



CLASS • NOTES



The Greatest Sport of All isn't basketball, as the editor of this magazine insists, or soccer, as His Holiness the Dalai Lama memorably insisted at the University in 2001, but Australian Rules football, at which University of Portland women are getting pretty good. The Pilot women on the Yankeroos team above, in Fremantle with the University's study-abroad program in Western Australia, joined their American fellows in capturing the coveted Carnival Cup by beating local footy clubs Goomalling and Merredin. On the Yankeroos!

—Editors

2004 are hereby invited to unleash a torrent of information upon the *Portland Magazine* editors. Letters can be sent to "Portland Magazine, c/o Marc Covert, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, OR, 97203," and e-mails can be sent to mcovert@up.edu or bdoyle@up.edu.

'06 WEDDING BELLS

Sara Thompson married Kiernan John Bell on October 27, 2007, at the Parish of the Holy Spirit in Kennewick, Wash.

Any news to share, Class of 2006? A lot can happen in a year and a half. Letters to "Portland Magazine, c/o Marc Covert, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, OR, 97203," and e-mails to bdoyle@up.edu.



'08 PRAYERS, PLEASE

We are saddened to learn of the death of Ann Louise Bluhm Mattson, mother of senior nursing student *Cassandra Mattson*, on August 17, 2007. She was an interior designer in Portland, Ore., and is survived by her husband of 31 years, Dean; daughters, *Cassandra* and *Hannah*; parents, *Wilbur* and *Mary Brunzell Bluhm*; and brothers, *Robert* and *James*. Our prayers and con-

dolences to the family.

Environmental ethics and policy major *Lacey Riddle* was quoted in the *Salem Statesman Journal* in a story about the Green Torch Relay, a three-day event she organized to help raise awareness of the issue of global warming. About 100 Portland area students rode bicycles from Portland to Salem to highlight an upcoming event on global warming, "Focus the Nation," which will take place on the University of Portland campus on January 31, 2008.

Afterward, the students delivered an invitation — at 18 feet long, it contained over 4,000 student signatures — to U.S. senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, asking them to participate in the Focus the Nation round-table discussions on global warming.

Just because they're technically not quite alumni yet (well — better make that literally) doesn't mean we're not curious to hear about the feats and foibles of the Class of 2008. Letters can be sent to "Portland Magazine, c/o Marc Covert, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, OR, 97203," and e-mails can be sent to mcovert@up.edu or bdoyle@up.edu.

FACULTY, STAFF, FRIENDS

We report with great sadness

the death of *Sylvia Theresa Boyle*, wife of longtime University history professor and College of Arts and Sciences associate dean Jim Boyle, and mother of Mary Jankowski '72 and Mary Quiring '78, on August 20, 2007, in Portland, Ore. She is survived by Jim, her husband of 59 years; her daughters; sister, Jean Baten; brother, Philip Des Marais; and eight grandchildren. Our prayers and condolences to the family.

Jean E. Hamilton, who served on the faculty of the University's School of Nursing at St. Vincent's Hospital, passed away on August 7, 2007, in Portland, Ore., at the age of 93. She is survived by daughters, *Linda Springer* and *Elizabeth Berard*; sons, *William* and *Charles*; and four grandchildren. Our prayers and condolences.

The University lost a great friend with the passing of *Odillia Blessing* on September 9, 2007. She was surrounded by family and loved ones. Known as "Lily" to her friends, *Odillia Blessing* came to the U.S. with her husband *Jack* in 1950, settling in Portland in 1958. She was appointed as Honorary Panamanian Vice Consul in Oregon in 1962, and joined her husband in running *Blessing Electric Inc.*, finally selling the business in 2004 when she was 85 years old.

She was the benefactor of the Blessing Hispanic Scholarship Fund for deserving Hispanic students at the University of Portland, and also served on the President's Advisory Council for the Pamplin School of Business Administration. She is survived by her daughters, *Gale Blessing* and *Kim Blessing*; and grandsons *Jonathan Bergstrom* and *Erik Bergstrom*. Our prayers and condolences.

We heard recently from *Rev. James Connelly, C.S.C.*, newly appointed director of the Salzburg study abroad program: "Greetings from Salzburg! Since the 40 students in our program arrive on Wednesday, Sept. 5 and things are already getting busy, I thought that I had best take a moment to recap my adventures of the past nine days since leaving Portland on Sunday, Aug. 26. The U.P. alumni office started a program this summer for alumni and families who wanted to spend 7-10 days in Salzburg. *Ken Hallenius* and *Bill Reed '72* from the University were running the program (the "Bill and Ken Show") and they graciously made me part of the program. I travelled with them to Dachau

Concentration Camp on Wednesday, then drove into Munich for lunch — beer, wurst and pretzels — at the famous Hofbrau Haus. The following day we went to Bergtesgaden, the site of Hitler's Eagle's Nest house. The house is perched on the top of a mountain peak and the view is spectacular, allegedly. It was so foggy we saw nothing. Another lunch of beer, wurst and pretzels followed. One of the local breweries, *Stigl*, claims to have been in business since 1492, the year that Columbus reached America, so you know the product must be good.

"I spent the weekend alone in the spacious director's apartment, diverting myself by walks in the city. On Sunday morning I attended Mass in the cathedral where a choir of about 50 accompanied by organ and some brass pieces performed Gounod's *Missa brevis in C*. From what I've seen so far, Communion rails were never removed here and Communion is given under only one specie. The mass is in German, though.

"I was blessed to have had the accompany of *Bill*, *Ken*, and the alumni folks for my first days as they made my transition much easier." We suspect that *Fr. Connelly* has