I still remember vividly the opening ceremony in the courtyard where area church members gathered to lay hands on, bless, and pray for those of us who would be working at the college. The faculty and staff who assembled were not thinking short term; they wanted to help build a foundation for a quality Christian college.

It is my hope that readers of this brief history of Cascade College will come away with the idea that the faculty and staff (all of those who worked at Cascade during these fifteen years) did indeed accomplish the goal of laying that foundation for excellence. Readers should also see evidence that the faculty and staff fulfilled their mission statement of “transforming lives for faith, scholarship, and service.”

While we recognized the economic realities and enrollment pressures that come with a small undergraduate college, those of us who worked at Cascade were still shocked and saddened at the announcement that the Boards of Oklahoma Christian and Cascade had made the decision to end baccalaureate programs on the campus at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. As one might imagine, the remainder of that last year has been hard. It is a testimony to the dedication and character of the

faculty, staff, and students that the year has been a positive one with many highlights. The S.I.F.E. team won their regional competition and represented the Northwest at nationals—again. The men's soccer team qualified for the conference playoffs. The men's basketball team came within one win of qualifying for playoffs, and the women's basketball team won the Champions of Character award for the Cascade Conference. Alpha Chi members won awards and scholarships at the national convention—again.

In the midst of finishing strong, faculty and staff advised students about their transfer options and counseled with each other about what we would do next. Through the generosity of Cascade board members, we shared free lunches in the Dave Geiger dining hall, which gave us a last opportunity to experience the closeness of Christian community that we had enjoyed during our years at Cascade. Faculty and staff members who wished to were given the opportunity by the chapel committee to give one last chapel talk.

In my final talk with the students, I shared my personal grief at Cascade's closure and mentioned C. S. Lewis's reflections on his own grief at the loss of his wife, Joy, from cancer. Lewis noted that he at first mourned what he did not have—more time to enjoy life with his beloved. Later, he took a different perspective and began to focus on what he had been given—three years of married bliss with his beloved. God, Lewis commented, was the giver and Joy was the gift. I suggested to the students at that last chapel that we thank God for the gift of Cascade, whether we enjoyed her for one, two, three, four—or 15 years. May we focus on what God has given us, not what has been taken away. Speaking for myself (and, I suspect, for other Cascade faculty, staff, and students), what God has given us is the great gift of living and working in the “Northwest corner of heaven.”

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I will meet you where God's majestic mountains touch the sky.

We can walk in the sweet by and by,
in the Northwest corner of heaven.

I will meet you in a blanket of evergreens.

We can talk beside God's crystal streams
in the Northwest corner of Heaven.

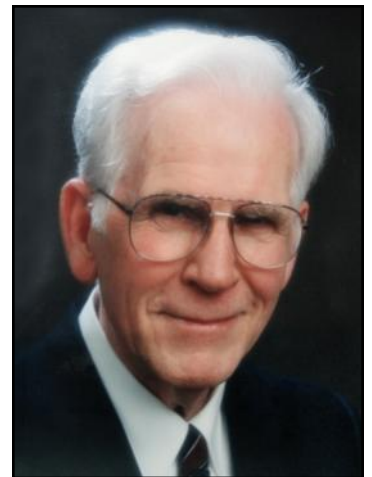
Chorus from "The Northwest Corner of Heaven,"
a song composed by Ike Graul,
a member of Cascade's graduating class of 1996

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Cascade College officially opened as an institution on Monday, August 29, 1994. However, the story of Cascade actually is inseparable from the story of Columbia Christian College, which had operated for 37 years on the campus at 91st and Burnside in Portland, Oregon. In 1992, Columbia lost its regional accreditation because of its weak financial picture. During the spring of 1992, the Columbia board brought Don Gardner to serve as president to see if he could help revive the college. Gardner and Sam Granberg, the Columbia board chairman, began a campaign to keep Columbia and save Church of Christ higher education in the Northwest. Sister institutions were contacted, and the President of Oklahoma Christian, Terry Johnson, received approval from the OC Board of Trustees to investigate the matter.

Dr. Johnson initially thought that perhaps OC could operate a two-year college in Portland and that students could transfer to OC to complete their four-year degrees. However, when the OC investigative team of Stafford North, Kevin Jacobs, and Bailey McBride travelled to Portland to meet with supporters of the college on a snowy Saturday morning, they heard in no uncertain terms that a four-year college was wanted. Those in Portland made it clear that having a four-year college made it more likely that graduates would stay in the Northwest and provide strength for the churches in that area of the country.

Eventually, OC developed a plan, which it offered to the Columbia board. Columbia would close for the 1993-1994 academic year. This would not only allow a break between the former college and the new one but would give administrators the chance to hire new faculty and staff. Oklahoma Christian would treat the new operation, to be called Cascade College, as a branch campus, thus allowing



Dr. Don Gardner was instrumental in making sure Cascade College got off to a good start.

Oklahoma Christian's accreditation to be applied there. The new college would offer four degrees: Bible, business, elementary education, and liberal arts. In 1993, both Boards approved the plan.

In August of 1993, Dr. Kevin Jacobs, who had been serving as vice president and general counsel at OC, moved to Portland to become the executive vice president of Cascade. On September 30, Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts signed a letter authorizing Oklahoma Christian to offer bachelor's degrees at Cascade, and by mid-November, the North Central Association had approved the Oklahoma Christian request to extend its accreditation to the Cascade program.

By December, Jacobs had hired Dr. Arlis Wood, director of OC's Counseling Center, to be dean of student development, and brought Dr. Mickey Banister, assistant superintendent of schools in Stillwater, Oklahoma, to be the academic dean and director of teacher education. Brad Fisher was hired as a fund raiser and admissions director.

When Cascade opened its doors at that first convocation, Monday, August 29, 1994, the Portland administration, faculty, and staff were joined by



The Opening Ceremonies in the courtyard drew hundreds including many Columbia Christian alumni who were on campus for a reunion.

OC President Terry Johnson and twenty-five OC Board members. Through a fiber-optic link between Portland and Oklahoma City, the two campuses joined in the opening ceremony. For the first year, Cascade enrolled 119 students, and hope had been

restored for preserving collegiate education among Churches of Christ in the Northwest.

As Stafford North comments in his history of Oklahoma Christian University, “the road has not always been smooth.” The economic reality of maintaining a small liberal arts college so dependent upon student enrollment was difficult. Ultimately, these difficulties led to the October, 2008, decision to cease baccalaureate operations on the



Members of the Cascade Board of Advancement and Columbia Christian Board played an important role in establishing rapport and credibility amongst supporters of Christian education in the Northwest.

campus at the end of 2008-2009 academic year.

However, there were notable successes during the 15 years that Cascade lived. The number of students grew to over 300, a new

residence hall was built, campus facilities (most notably Sanders Hall and the Johnson Center) were improved and remodeled, and the curriculum was expanded. More important, though more difficult to quantify, are the lives that were touched, the spiritual growth that occurred, and the plans that were made for lives of service to the kingdom by the students who walked the campus during those 15 years. Finally, there were the lives of the remarkably gifted and dedicated faculty and staff who served these students and who saw their work as joyful ministry. It is the story of those students and those faculty and the many Christians who supported the work of the college with their labor and dollars that the following pages attempt to capture.

Reviving a Campus: Beginnings

1994-1996

The Administration

Dr. Kevin Jacobs served as the executive vice president of Cascade College from August 1993 to January 1996. Prior to accepting his role with the new college in Portland, Jacobs was at Oklahoma Christian, where he had served as general counsel and vice president. While at Oklahoma Christian, Dr. Jacobs had spearheaded the development of Tealridge Manor, a retirement community built near the OC campus. Dr. Jacobs had a desire to build, and he was attracted to the prospects of helping build something new in the Northwest. An enthusiastic and personable administrator, Jacobs had the ability to inspire others with his vision for the college including faculty members, students, and potential donors. These words from an interview in an early edition of the new college's publication, *Visions*, are typical: After mentioning the corps of Columbia Christian College students who were volunteering their time and energies to get the new college off the ground, Jacobs said, "In a word, the spirit of the place is infectious and compelling. I have nothing but optimism for the future of Cascade College, for the early restoration of its full accreditation, and for a glorious march into a new century."

(January-February, 1994).

Dr. Jacobs was assisted in the transitional period by Dr. Don Gardner. Gardner and his wife, Audrey, had a long history of service to educational institutions associated with the Churches of Christ. For example, he played a key role in establishing the financial stability of Michigan Christian College (now Rochester College) and York College in Nebraska. It was to Dr. Gardner that the Columbia board had turned as the college was losing its accreditation, and it was Dr. Gardner who encouraged President

Terry Johnson and the administration at Oklahoma Christian University to pay a visit to campus before making their final decision about assisting the Portland school. As an early edition of *Vision* reported, "They came, were charmed by the students, saw the necessity of a Christian college in the Northwest, and Cascade College, a Branch of Oklahoma Christian University . . . was born" (January-February, 1994). In addition to providing fundraising assistance and working with the boards of Columbia and OC, Dr.



Early administrators including (L to R) Kevin Jacobs, Don Gardner, Mickey Banister and Arlis Wood

Gardner also taught Bible classes during Cascade's first year.

Dr. Jacobs chose two Oklahomans to become members of the first administrative team at Cascade. Dr. Arlis Wood and Dr. Mickey Banister.

Dr. Arlis Wood had been Director of the OC Counseling Center and taught in the Psychology Department. His wife, Suzanne, was a native Oregonian who graduated from Columbia Christian College when it was a two-year institution. Suzanne assisted her husband in the establishment of the Individualized Student Development Plan (ISDP) at Cascade. This program was designed to be a distinctive feature of the new college and assist students not only with their academic programs but with career development. Along with ISDP, Dr. Wood was responsible for Student Development, which in a small college like Cascade basically covered everything about student life that took place outside the classroom: dorms, student activities, food service, discipline, to name a few. Dr. Wood was an approachable man with a kind spirit and wonderful sense of humor. Early students felt comfortable with him as Dean and knew that he had their best interests at heart, even in cases where

discipline was required. Early Cascade students will remember the Honor Council, a bold experiment spearheaded by Dr. Wood in which a group of students and faculty and staff met and decided on disciplinary measures for students who violated one of the college's policies. While this approach taught the student members of the council some great leadership lessons, the system eventually became too time consuming and unwieldy. Still, it was an example of the pioneering spirit of the first staff members and their willingness to try new approaches to Christian education.



His Heirs members from transitional year, (L to R) Stephanie Sellers, Jeff Williams, Kaelea Coy, Cody Harrod and Ike Graul were some of the Columbia Christian College students in the first Cascade student Body.

Dr. Mickey Banister, though an Oklahoman, was not at OC when he was hired to work in Portland. He was serving as the Deputy Superintendent of the Stillwater School District in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Dr. Banister's Ed.D in Higher Education made him an ideal candidate for Academic Dean at the new college since he could not only oversee the academic program but also serve as director of and teach in the teacher education program, one of the first majors offered at Cascade. Dr. Banister was accompanied by his wife, Jane, and daughter Alicia, who transferred to Cascade from OC. Dr. Banister had the job of hiring the first faculty members at Cascade and helping the ones who moved to Portland adjust to life in the Northwest. Dr. Banister took a personal interest in each faculty member and always stressed being student oriented and spiritually focused in the work of Christian education. He was also very detail oriented when it came to core requirements and credit hours, a trait that served him well in his later role as Registrar on the OC campus.

First Faculty Members

One of Cascade's deans noted that when the college began, faculty meetings could be held at Elmer's restaurant, where the entire faculty could fit in one booth! When the college opened in the fall of 1994, there were five full-time faculty members: Brian Simmons, Communications; Gary Tandy, English; Leland Rogers, Math and Computer Science; Kate James Parker, History; and John Fletcher, Music. Since a full-time Bible teacher was not hired until later, these classes were taught by ministers from the Portland/Vancouver churches serving as adjuncts as well as by Dr. Don Gardner and Dr. Ralph Burcham, a member of OC's faculty who came to help that first year.

The first faculty members were small in number, but they were well prepared academically and were excited about the pioneering aspects of being the first faculty members for the new college. Most of the first faculty moved themselves and their families far from home for this new opportunity.

Dr. Brian Simmons (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009), who was the first faculty member to sign a contract to teach at Cascade, came to Portland from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Like several of the first faculty members, Simmons had



Brian Simmons

done his undergraduate work at Oklahoma Christian. He also holds a Master's degree from Pepperdine and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. Brian's wife, Sharon, had family in Oregon. Brian was enthusiastic about the opportunity at Cascade. He told Dr. Jacobs in his interview, "If you hire me, the first thing I will do is buy a house. The second thing I will do is buy a cemetery plot because I want to stay at Cascade College forever." While

Dr. Simmons could not have known then that the college would

close in 15 years, he did make good on his pledge to stay at Cascade in spite of receiving job offers from other universities. Dr. Simmons, a dynamic instructor, has had a central impact on the life and atmosphere of the college. He has taught one of the most popular courses for freshmen, Oral Communication. Just about every student who has come through Cascade could quote pearls of wisdom from Dr. Simmons like “Long courtship; short engagement” and “Let’s unpack that idea.” Before those freshmen took his class, however, they had already gotten to know Brian, as he insisted his students call him, during Freshman Orientation week, which he has coordinated since shortly after Cascade opened. During the first year of Cascade, Dr. Simmons formed the traveling drama group, *Visions*, which has traveled thousands of miles each year presenting original drama to high school students and spreading the news about the gospel and about Cascade College. Dr. Simmons sponsored this group until 2007, when Heather



Drama performances have been an integral part of campus life through all the years of Cascade.

Steele took over the sponsorship and the group was renamed *Second Story*. While Simmons never had an official administrative role at the college, he has served on virtually every faculty committee and has been a tireless promoter of and recruiter for the college. During the last few years of the

college, when Dr. Goad asked the faculty to take more responsibility for planning chapel, Simmons took on the emcee role in daily chapel. His willingness to serve in this area is typical of his willingness to do whatever he could to strengthen Cascade. Students remember Brian as a faculty member whose door was always open to them and whose comfortable couch was available for any student who wanted to talk—

whether about academics, relationships, religion, or life problems. Brian has mentored hundreds of students over the years by means of lunches at Taco Bell. His customary greeting, "Life is good" could be heard in the halls by students, faculty, and staff. It is impossible to think of Cascade College without thinking of Brian Simmons.

Dr. Gary Tandy (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) moved to Portland in August of



Gary Tandy

1994 with his wife, Janet, and three children from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tandy, a graduate of Oklahoma Christian, had been serving as Training and Development Manager for a large architectural firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to that he had worked as a technical and marketing writer for a consulting firm in

Tulsa, and before that had taught on the faculty of Abilene Christian University. Tandy desired to return to his first love of teaching writing and literature at a Christian university. When he contacted Dr. Bailey McBride about a possible position at OC, Dr. McBride told him about the opportunity in Portland. Tandy recalls that his wife was not excited about the prospect of moving 2000 miles away from home and family. He finally convinced Janet to travel to Portland for the interview, and she was impressed by the natural beauty of the area. Tandy, who held graduate degrees from The University of Tennessee and The University of Tulsa, was the second faculty member to sign a contract, and, like Dr. Simmons, ended up remaining at Cascade the entire 15 years. For several years, Tandy was the only full-time English teacher at the college. He taught most of the freshman writing courses and an occasional upper division literature class until 2002, when the English major was added. During the 1996-1997 year, Dr. Tandy served as faculty chair. In 1997-1998, he was appointed Academic Dean and served in that role

until 2000-2001, when he returned to full-time faculty work. In addition to his teaching and administrative roles, Dr. Tandy was active in leading student organizations. In the 2000-2001 academic year, he inaugurated the Summit Society, an honors group for freshmen and sophomores, and he served as faculty sponsor for this group until the college's closing. Students who participated in this group enjoyed an annual spring trip to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival with Dr. Tandy. Tandy also served as faculty advisor to the Kingsmen service club and, for the last seven years of the college, to the Delta Sigma Rho service club. He also served as faculty advisor for *Wingspan*, the college's student literary magazine. Many Cascade students took Dr. Tandy's class in C. S. Lewis, an author in whom Tandy had a special interest. The class was popular because of Lewis's interesting writings and also because students could count it as either a literature or Bible credit in their degree programs. Dr. Tandy and Dr. Simmons were the founding



Kate Parker

members of the Faculty/Staff Rock band, which entertained the students each fall at the college's *Welcome Back Show*.

Kate James Parker (Served at Cascade, 1994-1997) was the college's first history instructor. Parker, whose undergraduate degree was from Oklahoma Christian, moved to Portland from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she had completed her Master's in Medieval History at The University of North Carolina. While pursuing her degree at UNC, Parker had

been active in the campus ministry programs at UNC and Duke universities. Parker also had prior experience working in a small Christian college environment. In the late 1980s she worked at Northeastern Christian Junior College in Villanova, Pennsylvania, serving as registrar and dormitory supervisor. Parker was a demanding instructor, who gave

students a solid grounding in US history, political science, and western civilization. She left Cascade at the end of the 1996-1997 academic year to teach at Columbia Christian Schools.

John Fletcher (Served at Cascade, 1994-1997), like Dr. Wood and Dr. Jacobs, moved to Portland after serving at Oklahoma Christian. Fletcher and his wife, Cynthia, were attracted by the prospect of helping the college's music program get off to a good start. This was especially important because the music program at Columbia Christian had been a

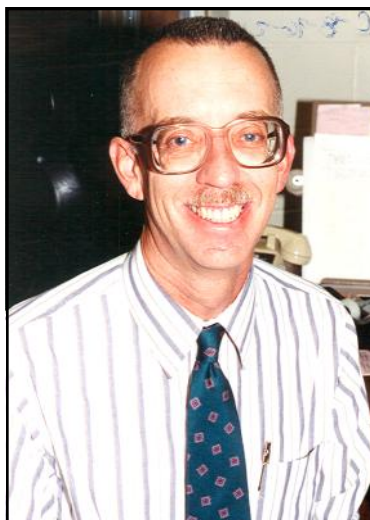


John Fletcher

hallmark of the college. John had served as Chair of the Music Department at OC and was uniquely qualified to direct both instrumental and vocal programs. John had earned his B.A. in music from Oklahoma Christian, his M.M. in music theory from the University of Missouri at Kansas City Conservatory, and, at the time was working on his doctorate in conducting at the University of Oklahoma. "Fletch," as he was known to the students, was a popular member of the faculty. One of his first jobs was to compose an alma mater for the new school. The result, "O Cascade," has been sung at Monday chapels, at opening convocations, and at commencement throughout the life of the college. In addition to launching the music program, John, along with his wife, Cynthia, and their daughter, Laenie spent many weekends exploring the natural beauties of Oregon. John left Cascade at the end of the 1996-1997 school year to return to Oklahoma Christian.

Dr. Leland Rogers (Served at Cascade, 1994-1999), a former Columbia Christian professor, joined the initial faculty at Cascade as Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science. Dr. Rogers earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the

University of Kentucky and his master's and doctorate in mathematics from the University of California, Riverside. Rogers brought teaching experience and industry experience in computer programming. Like most faculty and staff members at Cascade, Dr. Rogers did more than teach classes. His knowledge of computer technology was invaluable to the new school, and Dr. Rogers spent much of his time when not teaching keeping the



Lee Rogers

campus computers and network running. Dr. Rogers loved the Northwest and recognized the importance of the college to the churches in the area. Since Cascade did not offer a math major, Dr. Rogers's course load consisted primarily of basic math classes. His commitment to Christian education in the Northwest was no doubt what kept him at Cascade. Dr. Rogers left Cascade at the end of the 1998-1999 academic year to teach on the faculty of Pepperdine University.

Five full-time faculty members hardly seems sufficient for a four-year liberal arts college. However, the opening enrollment at Cascade was 119 students, many of whom were first-time college students. The dedication of these pioneer faculty members and their willingness to accept other roles outside the classroom made it work, and their work was supported by many dedicated adjunct instructors.

Key Staff Members

Betty Astin (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) began her career at Cascade as Administrative Assistant in the Dean's office. However, after Rhonda Vice left the Assistant Registrar's position, Betty moved smoothly into that role, which she held from then on. Betty, who had worked at Columbia Christian College, was an active member

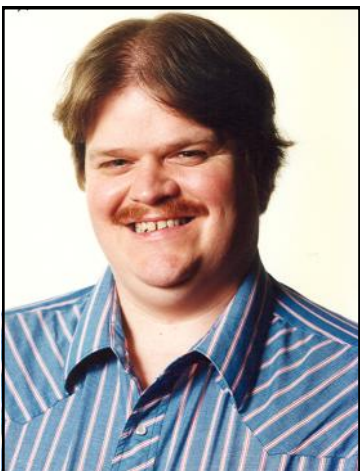
of Women for Cascade/Columbia. In her registrar role, she was an invaluable source of information for students and faculty alike. She not only worked closely with the Academic Dean on the Portland campus but communicated frequently with Dr. Mickey Banister and the Registrar's office in Oklahoma City. It would be difficult to imagine a semester's opening without Betty being there to enroll students in classes or a semester's closing without her reminding faculty members to record grades. Her attention to detail and seemingly photographic memory when it came to schedules and course codes served her well. She encountered many changes in procedure over the years, for example, with the advent of Datatel and later with students and faculty members being able to enroll students through the Web. She provided a stability in a crucial office on campus and was always ready to respond graciously to student and faculty requests for information and assistance. Betty's husband, Dave, was also a strong supporter of the college. For many years, he organized the Byron Nelson Benefit Golf Tournament. In 2007, he was instrumental in the college's procuring a bus for student trips, and he joined the college as bus driver and part-time advancement officer. Dave mentored many students on academic excursions and athletic trips, as he had done in the past for Columbia Christian College students and for choir members at Cascade on their choir tours.



Dave and Betty Astin

Dave and Maurice Geiger (Served at Cascade, 1994-2003) were typical of the many servants with hearts of gold who worked at the college. Geiger served as maintenance director until he was asked by President Lynn to assume management of

the dining hall. He carried out all his responsibilities with love, good humor, and diligence. In honor of his service to the institution, Dr. Lynn named the Cascade cafeteria the *Dave C. Geiger Dining Hall*. Dave's wife, Maurice, served in the admissions office and worked with international students who came to the college. Her love for the college and her desire for its growth and well being were obvious to all. Both Dave and Maurice were avid supporters of college activities and were especially loyal Thunderbird



Jeff Shewmaker

basketball fans.

Jeff Shewmaker (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) served the college in a variety of roles throughout the college's life. Shewmaker is one of only seven employees who was with Cascade when it opened and stayed at the college until it closed. It is doubtful that any student who attended Cascade

College would not know "Shew," as he was called. This is because Shewmaker's roles placed him in daily contact with most students. He was, for many of those years, the "mail guy," who delivered those long-awaited care packages from home or who notified students when their textbooks had arrived. Those students would likely remember Shew's response to their questions or requests for help with a "What are you bothering me for?" followed by a wide smile that showed he was only kidding. For several years he served as cashier and was often the one who kept the copy machines operating for frantic faculty members making last-minute copies of exams or handouts for their classes. Jeff's wife, Karen, also served the college in a variety of roles in the early days of Cascade. She was Kevin Jacobs' administrative assistant when Cascade opened and was a great help to the new faculty members who came during the early years. Later she worked in the Business office and for the

Music department. Both of the Shewmakers had a deep love for Columbia Christian and for Cascade College, which they consistently demonstrated through support and service.

From its beginning, Cascade College was blessed with Christians from the Portland/Vancouver area who volunteered time and expertise to contribute to the growth and development of the college. One especially faithful volunteer was Edna Ruth Fields (Served at



Edna Ruth and Duncan Fields

Cascade, 1994-2009). Fields had been the first full-time teacher at Columbia Christian Schools and, after her retirement, she volunteered at both the academy and the college. At Cascade, Fields directed the reading lab and tutored students who needed additional help in basic skills. Even after the reading lab program ended, Fields continued to serve as a volunteer tutor and helped many students gain the confidence they needed to succeed in their academic work. Fields and her husband, Duncan, were faithful supporters of the college. Duncan volunteered his time for maintenance projects on campus. They are examples of the many dedicated Christians who cared deeply about the college's mission and were willing to donate their time, effort, and money to help the college in any way they could.

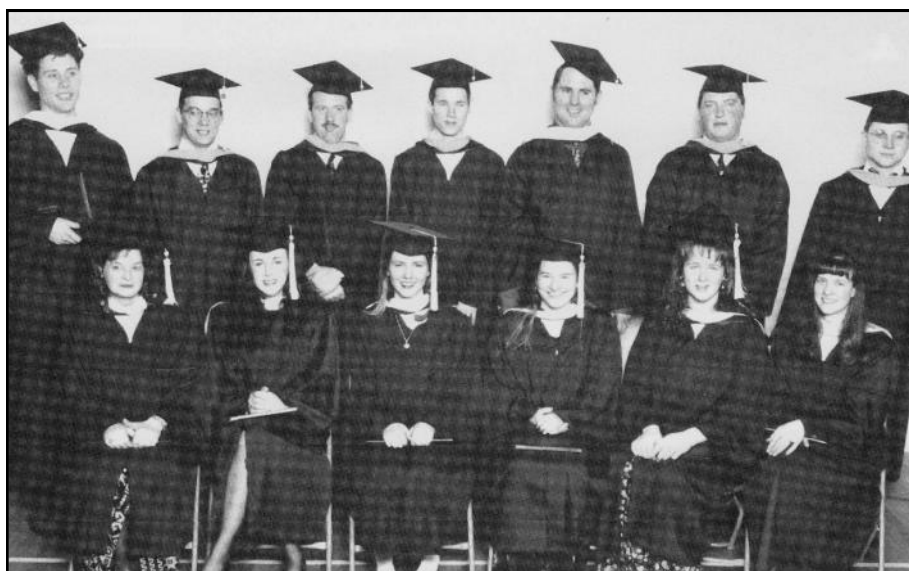
Student Life

One might suppose that because of the small enrollment and limited number of faculty and staff, that there would have been few student activities during the early years of Cascade. However, a glance at the yearbooks (called *The Mountain*) tells a

different story. Since a number of the original students at Cascade had been students at Columbia Christian, many of the traditions were carried over from that school. Some examples are Monday night devo, Winter Formal, and Chinook Court. Service clubs also were formed during those early years. Delta Sigma Rho, which had been founded in 1964 at Columbia Christian, was the first girls' club established at Cascade. Scott Christensen, a Cascade student, began a chapter of Kingsmen, which was a club at York College, where Scott had been a student before transferring to Cascade. A new girls' club, Lambda Chi

Omega was begun by student Ali-Ca Madison, and Brian Simmons was chosen as faculty advisor.

For athletics, the first year students participated in intramurals, but by the second year, athletic teams began to form. Men's soccer



The first graduates included (back row, L to R) Jason Hill, Andy Williams, Marty Fenton, Chad Enos, John House, Troy Wagner and Ike Graul (front row, L to R) Deborah Musselman, Alicia Banister, Tiffany Dierdorff, Lindsay Hoffman, Stephanie Sellers and Kaelea Graul. [Not Pictured: Scott Koopman]

was the first athletic team at Cascade, forming in the 1995-1996 school year and playing a club team schedule. The 1995-1996 yearbook also pictures club teams for Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball. Bill Pink was hired in the college's second year to coach Men's Basketball and teach in the education department.

Other activities during the first years were Finals Feast, in which faculty and staff served breakfast to students in the cafeteria on the Sunday night before finals. In the early years, this event sometimes included spontaneous entertainment such as student

karaoke and, one year, an inspired, frenetic air guitar performance by Brian Simmons. Perhaps the most significant event of the first two years, however, was the first Cascade College commencement, which honored 14 graduates. With this ceremony, it seemed to those serving on campus that Cascade was finally a real college!

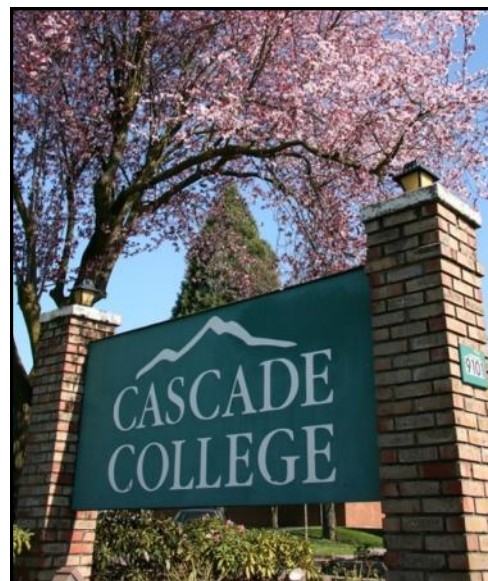
General Observations on Beginnings

For the first faculty, staff, and students of Cascade College, the mood might be described as exciting with a measure of confusion thrown in. Normally when a faculty member begins teaching at a college or a student attends a college, the structures are in place, and the student or teacher feels that it is his or her responsibility to learn the culture of this place and fit in. At Cascade, however, everyone was new, and many of the structures were being created on the fly. While this was no doubt frustrating to some, others welcomed the opportunity to be a part of something new. Faculty and staff often used the word "pioneer" when referring to a student group that was beginning something new. It was helpful that several students and staff members had been at Columbia Christian College and were able to maintain the best traditions of that institution. Still there was a distinct feeling that Cascade was a new college where "new traditions" could begin. Good examples of these new traditions were the Visions drama group organized by Dr. Brian Simmons and Finals Feast.

The increased enrollment of 236 in the Fall of 1995 was encouraging to all and gave evidence that public relations and recruiting efforts were paying off. The second year of the new college began with great optimism. However, the momentum gained from increased enrollment and new faculty and staff was interrupted later in the fall semester when Dr. Kevin Jacobs announced that he had accepted the presidency of

Oklahoma Christian University following Dr. Terry Johnson's resignation and that Jacobs would be returning to Oklahoma in January, 1996. It would be difficult to overestimate the impact of this announcement since Dr. Jacobs seemed to be reaching his stride as President of the new college and had spent time cultivating relationships with friends, donors, and churches in the Northwest. Several of the new faculty and staff members had been recruited by Dr. Jacobs and had moved to Portland in part because they were captivated by his vision and infectious enthusiasm for the new school. To their credit, however, rather than leaving, they stayed and renewed their efforts to help the young college grow and mature.

The campus in those early days had the feel of a close-knit family. Students interacted with faculty and staff easily and often. A tone of student oriented service was set from the beginning by the administration, and the faculty and staff followed through by spending extra time helping students with their studies and by mentoring them in life skills and spiritual matters. While the new college may have had few of the activities of larger schools, the students seemed to thrive in an environment that allowed them to develop close relationships with fellow students and faculty and staff. In addition, many of the students, especially those like Ike Graul, Lindsey Hoffman, Kaelea (Coy) Graul, Tiffany Dierdorff, and Jason Hill—all of whom had been students at Columbia Christian College—had a vision that went beyond earning a degree. They knew that they were an integral part of laying a foundation for future students who would attend Cascade and receive the same blessings from a small Christian college that they had received.



The sign at the Burnside Street entrance welcomed both students & visitors.

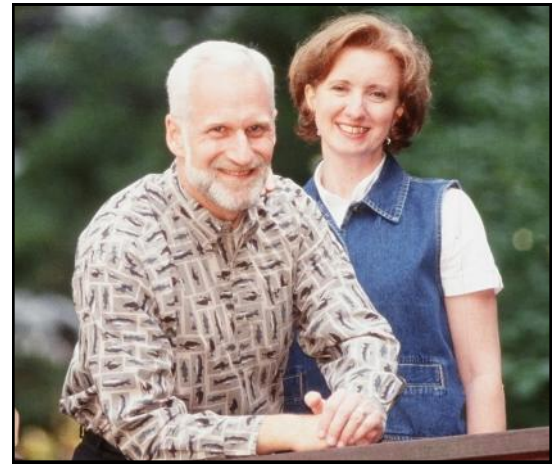
Building a College

1996-2001

The Administration

Dr. Dennis Lynn (Served at Cascade, 1996-2005) was named President of Cascade College on February 3, 1996. Lynn succeeded Dr. Kevin Jacobs, who had served as the chief executive officer of Cascade for the first year and a half and had accepted the presidency of Oklahoma Christian University. Dr. Lynn came to Cascade with experience in college administration, ministry, and counseling. Prior to coming to Cascade he served as executive director of Christian Family Services of the Midwest in Overland Park, Kansas. Dr. Lynn held undergraduate degrees from York College and Lubbock Christian University. He earned his master's degree in counseling from Texas Tech University and his doctorate in family studies from the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Lynn served York College for 10 years in a variety of teaching and administrative roles including vice president for institutional advancement, dean of students, and associate professor of psychology and family studies. This experience proved to be



Dennis and Debby Lynn

invaluable at Cascade because Lynn understood the realities of life at a small Christian college. His fund raising experience was significant as was his work in student development, which helped him see issues, not only from an administrative, but from a student perspective. Dr. Lynn was supported in his work by his wife, Debby, who often accompanied him on fund raising and church relations trips and could frequently be found in the President's office helping to stuff envelopes for yet another mailing.

In announcing Dr. Lynn's appointment, Dr. Jacobs referred to Lynn as a remarkable Christian gentleman, and this was an apt description. Dr. Lynn struck all who met him as a kind and compassionate man full of integrity. His quick wit and often quirky



In the early Cascade years, chapel was held in the Rehearsal Hall. Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Lynn joined in singing on this particular day.

sense of humor endeared him to staff members and students alike. Lynn's personal integrity and humble spirit went a long way towards gaining respect for the college in those early days.

Potential donors and board members were struck by his sincerity and commitment to Christian

education. Students noted that his office door was open to them and that he was concerned

about them as individuals. They looked forward to his regular appearances in chapel where he would share one of his famous "chapel chats"—typically a humorous anecdote with a spiritual application. Fellow administrators found him to be an interested and encouraging supervisor who let them be responsible for their areas of the operation without interference. They knew that Lynn was committed to excellence and quality in all aspects of the college's life and that as long as they were working to promote these values in their area, Lynn would be their greatest supporter.

Perhaps one of the most important accomplishments of Dr. Lynn's presidency was the tone he set for a student-friendly and student-oriented campus. One of the visible ways he achieved this is by the repetition of a mantra that will be familiar to any faculty and staff member who served with Dr. Lynn. It will also be familiar to students because whenever a prospective student met with Dr. Lynn, he or she heard these words: "I want you to know three things about Cascade. First, we look at you as souls first, students

second. Next, you are never an interruption to our work; you are our work. And finally, character is in the curriculum." These oft-repeated phrases capture the environment that Dr. Lynn hoped to foster on Cascade's campus. And it is likely that most students who attended Cascade would agree that these words were lived out by the faculty and staff of Cascade College.

Lynn's 10 years at Cascade provided a much-needed stability in administration for the college. Though it was not his favorite activity, Lynn was a tireless fundraiser, traveling thousands of miles each year on behalf of the college. He worked to broaden the membership of the Cascade board and to grant them more responsibility in directing the college. However, Lynn's job was not easy. Budgets were often tight, prohibiting the expansion of facilities and new programs. An additional challenge was negotiating the relationship with the parent campus, Oklahoma Christian. There seemed

to be changes over the years as to the extent that Oklahoma City administrators wanted to be involved in the key decisions at Cascade. Some of this was attributable to what was going on at the main campus at the time and some had to do with changes in administrative responsibility at Oklahoma. At any rate, Lynn was the one who



Students enjoying a sunny afternoon studying by the fountain.

often had to serve as the middle man between those expressing needs on the Cascade campus and those in Oklahoma keeping a close eye on the bottom line. After ten years of faithful service at Cascade, Lynn made the decision to leave the presidency for a ministry position at the Redwood City Church of Christ in California.

Those who served on Dr. Lynn's administrative team from 1996-2001 included Dr.

June Breninger, Dr. Gary Tandy, Dr. David Tucker, Mary Horton, Vern Meaders, Morgan Outlaw, Brenda Smith, and Victor Myers.

Dr. Lynn came to Cascade in the middle of the 1996-1997 academic year. The former chief executive had departed, and the principal members of Jacobs' administrative team, Dr. Arlis Wood and Dr. Mickey Banister, planned to return to Oklahoma Christian at the end of the academic year. Being new to the campus and the staff, Lynn opted for an interim administrative arrangement for his first full year as President. So in the 1996-1997 academic year, Lynn appointed Dr. June Breninger as Dean of the College. Assisting her were Vern Meaders, as Director of Student Development, and Dr. Gary Tandy, as Faculty Chair. (Biographical sketches of Tandy and Breninger appear under the Faculty section of this history)

Dr. Gary Tandy served as Academic Dean from the 1997-1998 academic year until the 2000-2001 academic year. During this time period, the academic programs of the college were still in the development stages. New faculty members were needed, but funds were not always available for new positions. This meant that many classes had to be filled by adjuncts and several departments had only one full-time faculty member. Budgets for library acquisitions and faculty professional developmental were small. In spite of these limitations, the college was able to recruit several key faculty members who would play significant roles in moving the college to the next level academically. No doubt the most significant academic development during Tandy's tenure was the resurrection of the Teacher Education Program. Early in Tandy's term as Dean the difficult but necessary decision was made to cease offering teacher certification on Cascade's campus and develop a cooperative program with nearby Warner Pacific College. While this arrangement provided an opportunity for Cascade students who

wanted to teach, Tandy and others recognized that having a teacher education program on campus was vital to Cascade's mission and could be a major factor in enrollment growth. At the end of Tandy's term as Dean, the Cascade Teacher



Students, Shirley Johnson and Cody Hill, are walking and talking with Dr. Tucker (center).

Education program was approved by the Oregon TSPC with Dr. Karen Buchanan as director.

Dr. David Tucker (Served at Cascade, 1997-2000) joined the college in the Fall of 1997 as Director of Operations, overseeing the fiscal and

organizational operations of the college, and as professor of business. Before coming to Cascade, Dr. Tucker worked as a financial analyst in Memphis, Tennessee, following 16 years with Harding University, where he served as dean of the business school and professor of economics. Dr. Tucker earned his B.S. degree from Harding University, his M.A. from Georgetown University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Tucker brought great leadership experience to the college's operations and was instrumental in bringing several key staff members to Cascade including George and Francine Wagner (Maintenance and Athletics), Willie Steele (English and Athletics), and Ben Langford (Bible and Athletics). He was also an excellent teacher and provided a great foundation for the young business program, especially in the areas of accounting and finance. Dr. Tucker left the college at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year to accept an administrative position with The University of Phoenix.

Mary (Shotts) Horton (Served at Cascade, 1994-2001) served as the first women's dorm supervisor. She also served as the Director of Financial Aid and Admissions. Horton,

who earned her undergraduate degree at York College, was a favorite with students for her sense of humor and outgoing personality. As the Admissions Director, she was especially attentive to the physical appearance of the college's facilities and always encouraged the administration to make the campus look its best in order to make a good first impression on students and families.



Early Cascade students April Reed, Cherri Brondstetter, and Aaron Redlesperger on their way to class.

Vern Meaders (Served at Cascade, 1994-1999)

served the campus as the Director of Student

Development. A graduate of Columbia Christian

College, Vern had a deep appreciation for the benefits of the small Christian college experience, and he worked hard to promote a positive atmosphere on campus and to encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership development offered by the college. Vern's outgoing nature and sense of fun endeared him to students and staff alike. He collaborated with campus minister, Monty Moreland, to create humorous videos that were shown in chapel or at campus talent shows. For several years, Vern was the face of daily chapel, making announcements with his own humorous twist and leading the students in singing happy birthday to one of their classmates. Vern left the college at the end of the 1998-1999 academic year to teach 6th grade at Columbia Christian Schools.

Morgan Outlaw (Served at Cascade, 1995-1997) arrived in January of 1995 to spearhead the college's fund raising and advancement efforts. A graduate of Harding University, Outlaw also held a Master's of Education degree from the University of Arkansas. Outlaw brought experience not only in fund raising but in Christian school

administration, having served 16 years at Columbia Christian College and two and a half years as Chief Administrator of Madison Academy in Huntsville, Alabama. Outlaw left the college in 1997 to serve as an administrator at Columbia Christian Schools.

Brenda Smith (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) filled a variety of administrative and teaching roles at Cascade over the years. While her title seemingly changed with each administrative shift, Smith was a mainstay of the college's financial operations dating back to Columbia Christian College days. Most often, she served as Controller of the college with responsibilities for budgets and payroll. Faculty and staff through the years have her to thank for those paychecks and expense reimbursements. Smith always preferred to serve unnoticed, behind the scenes, doing her job efficiently and without fanfare so that others could do theirs effectively. However, anyone who talks to Brenda long can sense her deep love for the work of the college and her concern for its students. She often invited students over for a home-cooked meal and was instrumental in helping many Columbia and Cascade students get their start in the world by renting



Brenda Smith

them an apartment or advising them on their job search and other financial matters. Brenda, who holds her B.S. from Columbia Christian College and her M.B.A. from The University of Portland, has also taught consistently in the Business department, primarily accounting but other courses as needed. Her servant spirit and willingness to do whatever it takes are typical of the kind of faculty and staff that have helped the college grow over the years. A devoted gardener, Brenda could often be found

outside of her office pruning rose bushes and helping to beautify the campus.

Victor Myers (Served at Cascade, 1999-2001) joined Cascade in 1999 as a

development officer but soon was given the responsibilities of operations director by Dr. Lynn. Myers, a graduate of Columbia Christian College, was excited to return to the campus and approached his job of director of operations with enthusiasm. He was actively involved in many aspects of campus life including athletics and intramurals, and he served as an advisor for the Kingsmen service club. Myers left the college in 2001 to work in the telecommunications industry.

The Faculty

Dr. June Breninger (Served at Cascade, 1996-2009) first came to Cascade as an adjunct instructor of Psychology and counselor in the ISDP program. However, it was not long before she took on a full-time faculty role and began to serve the new college in a variety of administrative roles as well. Dr. June, as she was known to students, was a familiar face to the campus, having served Columbia Christian College since 1967 in a variety of roles including Dean of Women, Dean of Campus Life, and Professor of Psychology. Breninger's degrees were from Harding University (B.A., Elementary Education), and The University of Tennessee (M.S. and Ed.D. in Educational Psychology). Her gentle spirit, wisdom, and delightful sense of humor endeared her to generations of students, who, when they returned to campus for a visit were often most excited to spend some one-on-one time with Dr. June. In addition to teaching core and upper division courses in Psychology and Teacher Education,



June Breninger

Breninger had a key role in implementing the ISDP program initiated by Drs. Arlis and Suzanne Wood. When Dr. Juliana Ee joined the faculty in 1997, she assisted Dr.

Breninger, and the two established a counseling internship with graduate students from George Fox University that was a great benefit to Cascade students who needed personal counseling and help with academic and relationship issues. In 1996, when Dr. Dennis Lynn was forming his administrative team, he asked Breninger to be the Dean of the College. Because he was new to the campus and to the region, Lynn felt that Breninger would be a wise choice for that role in the transition period. The next year, after Dr. Gary Tandy was named Academic Dean, Lynn asked Dr. Breninger to remain as Dean of Students, a role she fulfilled until 2000 when she returned to full-time teaching.

Breninger is another one of those faculty members who has epitomized the spirit of Cascade College. Her personal concern for students and her willingness to be involved in their lives went a long way toward creating that family feeling that has been a hallmark of both Columbia and Cascade. Dr. June often invited students to her home for movies and popcorn, and she was always available for any student who just needed to talk. She could always be counted on to make an appearance at The Welcome Back Show and tell a few "punny" jokes or to be the object of a joke in a silly video. These traits, along with her deep spiritual focus and compassion, have made Dr. June into a symbol of all that has been best and truest about those who have served at Cascade College.

Dr. Shawn Jones (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) began teaching Bible as an adjunct during the early years of the college and was hired as the first full-time Bible faculty member in the 1995-1996 academic year. Dr. Jones brought with him experience in ministry with Northwest churches and a knowledge of culture of those churches, having served as an Associate Minister at the Newberg Church of Christ and as Minister of Education, Involvement, and Small Groups at the Metro Church of Christ in

Gresham, Oregon. Jones was a graduate of Columbia Christian College (B.A., Biblical Studies and B.S. in Business) and Pepperdine University (M.S. in Ministry). When he came to Cascade he was working on his D.Min. degree from the Northwest Graduate School of the Ministry. He completed that degree while teaching full-time at Cascade.

Jones was converted through a campus ministry program at Boise State University, so he had an evangelistic attitude and was especially attentive to those students who came to Cascade from non-religious backgrounds. Dr. Jones always gave 100% to



Shawn Jones

classroom preparation and became known among the students as a challenging and effective teacher. In 2001, when Dr. Gary Tandy returned to full-time faculty status, Dr. Jones was selected by the faculty as Academic Dean. Jones served well in that role from 2001 until the college closed. While his accomplishments as Dean are discussed later in this history, it can be said here that both as faculty member and Dean,

Jones maintained a standard of excellence both in academics and spirituality to which he consistently called students and his colleagues. He also served as the “head cheerleader” for the International Studies programs at Cascade that were available to students through Oklahoma Christian. Jones, along with his wife, Nancy, sponsored two Vienna Studies trips during his tenure at Cascade, and he encouraged many students to take advantage of the opportunities for growth available through these programs.

Dew Anna Brumley (Served at Cascade, 1996-1997) joined the full-time faculty as Assistant Professor of Education. Brumley had served in a similar role at Columbia Christian College from 1984-1993 and had taught in the Education department at

Warner Pacific College. Brumley was a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University (B.S.E. in Elementary Education) and held an M.A. in Education with Reading specialization from Azusa Pacific University. Brumley had significant experience in the public schools as well and was able to offer great advice to students preparing to teach. However, shortly after she returned to teach at the college, NCATE, the accrediting body for Oklahoma Christian's education program ruled that as a branch campus of OC, Cascade would need to meet NCATE standards to continue its education program in Portland. At that time, such a change would have been much too costly for the young college. Also, while NCATE was a widely held accreditation among schools in OC's part of the country, it was not as significant in the Northwest. Therefore, the difficult decision was made to cease offering an education degree at Cascade and offer students teacher preparation through a cooperative agreement with Warner Pacific College.

Because of these developments, Brumley left Cascade at the end of the year to return to the faculty of Warner Pacific College. Brumley continued to be a strong supporter of the college, first, by assisting and advising Cascade students who were training to be teachers through Warner's program, and, second, by



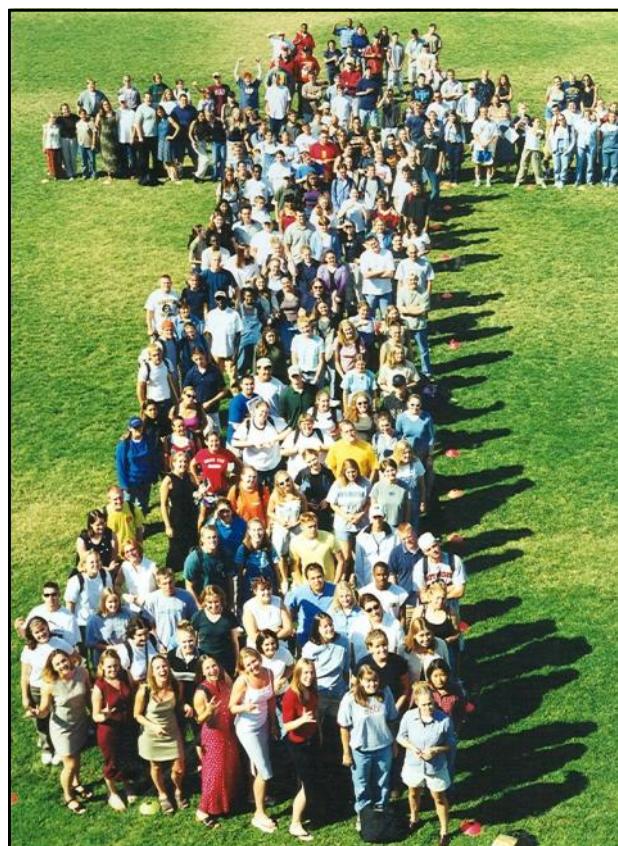
The MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) is part of the public transit system that links Portland with Gresham on the East side and Beaverton on the West side.

supporting Karen Buchanan and Dana Barbarick, later teacher education directors at Cascade when that program was restored.

Dr. Deborah (Mueller) Kruse (Served at Cascade, 1996-2001) came to Cascade as an adjunct in 1996 during a sabbatical from Harding University. She joined the full-time

faculty in the 1997-1998 academic year. Dr. Mueller had previously taught at Columbia Christian College and Utah State University. She earned her B.A. in Psychology from Valparaiso University and an M.S. in Experimental Psychology and Ph.D. in Wildlife Science from Utah State University. Dr. Mueller also served as a staff researcher at the Denver Zoo and had done a wide range of research in animal behavior and ecological studies. While Dr. Mueller had enjoyed teaching at Harding University, she had a heart for the Northwest and was excited about returning to help Cascade grow as an academic institution. Dr. Mueller was known to students as a demanding teacher who set high standards for behavior and performance in her classes.

While at Cascade, she launched an Environmental Sciences major and initiated a chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honors society. Dr. Mueller served as sponsor for this group, and it was her idea to conduct student inductions into the chapter during chapel in order to provide focus for the academic mission of the college. Once begun, this practice continued throughout the life of the college. Dr. Mueller was also instrumental in beginning a new tradition at Cascade called *Evening of Scholarship*. It was her vision that by presenting their academic work to the broader campus community, students would be challenged to do their best work. She invited a panel of judges from outside the college to listen to the student presentations and select the top three presentations. These students were



All School Photo from the 1999-2000 academic year.

rewarded with cash prizes, and the awards were announced in chapel. This event was well received by the faculty and students and the sponsorship of the event was carried on by Dr. Stan Granberg and then by Dr. Juliana Ee after Dr. Mueller left Cascade at the end of the 2000-2001 academic year to teach at Portland Community College.

Bill Roberts (Served at Cascade, 1995-2008) taught full-time at the college in



'Heirs' was a touring vocal group that performed at West Coast churches and youth events. (L to R) Jason Preuit, Ali-Ca Madison, Aimee Nissilla, Heather Nutter, and Steve Maxwell.

Business and Marketing in the 1996-1997 academic year but continued to teach courses as an adjunct after leaving to enter full-time ministry. Roberts earned a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Columbia Christian College and an M.A. in Communication with an Advertising specialization from Pepperdine University.

Melanie Bailey (Served at Cascade, 1994-1996) was the first librarian at Cascade.

Melanie held an A.A. from Columbia Christian College, and B.S.E. from Oklahoma Christian University and an M.S. from Portland State University.

Dr. Stan Granberg (Served at Cascade, 1996-2005) was the second full-time Bible faculty member at Cascade College. Dr. Granberg came to Cascade with a wealth of experience to share with students both in academics and in ministry. Dr. Granberg came to Cascade from Lubbock Christian University, where he had served for two years as a missionary in residence. Prior to that, he and his wife, Gena, and their four children served as missionaries with the church in Meru, Kenya. Dr. Granberg earned the B.A. degree in Biblical languages from Harding University, an M.Th. in Old Testament and biblical languages from Harding Graduate School of Religion, and a Th.M. in world

missions leadership development from Fuller Theological Seminary. During his tenure at Cascade, he completed a Ph.D. through the Oxford Center for Missions Studies, Oxford, England. Granberg's father, Sam, had been a member of Columbia's board and was instrumental in bringing Don Gardner to help start Cascade College and also served on Cascade's board. Stan was excited about returning to the Northwest to be near family



and to assist the young college. He brought with him an enthusiasm for church growth, both foreign and domestic, and became increasingly interested in church planting in underserved areas of the United States.

Cascade was known for offering skiing/snowboarding as an option for P.E. credit. Here, a group of students pose in front of the sign before heading up to Mt. Hood.

This interest eventually led him to leave

Cascade at the end of the 2004-2005 academic year to direct the Kairos church planting ministry.

Dr. Granberg was obviously a great resource for the young college. With his training in biblical languages, he was able to teach Greek, and his experience as a missionary was inspirational to many Cascade students who wished to devote their lives to missions. Granberg led several student mission trips to Africa and sponsored annual student trips to the World Missions Workshop held at other Church of Christ universities. As mentioned above, Dr. Granberg was a strong supporter of academic excellence and assisted Dr. Mueller in the sponsorship of the Alpha Chi honors society. He also assisted in the *Evening of Scholarship* program and was constantly looking for ways to challenge students academically and encourage them to improve their skills in research and scholarly publication. He worked with Dr. Juliana Ee to create a survey that was used for

many years to assess skills development among Cascade students.

Dr. Juliana Ee (Served at Cascade, 1997-2009) joined the full-time faculty in the fall of 1997 in the Psychology department. Dr. Ee came to Cascade from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she was a clinical fellow in psychology at Harvard Medical School and a clinical psychologist at the outpatient psychiatry department of the Cambridge Hospital. Dr. Ee's story was unique. In 1980 as a young Christian, Dr. Ee left her native Singapore to attend Oklahoma Christian, where she earned bachelor's degrees in psychology and Bible. She then earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. After several practica and internships, Dr. Ee completed predoctoral as a psychology fellow at the Yale University School of Medicine. From there she moved directly into postdoctoral training at the Cambridge Hospital and Harvard Medical School. In spite of her impressive list of degrees and experiences at prestigious universities, Dr. Ee commented that she came to Cascade because she wanted to invest in the lives of young people on a Christian college campus as a way of honoring and returning the blessings she received as an undergraduate at Oklahoma Christian University.

Dr. Ee, small in stature but high in energy and intellect, made an immediate impact on the campus. Psychology students may remember her best for her 8:00 AM upper division classes, which she often began by inviting students to get out of their chairs and participate in aerobic exercise, Richard Simmons style. Dr. Ee's sense of humor and ready laughter combined with her deep commitment to scholarship and academic excellence



Dr. Ee (center) with 2004 graduates Anna Tabor and Randy Rice.

proved to be an ideal one for Cascade students.

In addition to helping Dr. Breninger guide one of Cascade's most popular majors, Dr. Ee left her mark on the academic life of the college in two significant ways. First, Dr. Ee took on the task of organizing the annual *Evening of Scholarship* (described in detail, earlier). She required her psychology majors to present papers at this event and encouraged other faculty members to do the same with their students. Second, she became the faculty sponsor of the Alpha Chi honor society. Dr. Ee was responsible for taking Cascade's participation in that group to a new level as she became increasingly active in the national Alpha Chi organization. This involvement benefited Cascade students directly because they were able to obtain scholarships from the organization both for undergraduate and graduate studies. For the last several years of the college, Dr. Ee took multiple students to the national Alpha Chi convention where they presented their research and competed for awards. Cascade's chapter received several awards of recognition from the national organization, and Cascade College even hosted one of the regional Alpha Chi meetings.

Mr. Tom Buchanan (Served at Cascade, 1997-2009) came to Cascade as Assistant Professor of Music and Choral Director following a successful career in public school music education. Before coming to Cascade, Buchanan was music specialist in the Gladstone School District south of Portland. At Gladstone, he built a vocal program that consistently received honors and helped develop an integrated fine arts course that received two major grants. A graduate of Columbia Christian College and Portland State University, Buchanan was excited to work with Cascade because of his Columbia connection and his recognition of the important role that vocal music had always played on the campus. He was dedicated to building an excellent choral program and

also worked with smaller singing groups on campus including *Voices* and the touring group, *Witness*. Buchanan was well known to members of the Church of Christ in the Northwest through his frequent participation in such events as GNEW and TLC, and other regional events. During his tenure at Cascade, Buchanan led annual spring choir tours that ministered to churches in different parts of the country and promoted the college. He also became the instructor for the Perspectives in Fine Arts class that was a core curriculum requirement for students and introduced scores of students to the many



The Concert Choir was a vibrant part of campus life. Besides performing local concerts, especially during the holiday season, they toured in the Spring primarily to various locations in the Western US.

opportunities for the arts in Portland. During his final five years at Cascade, Buchanan increasingly turned his attention to teacher education. He began a doctoral program at George Fox University and taught classes in teacher education along with supervising and mentoring Cascade's student teachers. However, he

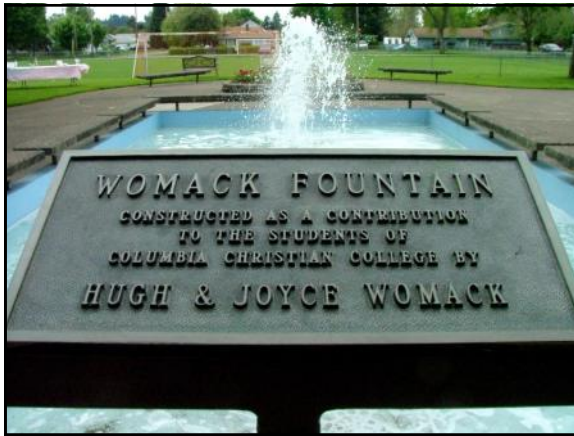
continued to direct the *Concert Choir* and the *Voices* singing group during this time as well. In addition to his positive attitude, great smile, and seemingly consistent sunny disposition, Buchanan brought a passion for effective teaching to the faculty. He often encouraged his colleagues to pay attention to teaching techniques and best practices along with their knowledge of their specific disciplines. During the last year of the college, he encouraged Dean Shawn Jones to form small discussion groups of faculty to consider how they could become more effective teachers, a program that was successfully implemented. Buchanan also participated in many student activities at the

college, most notably his direction of the student government organization. He constantly encouraged students to develop their spiritual gifts and leadership. Buchanan was instrumental in beginning a program whereby faculty recognized two students in chapel each Monday morning. Students were recognized for their demonstration of growth in leadership, scholarship, and service, all qualities which Buchanan himself modeled so well for the campus community.

Dr. Eric Gross (Served at Cascade, 1997-2004) joined Cascade's faculty as Assistant Professor of History in the fall of 1997. At that time, Dr. Gross had just completed his Ph.D. in history from Florida State University. Gross specialized in 20th century history. Because of the enrollment growth of the college, Dr. Gross often found himself teaching large sections of US History or American Political Economy since these courses were required of all students. Gross seemed to have an encyclopedic knowledge of his subject, and new students were often amazed when they noticed that he had just delivered a fast-paced 50-minute lecture on the effects of the Vietnam war (or some other historical subject) without the aid of notes or textbook. Gross became known as one of Cascade's most challenging and demanding teachers, and students learned not to arrive late to class and not to fail to study for one of his exams. In addition to his work at Cascade, Gross was a Bible class teacher and part-time preacher. He was a frequent speaker in Cascade chapels. Gross left the college in January of 2004 to teach at Harding University.



Students enjoying the outdoors at Camp Yamhill. It was a favorite location of retreats as well as summer camps.



The Womack Fountain was considered the central point on campus.

Veronika Rudolph (Served at Cascade, 1997-2000) came to the college as Librarian in January 1997 after completing six years of service with the Hungary for Jesus mission team in Budapest, Hungary. Rudolph, the second librarian at Cascade, held a bachelor's degree in art history and a Master's in Library Science from the University

of Washington. Rudolph was born in Munich, Germany, and was fluent in German and Hungarian. She grew up in the Seattle area, where she became a Christian in 1987. An accomplished musician, Rudolph played in the string section of area orchestras. Like Dr. Granberg, Rudolph was passionate about missions and encouraged students to consider mission trips to Eastern Europe. Rudolph left the college at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year to become a homemaker.

Elizabeth Kauk (Served at Cascade, 1998-1999) has the distinction of the faculty member with the longest commute in Cascade history. Mrs. Kauk, whose husband Glenn worked as a consultant for Cascade's admissions department for several years, had the degree, the experience, and desire to teach in Cascade's business department but was unable to relocate from her home in Redwood City, California, to Portland. Therefore, Mrs. Kauk became a frequent flier on Alaska Airlines, spending her weeks teaching business classes in Portland and her weekends at home in California. Kauk held the bachelor's and master's degrees in math and computer science education from Oregon State University and the M.B.A. degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She also brought several years of practical business experience including work with a major information technology company.

Lindsey Hoffman (Served at Cascade, 1998-2007) was the first graduate of Cascade to serve on the full-time faculty. Hoffman had also been a student at Columbia and was part of the important group of Columbia students who stayed connected to the college during the year that Columbia was closed and helped Cascade get off to a strong start. After completing her B.A. from Cascade, Hoffman did graduate work at the University of Hawaii, where she received her M.L.I.S. degree. She was invited to join the library staff as Assistant Librarian in January of 1998. Then when Veronika Rudolph left the college in 2000, Hoffman was asked to assume the Director of the Library role. Hoffman's quiet and gentle spirit made the library a welcoming place for students. She was also an active member of the faculty and during her last few years at the college taught the Developmental Writing course. Hoffman was always willing to serve when asked. One example of this service was her volunteer role as proofreader for Cascade's literary magazine, *Wingspan*. Hoffman left Cascade at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year to work as Purser on the tall ship Hawaiian Chieftan, an educational vessel owned by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport.



Lindsey Hoffman was a Columbia Christian student who graduated from Cascade.

Mike Griffith (Served at Cascade, 1999-2009) came to Cascade from Arlington, Texas, to serve as Assistant Professor of Business. Griffith held degrees from Oklahoma Christian University (B.S.) and Sam Houston State University (M.B.A.). His hiring filled a critical need at the time for a full-time Business faculty member. In previous years the college's business classes had been taught by administrators, who, because of their other duties, did not have time to devote to

working with business majors and developing extracurricular activities for them. Griffith also brought industry experience with him in marketing and training and development, which proved invaluable for the business majors at Cascade. Griffith was an enthusiastic teacher whose door was always open to students, who knew him as "Griff."

What many students will remember the most about Mike Griffith, however, is his enthusiasm about the college's S.I.F.E. (Students in Free Enterprise) team. Information about this important organization is discussed elsewhere in this history; however, here it is appropriate to note the time and effort that Griffith poured into making S.I.F.E., as he was fond of saying, the most successful competitive team on Cascade's campus. The program gave hundreds of business majors and students from other majors the opportunity to apply the concepts they were learning in the classroom and gave them experience in many aspects of leadership including teamwork and oral presentation skills. It should also be noted here that for all but two years of his tenure, Griffith was the only full-time faculty member in the Business department. He handled advising, teaching, and S.I.F.E. sponsorship because of his passion for Cascade College and his love for and commitment to his students.

Willis Tebbs (Served at Cascade, 1999-2000) served as a mathematics faculty member after the departure of Dr. Lee Rogers to Pepperdine. Tebbs, who had also taught at Columbia Christian College, held the B.A. degree from Central Washington State College, the M.Ed. from the University of New Mexico, and the M.S. degree from the University of Oregon.

Key Staff Members

Jimmy Young (Served at Cascade, 1998-2009) came to the college in the fall of 1998 as Director of Information Technology following Jonathan Pickelsimer, who had previously served in this role. Jimmy and his wife, Mary, and two children moved from Oklahoma. Young quickly became an indispensable member of the staff. He oversaw the numerous changes and upgrades in technology over the years dealing with everything from phone systems to projectors to wireless networks. A tireless worker, Young was always pleasant and patient with everyone who asked for his assistance, from students to faculty and staff. He was frequently found on campus after hours and on weekends helping to set up technology for one of the many on-campus events. Young will also be remembered by students as one of the most enthusiastic participants and planners of the annual *Welcome Back Show*. He often created amusing videos and taught himself to play the electric bass so he could play in the faculty/staff rock band.



The groundbreaking ceremony for Bristol Hall was attended by many supporters and board members. The men behind the shovels are (L to R) Dennis Lynn, Gene Hinds, Paul Hinds, Randy Young and Lyle Harms.

Young provided great service and stability over the years in the vital area of technology.

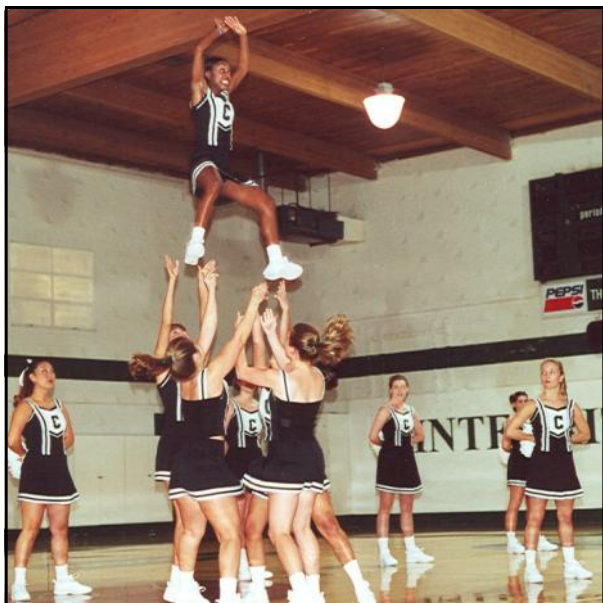
Christa Hill (Served at Cascade, 1997-2008) served in a variety of roles for the college. In

fact, she is a great example of the kinds of staff members who

were willing to do whatever it took to help the college grow. Hill served the longest as an assistant in the student development area. As an alumnus of Columbia Christian College, she had a strong sense of the importance of a positive spiritual atmosphere,

and she worked well with students to help create understanding about college policies and their purposes. Hill also served as the coach of the Women's Volleyball team for several years before taking on coaching responsibilities at Columbia Christian High School. In the last few years of the college, Hill served as an assistant in the academic services area and in teacher education. She left the college at the end of 2008 to accept a position at George Fox University as a graduate program assistant.

George and Francine Wagner (Served at Cascade, 1999-2003) moved from Oklahoma where they had worked in a Christian private high school to fill several roles for the college. They were residence hall supervisors, and George headed up the



Cheerleading brought a great amount of excitement to basketball games on campus.

maintenance department. George also coached Women's Basketball. Francine, in addition to her responsibilities in the dorms, was administrative assistant in the business office, yearbook editor, and cheerleading coach.

George worked tirelessly to improve the appearance of the campus and its facilities and was involved in several key campus renovation

projects. Their son, Ryan, and his wife, Karen, also moved from Oklahoma to work at the college and filled a variety of roles including residence hall supervisor, athletic staff, and maintenance staff. The Wagners, like so many who served at Cascade, gave freely of their time and energies during the time they were at Cascade and were willing to do any job to help the college grow.

Campus Improvements

Several significant improvements to the physical facilities occurred during this period. These were crucial not only because they made the campus more attractive to current and potential students but also because they were signs to the constituents that the college was growing.

Dr. Kevin Jacobs had recognized early on that new construction on the campus was needed both for practical and symbolic reasons. Therefore, he had worked hard to secure funding for new apartment style dormitories that would be built on the east edge of the campus. Jacobs was successful in securing a challenge gift of \$250,000 from Hinds Instruments and several matching gifts from key donors including Clara Bristol. The symbolic significance of new construction on the campus would be hard to quantify, especially since the last new building on the campus had opened in 1982 (the Vera Johnson Rehearsal Hall). Students and faculty and staff greeted the opening of the new dorm with enthusiasm in December, 1996. The facility was dedicated in February of 1997 in a ceremony where it was announced that the dorm would be named Bristol Hall in



honor of Gerald and Clara Bristol of Portland, longtime supporters of Christian education in the Northwest.

When Dr. Dennis Lynn succeeded Jacobs as President of Cascade, he also began to look for ways to improve the appearance and usability of the campus. Instead of planning new

Bristol Hall included 10 suites that had 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms as well as a living room. The laundry room located on the south end of the bottom floor served students who lived in Bristol and Hartzog Halls.

construction, Lynn wanted to find ways to improve and remodel existing facilities. He first focused on the Administration Building, a key location on campus since most of the classes and administrative offices were located here. Lynn commissioned the design and construction of a new entryway for the building that was completed in February of



JP and Gloria Sanders were strong supporters of Christian education. Dr. Sanders served as President of Columbia Christian College from 1974 to 1981.

1997. Dr. Lynn also announced that the building would be renamed J.P. Sanders Hall in honor of the former Columbia Christian College president.

At the same time as the Sanders Hall project was under construction, Dr. Lynn

initiated a significant remodel of the first floor of the Farris Johnson Center, which served as the campus's gathering place for students. Before the remodel, the center included student mailboxes and a snack bar. However, there were few places for students to sit and relax or visit. The remodel included several attractive restaurant-style booths where students could share snacks or play games, comfortable furniture, and new pool, table tennis, and air hockey tables. Dr. Lynn challenged the maintenance crew to complete this work over spring break week to surprise the students with something new when they returned to campus. The changes were well received by the students, and usage of the center by students increased dramatically. Dr. Lynn also announced that the remodeled center would be named in honor of Cascade's first chief executive officer and be called the Kevin E. Jacobs Student Center.

Dr. Lynn secured a major gift for the operations of the college during this period from Virginia Laing of Southern California. In March of 1999, Mrs. Laing pledged a

\$250,000 matching gift to be given over four years. Dr. Lynn was able to secure the matching gifts, which raised the total dollars to 1.25 million. Also during this period, a benefit auction was held annually to raise funds for the college. Cascade board members Jenene Marnach and Joyce Womack coordinated several of these auctions. Joanne Moore was active during these years as a volunteer alumni coordinator, and her husband, Ed Moore, arranged several significant donations of computer equipment through the Hewlett-Packard company.

New Programs

New academic majors added during this period were the B.S. degree in Environmental Science and the B.S. degree in Psychology. Dr. Deborah Mueller came to Cascade from Harding University to head the new science major, while Dr. June Breninger and Dr. Juliana Ee supervised the psychology program. The Teacher Education program went through a major change in this period. Elementary Education had been one of Cascade's first majors and had been directed first by Dr. Mickey Banister and then by Ms. Dew Anna Brumley. However, during the 1997-1998 academic year, NCATE, the accrediting body for Oklahoma Christian's education program ruled that, as a branch campus of OC, Cascade would need to meet NCATE standards to continue its education program in Portland. At that time, such a change would have been much too costly for the young college. Also, while NCATE was a widely held accreditation among schools in OC's part of the country, it was not as significant in the Northwest. Therefore, the difficult decision was made to cease offering an education degree at Cascade and offer students teacher preparation through a cooperative agreement with Warner Pacific College. This cooperative program would continue for

several years until Cascade was able to restart its own program.

Several significant programs that supplemented and enhanced students' classroom experiences began during this period. Dr. Deborah Mueller gained approval for a chapter of the Alpha Chi national honors society on Cascade's campus. The Oregon Epsilon chapter of Alpha Chi began in 1996. Mr. Mike Griffith initiated the S.I.F.E. team at Cascade in the 2000-2001 academic year. S.I.F.E., which stands for Students in Free Enterprise, is a national organization that provides opportunities for leadership training and career development for undergraduate students. While the majority of team members are business majors, the group is open for students of any major. The S.I.F.E. team plans and implements projects throughout the year, many of which involve the education of students about the principles of economics and free enterprise. At the end of the year, teams present their projects at a regional site competing for a spot in



the national competition. Under Griffith's leadership, the Cascade S.I.F.E. team achieved remarkable success, routinely defeating much larger institutions in the annual competitions. The next section of the history (2001-2009) provides

Chapel was a daily part of life at Cascade through the years. more information about the teams' accomplishments. Another organization began in the 2000-2001 academic year. The *Summit Society* was conceived by Dr. Gary Tandy, who was at that time Academic Dean. For several years the faculty had discussed the idea of an honors program at Cascade; however, those discussions typically involved the concern that selecting the

most highly motivated students and separating them from the rest of the student population might lessen the learning experience for all students. Therefore, the Summit Society was envisioned as a way to provide academic experiences above and beyond the classroom for those students who had demonstrated excellence in academics. Students were invited to join the society based on their academic performance. They would then participate in several academic symposia throughout the year. These meetings often featured a Cascade faculty member leading a discussion about a book



The Summit Society often had round-table discussions over lunch.

or topic of interest from his or her academic discipline. A highlight of the year for Summit members was the spring trip to Ashland for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival where they saw several theatrical productions and shopped in Ashland's unique gift shops and bookstores.

Athletic Programs

This period saw the inauguration of intercollegiate athletics at Cascade College. The Men's Soccer program was the only team formed in the first two years of the college. In the 1996-1997 academic year, Men's Basketball began as a competitive program as did Women's Volleyball. Bill Pink was the men's basketball coach, and Lori Zielke was hired to coach the new volleyball team. In the 1997-1998 academic year, the college was granted membership in the Cascade Conference at the NAIA Division II level. This allowed the college to offer athletic scholarships and upgrade the level of competitiveness for its athletic teams.



96-97 Women's Volleyball Team - L to R (back row) Coach Lori Zielke, Wendy Rector, Alicia Dehnert, Andrea Fields, Sarah Bullock, Kaya Allen, and Asst. Coach Christa Hill. (front row) LaBarbara Johnson, Melissa Troyer, Trudy Davis-Doyle, Jalene Nixon, Jasmine Varela, Kathy Cundiff and Celyn Rogers

Membership requirements for the conference also mandated that the college compete in a specific number of sports. A Women's Soccer team was added in 1997 with Peter Barrett as coach. The Men's Soccer team continued to compete with Bill Hunt, a local youth minister from the East County Church of Christ, as coach.

1997-1998 also saw the formation of Cascade's first Track/Cross Country teams with Randy Dalzell as head coach. The Women's Basketball team was formed in the 1999-2000 school year with Darren Catt as the first coach. These athletic teams not only opened up new recruiting markets for the college but provided residential students with increased activities on campus as they cheered on their Thunderbirds.

Student Life

From a student perspective, it would have been easy to notice a drastic difference between the opportunities offered to students outside the classroom during this period compared with students who attended the college in its first two years. The traditions begun in the first two years continued: Winter Formal, Chinook Court, Intramurals, and Finals Feast. However, a review of the yearbooks from this period reveals many new activities. These include the annual Phi Alpha blood drive held in the student center, Seek Week, an All School Retreat, and the advent of Coffee Breath

Café, an informal opportunity for students, and sometimes faculty to perform acoustic music or poetry. The Music program provided many opportunities for student participation including *Witness*, a small a cappella group that toured during the summers, and the Chorale, which typically toured during Spring Break and also began holding a series of holiday performances at the Portland Grotto. There were also opportunities for students with instrumental talent to participate in the band or jazz ensembles. Drama students could try out for on-campus productions or audition for the



Bristol Hall construction began in 1996. The completed residence hall would be ready for students in the spring.

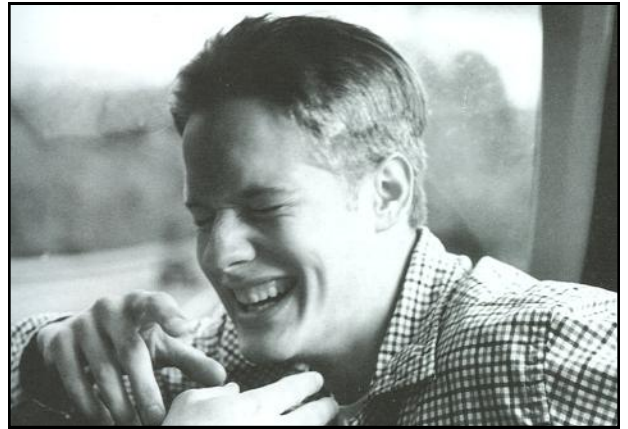
college's travelling drama group, *Visions*. Cheerleading was also added in the 2000-2001 school year.

Several campus improvements impacted student life directly during this period. The most important was the opening of new apartment style dormitories, Bristol Hall, in the spring

semester of 1997. The weight training facility in the gym was renovated in the summer of 1998 and new equipment added. It served not only as a training facility for the athletic teams but a workout center for students, faculty, and staff.

A tragic event that deeply affected the students was the death of Cascade student Tim Stuart on August 30, 1998. At the beginning of the fall semester, Tim, who lived in Cascade Locks, was driving home when he apparently fell asleep. His car swerved off the road and into a tree, killing Tim and a friend, who was a passenger in the car. Tim was a popular student, a soccer player and member of the Kingsmen service club. When they learned of Tim's death, students gathered in the rehearsal hall with

faculty and staff that night to comfort each other and to pray for the Stuart family. Tim's brother, Kevin, after taking some time off, returned to Cascade and completed his bachelor's degree.



Tim Stuart was a likeable student who brought joy to those around him.

Spiritual life, always a major emphasis on campus, received additional focus in this time period with the addition of a full-time campus minister, Monty Moreland. Mission opportunities

were also offered to students through Dr. Granberg, who took several student groups to Kenya and through the Let's Start Talking program. Spring Break Campaigns were sent to Canada as well as one led by Shawn and Nancy Jones to help with PUMP. Monday night devos continued, along with daily chapel.

One of the events most enjoyed by Cascade students became established as a campus tradition during these years: the *Welcome Back Show*. Returning students knew that when Dr. Brian Simmons stepped to the microphone during chapel announcements and said, "It's time," lots of fun awaited them in a few days. Typically held on a Thursday night, the show was always packed, and students began lining up early at the door of the Rehearsal Hall. What they saw when they entered the hall was not recorded, since the emcee, Dr. Simmons, always announced the prohibition of cameras and video recorders. However, a yearbook spread from 1999 lists the following acts: President Dennis Lynn and First Lady Debby Lynn performed their hilarious "little people" skit; English professor Willie Steele and Adjunct Bible Faculty member Ben Langford performed "If I Had a Million Dollars" in humorous style; the tech department including Jimmy Young performed a Veggie Tales rap complete with authentic cucumber,

tomato, and carrot costumes; campus minister Monty Moreland banged the bongo drum attired in a Rasta wig; finally, the faculty/staff rock band closed the show and brought down the house with their extra loud, if not tuneful, renditions of



Much to students' delight, the "Faculty/Staff Band" regularly made an appearance at the annual Fall Welcome Back Show.

"Paranoid" and "DaDaDa," accompanied by backup singers and dancers Kathy

Cundiff, Mary Horton, and Kaelea Graul of the admissions and financial aid offices.

While the show's content varied over the years, it was always memorable and was no doubt remembered by alumni as one of the highlights of each year.

General Observations, 1996-2001

These years can be characterized as the adolescent years of the college in many ways. While programs and facilities were still not where administrators and constituents would have liked them to be, significant improvements were evident. Perhaps most encouraging was the steady growth in student enrollment during these years. The college that had begun with a student count of 119 in 1994 reached a high student count of 321 in the Fall of 2000.

Dr. Lynn worked hard to make progress on two fronts. First, he built a strong administrative team that would be able to hire faculty and staff to keep up with the demands of a growing enrollment. Second, he worked externally to cultivate friends for the college through his visits to supporters and to churches in the Northwest and around the country. The process of restoring confidence in donors and parents that the college

was a viable operation was important. One visible step of this effort was the publication of a series of annual reports that highlighted the growth, quality, and financial stability of the college.

One clear sign of renewed life on the campus was the number of events, many of which served the churches in the Northwest. For example, the college hosted a series of Conferences on the Family on campus where experts on family issues spoke and where church members from the Northwest came to worship and fellowship. For several years this event coincided with the Portland area TLC program (Together With Love in Christ), with the speaker at TLC also being the featured speaker for the *Cascade Conference on the Family*. Another event begun during these years was the *Portland Work Camp*, first held in the summer of 1997 and coordinated by campus minister, Monty Moreland. This week long camp hosted teens from West coast church youth groups who worked in painting and renovating houses for Cascade's Portland neighbors. The annual Holiday



Lyle Harms gave freely of his time and expertise to the Bristol Hall project.

Fair, planned by Women for Cascade/Columbia, continued to be held in Cascade's gymnasium each fall, as it had been during the Columbia Christian College days.

Cascade's grounds and facilities were also improved during the summers by visits from the Sojourners. Also, the college continued to benefit from Christians who donated their time and effort to help improve the campus. Lyle and Mary Harms, longtime supporters of Oklahoma Christian where Lyle was a board member, are wonderful examples. Lyle oversaw

much of the construction of Bristol Hall, and he and Mary returned to Portland often for extended stays to work on specific campus improvement projects.

Academically, the college grew because of the new faculty members and additional programs mentioned earlier. These faculty members worked hard to provide academic enrichment to students both in and out of the classroom. As one example,



The fountain between the gymnasium and Sanders Hall was a peaceful place on campus.

the ISDP staff planned monthly brown bag colloquia where a faculty member was asked to share the results of his or her research. Sometimes these events involved dialogues between faculty members on current issues. Students and faculty participated in these discussions together. The advent of Alpha Chi, the Summit Society, and S.I.F.E. (detailed earlier) were significant signs of academic growth and new opportunities for students.

While the atmosphere on campus remained very much that of a large, close-knit family, students had more opportunities during this period to identify and invest their time in groups and special interest areas like music, athletics, and service clubs. New academic organizations gave students opportunities to develop their skills outside the classroom and to participate in off-campus academic settings. These opportunities were a result of the maturing of the college as faculty and staff found their niche where they could contribute most effectively to helping students grow academically, socially, physically, and spiritually.

Leaving a Legacy

2001-2009

The Administration

Dr. Dennis Lynn continued to serve as Cascade's President during the first part of this time period. Following are those who served on Dr. Lynn's administrative team between 2001 and 2005:

Dr. Shawn Jones began his service as Academic Dean in the summer of 2001 and continued in that role through 2009. While several majors were added during Dr. Jones's tenure, his greatest contributions were in recruiting well-prepared faculty to grow existing programs, supporting and encouraging the faculty, and increasing funding for professional development for faculty. Additions to the library collection also occurred under Dr. Jones's oversight. Dr. Jones's attention to detail and planning were utilized well in the Dean's role. He did an extraordinary job of balancing student needs with the limited faculty size at Cascade. Jones also encouraged faculty members to develop new courses, to pursue their terminal degrees, and to grow professionally by attending conferences and publishing. Dr. Jones's deep commitment to the spiritual mission of the college was always evident in faculty meetings and in his interactions with students and faculty members.



*Dr. Jones visits with students in the courtyard.
(L to R) Jeb Bristow-Hanna, Shawn Jones,
Amy Fennell and Rici Eyre*

Stephen Eck (Served at Cascade, 2000-2004) came to the college as a development officer in the fall of 2000. Eck earned his undergraduate degrees from York

College and Oklahoma Christian University and his MBA from MidAmerica Nazarene University. Eck spent the five years previous to coming to Cascade as a registered investment advisor in the Kansas City, Kansas, area. Eck's experience in charitable giving techniques and financial instruments made him a valuable resource to Cascade and its development efforts. Eck was a popular figure on campus with students and faculty/staff. His humorous chapel presentations were especially appreciated by the students. Eck put much of his effort during his last year at Cascade toward retiring the bond debt from Columbia Christian College. Eck left Cascade in 2004 to accept a position in the development office at Oklahoma Christian University and subsequently completed his law degree from Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Bill Hunt (Served at Cascade, 1997-2009) was named associate dean of students on January 1, 2000. Prior to his appointment at Cascade, Hunt served for six years as associate minister for the East County Church of Christ in Gresham. Hunt had



Administrators (L to R) Shawn Jones, Brenda Smith, Bill Hunt, Stephen Eck, Dennis Lynn, Clint LaRue, Craig Moody and Jimmy Young

already served Cascade as men's soccer coach and adjunct Bible instructor before accepting the new role in student development. Hunt was charged with overseeing the non-classroom aspects of student life and addressing disciplinary issues, but his

role also involved aspects of campus ministry as well. Hunt attended California State University at Chico and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Bible and ministry from Abilene Christian University. Hunt served in the dean's role through 2004 when he transitioned to full-time Bible faculty and campus minister. In his new role, Hunt

was responsible for coordinating chapel along with teaching classes. During this time Hunt began work on an Ed.D. degree through Azusa Pacific University. He completed that degree in 2006. As Hunt moved more toward focusing on teaching in the last years of Cascade, he became known as one of Cascade's most engaging professors. His sense of humor and personable style in the classroom were welcomed by students, and he seemed to excel in presenting biblical truth to students who may have had little background in churches or Bible study. One of Hunt's most popular classes was his Personal Spiritual Development class, which included hiking and camping trips as part of the curriculum. Whether he was working as a coach, administrator, campus minister, or classroom teacher, Hunt always focused on spiritual growth and development, both for himself and for his students.



Bill Hunt conversing with students in the breezeway.

Clint Larue served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid from 2001-2004 until Pearl Parsons took the Director of Admissions role and Jim Murphy assumed the Director of Financial Aid position.

Dr. Bill Goad (Served at Cascade, 2002-2009) was appointed Provost and Chief Operating Officer for Cascade in November, 2002. Goad held the B.S. degree from Oklahoma Christian University, the MBA degree from Abilene Christian University, and the Doctor of Education degree in Business from Oklahoma State University. Prior to coming to Cascade, Dr. Goad was chief information officer at Oklahoma Christian, leading the development of all facets of the e-campus program that positioned OC as an innovator in the use of educational technology. Dr. Goad, his wife, Dr. Rita Goad, and their four children moved to Oregon in 2003 to work with Cascade.

In welcoming Dr. Goad's arrival, President Lynn noted that Dr. Goad's oversight of the operations of the college would free Dr. Lynn up to devote his time to fund raising and church relations activities to advance the college. For the next few years, Dr. Goad worked hard to organize and strengthen the operations of the college. He was



Dr. William Goad served as Cascade's final President.

concerned with keeping a close eye on the budget since one of the major goals of the Board was to eliminate the deficit at which the college had been operating, which had to be covered by funds from Oklahoma Christian. Goad initiated regular campus meetings to inform all employees of the budget status and increase awareness among employees of how spending in their areas affected the overall budget for the

college. The college also benefited in this period from Goad's increased attention to the physical plant and the facilities of the college. He increased the size of the maintenance staff to keep up with ever-present needs for grounds and building maintenance on campus. Several significant improvements to facilities occurred during Goad's tenure, most notably the redesign of the Womack fountain and courtyard area, which was re-dedicated on April 17, 2007. Goad also supported the college's efforts to seek new enrollment by establishing a American Studies Certificate Program that attracted many Korean students to the college, first for summer sessions, then for semester-long stays.

In the 2005-2006 academic year, Dr. Dennis Lynn stepped down as President and took the role of Chancellor continuing to concentrate his efforts on fundraising. Dr. Goad retained the title of Provost and C.E.O. until May 19, 2006, when he was named President of Cascade College after a search process conducted by Cascade's Board of

Governors. One area where significant improvements were made during Goad's presidency was alumni relations. Goad was convinced of the importance of connecting and, in some cases, of reconnecting with Columbia Christian alumni.

In 2006, he asked Pearl (Parsons) Howarth to take on the role of Director of Alumni Relations. Howarth, an alumnus of Columbia Christian College and a staff member at Cascade who had served in the Admissions office, proved an ideal fit for this role. Howarth set about organizing a series of reunion events that proved crucial in reestablishing those vital connections for many. The most notable of these events was the Jubilee Celebration that took place June 22-25, 2006. This well-attended event had the feel of a unity meeting, where alumni of both Cascade College and Columbia Christian College declared their support for the school. A highlight of this event was the reunion chapel where Dennis Evans, longtime supporter of both schools, called on the supporters of each college to get behind Cascade for the growth of Christian education in the Northwest.

Following are administrators who served on Dr. Goad's team from 2005-2009: Shawn Jones continued to serve as

Academic Dean. Tom Gaumer served as Director of Campus Life from 2005 to 2009. Pearl (Parsons) Howarth served as Director of Admissions from 2004 to 2006 and then transitioned to the Director of Alumni Relations from 2006 to 2009. Gerry Nixon served as C.F.O. and Athletic Director from 2004 to 2006. Jim Murphy served as Director of Financial Aid and Director of Enrollment Management from 2004 to 2007. Lanny Tucker



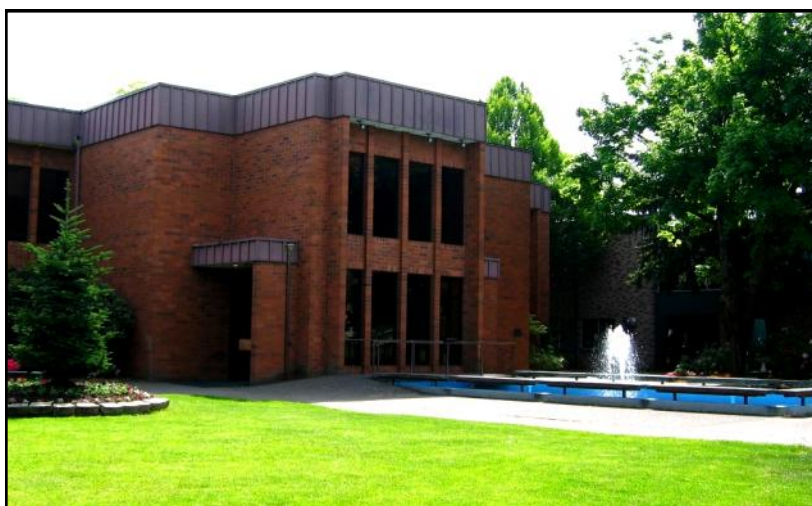
Cascade's first Witness members performed during the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration. [L to R] Nick Rucker, Aimee Jo (Evans) Martin, Andrew Martin and Jill (Dodson) Zuniga.

served as Director of Advancement from 2006 to 2009. *Abby Copeland* served as Director of Marketing from 2005 to 2007. *Mark Beekman* served as Business Services Manager and Director of Financial Aid from 2007 to 2009. *Jeremy Schwartz* served as Soccer Coach and Interim Athletic Director from 2005 to 2008. *Matt Murphy* served as Women's Basketball coach and Interim Athletic Director from 2007 to 2009. *Ryan Fox* served as Director of Admissions from 2007-2009.

The Faculty

Dr. Karen Buchanan (Served at Cascade, 1999-2004), became a member of the full-time faculty in 2001. Buchanan held the B.A. degree from Columbia Christian College, the M.A.T. degree from Lewis & Clark College, and was working on her doctorate in education from Seattle Pacific University, which she completed in 2002. Dr. Buchanan's hiring as full-time faculty was especially significant because it signaled the

return of the teacher education program to Cascade's campus. It culminated a process that had begun in 1999, when Dr. Buchanan was hired part-time as a mentor to teacher education students who were taking their coursework and completing their certification



The original fountain...

through a cooperative arrangement with Warner Pacific College. Dr. Buchanan was the ideal faculty member for this role because she was a graduate of Columbia Christian College, brought years of public education classroom teaching experience, and was

knowledgeable of current trends in teacher education through her doctoral studies. During the years prior to the program approval, Buchanan helped lay the foundation for it. Dr. Jeanine Varner, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Oklahoma Christian, summed Dr. Buchanan's contribution to Cascade well when she said, "We appreciate Karen and her tenacity. She had to find ways to meet the expectations of several groups, including the Cascade faculty, the Portland area schools, the State of Oregon, the Oregon TSPC, Oklahoma Christian's teacher education faculty and academic affairs council, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the State of Oklahoma." With her kind spirit, spiritual focus, and work ethic, Buchanan ensured that Cascade's new teacher education program began well. Dr. Buchanan left the college at the end of the 2003-2004 year to accept a position in the teacher education department at George Fox University.



The new fountain...

Daniel Coburn (Served at Cascade, 2001-2002) took a leave of absence from the Gresham/Barlow school district to help launch Cascade's new teacher education program. Coburn, who was a graduate of Columbia Christian College, saw the importance of Cascade's having a strong teacher training program and was willing to make the shift from elementary school teacher to college professor to help the program get off on the right foot. Coburn received his teacher certification from the University of Portland and held the master's degree from Lewis & Clark College. During his year as a

full-time faculty member, he served as Director of Field Experience and Certification and taught education courses. He also entertained students in chapel with his impression of television star Mr. Rogers. Coburn continued to teach adjunct classes for Cascade after returning to his teaching job at Deep Creek Elementary.

Dr. Roy Marler (Served at Cascade, 2001-2009) came to the college as Assistant Professor of Biology in 2001. At the time, Marler was completing his dissertation at Arizona State University for a degree in plant biology with an emphasis on ecology. He earned both his bachelor's degree in wildlife management and his master's in biology from Humboldt State University. Marler and his wife, Noelle, proved to be valuable additions to the Cascade family and to the church community. Noelle served the college in various staff roles including assisting in the Student Development office and serving as an assistant in the library. Dr. Marler shepherded the science department



Cascade Faculty at graduation 2003. L to R (back row) Greg Woods, Paul Howard, Gary Tandy, Bill Goad, Kevin Woods, (middle row) Paul Oler, Mike Griffith, Roy Marler, Stan Granberg, Shawn Jones, Lindsay Hoffman, Shawn Anderson, (front row) Juliana Ee, Karen Buchanan, Brenda Smith, Brian Simmons, Dennis Lynn, June Breninger, and Pam Mears.

through several changes including new majors in biology and physical sciences in 2005. Early on he had to oversee improvements to the science lab so that biology labs could be conducted. Before the science major was added, he served as coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Studies major including offering a capstone

course for students in the major. In addition to his work with the science major, Dr. Marler contributed his time and effort to many aspects of the life of the college. He was an avid supporter of Cascade's athletic teams having worked most closely with the Women's Volleyball program and serving for several years at



The Portland skyline is beautiful in the evening...even under a cloudy sky.

the scorer's table at men's and women's basketball games. Dr. Marler also organized the Nature Society, a group of students who organized outings to help students appreciate the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Kevin Reed (Served at Cascade, 2001-2009) served initially at Cascade in a variety of roles. Reed served as an assistant in the development office and as women's soccer coach along with teaching Bible courses. Reed earned a degree in Bible from York College and a master's in theological studies from Duke University. He took a leave of absence from Cascade to complete his course work for his Ph.D. in exegetical and philosophical theology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Reed's wife, Lisa, also worked as a staff member serving as campus receptionist and mail clerk. While Reed began his Cascade career as an adjunct, he quickly became an indispensable member of the Bible program. A popular teacher, Reed had the ability to engage students in the learning process and help them develop into independent thinkers. His Contemporary Ethics course was a favorite class for many students because it helped them apply their faith to contemporary issues. Reed also served the campus community in many roles outside the classroom. He assisted Dr. Tandy with the Summit Society and served as a

mentor for Summit Scholarship students. When Dr. Goad asked the faculty to take a supervisory role in planning chapel, Reed led the faculty committee that planned the daily chapel programs. Reed had served as a preaching minister before coming to Cascade and was an engaging speaker.



The final year at Cascade brought a return to having chapel in the Rehearsal Hall.

Students and faculty alike often invited him to speak at special events on and off campus.

Dr. Willie Steele (Served at Cascade 1999-2009), came to Cascade in 1999 as Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track coach and part-time instructor in the English Department. Steele held the B.A. degree from David Lipscomb University and the M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University. He left the college for the 2003-2004 school year to work on his Ph.D. in literature and criticism at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Cascade in 2004 and completed his doctorate in 2007. Like Kevin Reed, Dr. Steele began his career at Cascade serving in a dual capacity of athletics and academics, but it soon became clear that while he loved coaching, his heart was in teaching. When Dr. Tandy returned to full-time faculty status after serving as Academic Dean, Steele's presence meant that the college for the first time had two full-time English faculty members. This allowed the college to add an English major in the fall of 2002. By his own admission, Steele did not see Cascade as a long-term career move. However, the students and the Pacific Northwest convinced him otherwise. Another important factor in his decision to stay was Heather Barker, a Cascade graduate and admissions counselor, whom Willie met during his first year in Portland. Heather became Mrs. Steele

in December of 2000. Willie's classes, while demanding, were popular with Cascade students. His ready wit and his occasionally sarcastic and irreverent humor made class periods interesting. However, his students quickly learned that Willie has great passion for his subject. A favorite course for many was his Studies in Mark Twain. Dr. Steele frequently made presentations at faculty and student colloquia and encouraged his students to attend lectures and readings off campus to enrich their academic lives. Academically, Willie contributed to the college by being the main designer and force behind the domestic travel courses that became a unique feature of Cascade's curriculum. These courses each included travel components and were interdisciplinary courses team taught by a Bible professor (Dr. Shawn Jones) a History professor (Dr. Darren Williamson), and an English professor (Dr. Willie Steele). Over the years, Steele helped develop courses in Civil War, Revolutionary America, and The America's



As a part of the class trip to Gettysburg, Dr. Jones, Dr. Steele and Dr. Williamson posed for a picture in a studio that specialized in Civil War Era photo replications.

Founding Era. Dr. Steele has also been active in extracurricular activities at Cascade. In addition to his work as a coach and faculty representative for athletics, he served as Student Senate sponsor. Steele's wife, Heather, has also been a vital part of the Cascade story.

She served as admissions counselor, advancement assistant, ministry events

coordinator, drama instructor, and when Dr. Simmons stepped away from the *Visions* drama ministry, Heather took over as director of the new traveling drama group, *Second Story*, in 2007.

Pam Mears (Served at Cascade, 2002-2004) served in the teacher education

department. Like Dan Coburn, Mears took a leave of absence from her job as a first grade teacher in Newberg, Oregon, to help Cascade's recently established teacher education program continue to grow and improve. Mears, a Columbia Christian College graduate, held the master's degree from George Fox University and her teaching certification from the University of Portland. Mears, who specialized in reading instructional strategies, and was a first grade teacher, was a wonderful addition to the faculty and shared with Cascade students who were training to become teachers her rich experience from the front lines of elementary school teaching. After her time at Cascade, Mears returned to the Newberg schools though she continued to teach at



Freshmen Orientation at Twin Rocks was a sweet time for many Cascade students over the years.

Cascade as an adjunct instructor. Mears later completed her Ed.D. at George Fox University. Dr. Mears stands as a representative of the sacrificial spirit that has characterized the many who have contributed their time and effort to help Cascade College grow. Portland area residents who have made the drive from Cascade's campus to Newberg can surely appreciate part of Dr. Mears' sacrificial spirit as she commuted from her Newberg home to campus for those two years to enrich the lives and training of future teachers.

Paul Howard (Served at Cascade, 2002-2009) came to Cascade in 2002 as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. This hire was especially important to the college's academic life since Cascade had not had a full-time math faculty member since the 1999-2000 academic year. Howard held both the B.S. degree and the M.S. from the

University of Idaho. While at Cascade, Howard completed his course work for his doctorate in math education from Portland State University. Both Paul and his wife, Bonnie, proved to be invaluable members of the Cascade community. Bonnie held several staff positions during her time at Cascade and fulfilled each one with enthusiasm and efficiency. She served as administrative assistant in the Academic Services office, and served as Marketing Director for the college during the last few years of the college. Bonnie also supervised the yearbook staff and became so proficient that students were no longer surprised when they received their yearbooks several weeks before the end of the Spring semester. Paul, in addition to spending many hours outside the classroom tutoring students in math, was active in campus ministry, serving as the advisor of the campus ministry team, the chapel committee, and in mentoring students. Paul's passion for evangelism was evident to all. He cultivated friendships with students through games of chess in the student center and through discussions about fantasy baseball teams.

Dr. Shawn Anderson (Served at Cascade, 2002-2004) came to the college as Assistant Professor of Business and the second full-time Business faculty member in 2002. Anderson attended Columbia Christian College, held the B.S. degree from Abilene Christian University and the M.S. degree from Pepperdine University, and had completed the coursework for his degree in organizational leadership from Pepperdine when he joined Cascade. Prior to coming to Cascade, he worked in journalism, social work, and ministry. Anderson was able to share the advising and teaching load with Mike Griffith, especially important because the Business major had grown to be one of Cascade's largest majors. Anderson was a very student-oriented instructor and participated actively in the life of the college. Anderson left the college at the end of the 2003-2004 academic year soon after he accepted a ministry position in Newberg, Oregon.

Dr. Kilnam Cha (Served at Cascade, 2004-2009) came to Cascade in 2004 as Assistant Professor of Bible. Dr. Cha was a graduate of Columbia Christian College and received his M.Div. degree from Abilene Christian University. When he joined the faculty he was in the final stages of his dissertation for the Ph.D. from Baylor University. He completed that degree in 2006. Dr. Cha's specialty was the Old Testament, and he had written his dissertation on the book of Psalms. He was an active scholar, participating in the Christian Scholars Conference each summer. His wife, Kyung, served the college as nurse in the student services area. Dr. Cha was



On a rare day when the temperature was below freezing, the fountain took on a whole new look.

instrumental in bringing students from Korea to Cascade's campus and spent a lot of time meeting with and mentoring those students. He also contributed to missions activity on campus as he took Cascade students on summer mission trips to Korea.

Dr. Darren Williamson (Served at Cascade, 2004-2009) came to the college in 2004 as Assistant Professor of History. He held the B.A. from Lubbock Christian University, the M.S. from Abilene Christian University, and the M.A. from Hardin-Simmons University. When he came to Cascade, he was in the process of writing his dissertation for the Ph.D. at Simon Fraser University. He completed the doctorate in 2005. Dr. Williamson was an extremely hard working member of the faculty and Cascade community. He invested his efforts in enhancing the academic and spiritual life of the campus in many ways. Prior to coming to Cascade he had served as a full-time minister, and he was as interested in ministry as he was in history. In 2007, he was named Director of Ministry Events. In that role, he planned a series of Kingdom Builder Seminars to bless local

congregations, and he coordinated other ministry events on campus including the Expositor's Seminar and Elderlink. Dr. Williamson also assisted Dr. Ee as a sponsor for Alpha Chi and worked with Dr. Tandy as a sponsor of the Summit Society.

Dana Barbarick (Served at Cascade, 2002-2009) joined the full-time faculty in the fall of 2004. Prior to that she had served the college as adjunct instructor and member of the Teacher Education Council. Barbarick was a graduate of Columbia Christian College, where she received her B.A. degree and held the M.Ed. from Concordia University. She was named Director of Teacher Education, following Dr. Karen Buchanan in that role. Barbarick had a significant challenge ahead of her in taking oversight of a still relatively young program. However, because of her strong work ethic and gracious personality, she was able to provide an almost seamless transition and continue to grow



Enjoying Winter Formal. (L to R) Landon Lynn, Ashley Amburn, Tanya Watson, James DuPey, Natalie Wilson and Dave DuPey.

the elementary education program into one of Cascade's strongest majors. It was obvious to anyone who observed the program that the education majors were receiving excellent training, and the reports from supervising teachers in the field confirmed this fact.

Barbarick and Anna Carter also did a great job of building a sense of community

among the teacher education majors, who often sat together in chapel and gathered for prayer after chapel. The group became even more close knit when Barbarick was diagnosed with cancer as they gathered to pray for and support their director.

Barbarick faced this challenge with the same courage as she had the challenges of the new program and continued to work a seemingly full schedule through surgeries and

chemotherapy before being pronounced cancer free in the spring of 2008. Her faith and positive attitude through this ordeal was an inspiration to her fellow faculty and staff members and to the Cascade students.

Anna Carter (Served at Cascade, 2004-2009) began teaching as an adjunct in the education program in 2004 and became a full-time member of the faculty in the fall of 2006. Carter held the B.A. from Columbia Christian College and the M.S. degree from

Western Oregon University. She brought with her valuable classroom teaching experience and served as the director of field



This is a photo of the Faculty and Staff taken during the 2007-08 academic year.

experience. Teacher Education students could frequently be found in Carter's office as she offered them advice (and chocolate). In the final year of the college, Carter was elected by her fellow faculty members as faculty representative. She also served on the chapel committee and students enjoyed her unique and memorable chapel presentations, which often included costumes and unique visual aids.

Michael Clark (Served at Cascade, 2003-2009) began teaching at Cascade as an adjunct instructor in 2003 and was hired as a full-time faculty member in the fall of 2007. Clark held a B.S. degree from Oregon Institute of Technology, an M.I.B. degree from Pepperdine University, and an M.A. from the *Instituto Tecnológico y De Estudios*

Superiores de Monterrey, and a M.L.S. from So. Connecticut State University. He took on multiple responsibilities at Cascade including Director of the Library. In that role, he was instrumental in providing Cascade students with access to many additional electronic databases for research. During his tenure, the Library also became a more student-friendly place with the addition of new, comfortable furniture and free coffee and tea. Clark taught courses in Spanish, marketing, international business, and grant writing. He also assisted Dr. Ee with her sponsorship of the Alpha Chi Honors Society and coordinated grant writing with Lanny Tucker.

Key Staff Members

Tom Gaumer (Served at Cascade, 2005-2009) served as Director of Campus Life. He and his wife, Lynne, moved to Portland after Gaumer retired from a successful career with the Stockton Police Department and initially served as volunteer alumni coordinator. An alumnus of Columbia Christian College, Tom and his family had a love for the campus and a great understanding of what makes the small Christian college experience special. Their sons, Ryan and Derek, are both graduates of Cascade. While some of Gaumer's job as the Director of Campus Life involved discipline, he was adept at not letting that part of his job consume him. Students knew they would be held accountable for infractions of the college's code of conduct, but they also knew that Gaumer was interested in them as people and as Christians. Gaumer worked hard to build relationships with students whether through playing intramural flag football or coordinating campus ministry events. He was a consistent cheerleader for student life activities, and service clubs could count on him making generous donations to their fund raisers and providing administrative support for their activities. The club initiation policies

also changed in a major way during Gaumer's tenure, and Gaumer did a good job of



Pearl (Parsons) Howarth

negotiating between the competing demands of club traditions and Oregon Hazing laws.

Pearl (Parsons) Howarth (Served at Cascade, 1994-2009) was one of only seven employees to remain with Cascade through the entire 15 years. She served the college in a variety of roles from Admissions Counselor to Director of Admissions and, finally, as Director of Alumni

Relations. Howarth provided a vital link as an alumna of Columbia Christian College, who understood and loved both schools. She left briefly to obtain her M.Ed. from Abilene Christian University but returned to working full-time for the school that was close to her heart. Howarth's infectious laugh and positive spirit were mainstays of the college. She was a friend to both students and faculty and staff and provided much-needed continuity for the school. As mentioned earlier, her coordination of well-attended reunion events was a key factor in reconnecting alumni of both Columbia Christian College and Cascade College with the school and campus.

Bonnie Howard (Served at Cascade, 2002-2009) served the college in a variety of roles from administrative assistant in the Academic Services office to yearbook sponsor, to Marketing Director. Bonnie's hard work and efficiency were appreciated especially by the faculty as she provided valuable support services to enable them to do their job better. Her work with the yearbook staff was a great example of her ability to undertake projects and get them completed in a timely manner. She stands as an example of the many employees who worked over the years to make Cascade a better place through their dedication and hard work.

Ralph Bever (Served at Cascade, 2003-2009) served as the college's Director of Maintenance. He continued the tradition begun by Dave Geiger and continued by George Wagner of being a maintenance director who was not only concerned about keeping the campus looking nice but who formed mentoring relationships with students and friendships with faculty and staff. Ralph could often be seen chatting with students while he went about one of his many maintenance tasks, and since he worked closely with students in the dorms, he was one of the better known staff members on campus and a student favorite. Ralph's pleasant personality and willingness to stop and share a joke or story with a student became a regular part of campus life. He was one of those unofficial counselors who freely imparted his wisdom and shared his experience with students, helping create the unique family feel that Cascade students came to love.

Cody Harrod (Served at Cascade, 2003 - 2009) was a student at Columbia Christian College and graduated from Cascade College. He returned to his alma mater as the women's basketball coach and went on to fill a variety of roles in the athletic department. He also worked in maintenance during part of his tenure at Cascade. It would be hard to overestimate the key role that Harrod played in helping the athletic programs at Cascade run efficiently.



Staff members (L to R) Loy Ginn-Forsberg, Mary Horton, Kaelea Graul and Kathy Cundiff entertain the crowd at a home basketball game.

While his first love was basketball, Harrod worked with all of the athletic programs at Cascade. His work was often behind the scenes and involved such activities as writing press releases about the program, updating the website with scores and game

summaries, and preparing the soccer field for home games. Every athlete and coach who was part of Cascade's program, especially during the last decade of the college, was thankful for Harrod's diligence and efficiency in completing his tasks. Attendees at a typical men's basketball game, for example, might see Harrod introduce the teams, lead the prayer, and sing the national anthem before the game. During the game, Harrod would likely be supervising or doing the internet game broadcast, and after the



Spectators often sat along the sidelines to watch the soccer games at the field on the West side of campus.

game, he would supervise the clean up of the gym. This was a typical evening in Harrod's schedule for many years.

While Harrod had brief coaching stints with the Thunderbirds (he was interim head coach of the Women's Basketball team), he seemed to be most comfortable in support and behind the

scenes roles. Harrod is another example of a key staff member who was always willing to go the extra mile to help Cascade grow and have quality programs. While recognizing the budget and facilities limitations that were realities for Cascade athletics, Harrod had a deep desire for quality athletic programs at Cascade, and he did everything within his power to keep the programs moving in a positive direction. As an alumnus of Columbia/Cascade, Harrod also had a deep appreciation for the Christian mission of the school and was always wanted Cascade to recruit and retain Christian student athletes with strong character. Cascade athletics would not have succeeded to the extent that they did without the hard work and dedication of Cody Harrod.

Significant Events

Campus Improvements

Several significant improvements occurred to the physical plant during this time period. Most noticeable were the improvements that took place during the summer of 2006. Major renovations took place in the three campus dormitories. York-Landreth, the oldest facilities received the most extensive renovations including bathroom renovations, new windows, and new flooring. Hartzog Hall received new external siding, new windows, and new carpet. In Bristol Hall, new carpeting was installed, doors and windows were replaced, and improvements were made to plumbing and heating systems. The Library received new furniture including comfortable chairs with ottomans as well as the conveniences associated with coffee shops: wireless internet and coffee service. Finally, the Womack Fountain in front of the Johnson Center was completely



In 2006, the siding was replaced and new windows were installed in Hartzog Hall (the upperclassmen residence hall for women on campus).

renovated, new courtyard benches were added, and lampposts (which reminded some students of the lamppost in C. S. Lewis's Narnia series) were added across campus.

The student center in the Johnson Center was again renovated during the summer of 2006 receiving new

carpet, new furniture, additional offices, and new computer terminals for student use.

These improvements were made possible by a gift of more than \$1 million from Idaho resident, Don Brandt. The re-dedication of the Womack Fountain, named for longtime supporters Hugh and Joyce Womack, took place on April 17, 2007.

Academic Programs

The college's academic programs continued to improve in quality as full-time faculty were added and academic-related programs continued to flourish. Areas that had been without a full-time faculty member, like Math, were filled, and in other area, like Bible, full-time faculty members were added to provide enhance classroom experiences for students. Classrooms were remodeled and enhanced to include the latest in technology so professors could easily use the internet, PowerPoint, and make video presentations in class. Faculty were supported to pursue scholarship as well as classroom teaching, and funds increased for memberships in professional societies and participation in academic conferences. Several faculty members published books during this period including Dr. Stan Granberg, ed., *100 Years of African Missions*, Dr. Brian Simmons, *Falling Away*, and Dr. Gary Tandy, *The Rhetoric of Certitude: The Nonfiction Prose of C. S. Lewis*. Faculty colloquia continued to be held and stimulated academic discussion outside the classroom, and several faculty members successfully submitted papers to Oklahoma Christians faculty colloquium and faith and learning competitions. Winners of awards from these competitions included Paul Howard, Dr. Brian Simmons, and Dr. Darren Williamson.

Cascade faculty were innovative in designing new courses. One example is the series of travel courses developed by Dr. Willie Steele, Dr. Shawn Jones, and Dr. Darren Williamson. These courses were interdisciplinary and focused on a historical period like the Revolutionary American period and the Civil War. Students would spend the Spring semester studying original documents from the period from a historical, literary, and biblical standpoint, then, over Spring Break, they would travel to see first hand the sites where those events took place. Another innovative course, Personal Spiritual

Development, was developed by Bible faculty member, Dr. Shawn Jones and further expanded by Dr. Bill Hunt. This course included some off-campus events that involved trekking through the wilderness and seeking God in solitude.

The English major was added in the Fall of 2002. A new science major was introduced in the Fall of 2005 that gave students the option of emphasizing biology or physical science. A new Bible major was also announced that year. The major gave students the option of a B.S. or B.A. and a minor in either Urban Ministry, Missions, or Youth Ministry. The Communication major was added in the fall of 2005.

Two organizations that compiled amazing records during this period were the



Sung Kyu Park, Wes Scott, Adalberto Angulo, Kevin Youatt and Stephen Valverde represented Cascade College at the Department of Defense National Case Study Competition.

college's S.I.F.E. team and the Alpha Chi Honor Society. The S.I.F.E. (Students in Free Enterprise) team, sponsored by Mike Griffith, piled up an impressive list of honors and brought home lots of hardware from regional and national competitions. In fact, S.I.F.E. students won their regional

competition in Seattle seven out of eight years, which meant they went to Kansas City

or Philadelphia to participate in nationals each of those seven years. Other Business teams also accomplished impressive feats during this period. In April of 2005, Cascade's Marketing team placed second out of 35 teams in the Cadillac National Case Study competition. Another Business team was named one of five finalists in the Brand Morocco National Case Study out of 59 colleges, universities, and MBA programs who participated. Additionally, there was a group from a marketing class who placed 3rd out

of 16 schools in the Department of Defense National Case Study and got to present at the Pentagon. Under Dr. Juliana Ee's capable leadership, the Alpha Chi chapter garnered many honors during this period as well. Cascade students presented their scholarly works at the annual Alpha Chi national convention and often received awards and scholarships. In March of 2008 Cascade hosted the Region VII meeting on campus.

Fund Raising and Campus Activities

During this period the college received two major gifts. One, mentioned earlier, by Idaho donors, was used for campus renovations in the summer of 2006. In August of 2005 the college received its largest gift to date when Dr. Don and Ruth Gambill of Roseburg donated property to the college worth \$1 million. Women for Cascade/ Columbia continued their good work in raising funds for student scholarships during this period with Holiday Fair, Rummage Sales, and the Byron Nelson Benefit Golf Tournament, coordinated by Dave and Betty Astin.

In 2003, the college began the practice of setting aside a day for community service. Afternoon classes would be dismissed and students, faculty, and staff would



work together to serve their community by painting houses, doing yard work, or removing concrete from public park streams. Another service event, which began in 2007, with heavy student involvement was Candy Cane Lane. The organization Candlelighters for Children with Cancer held an annual event where

Service From The Start participants cleaned up the stream in a public park by removing concrete boulders. Faculty/Staff and students worked alongside one another for this annual service project.

Christmas presents would be donated and distributed to children of families with cancer.

The organization needed a place to hold the event, so Cascade offered its facilities along with 60 volunteers. These events served as many as 170 kids and 260 family members and gave Cascade students and faculty and staff a way to share their love and compassion with the community.



Santa (Dave Astin) along with his elves...(L to R) Saryl Case, Porscha Ducat, Kat Wanek, and Natasha Kippenhan (front) helped young patients with cancer and their families enjoy the afternoon.

Cascade continued its tradition of

offering services to area churches by offering its facilities for churches and sponsoring events on campus. In 2003, Dr. Granberg presented a Church Planting Workshop. Events like the Youth Ministers Seminar, Expositors Seminar, and Elderlink continued to occur annually. However, in 2007, in an effort to bring more direction to these events, Dr. Goad named Dr. Darren Williamson Director of Ministry Events. In addition to overseeing the events already taking place on campus, Dr. Williamson initiated a series of Kingdom Builder Seminars to bless Northwest churches. These events, which took place in the Fall and Spring, featured a theme and a keynote speaker. Breakout sessions were offered by Cascade faculty as well as by area ministers and church leaders.

Athletic Programs

The athletic programs continued to be a vital part of campus life during this period. Dr. Goad attempted to give more direction to the programs by designating an Athletic Director, even though the director was typically also the coach of one of the

programs. Craig Moody was Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director from 2001-2003; Gerry Nixon was Athletic Director and Women's Basketball coach from 2004-2006;



Intramurals like flag football allowed many different students to participate in sports.

Jeremy Schwartz was Men's Soccer Coach and Interim Athletic Director 2006-2008; and Matt Murphy, Women's Basketball Coach took over as Interim A.D. for the 2008-2009 school year.

Some teams enjoyed remarkable success during this period including the 2002-2003 Men's Basketball team,

which qualified for the NAIA Division II National Tournament and recorded an impressive win against NCAA Division I opponent, Portland State University. The Women's Basketball team also had a record season during 2002-2003 and at one point in the season had the #1 scorer in the nation, Nicole Brown, the #1 rebounder in the conference, Marquetta Pruitt, and the #1 conference assist leader, Silver Pierce. Ironically, Cascade's Men's Basketball team experienced its best season since that 2002-2003 season in its final year under Coach Anthony Baugher, narrowly missing a spot in the conference playoffs. Cascade's Men's Soccer team, under Coach Mike Alfors, reached the conference playoffs in 2008 as well, the first time since the 2002-2003 team coached by Ben and Adam Langford, which had been the first Cascade Soccer team to do so. Finally, the Cascade Women's Basketball team, coached by Matt Murphy, received the Champions of Character award from the coaches of the Cascade Conference for their final season of competition.

Student Life

A glance through the yearbooks from the period 2001-2009 reveal an increasingly active and involved student body. In fact, it is amazing how many student groups and activities were available for a small school like Cascade.

Many academic related activities were available to students. Summit Society and Alpha Chi continued to grow during this period. Events like Homecoming, Winter Formal, and Chinook Court remained in place. Students who wanted to practice their leadership skills had many opportunities. Depending on their interests, there was



The Student Center was refurbished with comfy chairs & couches as well as new computers for student use.

Spidermonkeez (the campus art club), the Psychology Club, and the Nature Society, which planned events such as hikes and trips to the Audobon Society to encourage students to enjoy the beautiful natural scenery of the Pacific Northwest.

Students could also participate in Student Senate or apply to go on one of the

International Studies programs from Oklahoma Christian.

A striking aspect of campus organizations and events during this period is the number that included a spiritual or service focus. Campus ministry seemed to grow in importance during this period and was given a boost by the hiring of a full-time campus minister, Shane Meyer from 2003-2005. Meyer provided a great structure but let students do the planning for such events as Seek Week, All School Retreat, and Monday Night Devos. Other service and ministry initiatives during this period included the Magi Project (2002), where students assembled gift boxes to send to needy children around

the world. Also, *Why Not Wednesday*, a uniquely Cascade project was organized because of a need that students saw to minister to Portland's large homeless community. This simple but effective ministry involved buying 39 cent hamburgers and delivering them to the residents of Dignity Village, a Portland tent community. Groups of students would travel downtown on Wednesday afternoons to visit, spend time with, sing with, and encourage the Dignity Village residents. *Hardest Harvest* was another service project that saw participation by a large portion of the students. Student groups, including service clubs, spent an evening going door to door in Portland neighborhoods collecting canned goods, which were then donated to the Portland Rescue Mission to feed Portland's hungry. A new project that began in 2008 was called the *Wishing Well* project. Begun by a student at Oklahoma Christian, the project involving student-created art work that was then auctioned off. The funds collected were used in Africa to provide water wells to communities. Cascade's student center was graced with several large canvases on which students painted for several weeks. These works of art served as a visible symbol of the caring nature of Cascade's students.

Service clubs continued to be an essential part of life at Cascade during this



Winter Formal 2004 provided the opportunity for the Kingsmen to pose for a photo.

period. These groups provided close, nurturing relationships for their members. More important, each of these clubs was required to complete a number of service projects for both Cascade and the wider community. Additionally, many clubs raised funds for their members to go on Spring

Break and summer mission trips. Each fall, campus members could expect the colorful costumes and signs that signaled the beginning of club initiations, as well as the often crazy videos that were shown in chapel to recruit new members. While the rules for initiations were tightened up during this period to comply with Oregon hazing laws, the clubs found creative ways to induct new members and continued to be vital organizations on campus. For on-campus students, life at Cascade became better with the major improvements that were made to the dorms, student center, and the Library during 2006.



Mike Griffith paused for a moment in the student center to point out something to a student.

An event that deeply impacted the entire Cascade community occurred on October 4, 2007, when Cascade graduate, Ryan Griffith passed away unexpectedly. Griffith, the son of Business professor, Mike Griffith, had been teaching English in Seoul, Korea. Ryan, who was diabetic, apparently died in his sleep as a result of a hypoglycemic reaction. He was 24 years old. "Griff," as he was called by his dad, had been a member of the Tri Phi service club and an active participant in the life of Cascade. A special chapel service was held commemorating the loss of Ryan.

General Observations, 2001-2009

If the previous period could be called the adolescent years in the life of the college, these years seemed to be those of a mature institution. With a solid foundation in place of faculty, administration, staff, and facilities, the members of the college were able to focus on delivering a quality Christian education. During the early part of this period enrollment continued to grow, with a high of 341 students in the fall of 2002.

However, by 2004 the enrollment seemed to have reached a plateau. Dr. Goad and other administrators looked to increased marketing and bringing in international students to stimulate enrollment.

Dr. Goad worked hard to make the campus facilities as attractive as possible, and he took active measures to reconnect with alumni of both Columbia Christian College



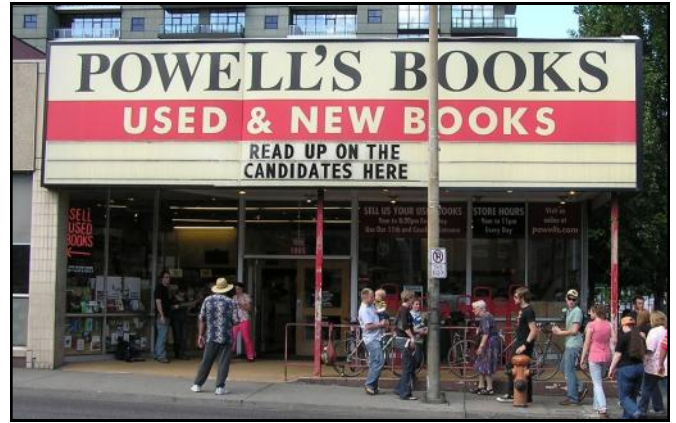
24-Hour Theater provided an opportunity for students to develop their acting abilities.

and Cascade College. In 2003, the Oklahoma Christian University Trustees had granted more authority to the Cascade Board of Governors to oversee the college, and Dr. Lynn had expanded the membership of the Board. However, as the college's financial situation did not improve, the Oklahoma Christian trustees felt the need to set

some financial goals for the college to ensure that the college was operating with a balanced budget. In 2007, Dr. Goad formed a strategic visioning committee to develop a new plan for Cascade College that would increase enrollment and bring about a balanced budget. That plan, which involved Cascade's becoming a University Center and becoming more integrated into Oklahoma Christian's academic programs, was never approved.

In spite of these budget concerns, this period was remarkable for the advances that were made in all aspects of the college. The facilities and grounds were enhanced. Academic programs were added, and existing programs matured and flourished. Success was seen in student organizations like S.I.F.E. and Alpha Chi. Faculty members completed terminal degrees, read papers at conferences, published books, and were active leaders in their churches. The college continued to provide excellent

opportunities for education and fellowship to the churches through such events as Expositors Seminar, Elderlink, and Kingdom Builders. The Visions drama group, and its later titled, Second Story, traveled thousands of miles each year performing at youth events. The musical groups, Chorale, Voices, and Witness, also made many friends for the college through their travels. Several athletic programs achieved remarkable success during this period including men's soccer and men's and women's basketball. Campus ministry and service to the church and the community were evident in members of the Cascade community.



Powell's Books, a Portland landmark, is one of the world's great bookstores, featuring new and used books in the same place.

The atmosphere on campus during this period remained very much that of a large, close-knit family. One evidence of this is the way the entire campus was involved when suffering occurred, whether it was the September 11 tragedy of 2001, Ryan Griffith's untimely death, or Dana Barbarick's struggle with cancer.

Speaking as a member of the faculty, one of the aspects of the college that I am proudest of during this period is the opportunities that students were given to grow academically, socially, and spiritually and to expand their horizons beyond our small campus in Northeast Portland. I will only mention a few. S.I.F.E. students received invaluable training in serving others, teaching others, and in developing and delivering presentations. They were able to travel each year to Seattle to present the results of their projects to their peers and to industry leaders. These experiences were no doubt invaluable in preparing them for their future careers. Alpha Chi students were able to travel to regional and national conventions to present their scholarship in front of peers

from much larger universities. Study Abroad students had the opportunity to experience different cultures and to see sites that they had previously only read about in textbooks. Participants in the domestic studies courses like Civil War, Revolutionary America, and America's Founding Era likewise had the opportunity to witness where history happened. Students who went on summer or Spring Break mission trips had the opportunity to experience



Shawn & Nancy Jones hosted a European summer study abroad program in 2007. This group included Cascade as well as Oklahoma Christian students. They are posing in front of the Coliseum in Rome.

new cultures and learned what it was like to present the gospel to people who may have been hearing it for the first time. Participants in *Why Not Wednesday* and *Hardest Harvest* were able to experience the joy of showing mercy and compassion to the needy and hungry, right in our own backyard. Many more examples could be cited, but perhaps these are sufficient to show the remarkable experiences that were available to students at this small Portland school.

Miscellaneous Footnotes

Cascade Couples

Readers of this history will notice in the bios of faculty and staff that an employee's spouse is often referred to as working for the college. This was a common occurrence throughout Cascade's history and was an indication that many couples saw Cascade as a place where they could join together in a ministry to young people. The students often benefited from this situation because they got to know not only the teacher or

staff member but his or her spouse. It gave them a fuller picture of Christian marriage and the joys of husband and wife working together for a common cause. Those spouses who were not employed by the college were often drafted by a spouse to assist in some student activity or to invite students into their homes. For example, Dr. June Breninger often invited students over for movie night at husband, Lonnie's, in-home theater.

Following are some of the "Cascade couples" who ministered to students as a team over the years: Dave and Betty Astin, Tom and Karen Buchanan, Kilnam and Kyung Cha, Tim and Mandi (Oglesby) Chapen, Logan and Leah (Casperek) Crumrine, Phil and Shelly Drew, John and Cynthia Fletcher, Ryan and Fiona (McGeachy) Fox, Tom and Lynne Gaumer, Dave and Maurice Geiger, Stan and Gena Granberg, Ike and Kaelea (Coy) Graul, Eric and Linda Gross, Lyle and Mary Harms, Jason and Christa (Sacapanio) Hill, Paul and Bonnie Howard, Shawn and Nancy Jones, Eric and Marcie Littleton, Roy and Noelle Marler, Luke and Emily (Hicks) Martin, Jim and Debbie Murphy, Jared (Anderson) Ranum, and Jenny (Cox) Ranum, Kevin and Lisa Reed, Bill and Sheila Roberts, Jennifer and Jeremy Schwartz, Jeff and Karen Shewmaker, Willie and Heather (Barker) Steele, Gary and Janet Tandy, Johnathan and Dawnette (Cardwell) Thomas, George and Francine Wagner, Ryan and Karen Wagner, Bob and Deborah Whiddon, Arlis and Suzanne Wood, and Jimmy and Mary Young.

Working for their Alma Mater

One sign of the strength of a college is the extent to which alumni feel connected and want to continue to be a part of the life of the college. One unique sign of this loyalty and connection is seen when a Cascade graduate returned to or stayed at the college after graduation to fill a faculty or staff role. As Cascade matured as an

institution, this event occurred more and more frequently. These graduates were especially valuable to the school because they understood the organization's mission and values. And since they had good experiences at Cascade, they worked hard to ensure that the students they ministered to had good experiences as well.

Following are some of those Cascade alums who returned to help build the college they loved: Lindsey Hoffman (Faculty, Librarian), Kathy (Cundiff) Zumwalt (Admissions), Steve Maxwell (Admissions), Johnathan and Dawnette (Cardwell) Thomas (Publications, Housing), Heather (Barker) Steele (Admissions, Advancement, Drama), Melonie (Yocum) Patrick, (Business Office), Ike Graul (Faculty, Music, Bible), Kaelea (Coy) Graul (Financial Services), Jasmine Varela (Women's Volleyball), Ben and Christina (Contini) Heater (Maintenance, Housing), Joe Carpenter (Technology Services), Paula (Dodd) Pritchard (Advancement, Alumni), Jill (Dodson) Zuniga (Admissions), Karin (Kantu) Nowak (Financial Services), Amy Way (ISDP Coordinator), Sara Busch (Admissions), Priscilla (Allaway) Bristow-Hanna (Admissions), Tim and Mandi (Oglesby) Chapen (Housing, Campus Life), Kevin Woods (Faculty, Bible), Sage (Harding) Holm (Operations), Matt Greenleaf (Men's Basketball), TaNitra Baldwin (Cheerleading, Admissions), Cody Harrod (Facilities, Maintenance, Athletics), Fiona (McGeachy) Fox (Admissions, President's Office), Ryan Fox (Housing, Admissions), Chris McPeak (Admissions), Rebecca Lewis (Student Services), James DuPey (Admissions), Carrie (Wilson) Rude (Admissions), Ryan Rouse (Men's and Women's Track, Maintenance), Paul Hamilton (Men's JV Basketball), Lisa Berger (Women's Basketball), Kendra Maas (Women's Volleyball), Robert Hoover (Facilities), Logan and Leah (Casperek) Crumrine (Housing, Facilities), Mike Lewis (Campus Minister), Lucas and Emily (Hicks) Martin (Housing), Andrea (Thompson) Wood (Business Services), Derek Gaumer (Admissions),

Jon Bristow (Admissions), Anne (Housley) Deidrich (Faculty, Business), Ona Aliaj (Faculty, Spanish), Suzanne (Fournier) MacAluso (Faculty, Sociology).

Afterword

As I have prepared this history, I have been thinking of three women. Let me close with some highly personal reflections about them and how I see them connected to the history of Cascade College.

The first is my wife, Janet Tandy. In the spring of 1994, I convinced her to come with me on an interview to Portland, Oregon. Having been raised in Oklahoma, she



Janet Tandy

knew no one and virtually nothing about this far off region of the country. While she was pleasantly surprised to see the natural beauty of the area, she was still hesitant to move 2000 miles away from her family to join a college that, at the time, was not even holding classes. Yet she agreed to come, largely because she realized that it was the only job I was willing to take. While the first couple of years were difficult, Janet gradually came to love the Northwest, and she

supported my work at Cascade. She worked for the college two different times, first as Executive Assistant to Dr. Dennis Lynn and finally as Administrative Assistant in the Academic Services office during the college's final year. I think that Janet can stand as a representative of all those who have supported this college both directly and indirectly. I know that I owe her a debt of gratitude for allowing me to pursue a job that I loved for 15 years.

The second is a student, Carly Hodge, who attended Cascade from 2001-2005.

There is probably no logical explanation for how Carly ended up as a student at Cascade. I first met Carly when I was asked to be an advisor for her service club, Delta Sigma Rho. She came by my office to meet me and to welcome me as advisor. Later she switched her major from Bible to English, so I had her as a student in several classes. Personally, Carly was an inspiration to me. In her young life, she had to deal with some difficult circumstances including the death of her teenage twin brother in a car accident. She also had experienced significant hearing loss and, in spite of hearing aids, often had to rely on lip reading to understand lectures and conversations. In spite of these difficulties, Carly grew into a positive and caring Christian woman, who treated others with kindness and encouragement. She was well liked by her peers and by the faculty and staff at Cascade, not only for her Christian spirit but for her delightful sense of humor.



Carly Hodge (center) with fellow classmates Jessica Hammond (left) and Amber McCaig (right).

During her senior year, Carly was elected President of the Deltas service club. That year I met with Carly weekly to advise her on leadership matters and to pray with her about her role in the club. As President, Carly led the club to a greater focus on service projects that benefited the campus community as well as the homeless community in Portland. It was during these sessions that I first began to understand the depth of Carly's spirituality and her great heart for service. Carly had a vision for missions and had already participated in two short-term missions. Seldom have I seen a college student in my fifteen years of teaching that had greater compassion for the poor and hurting in society than did Carly. It is my belief that she will accomplish great things for the kingdom of God through her humble service. After graduating from Cascade, Carly

went on a mission trip to South America and then returned to begin work on her M.Div. degree at St. Paul School of Theology in Missouri.

While I realize that Carly is a person, not a symbol, for me she symbolizes the hundreds of students who came to Cascade over the years, perhaps not even knowing why they came but believing that God had a plan for them. I do not know how Carly would have done at any other college. All I know is that at Cascade, she flourished. Because of her heart to serve, she learned to lead. It is my belief that Cascade has served as a training ground for many, many students. I think of these students every time we sing this verse in chapel: "I have a living hope; I have a future; God has a plan for me; Of this I'm sure, Of this I'm sure."

The third woman is a mother, the mother of Charlotte, Natalie, Tristan, and Ethan and the wife of Brett. Cindy Wilson died unexpectedly in November, 2008, not long after it was announced that Cascade College would close. I first met Cindy at East County Church of Christ, and in the late 90s, when I was Academic Dean at Cascade, I asked her to come work as my administrative assistant. After a couple of years in that role, she transferred to the President's Office and served Dr. Lynn as Executive Assistant. Cindy was a favorite with students and staff. She had a wonderful, welcoming smile and big blue eyes that welcomed any visitor to Cascade.



Cindy Wilson

Cindy and Brett were strong supporters of Christian education. Most of their children attended Columbia Christian Schools. Charlotte and Natalie both graduated from Cascade College, and Tristan attended Cascade. Cindy's life was remarkable, not

just for her work at the college, but for the love she showed for all children. At East County, she was a sponsor at most youth outings, and the youth group often met at the Wilson home for devotionals. She accompanied the youth group on several mission trips to Tuba City, Arizona. At the time of her death, Cindy was Board President for the Tree of Knowledge preschool. After she left Cascade, she was a reading teacher with Mill Park Elementary's Title I program. Before she died she was planning a trip to Africa to deliver books to children in the village where her daughter, Natalie, was in the Peace Corps.

I have been thinking of Cindy because her life intersected in so many ways with Cascade College. She could certainly stand as an example of the many staff members who have given of themselves over the years and who have seen their job not as a paycheck but as a ministry. For me, she also symbolizes those many parents who have wanted a Christian education for their children and who have had to sacrifice so they could have it. Cindy's servant heart characterizes so many who have walked the halls of Cascade College: students, faculty, and staff. We miss you, Cindy.

Perhaps it seems strange to end this history with such personal reflections, but my guess is that if you were ever associated with Cascade College, it will not seem strange at all. Cascade has always been a personal place. Students have gone there because they wanted to be known and to know others. I have often heard students remark over the years when reflecting on their experiences at Cascade that what they cherish is not the facilities, not the activities, not even the classes, but the people.

As I said earlier, the focus of this history has been people—not statistics about enrollment figures or donation amounts—because these do not tell the true story of Cascade. The story of Cascade can be found in the lives of the remarkably gifted and dedicated faculty and staff who served these students and who saw their work as joyful

ministry. It is the story of those students and those faculty and the many Christians who supported the work of the college with their labor and dollars that this history has attempted to capture.

However, it is my belief that what will survive from Cascade is not just people. While the stories of its people need to be told, if it is only about people, those stories will someday fade. No, I think what will survive from Cascade is the spirit of the place and of its people. It is a spirit of compassion, and community, and sacrificial love. It is a spirit that lives on and will live eternally through the lives of the students, staff, and faculty that lived, studied, shared, laughed, cried, and prayed at 9101 E. Burnside St. May all of us who love Cascade College live in such a way that we can look forward to that ultimate reunion in the Northwest corner of heaven.



This all-school photo captures the essence of Cascade - a little silliness, mixed with some smiles...then a lot of love added in and there you have it.

Alumni Achievement Award

This award was created to "honor a graduate who demonstrated perseverance in the achievement of personal and professional goals". The criteria was someone who persevered in achieving his or her degree, perhaps in spite of hindrance or hardships. This award honored a graduate who showed promise of excelling in the profession or career he or she had chosen and who may have already achieved a certain measure of professional success.

1996 - John House	2003 - Matt Greenleaf
1997 - Kevin Woods	2004 - Latasha Evans
1998 - Amber Hatchell	2005 - Jacob White
1999 - David Goodwin	2006 - Alan Taylor
2000 - Timothy Onsomu	2007 - Jonathan Schulz
2001 - Kevin Stuart	2008 - Allison Santos
2002 - Eme Delancy	2009 - Zinzile Maseko
	2009 - Efrain Vargas

President's Award

This award was given to a graduate who contributed significantly to the Cascade environment and who benefited from the Cascade experience by further developing his or her gifts and talents.

1997 - Cody Harrod	2004 - Anna Tabor
1998 - Jeanne Parker	2005 - Ryan Fox
1999 - Amy Redelsperger	2006 - Boone Langston
2000 - Karin Kantu	2007 - Jon Bristow
2001 - Priscilla Allaway	2007 - Amber McCaig
2002 - Fiona McGeachy	2008 - Anna Potter
2003 - Dawn Fultz	2009 - Brittney "Jack" Helton

Mr. and Miss Cascade College

1996 - Tiffany Dierdorff and Ike Graul
1997 - Anne Housley and Scott Christiansen
1998 - Amy Redelsperger and Aaron Redelsperger
1999 - Rebecca Lewis and Tim Lewis
2000 - Paula Dodd and Kevin Stuart
2001 - Priscilla Allaway and Billy McKenzie
2002 - Sage Harding and Sean Bothwell
2004 - Elana Baldwin and Randy Rice
2005 - Danni Coburn and Jake White
2006 - Lindsay Boderman and Jon Bristow
2007 - Saryl Case and Joseph Witzig
2008 - Anna Potter and Lucas Martin
2009 - Kendra Behrens and Joe Larsen

Chinook Court

History...

Indians who settled in the Northwest long ago gave the name “Chinook” to the warm spring winds that bring freshness and renewal after the winter’s dormant cold. As early as 1956, Columbia Christian College adopted this name to represent the fresh vitality and renewal of spirit that is characteristic of Christian young women.

In those early years, Chinook was a high school tradition. In 1971, however the college adopted the Chinook tradition as an enhancement of the homecoming courts that had begun choosing five years earlier. In 1994, Cascade College assumed this tradition as a way of carrying on some of the traditions that students appreciated over the years.

The Chinook Court is intended to give honor to whom honor is due, and the women chosen to serve are to exemplify by their lives the character and spirit of Cascade College.

1995	Dawnette Cardwell Tiffany Dierdorff Lindsay Hoffman	2001	Sarah Dutcher TaNitra Baldwin Serena Bailey Fiona McGeachy Chelan Miller	2006	Allison Hammett Lindsay Boderman Shawna Everard Joella Hignight Jennifer Koski
1996	Angie Owens Amber Hatchell Anne Housley Amy Way	2002	Dawn Fultz Breanna Baker Kristi Burrow-Whelan Tabitha Busch Tiana Foster	2007	Cari Wooley Kayla Carpenter Saryl Case Megan Clark Anna Potter
1997	Alice Nielsen Kara Barnes Janna Bergman Kathy Cundiff Jeanne Parker	2003	Elana Baldwin Leah Eyre Sage Harding Shannon McPherson Charlotte Wilson	2008	Melissa Mendenhall Emily Hicks Gretchen Kastama Jenise Umberger Shannon Winegardner
1998	Amy Redelsperger Sarah Bullock Ali-Ca Madison Bree Moyer Tina Wood	2004	Tina Henry Alyssa Miller Anna Tabor Carrie Wilson April Woods	2009	Kendra Behrens Natalie Cammarata Brittney “Jack” Helton Amanda Stephens Billie Jo Turner
1999	Rebecca Lewis Amy Fennell Karin Kantu Sara Martin Kristin Mueller	2005	Carly Hodge Danni Coburn Amanda Evans Rachel Reynolds Lisa Rude		
2000	Jill Dodson Priscilla Allaway Amy Coate Paula Dodd Meredith Standridge				

Cascade's Board, Faculty and Staff created the spiritual atmosphere for students to grow and mature in Christ. Without their sacrifices, the college could never have existed and shaped over 2000 young people for service in the Kingdom. The following list is an attempt to recognize those who have served at Cascade. *Any omissions are not intentional.*

Board of Advancement

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Thomas Trimble
Lon Winton
Joyce Womack

Faculty and Staff

Donnie Alcatraz	Craig Brown	Doug Davis
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Mike Anderson	Thomas Buchanan	Adam Decker
Shawn Anderson	Vinita Buchanan	Anne Deidrich
Betty Astin	Abby (Copeland) Burt	Becky Dresselhaus
Dave Astin	Sara Busch	Philip Drew
Sid Astin	Joe Carpenter	Shelly Drew
Lyn Aus-Roy	Anna Carter	Laketa Ducat
Melanie Bailey	Johnny Carter	Eli Dukes
TaNitra Baldwin	Darren Catt	James DuPey
Mickey Banister	Kilnam Cha	Joyce Dutrow
Dana Barbarick	Kyung Cha	Debbie Eakman
Peter Barrett	Mandi Chapen	Kate (Parker) Eakman
Anthony Baugher	Tim Chapen	Stephen Eck
Alicia (Sargentini) Becker	Bill Chism	Juliana Ee
Mark Beekman	Michael Clark	Cheryl Eggers
Lisa Berger	Ron Clark	John Ellison
Julie Bergum	Dan Coburn	Terry English
Benoit Berho'	Larry Coburn	Allen Evans
Ralph Bever	Paula Coburn	Sherrill Farnstrom
Justin Bigelow	Norm Cohen	Monte Farrar
Caryn Blanchard	Carl Collins	Len Feuerhelm
Anita Block	Timothy Cook	Edna Ruth Fields
Chuck Bolton	Deborah Corcoran	Nancy Finsaas
June Breninger	Jessica Couser	Brad Fisher
Jonathan Bristow	Gary Crook	Cynthia Fletcher
Priscilla (Allaway) Bristow-Hanna	Leah Crumrine	John Fletcher
Craig Brooks	Logan Crumrine	Anniece Foster
	Randy Dalzell	Sandra Foster

Faculty and Staff, cont.

Fiona (McGeachy) Fox	Cody Harrod	Rebecca Kunza
Ryan Fox	Rochelle Hearn	Mark LaValley
Will Fox	Ben Heater	Keith Labnow
Kevin Fuchs	Christina (Contini) Heater	Adam Langford *
Debby Galba-Machuca	Connie Hess	Ben Langford
Nancy Galow	Christa (Sacapanio) Hill	Clint LaRue
Don Gardner *	Jason Hill	Mike Lawrence
Derek Gaumer	Sally Hoelsing	Mike Lewis
Tom Gaumer	Lindsey Hoffman	Rebecca Lewis
David Geiger	Sage (Harding) Holm	Eric Littleton
Maurice Geiger	Robert Hoover	Marci Littleton
Jarred Gibson	David Hopkins	Mark Love
Karen Gifford	Mary (Shotts) Horton	Debby Lynn
Bill Goad	Bonnie Howard	Dennis Lynn
Angelique Goodwin	Bryant Howard	Kendra Maas
David Goodwin	Janet Howard	Suzanne (Fournier)
Gena Granberg	Paul Howard	Macaluso
Stan Granberg	Pearl (Parsons) Howarth	Frances Maddox
Ike Graul	Bill Hunt	Noelle Marler
Kaelea (Coy) Graul	Loy (Ginn-Forsberg)	Roy Marler
Matt Greenleaf	Huntzinger	Emily (Hicks) Martin
Mike Griffith	Phillip Hurley	Luke Martin
Eric Gross	Fern Ingalls	Ray Martin
Linda Gross	Kevin Jacobs	Shannon Massey
Deborah Guerrero	Kay Joham	Wendy (Craig) Mathias
Milo Hadwin	Shawn Jones	Steve Maxwell
Kevin Hall	Sherilynn Jordan	Linda McDonald
Robyn Hall	Elizabeth Kauk	Ken McFarland
Rex Hamilton	Larry King	Chris McPeak
Lyle Harms	Laurie Kopperman	Vern Meaders
Mary Harms	Mischele Kulla	Pamela Mears

Faculty and Staff, cont.

Kari Mehlhoff	Julie Peyton	Jon Shaw
Shilah Merrill	Toby Pfaff	Jeff Shewmaker
Shane Meyer	Jonathan Picklesimer	Karen Shewmaker
Bonnie Miller	Bill Pink	Gary Shreck
Donald Miller	Christine Piper	Carlene Siler
Craig Moody	Lora Potts	Randy Siler
Ed Moore	Bob Powell	Brian Simmons
Eric Moore	Nancy (Singleton) Preuit	Kevin Sippel
Joanne Moore	Rici (Eyre) Preuit	Austin Smith *
Monty Moreland	Raylinda (Rich) Price	Brenda Smith
Rudy Morrow	Paula (Dodd) Pritchard	Daris Smith
Deborah Mueller-Kruse	Opal Pruitt	Ronald Soanka
Debbie Murphy	Alexis Rainbow	Heather (Barker) Steele
Jim Murphy	Jared (Anderson) Ranum	Willie Steele
Matt Murphy	Jenny (Cox) Ranum	Angela Stewart
Victor Myers	Staci (Clegg) Raymond	Greg Stewart
Stephanie (Sellers) Neilan	Kevin Reed	Karen Stroud
Shelley Neilson	Lisa Reed	Josh Stump
Gerry Nixon	Nancy (Mercer) Reinhardt	Gary Tandy
Nels Norquist	Bill Roberts	Janet Tandy
Karin (Kantu) Nowak	Sheila Roberts	Will Tebbs *
Paul Oler	Lewis Robinson	Nancy Tedder
Zachary Olson	Leland Rogers	Maria Terrell
Timothy Onsomu	Ryan Rouse	Dawnette (Cardwell)
Morgan Outlaw	Carrie (Wilson) Rude	Thomas
Nancy Parent	Eric Sakshaug	Johnathan Thomas
Kevin Parker	Gary Saxton	Michael Tolon
Sarah Parker	Jennifer Schwartz	David Tucker
Sharie Parks	Jeremy Schwartz	Lanny Tucker
Sarah Parnell	Kay Sellers	Lori (Zielke) Tucker
Melonie (Yocum) Patrick	Amanda Shaver	Rhonda Vice

Faculty and Staff, cont.

Francine Wagner

George Wagner

Karen Wagner

Ryan Wagner

Tina Wagner

Catherine Ward

Amy Way

Deborah Whiddon

Robert Whiddon

Jeff Williams

Darren Williamson

Cindy Wilson *

DeAnn Womack

Andrea Wood

Arlis Wood

Suzanne Wood

Greg Woods

Kevin Woods

Benjamin Woodward

Rudy Wray

Jimmy Young

Mary Young

Veronika (Rudolph) Zeisset

Roni Zimmerman

Peter Zisa

Kathy (Cundiff) Zumwalt

Jill (Dodson) Zuniga

* denotes person is deceased

Northwest Corner of Heaven

(words and music by Ike Graul)

It's two in the morning, he sits at the dining room table.
With paper and pen and tears he pours out his heart to the Lord.
He's writing a letter to his almost born child;
A promise of hope now gone from her womb.
He clings to the comfort of a meeting someday.
As he writes down these words you can hear this man say,

I will meet you where God's majestic mountains touch the sky.
We can walk in the sweet by and by, in the Northwest corner of heaven
I will meet you in a blanket of evergreens; we can talk beside God's crystal streams
In the Northwest corner of Heaven.

The service is over, the family remains by the graveside.
The hillside is solemn, she looks on his face for the very last time.
The love of her lifetime, her husband of years.
Her pain is so great, she can't hide the tears.
She knows what he'd say if he were there with her now.
She clings to her faith and remembers his vow,

I will meet you where God's majestic mountains touch the sky.
We can walk in the sweet by and by, in the Northwest corner of heaven
I will meet you in a blanket of evergreens; we can talk beside God's crystal streams
In the Northwest corner of Heaven.

There's no escaping the pain of lost love;
The toughest of all of life's lessons to learn.
But, I believe God has created a place
Where love lost on earth is forever returned.

A stranger, a hero, she doesn't remember her father.
He gave his life to the cause on the day when the towers went down.
She kneels by her bedside, bows her head low to pray.
She gives thanks to God for a wonderful day.
"Please watch over Mom," she recites faithfully,
"And "If you see my dad, will you tell him for me,

I will meet you where God's majestic mountains touch the sky.
We can walk in the sweet by and by, in the Northwest corner of heaven
I will meet you in a blanket of evergreens; we can talk beside God's crystal streams
In the **Northwest corner of Heaven.**

