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The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area.

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**YVCC Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremonies**

**College inducts a coach, player, administrator and team**

Saturday night, November 20, 2010, turned into another memorable event in the annals of Yakima Valley Community College athletics as Ellwood Crosier, Jerry Ward, Dave Benedict, and the 1989-90 women's basketball team were inducted to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Players, coaches, and friends from the "Yakima Valley Golden Years" of the 1960s through the powerhouse teams of the early 1990s filled the room. Memories were shared, and, of course, "the facts never got in the way of a good story"! Defeat was not in the equation that evening as one story after another was shared from contests played so many years ago.

A big "hats off" and kudos to YVCC Athletic Director Ray Funk, assistant AD Cody Butler, and Student Programs Director Kelly Robbins for organizing the event. Tying the induction banquet in with the Yaks' women's basketball team's annual tip-off tournament allowed the tournament teams to attend the ceremonies creating a festive atmosphere that was enjoyed by all. Appropriately, the eight- team, three-day tournament was renamed the YVCC Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. Well done, YVCC!

**Dave Benedict**

In 1966, Dave led Yakima Valley College to the Washington State Junior College championship. Playing for Ellwood Crosier, Dave was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, scoring 94 total points in the tourney, including 17 in the championship game and 26 in the semifinal. An all-around player, Dave was credited with "numerous assists and countless steals" by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for his tournament efforts.

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Front, L-R, Jerry Ward, Ellwood Crosier, Dave Benedict; back L-R, Kim Walker Newell, Wendy Meyers White, Lynette Crosier Hooper, Angie Garza Sampson, Stephanie Rankin, Heidi Trepanier Diener, Heather Hurd.

A summary of the registration and financial documents of the PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION is available by calling the Office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) at 1-800-332-4483 or by visiting their website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charities/>.

## Letter from the President

*Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year to all!*

Hello from the Foundation office where the views from the ninth floor of the Larson Building in downtown Yakima are beautiful these days. The transition from a gorgeous fall into winter -- with the snowcapped hills around the city -- provides a different picture every day from our office windows. Downtown Yakima is coming alive for the Christmas season, and the holiday music is playing in the Larson Building -- a welcome change from our 'elevator' music throughout the year. Call ahead, and drop by and visit sometime.

And, speaking of transition, your PY&SF board held the annual meeting on Oct. 28. And, as you can read on the cover page of this High Hopes, there has been quite a change. I know I speak for many past and present Foundation members in extending our appreciation to Bob Alexander, who has served on the board the past four years and as our president the past two years. Though stepping away from the board, Bob has pledged to continue his support as a Parker Partner. A charter board member (since 2005), Bill Faller is moving into the active role of a Parker Partner. Bill was our president the first two years and has been instrumental in developing the organization's infrastructure, ranging from financial procedures and scholarship criteria to bylaw clarification and amendments. Two great gentlemen that we will truly miss at our board meetings, but the meetings are always open and just maybe we will see them occasionally?

Trudy Bray and Mike Welton have been elected to the 2010-11 board. A short bio on our two new board members is within the pages of this High Hopes. On behalf of the 'old' board members, I extend a warm welcome to Trudy and Mike.

Your office manager (me) is truly honored to accept the position of Foundation president for 2010-11. To paraphrase Will Rogers, evidently I'm supposed to be leading the herd right now, but it's always wise to look back every now and then to make sure they are still there! Not only will we look back, we will work diligently this year to increase the Foundation's membership. Our Parker Partner membership is only \$25, or \$40 joint, and we will continue to extend an invitation to our readers to join our efforts in supporting the Foundation's mission. I look forward to assisting the board this coming year as we continue to grow, prosper, and assist the youth sports programs of Yakima.

Happy Holidays,  
Jerry Ward

## From the Office

By Jerry Ward



"Well, he just don't get very comfortable." That's what grandpa used to say about the long-tailed cat in the room full of rocking chairs, and that about describes your friendly office manager these days after being "selected" president of the Foundation at the annual meeting in October. Also reminds us of Benjamin Franklin's definition of democracy in action: "Two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner." So, I "are" a president; can't say as it's much different around the office, as Virginia still depends on me to make the big decisions, such as running out for coffee, checking the mail, and buying stamps.

November was quite busy as we conducted the Parker Partner membership drive, which involved a mailing of over 800 notices to current Partners to re-up as well as the recruitment of new members on our High Hopes newsletter list. A big "thank you" to Louise Adams and Trudy Bray for joining Virginia and me at a "stamp and stuff" work party. Memberships are coming in, and we encourage you to join if not already a Partner. As readers may or may not know, it is the Parker Partner membership fee that allows us to keep the office operational, i.e. paying for office rent, phone, internet service, postage, and office supplies.

Memory lane was visited in November as we saw Leon Rice at Boise State University. Leon is in his first year as head basketball coach at BSU, after 10 years at Gonzaga and five years before that at YVCC. Leon and Dean Nicholson teamed up from 1995 to 1998 at YVCC to win the Eastern Region championship every year they were together, and Leon won it for two more straight years after Dean retired in 1998. Leon gave us the complete tour of the BSU campus before the Broncos' exhibition game with Adams State. As we go to press, Leon's team is 6-1.

In closing, a reminder to check out the office store items in this issue for unique Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. With that thought in mind, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Rice & Ward at Boise State on a recent visit in October.

## Grant Scoreboard

Friends In Tieton spent the summer creating a soccer field for a developmental soccer program. The field will be used to host clinics for young kids. The field is located behind City Hall. PY&SF wants to thank Alan Sillence for covering the presentation of the grant supporting Friends In Tieton as they move forward purchasing benches and soccer goals.



Mark Clements, Friends In Tieton Project Coordinator, receiving grant check from Grant Allocation Chair Carol Finney.



First person to test the Friends in Tieton development age soccer field.



Alan Sillence, KIMA TV Sports, generously covering another grant presentation.

The Grant Committee held its first meeting for the 2011 year.

It approved three grants.

Organization	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Team Yakima	Scholarships	\$1,800.00
Yakima Greenway Foundation	Kids Fishing Around	\$3,000.00
YVCC Fastpitch	Purchase portable batting cage	\$2,639.44



## Introducing New Board Members

At the October 28 Annual Board Meeting, Trudy Bray and Mike Welton were elected to the board.

Trudy graduated from Ellensburg High School in 1970, choosing to attend Central Washington University. She earned a degree in physical education and health education. Trudy was active at CWU, participating on varsity teams in basketball (2) and field hockey (3). She retired after 30 years teaching service at Selah Middle School.

Mike Welton is a lifelong Yakima resident. He served in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam era and is a retired Police Lieutenant. During the past several years Mike has been actively involved in youth organizations and sports throughout our valley. He is skilled in event coordination and organization and is a proven fundraiser. He currently serves as the Senior American Legion Baseball Commissioner for Central Washington. He is married to Kim (Carson), they have three children.



Trudy Bray



Mike Welton

**Sports Legend Reunion  
June 10, 2011**



**Sixth Annual  
High Hopes Scramble  
June 11, 2011**

## Roll Call

### *New Parker Partners*

Thank you to those who are joining the roll call of Parker Partner – helping us help youth.

Terry Abeyta	Gary Hanson
Ray Funk	Jim & Camille Wade

### *Parker Partner Renewals*

Thank you for renewing your Parker Partner membership. Your support allows the Foundation to move forward ...

Sally Allen	Eric Johnson
Colleen & Pat Andreotti	Dr. Linda Kaminski
George Benedetti	Edward and Mary Ann Kershaw
John Bloxom	Corky & Judy Lewis
Ken Bongers	Joe & Kathleen Mann
Dorothy Brink	Mary Holder-Marsh & Gerry Marsh
Michael Broadhead (CV Bank)	Bob Masterman
Roger Campbell	Lauris Mattson
Michael Carnahan	Dr. Robert McCulloch
Bernice Clem	Sam McIlvanie
Denise & Gene Connor	Hal & Mary Miller
Jerry Courcy	Brenda Moore
Ken Crockett	Mel & Vicki Moore
Steve & Cheryl Dale	Charlie & Doris O'Connor
Al & Pat DeAtley Jr.	Julie Osborne
Bill Dolsen	Scott Parker & Karen Koonce
Bill & Sally Douglas	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Joe & Laura Drovetto	Garland Parker
Spud & Gay Edmondson	Chris Pearson
Richard "Dick" Elliott	Manny & Mary Jo Perez
Al Endriss	Don Powell
Bill Faller	Stan Renecker
Elizabeth Faller	Hap & Colleen Robinson
Gini Faller	Duane & Nancy Rossman
Glen & Melinda Faller	Jerry Ryan
Janet Faller	Walt Schlagel
Will Faller	Michael & Jane Schwab
Al Galen	Michael Sissom
Jay Gilbertson	R.K. & Kay Smith
Jeff Girard	Bob & Bernice Spain
Pleas Green	Millie & Casey Stenjem
Fred Halverson	Melba Strand
Ron & Hideko Hamamoto	Eileen Walen
Harley and Linda Hansen	Jeff Ward
Mike Havnaer	Jerry Ward
Virginia Hays	Mike & Kim Welton
Ralph Holbrook	Ken Wilson
Phil and Pam Hinrichs	
Bari & Trina Johnson	



### *General Donation Contributors*

Sally Allen	Gary Hanson
Colleen & Pat Andreotti	Mike Havnaer
John Bloxom	Mary Holder-Marsh & Gerry Marsh
Jennifer Brayton	Dr. Robert McCulloch
Michael Carnahan	Hap & Colleen Robinson
Bill Dolsen	Michael & Linda Schwab
Richard "Dick" Elliott	
Harley and Linda Hansen	

### *Brayton/Faller Endowment Contributors*

Gene & Denise Connor	Don Rasmussen
Gini Faller	

### *Memorial Contributors*

In memory of **Nancy Faller**, humanitarian and wife of former YVCC baseball coach Bill Faller:

Spud & Gay Edmondson  
Bill Faller  
Glen & Melinda Faller Trust  
Tom & Karen Garrison  
Erwina Peterson  
Michael & Jane Schwab  
Jerry Ward  
Betty Yaden

In memory of **Vivian Rynd-Dry**, Tri-Cities tennis buddy of Betty Yaden:

Betty Yaden



Parker Youth & Sports Foundation sponsored a court at the August Downtown Hot-Shot 3-on-3 tournament.

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Dave struck fear into the hearts of opponents. Wenatchee Valley coach Frank Mataya said, "Our biggest problem is to stop Dave Benedict. He really scares me. We don't have one man who can take him on and bother him. There's no limit to his jumping ability."

Nicknamed "the coyote," Dave set team records in rebounding and free throws made and attempted and still holds the school season record for rebounds, with 405. Dave went on to star at Central Washington University, playing for legendary coach Dean Nicholson.

Previously Dave had been a three-sport athlete at Eisenhower High School. He credits his days on the basketball court at the Ahtanum worker's camp in Union Gap, currently the site of Ahtanum Youth Park.

**Ellwood Crosier**

During a distinguished 37-year career at YVCC, Ellwood Crosier served as a psychology instructor, head men's basketball coach and head women's basketball coach. During his head-coaching career, Ellwood won a total of 523 games in 24 seasons.

A graduate of Wapato High School, he was a YVCC athlete, playing basketball for YVCC Hall of Fame Coach Glen Sherar. During his playing career, he was named the team's Most Inspirational Player in 1953 and 1954. After graduating with his B.S. degree from the University of Washington, Ellwood returned to the college in 1958 as a psychology instructor. He assisted Sherar for five years and in 1964 became the men's basketball coach. Overall, his men's teams compiled a 292-204 record and won NWAACC championships in 1966 and 1976.

Ellwood's women's teams were 231-88 and included back-to-back NWAACC Championships in 1990 and 1991. Though he retired from the college in 1995, he had the unique opportunity to be an assistant women's basketball coach for his daughter Lanette and assisted that team in winning the 1996 Eastern Region title and finished second in the NWAACC Tournament.



Left to right: grandsons Kaden, Joren and Tegan Hooper, and Ellwood Crosier.

**1989-90 Women's Basketball Team**

Considered by many to be one of the finest teams to ever compete for YVC, this team holds the honored position of being the "first" NWAACC team to ever be inducted to the NWAACC Hall of Fame during ceremonies at Pasco in 2000. A deep team, they used their talent and dedication to lead the entire NWAACC in team defense, allowing only 53.7 points per game while averaging over 80. Fans that followed this team, though "somewhat biased," were convinced the so-called second team would have come in second in the conference, directly behind the first team. Their only loss was to Clark on the first weekend of the season, which was more than made up for as the Indians defeated Clark three times that season including a 62-48 score in the NWAACC championship game. The team record was 34-1.

Members of the team were: Wendy Myers White, Kim Walker Newell, Heather Hurd, Kim Boss Karg, Michelle Schuler, Barbara Shuel Bucy, Heidi Trepanier Diener, Danielle Wingerter Myers, Lanette Crosier Hooper, Angie Garza Sampson, and Stephanie Rankin. Coach Crosier was assisted by Dave Blodgett.

**Jerry Ward**

Throughout a 31-year career at YVCC, Jerry served in a variety of administrative and coaching roles. During his 21-year tenure as athletic director, Jerry oversaw an athletic program that won a total of six NWAACC championships and was runner-up six times.

He received his B.S. degree in 1965 from Southeast Missouri State College, where he played football, receiving the team's inspirational award his senior year. He led the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in punt returns and interceptions in 1964. After receiving his master's degree from the University of Washington he joined the staff at YVC in 1968 and served as the intramural coordinator; instructor for health, physical education and recreation; and assistant basketball and football coach. After working for six years at the University of Maine-Farmington, he returned to YVCC in 1979 as director of student programs and was head basketball coach for two years.

He was appointed athletic director in 1983 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2004. Through the early 1990s YVCC became known as "Tournament Central" for the NWAACC, hosting the baseball championships every two years, the tennis tournament every year, a men's and women's basketball tournament, the softball tournament, and the NJCAA wrestling regional. The highlight was in 1994 when five conference tournaments were hosted at the college. In 1996, Jerry received the Dutch Triebwasser Award, signifying the NWAACC's outstanding athletic administrator.



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from Parker  
Youth and Sports Foundation!*

## FOOTNOTES...Additions to YVCC Hall of Fame Banquet

The following items are notes and remembrances from the YVCC Athletic Hall of Fame banquet held at the Howard Johnson motel in Yakima on Nov. 20. For other readers that were in attendance, do not hesitate to contact the Foundation office for corrections and additions to this effort to chronicle a wonderful event for the college. There were too many in attendance to gather all the shared memories, all stories that we wish to include in the Foundation's historical files.

### Individuals Inducted to YVCC Athletic Hall of Fame

Eric Beardsley, player and coach  
 Ralph Bishop, player  
 F. Charles "Bobo" Brayton, coach  
 William "Bill" Faller, coach/administrator  
 Herman "Bim" Hopf, administrator/coach  
 Peter "Pete" Rademacher, athlete  
 Glen Sherar, administrator/coach  
 Mary Sherar Johns, player  
 Mel Stottlemire, player  
 Robert "Bob" Winters, player

### Team Inducted 1941 basketball team (20-2)

Members were: Herb Wieland, Jack Lewis, Sandy Blaine, John Lemieux, Sandy Shapiro, Don Warren, Jake Morrow, Mer Edmondson, Dick Tenney, Bob Neal, Tony Schneider, John Dietzen, Frank Hardy, Wes McKenzie, Art Every, Coach Glen Sherar

### Hall of Fame Plan

According to YVCC Athletic Director Ray Funk, it is the college's intension to induct all YVCC individuals and teams that have previously been inducted into the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame into the YVCC Hall, and the induction of Crosier, Ward, Benedict and the 1989-90 women's basketball team was the first step.

Scheduled for future induction to the YVCC Hall of Fame are Phil Hinrichs, Elizabeth Prior (deceased), Dr. Don Hughes (deceased), Wayne Purdom (deceased) and the 1977 baseball team. Dr. Terry Brown, a YVCC president in the mid-1980s, and Bob Everson, football coach in the late '60s and early '70s, are in the NWAACC Hall of Fame, but were nominated by Spokane community colleges.

In 1984, YVCC Athletic Director Bill Faller teamed up with Dr. Terry Brown, president of the college, to create the YVCC athletic hall of fame.

### Time to Name YVCC Court: Crosier Court

**David Jones:** David traveled to Yakima from his home in Phoenix and played a key role in helping Ray Funk plan the induction ceremonies. He was the MVP of the Eastern Region in 1987, when the Indians were league champs, and he was selected to the all-tournament team at the NWAACC conference tournament. David spoke at the ceremonies and

provided a wonderful testimony about his experiences as a player for Coach Crosier. He also read a letter from **Dr. Joe Carr**, who played for Coach Crosier in 1968. In his letter, Dr. Carr recommended that the basketball court in Sherar Gymnasium be named the Ellwood Crosier Court. It was noted that Sherar Gym was built in 1958 and Coach Crosier would have "held class" in that facility virtually every day until his retirement in 1995. The coach met his wife, Arla, at Yakima Junior College, and all three of their children are YVCC graduates (Marlan, Janelle and Lanette). The idea to name the court in Coach Crosier's honor was met with resounding approval. David is a successful sports agent and sports promoter for Positive Image Sports, while Dr. Carr is under contract to the NBA as a counselor to young players.

### 1966 Champions

**Wayne Worby** joined Dave Benedict and Coach Crosier to reminisce about the team that "got hot" at just the right time. Here was a team that was 11-14 and thought it had a spot in the eight-team conference tournament at Everett. But it had to play Everett in a game to decide the eighth tournament entry; the Indians won. Always a laugh to hear these guys tell how they had to win the championship game just to have a record over .500, which they did by knocking off Highline, 78-73, to finish the season at 15-14. Members of the team along with Wayne and Dave were: **Mike Norman, Bob Van Geystel, James Williams, Bill Fieldstead, Greg Williams, Larry Book, Ken Pleasant, Bruce Simonson and Larry Huber.** James Williams was also selected to the All-Tournament team. FYI: Wayne's daughter Lisa played for Coach Crosier, and Dave's son John played for Coach Scott Berry on the 2001 NWAACC championship team.

It seemed almost providential (OK, maybe coincidental) that as the stories were shared about the unique route the 1966 basketball team had to take to play in the conference championships, the current YVCC volleyball team had to win a "game in" match with CBC to qualify as the number four team from the Eastern Region in the 16-team championships. The Yaks nearly upset the whole apple cart as they knocked off number one seeds and other contenders; but they came up just short, claiming the third-place trophy. Congrats to Coach Al Rogers and his team for a great tournament run.

### C.J. and Dan

C.J. Mitchell and Dan Burke were in attendance. These two umpires are in the Washington State Baseball Umpires Hall of Fame and have always been considered a part of the YVCC athletic family, regardless of a blown call or two! C. J. actually broke down and wore glasses toward the end of his career; but Dan never did, he just widened the strike zone. These two gentlemen are Parker Partners and have attended Foundation events.

### Dave and Bob

Dave Blodgett and Bob Garretson attended the festivities and are connected to the Crosier era in the '80s and '90s. Coach Blodgett assisted Ellwood with men's and women's

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teams before moving on as head women's basketball coach at Eisenhower. Dave's grandson, Willie, is currently a standout guard on the YVCC basketball team. Coach Garretson's baseball players (off season) were recruited by Crosier to scrimmage against his women's teams, which Ellwood especially credits for the '89-'90 team's success. However, Bob had to spend more than a few counseling sessions with a player or two that had just lost a contest with the "women"!

**NWAACC Traveling Trophies**

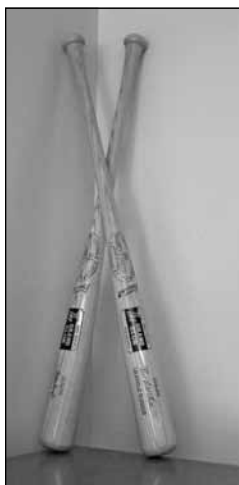
It did not go without mention at the ceremonies that two of the NWAACC's conference championship traveling trophies are named in honor of former YVCC coaches. Glen Sherar is remembered with his name on the men's tennis championship, and Bill Faller's name is on the baseball championship trophy.

**The Old Hags of 1989-90**

The Hall of Fame women's basketball team of 1989-90 averaged over 80 points per game while holding opponents to an average of 50 points per game, yet this group of "old hags" would never cut any basketball official any slack during a contest. They were so loud at a game in Spokane early in the season that a disgruntled Spokane fan turned around and yelled, "Shut up, you old hags!" Thus they were labeled for the year. Names and possibly a picture of this infamous group will be gathered for the next High Hopes edition.

**Parker Store**

Hey! Looking for something a little different? Check out our Parker store items on the last page of this edition of High Hopes.



**Office Transaction Report  
July 1 - December 1, 2010**

Budget expenditures are basically covered via previous fiscal year's income.	Report by Sub-Category	Report by Category Totals
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
1. CD	\$11,594.38	
2. CD	\$11,017.32	
3. Savings	\$ 497.12	
4. Checking	<u>\$24,749.12</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,425.78</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
1. Parker Partners	\$ 2,365.00	
2. General Donation	\$ 2,524.00	
3. Joe Donahue Scholarship	\$ 425.00	
4. Memorials	\$ 425.00	
5. Merchandise	\$ 230.00	
6. Brayton/Faller Endowment	\$ 875.00	
7. Golf 2010 - invoice payments	\$ 1,175.00	
8. Silent Auction - bid on dinners	<u>\$ 292.00</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,930.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$55,355.78</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
1. Office		
a. rent	\$ 1,200.00	
b. phone	\$ 415.62	
c. supplies	\$ 490.41	
d. postage	\$ 107.13	
e. insurance	\$ 613.00	
f. fees	\$ 77.59	
g. miscellaneous	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,023.75</b>
2. Personnel Contracts		
a. office	\$ 550.00	
b. internet	<u>\$ 468.33</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,018.33</b>
3. Marketing		
a. newsletter - 1	\$ 584.98	
b. advertising	\$ 661.99	
c. merchandise	\$ 80.00	
d. fundraising - Parker Partner	<u>\$ 976.84</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,303.81</b>
4. Awards/Grants		
a. Brayton/Faller Endowment	\$ 418.00	
b. Joe Donahue Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	
c. Grants	\$ 3,000.00	
d. Brayton/Faller Endow - paid to Yakima Val Community Found.	<u>\$ 875.00</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,493.00</b>
5. 2010 Fundraising Events		
a. 2010 Golf - late invoice	<u>\$ 8,603.81</u>	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,603.81</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$20,442.70</b>



