

You are such a vital part of what God is doing here at Northwest College! As I write this, in a few short days we anticipate enrolling a record number of students. Many of these students could not attend Northwest College without assistance, and you have been so generous and faithful in remembering the college in your giving. On behalf of our entire student body I express deep appreciation!



In July I commenced my third year as president. It hardly seems possible that two years have passed so quickly. Many times I have commented that "The College has been managed so well in the past." What a delight to accept the position as President of Northwest College knowing that the financial administration of the college has been solid. The faculty is deeply committed and well trained and the spiritual life of the campus is dramatically changing young lives.

Although you may feel that your part is insignificant, I want you to know that it is very significant. Remember Jesus took the few fish and loaves of bread and fed 5,000. When all of our gifts are combined together, the will of God is realized in a miraculous way and literally hundreds of lives are touched.

We are working on a comprehensive funding plan that will be presented to the Board of Directors this fall. The plan will include the funding necessary for new buildings including; a new academic building, pavilion, chapel and student center. Also we are planning housing that will accommodate around 200 additional single students.

Would you please covenant with me to pray regarding these exciting plans? Students are applying to attend Northwest College in record numbers. Unfortunately, that trend indicates we cannot accept all that are eligible. We desperately need additional facilities to fulfill what we feel is God's will for this college.

Thank you for your prayer covenant with me. God takes the little we have when we start and, through His Miraculous process of multiplication, needs are met and lives are touched.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Argue".

PARTNERS Stats

334 alumni contributed an average gift of **\$422** each this last year.

107 people have received up to a **7.5%** annual return on their invested dollars with Northwest College.

1 private foundation and **2 couples** provided the necessary \$250,000 to launch the **Mark & Huldah Buntain School of Nursing** this fall.

103 students received awards from private scholarships funded by friends and alumni. Average award: **\$1,200** each.

This year, **1 alumni couple** arranged to give their entire estate to the college.

266 churches supported the College last year. Total church giving increased **40%** over the previous year.

For all colleges and universities nationwide, alumni gave **\$5.9 billion** last year making-up 29% percent of all giving to higher education.

Northwest Partners Update

A Life Devoted to Northwest

Henry Portin was an exceptional man. He was a communicator and storyteller extraordinaire, risk taker, and entrepreneur who helped pioneer television news in Seattle.

He was involved in radio, was one of the first television cameramen in Seattle, a film producer and writer and inventor of Rubaturf, a product made from recycled tires. He became known too as a consultant in political advertising, public relations and recycled tires.

For a man with a string of superlatives to his character and vocation, and big name clients ranging from singer/actor Elvis Presley to former president Richard Nixon, Henry Portin always found time to be a family man and volunteer. He found great joy in giving time and resources to serve the church, his community and Northwest College.

"My father loved the church and Northwest College" says his daughter Sharon, "They were his spiritual homes; places where he liked to hang out, to volunteer, to serve, to worship God, and to reach out to others. If something were going on at Northwest College or Calvary Temple, he would do everything he could to be there for support and help."

Henry served 35 years as a member of the College Board of Directors. Dr. D.V. Hurst, former Northwest College president, described Mr. Portin as dependable and a great supporter.

"Henry's exemplary service on the board set a standard of excellence. He was an articulate committee chairman and served well as the Secretary of the Board for over 20 years. As a Board member, Henry always expressed concern for the welfare of the students."

Henry's input was "invaluable, supportive, positive and hopeful."

Henry Portin, the family man, communicator, and Christian, died at age 81 on January 24. He was survived by Florence his wife of 52 years; daughter, Sharon of Old Greenwich, Connecticut; his son, Rick, of Bellevue, Washington, and grandson, Alexander.

Henry demonstrated his great concern for the College by helping to promote the institution. He donated his time and talents over the years to create many films to help the College, missionaries and other Christian endeavors. His film, "Cry of Calcutta", helped raise money to build a 100-bed hospital in Calcutta for Missionary Mark Buntain.

Today, the Mission of Mercy ministry, founded in 1954 by the Buntains, has provided funds which allowed Northwest College to open the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing this fall.

"He talked about Northwest College a lot," daughter, Sharon, comments of Henry. He felt it was his privilege to serve the College. It was a rare family event, when my father would not mention something about Northwest."

In 1993, Henry Portin received the Delta Tau Award from Northwest College. The award is the highest honor for a faculty member. The college recognized Henry's talent and contributions.

Henry Portin's death was mourned by the many friends and family with whom he shared his gift of life. But just what is to be done with such rich legacy? His children have followed after his footsteps, and have set up their own businesses in fields their father loved so dearly.

Before his funeral was held, however, his family contacted college president Dr. Don Argue to establish a scholarship fund. "Education was so important to my father. He was a life long learner. It was natural to set up a scholarship fund. We want to give back, in memory of Henry, a living tribute to education and the school he loved so dearly."

The Henry Portin Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in Communications demonstrating Mr. Portin's lifelong vocation and development in radio, television and film. The perpetual, endowed scholarship will bless many students for years to come.

"We hope that the scholarship goes to a student who has dreams that may seem impossible to him or her at the moment. With the inspiration of Henry's life through this scholarship, we believe the

student will have a sense of hope that their dream is, in fact, possible," explained Sharon.

Henry Portin may not be present at board meetings or college promotional events today but his legacy, through his memorial scholarship, will continue to impact many students and, eventually, society for many years to come.

Pecota Scholar in Guadalajara

Rachel Stahl dreamed of a profession that would move her into an upscale life-style of money and social status. Above all, she preferred to move away from what had now become the "family profession" — school teaching. Both her parents and older sister, had taken up teaching.

All it took was a part time job in a kindergarten to convince Rachel that being a teacher was more than a profession, but an inescapable calling. She quickly realized this was the best route for her life.

"I worked in the radiotherapy department in a hospital but did not feel I was serving anyone... only pushing buttons. Teaching kids at a preschool made me realize that money wasn't everything. Fulfillment for me, was in directly serving people — especially children."

Today Rachel teaches English to third graders at Lincoln Missionary School in Guadalajara, a city of seven million in southwestern Mexico.

Missionaries set up the school some 30 years ago to teach their children but later extended its curriculum to include Mexican children wanting to learn English. For many Mexicans, learning English is seen as the gateway to future success and a better life.

Her class, a small room with broken desks, insufficient educational supplies and filled with 22 students, was a far cry from conditions of even the worst American schools. Harder still is the reality that teachers are not highly esteemed in Mexico. Natives with vocational skills are better respected than teachers. Rachel, though, knows this is where God wants her to be.

"The children are very affectionate," she explains. "They, like the people in the area, hug everyone and greet each other with a kiss."

As she shares her knowledge with students, Rachel is challenged to find a balance between her Christian faith and the cultural values in the community.

Everyday she has an opportunity to impart values she acquired as a student at Northwest College. Deep

inside there is a gratitude for the opportunity to brush with respected members of faculty (such as the late Dr. Daniel Pecota) and to be a recipient of a scholarship in memory of Dr. Dan's grandson, Tyler James.

Tyler James died of cancer in 1992. He was 10, just about the age of the young students Rachel teaches today. In Tyler's memory his grandfather established a fund to help students majoring in elementary education or pastoral ministry to children and youth. The fund aims to train students for Christian leadership and service. Doc served as professor of theology for 38 years at Northwest College.

Dr. Pecota, his sons Jim and Steve, together with Northwest College student, Sam Carrigan, cycled 921 miles non stop in 14 days from Kirkland, Washington to San Francisco, California, to raise \$100,000 for the scholarship. Jim is Tyler's father and also a Northwest College alumnus. Today the fund holds \$75,000, and Esther carries on her husband's dream to see a \$100,000 endowment.

Rachel recalls, "One of my greatest memories about Northwest College is that I got to know Dr. Pecota. He was such an amazing man of God who taught what he believed. To be in the presence of such a man of God was so uplifting for me."

She remembered how Dr. Pecota labored to raise funds for the scholarship, but it hadn't crossed her mind that she would be the first recipient.



Esther Pecota and Rachel Stahl were recently reacquainted at Northwest.

"Being awarded the scholarship was one of the greatest honors I ever received. It was a huge blessing in every sense, financially and spiritually."

Now in Mexico, carrying out the vision of the scholarship she was awarded, Rachel feels a peace about her work and thinks of the incredible

responsibility of teaching young souls and minds.

"I am learning about the reality of Christ. This is a neat privilege to share what I know with these children, teaching them how they should go and helping them love Jesus."

Rachel spends her spare time grading papers, reading, traveling and being involved in a local church. She is also active in sports. Soccer and basketball are favorites with the locals.

Rachel will spend another year in Guadalajara and someday return to teach in Washington.

In Mexico, Rachel is an ambassador of God's love to the children and, in many ways, a flag bearer of a dream lived after the death of a ten year old boy, Tyler James, and his grandpa.

To make a gift to the Henry Portin Memorial Scholarship or Tyler James Memorial Scholarship funds, please send your check to:

*College Advancement
Northwest College
PO Box 579*

Kirkland, WA 98083-0579

To view other memorial and honorary scholarships established by family and friends of Northwest College, visit Scholarship Central at www.nwcollege.edu/scholars

School of Ministry

Dr. Jack Rozell has been named the Dean of the new School of Ministry. Dr. Rozell will focus on strategic partnerships with local churches, districts, and missions.

Master Plan

The City of Kirkland has approved Northwest College's proposed Master Plan. The next steps are building permit approvals for new buildings and building expansions.

School of Nursing

The "Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing" will be dedicated on Friday, September 29, at 10:00 am during alumni weekend. Huldah Buntain will speak at the evening's banquet.

Partners Honored

Northwest Partners supporting the college each year with giving of \$1,000 or more will enjoy a dinner cruise with President Don Argue on Saturday, September 30.

God's Blessing

Three pledges in the amounts of \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$1,000,000 have been promised toward a new building that will house the nursing school and other programs.

New Athletic Director

Athletic Director Bruce Brown will provide leadership for the college's athletic program now competing at the NAIA conference level. The college offers competitive basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross-country, and track for men and women.

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An excellent, Christian education is priceless...
but somebody has to pay for it.

Robert E. Cooley

The achievements of an organization are the results of the
combined effort of each individual.

Vince Lombardi

When he took time to help the man up the mountain, lo,
he scaled it himself.

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Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish
the rest.

Mark Twain

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and
hopes; but no plans.

Peter F. Drucker



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