

## Community News

### “Bruce”

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“We get a calls from Hooper Detox, that they don’t have any more room for the night. We as a community can afford millions of dollars for a tram, but we can’t fund enough beds for street people with alcoholism on a cold night.” The lack is compounded by the fact that there are currently no options in St. Johns for men like Bruce to get inside at night.

Moonshine beauty salon owner and workers knew Bruce well. His aunt Jeanne worked there at one time. According to his sister Colleen, “Bruce had a crush on a few of the gals who worked at the salon, and he’d go in and they’d give him a little change now and then. They were kind to him.” He often brought the owner bouquets of flowers, sometimes from dubious sources. The owner recalls that a customer once remarked at how similar the flowers looked to those in her own yard that were missing.

William Bruce McAdie III was the first born of twins. His twin, Kurtis died of a heroine overdose a few years ago which greatly affected Bruce. They were born June 3, 1969 and were very well loved by their mother, Judith, and doted on by their dad, William Bruce McAdie. They had their own twin language and were inseparable. The boys were Mel Gibson-beautiful when they were young according to their older sister, Colleen, who helped care for them until she moved out at 16. Their parents unfortunately, were troubled by alcoholism, drugs, abuse and despair. There was little moral or spiritual guidance and there were no repercussions for the twins’ behavior. When Bruce and Kurtis were 3 years old, their father left for New York and never returned or called again. The twins were later sent to foster homes where they were abused, their sister does not know to what degree. The loss of his father crushed and haunted Bruce throughout his life. “Bruce was known for anger problems, and being violent. He was fine when not drinking. He had the best of intentions,” said Colleen.

She continued, “He received his six month coin (from AA) over the past year, and came to my apartment to share the news with me, showing me the coin. He said in response to my congratulations, ‘I just don’t want to fall again.’ I said, ‘honey we all fall.’ “Bruce was tired. Tired of failing, tired of trying. He’d fall back into touch with the St. Johns cronies and they’d say ‘I’m thirsty’...meaning lets drink. Very sad.”

Officer Rod Ferguson reflects

## University of Portland receives large grant for Beauchamp Recreation & Wellness Center

The University of Portland has announced they received a grant of \$500,000 from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for the Beauchamp Recreation & Wellness Center, currently under construction and named in recognition of former University President Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.

The Beauchamp Center, with an estimated cost of \$23.7 million, is expected to be completed this summer in time for the next academic year.

The Center is being constructed entirely from donor-supported funding and has a wide variety of support from a number of constituents, including the University’s Board of Regents, who have committed several million dollars to the project. In addition, young alumni met a matching donation of \$50,000, and the student government association gave more than \$72,000. And recently, the University launched a “buy a paver” program to help support the center.

“I am grateful that Murdock Charitable Trust is partnering with University of Portland in support of this much needed Beauchamp Recreation & Wellness Center,” said University President Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C. “We appreciate the generosity of the Trust in helping us create a space that will greatly enhance our campus community and contribute to the holistic education we offer here on The Bluff.”

The two-story 72,270 square-foot facility is expected to become

a dynamic focal point on campus and enhance the physical and mental health of students, faculty and staff. Design elements of the new center include: expanded fitness areas with cardio machines, weights, and strength stations; a gymnasium with three courts; climbing wall; indoor track; a large outdoor pursuits center; and multiple studios for functional training, spin classes, yoga, health assessment testing, and counseling. The facade of the building will incorporate brick and large glass windows, and openness will be a theme throughout the building.

The center is designed to satisfy three primary goals:

1 – Strengthen UP’s commitment to community building by creating an inviting fitness environment with the capacity to serve the whole campus.

2 – Foster life-long health and wellness habits by enriching fitness and wellness programming, so as to inspire current users to engage more, and encouraging nongym-users to participate in a greater variety of exercise and wellness activities.

3 – Bolster campus recruitment and retention strategies by demonstrating UP’s commitment to the quality of student life.

“As a Holy Cross university, UP believes that education is a formative process where students must have many varied and significant opportunities to shape their character – both within and outside the classroom,” the Murdock grant proposal concluded. “By invest-

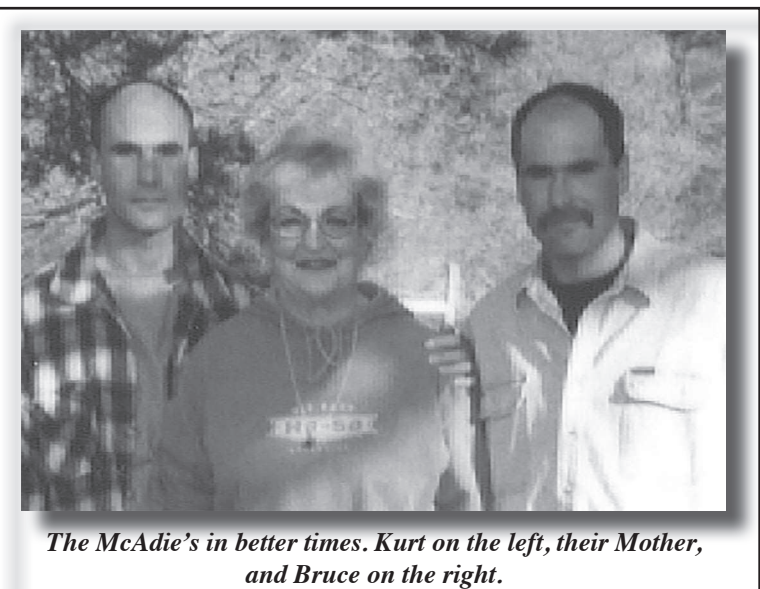


ing in the physical environment of campus, UP believes it can offer students tools and support to enrich their formation and at the same time provide a high quality campus life experience. The Beauchamp Center is key to building this kind of environment.”

The Beauchamp Center was designed by 360 Architecture and Soderstrom Architects and is being built by SKANSKA. Dan Danielson is the Partner-in-Charge and a founding principal of Soderstrom Architects.

The M. J. Murdock Charitable

Trust seeks to enrich the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants and enrichment programs to non-profit organizations that seek to strengthen the region’s educational, spiritual and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways. In addition to a special interest in education and scientific research, the Trust partners with a wide variety of organizations that serve the arts, public affairs, health and medicine, human services, leadership development and persons with disabilities.



The McAdie’s in better times. Kurt on the left, their Mother, and Bruce on the right.

that, “it’s really sad when one of the main people that mourns you is a police officer whose known you for four years.” Indeed it is.

His sister suggests that any interested persons, or those who knew him can make a contribution to Hooper Detox in honor of her brother, William Bruce McAdie

by sending contributions to CCC, 232 NW 6th Ave. Portland Oregon 97205. Be sure to designate Hooper Detox on the donation.

A community memorial will be held May 6, Wednesday, at noon at the plaza at N. Ivanhoe and N. Richmond. God bless you and rest in peace William Bruce McAdie.

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