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Dear Alumni,

This is a great time to be a Wolf!

Last month I attended the open house for the building (Arbuthnot) that will house the new WOU/OHSU nursing program. The renovations and simulation lab are on schedule to be completed, and the first nursing students will be admitted this fall. Among the open house visitors was Senator Gordon Smith who, along with his colleagues Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Darlene Hooley, secured a \$200,000 grant for equipment and technology for the nursing program. Smith commented on the pioneering spirit of WOU, and in reference to the nursing shortage, lauded the efforts of an Oregon school (Western Oregon) fixing an Oregon problem. It was exciting to witness another example of the growth and new programs at WOU.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge another pioneer in his own right. Ninety-seven million people watched the Super Bowl this last Sunday, and witnessed WOU alumnus Kevin Boss assist the New York Giants in an upset over the New England Patriots. Not only is he the only WOU alum to ever play in the Super Bowl, he is part of only a handful of Oregonians to play in the Big Game. Congratulations Kevin - you have made us proud.

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What's New at WOU

WOU hires two new key administrators

Paul Moredock has joined Western Oregon University as the vice president for University Advancement. His career has focused on fundraising, alumni relations and communications/marketing for nearly 15 years... [read more](#)

Allen W. McKiel, Ph.D. has been hired as the new dean of Library and Media services. He came to WOU after working as director of libraries for Northeastern State University in Tahlequah , Okla ... [read more](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

Alumni and Students Mt. Hood Meadows Snow Trip

Put on your winter gear and spend the day snowboarding, skiing and enjoy a hot lunch with other alumni and current students at Mt. Hood Meadows on Friday, February 22 for only \$49. Get details [here](#).

Alumni Campus Abroad 2008 - Scotland

Explore the heather-covered Highland hills and fairy-tale castles with WOU alumni, family and friends. Depart for this magnificent exploration of Scotland on June 29 and return on July 8. Click [here](#) for more details and booking information or contact the alumni office at alumni@wou.edu or 503-838-8153.



WOLFPACK SPORTS

WOU's Kevin Boss and the Giants - Super Bowl Champs!!!

Congratulations to Kevin Boss and the Giants for their triumph over the Patriots! Click on the following links for local coverage of Boss and the NY Giants' Super Bowl victory.

[Mid-Valley celebrates hometown Super Bowl hero](#)

[Boss catches key pass during scoring drive](#)

[Rookie from Philomath is Boss of New York](#)

Keep checking www.wouwolves.com for information on local Kevin Boss appearances coming soon.

Winter sports

Men's and Women's basketball teams are in the heat of GNAC play. Check out their schedules to see when and where our Wolves play.

Men's Basketball: <http://www.wouwolves.com/mbxb/schedule.php>

Women's Basketball:

<http://www.wouwolves.com/wbxb/schedule.php>

Men's and Women's indoor track and field teams prepare for conference championships. Read more [here](#).



ON CAMPUS

Sonny Turner in concert

You don't have to go to Vegas to hear Sonny Turner (former lead singer of The Platters) as he returns to WOU for another night of classic soul music March 16th, 2008! For concert information on this amazing performer of unforgettable songs like *Only You*, *The Great Pretender*, *(You've Got) The Magic Touch* click [here](#).

Hamersly Library Exhibits - Winter 2008

Hamersly Library Exhibits presents *It's Hoskisson* - ceramic art by Don Hoskisson, WOU art faculty emeritus, and World War II in Arctic Alaska, sponsored by the Jensen Arctic Museum. Read more [here](#).

Dan and Gail Cannon Gallery of Art Exhibit

Painting Invitational: Kristin Kuhns, Laura Mack and Bill Rades
January 9 - February 8

Unbound: A National Juried Book Arts Exhibit

February 20 - March 21

Opening Reception: Wednesday, February 20, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Music Department Concert - Smith Recital Hall

Smith Hall and Rice Auditorium are buzzing with stellar music performances during the month of February including guest artist series performers John Stowell & Christopher Voitach and DUO EN. Also don't miss the musical *The Mystery of Edwin Dood*. Click [here](#) for schedule and details.

Update your contact information

Help us keep you in the loop with the *WOU Magazine*, campus updates, event invitations, and reunion notices. You can easily update your mailing information by clicking [here](#). You can also submit a class note by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Comments? Would you like to plan an alumni event in your area? [Contact us.](#)
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on the move