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Founding Athletic Director, Tim Windemuth, Retires After 30 Years

Reception To Honor Him Taking Place May 10

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Tim Windemuth retires in June after 30 years as WWU's athletic director.

Tim Windemuth, originally hired 30 years ago in 1983, has decided to retire from his athletic director post at Walla Walla to spend more time with his family, including his new grandson. He will be moving to a newly-built house overlooking Silver Lake near Spokane, Wash.

There will be a come-and-go reception to recognize Windemuth's 30 years of service on Friday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the foyer of the Winter Educational Complex.

Windemuth graduated from La Sierra University in 1972, where he met his wife. After graduation, he taught at Orangewood Adventist Academy for six years and was the men's dean for Campion Adventist Academy for the next four years. During his time at Campion, he was heavily involved in the athletics program as well as the physical education program as a whole.

In 1983, Windemuth was hired as the first athletic director of Walla Walla College. At the time Walla Walla College had zero varsity sports. The college only offered the Sonnenberg as well as some intramurals for sports activities. Soon after he came, Windemuth helped create a separate men and women's basketball team as well as a men's flag-football team. These newly created varsity sports were originally part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Over the next few years Windemuth helped form several additional varsity sports that included men's soccer, women's and men's volleyball and softball, and golf. Windemuth assisted in establishing Christian objectives that related to the athletic program and strived toward the best possible combination of athletics through Christian living.

As time went on WWC decided to cut back on several varsity sports. Golf was eliminated, and flag-football dissolved. Additionally men's softball and men's volleyball became club teams. The college concentrated its efforts on the current varsity sports that we have today (men's soccer, women's volleyball, basketball, and women's softball). The varsity sports have since moved to the NAIA conference.

Recently, Windemuth has been involved in fundraising efforts to improve the varsity facilities. The renovations have included a new softball field, new team locker rooms, a new soccer field, as well as a new gym renovation that will be completed this summer. One of Windemuth's goals for the athletic program is to have the best facilities of any Seventh-day Adventist college.

People describe Windemuth as energetic, thoughtful, and willing to get things done. Students love his sense of humor and the "thumbs up" that he shares with everyone. Alumni say that he looks exactly the same as he did 20 years ago, and that he was always involved with anything sports related on campus. Additionally, many former student athletes describe Windemuth as a role model and as an important part of their college experience at WWU.

Windemuth attributes all of his accomplishments to the people he has worked with and the support the school has given him. He says that he will miss the people here the most and all the relationships he has developed throughout his career. The most fulfilling part of the job for Windemuth has always been the interaction with students. One of the most fulfilling experiences he has is when former student athletes bring their children to WWU to play sports.

He has always strived to be a Christian witness to all students and hopes to see every single one in heaven. He wishes to be remembered most as someone who has always witnessed to others when given the opportunity. Even though he is leaving the Walla Walla Valley, he still plans on visiting WWU regularly to watch games and visit friends.

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