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This is how we began the year...
Robert Franklin Thompson, who led Puget Sound through a period of massive expansion as president from 1942 to 1973 passed away at the age of ninety. During his three-decade tenure, which began in earnest after the conclusion of World War II, he constructed over thirty new buildings and increased student enrollment almost tenfold, transforming a little commuter college into an established residential university with a national reputation of excellence. Thompson was born in 1908 in Primrose, Nebraska. After graduating valedictorian of his high school, he attended Wesleyan University on scholarship. As a college student working three jobs to support himself during the depression, he met Lucille Burtner, who he married in 1931. During their 67 years of marriage, she was to become his greatest supporter. After graduating from Wesleyan, Thompson attended a seminary school at Drew University in Madison, N.J. and earned a doctorate. He also studied at Oxford and the University of Zurich. Thompson first served as a professor of social science at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., and later as a dean and vice-president. He was named the president of Puget Sound at the age of 34, becoming one of the youngest college presidents in the nation. In addition to constructing a multitude of buildings including the fieldhouse, Collins Library, Kilworth Chapel, eight residential hall and the Union Avenue fraternity housing complex, Thompson hosted national dignitaries, including President Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon, and Kennedy, and generals Wainwright and MacArthur. In 1968, the Board of Trustees named the newly-completed science building after him. However, Thompson is not only remembered for his success, but his personality; he was extremely devoted to students and their education. When Thompson resigned his post in 1973, he was the longest-serving university president in the country. After serving as chancellor for five years, he remained a member of the Board of Trustees until 1980, when he became an honorary trustee. Thompson will be missed.

Article by Scott Schoeggl
To the Students of the University of Puget Sound:

This year's Tamanawas is a fine effort on the part of a number of talented Puget Sound students to revitalize the yearbook. They deserve our congratulations for their efforts to record for all of us our memories which I expect we will come to cherish over time.

The years documented in this Tamanawas have been good ones for the University, and I hope for each of you.

Your lives in and out of the classroom have been active and rewarding. You have works with faculty committed to teaching and to working with each of you to foster your intellectual development. You have been involved in an array of interesting independent projects. You have studies overseas in one of the many Puget Sound sponsored programs. You have written a great deal. But most of all, you have become more intellectually curious and truly capable of learning throughout your lives.

You have also been active members of the Puget Sound community and of the communities beyond the campus. Your ideas have contributed to many of the improvements in the Wheelock Student Center, including the creation of Diversions and the renovation of the serving area, Marshall Hall, and the Cellar. Others of you have contributed to ASUPS, campus programs, student media, athletics, and clubs and organizations. You have been RAs and community coordinators. You have lived in the residence halls, theme houses, and on Union Avenue. Three-quarters of you have been involved in some form of volunteer service. All of this, we hope, will lead you to continue to give to others and to the larger society.

Ultimately, Tamanawas is a record of your Puget Sound experience. May the memories recorded here and the many others that have grown out of your personal journeys serve as a lifelong connection to your classmates and to the University in the future.

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