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Jim “Bill” Whyte
440 and relays, late 1960s

Stock Donation Brings New Facility Within Reach

Largest donation in OSU track & field history

It is the largest donation in the history of Oregon State track and field—1.8 million shares of stock—and with it, building a new track, expanding the women’s program and the dream of reviving the storied men’s program is close to being realized.

With the real possibility of a seven-figure “matching grant” coming in 2010, this gift from Jim and Luanne Whyte puts Oregon State in position to complete fund raising for all phases of the track and field facility (see story on facility construction phases on page four).

“In 2008, the athletic department and the university committed to expanding our women’s program and bringing back our men’s program,” said Athletic Director Bob De Carolis. “We developed a campaign strategy and this gift brings us close to completing Phase I of our campaign—construction of a state-of-the-art track and field facility. But we are by no means done, we must raise another $5 million to endow the program so that it will be fully funded in the future.”
Jim “Bill” Whyte only competed for one year on the Oregon State track team, but the positive influence of coach Berny Wagner, has lasted a lifetime. Now Whyte is returning the favor with a gift that is likely to ensure the success of Oregon State’s track and field campaign.

“Berny and the way he did things had a major impact on my life,” Whyte said in an interview from his home in Hawaii. “His attention to detail, his focus on excellence, how he prepared his athletes to excel and win … laid a foundation that has helped me my entire life.”

The British Columbia native, who lettered in the late-60s, said there was a real camaraderie on the team. “Everyone was very close … We had leaders like Terry Thompson, who had a killer instinct, and Fos, who you could always count on to come through and win the really big meets,” Whyte said. “I want future students to have this experience and this opportunity.”

Jim doesn’t pull any punches about the need for others to step up: “I hope this (gift) will be a motivator to get some people off the fence and make the donations they need to make so we complete this campaign and ensure the return of the men’s program … If you’ve done well, it’s time to step up.”

Terry Thompson wins 1967 Northern Division 880 title.

Dick Fosbury wins at the 1967 Pac-8 Meet.
Seven-Figure Commitment to Track
Story continued from page 2.

“We need to get this done—the track, expanding the women’s program and creating fiscal stability so we never lose track and field again ... not just for the students, but for the huge impact the coaches made on our lives,” Whyte said. “We need to make sure they see our new facility and the revival of our program.”

Since leaving Oregon State with his master’s degree, Whyte has spent more than 40 years in the travel, real estate and media industries. Jim is currently Chairman of Next 1 Interactive, Inc. and has recently served as a member of the Hawaii Visitor Bureau and the White House Commission on Tourism and Travel.

Like These OSU Track & Field Photos?

Three OSU track & field photo albums have been posted on the Shutterfly website. You can view, download and order prints, and you can add photos you may have stashed away years ago. Go to http://osubeavers.shutterfly.com and take a peak.

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$12 Million Campaign Has Three Primary Components

The campaign to revive our men’s track and field program and expand our women’s program has three primary components:

**Track & Field Construction (Phase I) $3.5 million**
Construction of NCAA-sanctioned, nine-lane track and field facility.

**Track & Field Construction (Phase II) $3.5 million**
Construction of permanent seating, plaza entry ways, hall of fame and lighting.

**Endowment for Men’s Program $5.0 million**
Ensure full funding of operating expenses of the track & field and cross country programs.

**Cross Country Course $1.0 million**
A potential fourth component—adding a national competitive-caliber cross country course—will be added if funds can be raised. This final component of the program would be the only course of its kind west of the Rocky Mountains.

**Athletic Department commitments**
The Athletic Department will fund the salaries for coaches and donate land for the track and field facility.
Bringing Back Our Track & Field Heritage

Donors to the Track & Field Program
Since the early '90s, more and more alums have stepped up

“My horizons and opportunities were expanded by the coaches, athletes and experiences of our track and field program ... so I’m really glad to be in a position to help,” said Jim “Bill” Whyte. “I’m just one of many who support bringing track and field back. If you’ve donated to the current campaign (I want to say) ‘thanks’ ... if you’re in a position to donate, join me and help finish the job.”

Shortly after the track and field programs were terminated, Berny Wagner and a few others, launched an initiative to create an endowment with the idea that track and field would return to OSU. Listed below are donors to that effort as well as those who have contributed to our current campaign which started in October of 2007 to build the track, expand the women’s program, and bring about the return of the men’s program. If you donated during our previous campaign we say thank you as you got the ball started. If, as Jim says, you are in a position to help in the current campaign, please consider making another gift as we are getting close to achieving our goal. Please visit http://www.osubeavers.com/sports/w-track/spec-rel/support-osu-track.html for donation details. Thank you.

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