Ummmm, whose bookshelf is this, anyway?
(try to figure it out, page 26)

PLUS: Things invented by Loggers • The service dog that changed my life
The pier that stands at the end of the street where President Thomas’ mother still lives, in Ocean Grove, N.J. The boss tells us he used to fish off the pier with his patient grandfather and would often “shoot the pier” back in his surfing days.
Home berths

Tomorrow is my mother’s birthday—the 92nd time this date has arrived with her name on it. It’s a big day for her, of course, but also for me and my sister.

Exactly one week ago today, on Matriculation Day here on campus, I was standing in front of Collins Library before our incoming students (who had just completed Orientation, many of them just back from their Passages baptism in the great Northwest wilderness). I was thinking about my mother, and about being born. Because that’s what matriculation is all about. Well, that’s what it’s like, at least. So my mother’s upcoming birthday was on my mind as I spoke. So was her mother, my indomitable grandmother, who also lived strong into her 90s.

Once the students were all gathered on Karlen Quad on that pristine Sunday morning, the chapel chimes rang and I began to talk with them about the meaning of their matriculation at Puget Sound. “Matriculation” is a word you don’t hear much anywhere except in the academy. In English it originates from the same roots as the more familiar words “matrimony” and “maternity”—from the Latin word for mother, “mater.” That’s why we sing the “Alma Mater” at the end of the ceremony, a song of praise to our “dear mother,” the University of Puget Sound. It’s our birthday, so to speak, when we are officially born into this community of scholars. Big day.

A week earlier, on another big day, “Convocation Day,” when these same students “convened” on this campus for the first time with their families from many different places, I welcomed them to their new home—the University of Puget Sound.

It can be tricky, this whole idea of home. “Home is a name, a word, a strong one; stronger than magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to.” Those are the sentiments expressed about home by my favorite novelist, Charles Dickens, a man who endured such a complicated relationship with his own home and family, haunted as he was by the shame of traumatic encounters with his father at the dreaded London debtor’s prison the family called home for some time. Hurt, too, by the humiliation he suffered when as a child his mother exiled him for years of hard labor in a blacking factory to help pay their debts.

No wonder Dickens wrote so powerfully and eloquently about orphans desperately seeking the safety and security of a real home and family—Oliver Twist, the Artful Dodger, Pip in Great Expectations, Little Dorrit, or David Copperfield, whose story is often regarded as a fictional representation of Dickens’s own.

That endless quest for the place we call home is the subject of so much great literature, from the ancient sacred texts of almost any faith to the classical myths of Homer and Virgil to the modern novels of James Joyce or Toni Morrison. The meditation on “home” that comprises my welcome remarks to new students and their families on Convocation Day is a series of snapshots chronicling a few of the compelling invocations of home expressed throughout human history and literature. Together, they demonstrate so clearly how our eternal quest for home is always simultaneously about where we came from and where we are going. In our end is our beginning.

I went home to the Jersey Shore this past June to visit my mother. Between the time Mary and I planned the trip back East and the time we arrived, my mother had been hospitalized, and she ended up spending most of the summer confined to a bed. Like many people her age, my mother has been in and out of the hospital quite a bit in recent years. But she’s made of pretty gritty stuff, my mother. Pretty brave and resilient. She recovered beautifully (again) and is ready to celebrate The Big Nine-Two tomorrow.

I never made it to our old house on that visit, the house in which I grew up, just a few blocks from the constant rumble of the waves and the rhythm of the tides of the grand Atlantic Ocean. I missed sitting on the porch and listening to those sounds, inhaling the salt air, as I know my mother missed them all summer. But in seeing her and being in her presence, even in the strange and eerie silence of a hospital isolation ward, I did make it home.

“Let the pathways of your fingertips be your maps,” said novelist and poet Ursula Le Guin: “May your soul be at home where there are no houses”:

Walk carefully, well loved one,
Walk mindfully, well loved one,
Walk fearlessly, well loved one.
Return with us, return to us,
Be always coming home.

That’s a pretty good message, particularly for Matriculation Day, as students begin their college education, commence an exciting new phase of their lives’ explorations, launch a journey that will take them to all kinds of unimagined places that will utterly transform them. Our job here is to provide the place for that to happen, a home that will be their port of call and their point of departure. Huck Finn, that quintessential American orphan, claimed there’s “no home like a raft, after all … You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft.”

This university, by the waters of Commencement Bay in the great Puget Sound, is our students’ raft on the sea of life. Upon it they will navigate the journeys that will take them to places strange and familiar. All Hail to Alma Mater. And a very happy birthday, Mom. I’m thinking about you and home, and I can hear the waves crashing.
ONE FOR THE HOME CROWD, AT LAST

On Sept. 6, a perfect Northwest autumn day with Rainier levitating on the southeast horizon like a nearby planet or a second moon, the football team won its first home game since Sept. 4, 2010. To say the crowd went wild couldn’t possibly describe the euphoria. To the heights, indeed.
Here’s Chanel Chawalit ’18 during this year’s new-student orientation, trying her hand(s) and feet at “crate stacking,” a popular exercise for beginning climbers. One starts with a modest pile of plastic milk crates and keeps adding and climbing until balance can no longer be maintained, at which point the fall is caught by a belayer. Looks like fun, and, we’re told, it’s surprisingly difficult.
LogJam, the yearly first-Friday-of-classes celebration, was again capped off by fireworks on Todd Field. It wasn’t the biggest pyrotechnic display compared to other years, but the finale, well, here it is.
GETTING TO KNOW THE PLACE

In the Prelude section of this fall’s Orientation, politics and government prof Alisa Kessel and philosophy prof Ariela Tubert led a day-long session that encouraged students to think about freedom, space, behavior, and personal choice. Among other activities, students read a selection from B.F. Skinner’s *Walden Two* and watched a clip from *A Clockwork Orange*, and they explored locations on campus and researched their histories. Here, Lydia Alter ’18 is in the college archives, learning about the significance of the Color Post.
TRUSTEES
Who’s running this place?
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ARCHES UPDATE

A victory for rivers
For the summer 2008 issue of this magazine, Jonathan Blum ’06 wrote an article about kayaking the last tree-flowing rivers in Patagonia. The adventure, by an international team of river runners, Jonathan among them, was assembled to call attention to plans for five hydropower dams there. In June we received a note from Jonathan relaying news that after an eight-year battle involving environmentalists from all over the world, Chile’s cabinet of ministers voted to repeal the dam project. Former President Sebastián Piñera had approved the dams in May 2011, but his decision was followed by a series of huge nationwide demonstrations. “To see a country take on big business and keep it out of a pristine wilderness—it is a great victory for the Chilean people,” Jonathan said. We note also that Jonathan is the health coordinator for Puget Sound’s 2014–15 PacRim trip.

Saved: Chile’s Rio Baker.

THE CAMPAIGN
The $125 million One [of a Kind] campaign winds up on June 30, 2016. How’re we doing? As of Aug. 31, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends had set a record for participation: 26,660 Logger lovers, and counting. But we still have a way to go to meet a few very important goals …

FINANCIAL AID
RAISED $38.4 million
GOAL $44 million

ATHLETICS & AQUATICS CENTER
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GOAL $17.5 million

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SEEN AND HEARD

“You don’t think of managers as suffering … but they’re humans and they’re in a role-conflict situation. Several described the experience as ‘gut-wrenching’ or ‘the most traumatic thing I’ve ever done.’”

— The Atlantic, in a story about managers, doctors, and others who have to deliver bad news, quoting Leon Grunberg, professor emeritus of sociology and anthropology, on research done jointly with Sarah Moore, professor of psychology

THE WEB

Showing your Logger pride

So your old “Loggers Kick Axe” T-shirt is looking a little forlorn these days, and it’d be nice to have a replacement that could be acceptably worn during activities other than painting the garage. Hack, hack! Chop, chop! The university Bookstore has a spiffy new website with all kinds of Logger-labeled gear and gizmos. Point your browser to bookstore.pugetsound.edu, and if you submit an order and mention Arches in the “notes to store” section you’ll get a 20 percent discount!

CORRESPONDENCE

Well-traveled Arches

This is one we don’t see every day here at Arches World Headquarters. We received a lovely letter from Sister Hermana Confianza (Prairie Cutting ’04), who is a nun at a Methodist monastery and medical mission in Limón, Colón, Honduras. In the note she told us about a recent visit back to campus to give a talk about spirituality and music. And she included this address panel torn from her winter 2014 Arches (below), which apparently was routed to her via Uganda. The magazine was mailed in February; she got it in June. And you Loggers in Hawai’i thought it took a long time for Arches to reach you!

Say what? Pronouncing the college motto … in ancient Greek

We got a nice note from Blythe Callahan Stanton ’51, P’75; ’79; ’82, who enjoyed our story in the summer issue on the history/mystery of the college’s Greek motto, πρὸς τὰ ἄκρα, and how it was incorrectly represented on the college seal for 100 years. All very interesting she said, but how does one actually pronounce the motto? We checked back with the article’s author, classics prof Brett Rogers. He said: “The pronunciation of the consonants is the same as in English. The omicron (‘o’) in πρὸς is pronounced like the ‘o’ in ‘boat.’ The three alphas in τὰ ἄκρα are pronounced like the ‘a’ in ‘father.’ The only vowel for which a pitch would have been pronounced is the first syllable of ἄκρα (the acute accent tells us this), but we do not know the precise quality of the pitch.” To hear some reconstructions of pitch pronunciation, though, take a look at the really cool Society for the Oral Reading of Greek and Latin Literature website: rhapsodes.fl.vt.edu/Greek.htm.
CLASSWORK

Food on the go

The Northwest Five Consortium’s first course offering

This past summer students participated in the first course offered by the NW5C colleges, a two-year-old collaboration between Puget Sound, Lewis and Clark, Reed, Whitman, and Willamette. It was a three-week-long, on-the-road, for-credit course called Foodsystems Northwest: Circuits of Soil, Labor, and Money.

The students lived, ate, traveled, and studied together under the direction of four professors from three colleges. Beginning at Whitman the students observed the industrial wheat farms, fruit orchards, and large-scale dairy operations of the Walla Walla Valley. From there the class traveled to Tacoma, where the focus shifted to questions of poverty and access to food, urban planning, and the challenges of growing food in a city. Finally they journeyed to Willamette University. There they lived and worked at the student-operated Zena Forest & Farm, putting sustainable agriculture methods into practice and exploring the opportunities and obstacles associated with smaller-scale, organic farming in the Willamette Valley.

The course was taught by Emelie Peine, assistant professor in international political economy at Puget Sound; Peter Wimberger, professor of biology and director of the Slater Museum of Natural History at UPS; Aaron Bobrow-Strain, global food politics researcher and associate professor of politics at Whitman; and Jennifer Johns, associate director of Sustainable Agriculture Programs at Willamette.

NW5C working groups are discussing other collaborations ranging from environmental sciences to neuroscience to visual culture to Latin American studies. The consortium is supported by an $800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Making college more affordable for the students who, like Puget Sound, call Tacoma home

For most families the biggest obstacle to attending college is cost. No surprise there. And while Puget Sound distributes financial aid to offset the cost—about $45 million last year—it still isn’t able to meet the full financial need of most students. (That’s something we’re working on with the One [of a Kind] campaign, which seeks to raise $44 million in endowment for financial aid.) Meanwhile, in a big step toward closing the gap, the college announced a new program that will meet the full demonstrated financial need of students who graduate from Tacoma public high schools.

“Puget Sound has been deeply invested in the responsibility of being an intellectual and civic asset in Tacoma for more than 125 years,” President Ron Thomas said. “But sometimes a college like ours can feel out of reach to our own neighbors.”

The program will meet students’ full demonstrated need through a combination of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. The first awards will be made in the fall of 2015.

More info at pugetsound.edu/tps.

Above, Tacoma public school students on campus visiting the Slater Museum.

How it’s done: Tacoma’s TAGRO program converts the biosolids in wastewater to a soil amendment product for gardens and lawns.

Urban farming: Getting a tour at the Viet Huong Community Garden at South G and 18th streets, on Urban Trust land in Tacoma.
HANGOUTS

Saved for pots-terity

Over the last 85 years it’s survived fire, demolition threats, and recessions—not to mention invasions by generations of Loggers. Now Bob’s Java Jive on South Tacoma Way has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

At 25 feet high and 30 feet wide, the giant white, concrete teapot with red trim opened in 1927 as the Coffee Pot Restaurant. When Bob Radonich bought it in 1954, his wife, Lylabell, renamed the joint for lyrics in an Ink Spots’ song: “I love coffee, I love tea, I love java jive, and it loves me.” Bob died in 2002, but his daughter, Danette Staatz, carries on. She’s the one who applied for the registry, and indeed the Java Jive has been the setting for local history aplenty. It was home base for one of the original ’60s surf combos, The Ventures. Rumor has it that Bob himself once tossed a young rocker named Kurt Cobain and his band out into the street because they stunk. Java Jive was an extra in the films I Love You to Death, Say Anything, and Ten Things I Hate About You. And then there was the time Keanu Reeves wanted to buy the building and ship it—yes, the whole teapot—to Hawai’i.

SEEN AND HEARD

“America is a fabulous experiment—the notion that people can govern themselves without the need for kings—and that experiment has led the world in terms of how people might live freely. But there are flaws, and one of the enduring challenges is how do we deal with difference? Difference has created pockets of privilege and pockets of poverty. How do we deal with that in institutions where poverty endures over generations? All people should have a chance to move from the very bottom to as far as their ability will take them. That’s the experiment I signed up for.”

— Professor of African American Studies Dexter Gordon, in a Tacoma Weekly story about turning the tide on racism in the classroom

MEMORABILIA

Remembering ΔΠΩ, 1943

It’s been 30 years since there was a Theta Chi fraternity chapter on campus, but the Theta Chi alumni are still getting together. The “older” brothers meet three times a year and have been doing so for 60 years, and the “younger” brothers have a golf tournament every year. Rich Nevitt ’67 brought a couple of old scrapbooks over to Arches World Headquarters, and we photographed the pages to send along to the university archives. Rich said he attends the get-togethers for both groups, one as the oldest guy there and the other as the youngest!

REFRESHER COURSE by Hallie Bateman ’11

The liberal arts are everywhere.

It’s all about how you frame it!
William Homer Maris, the composer of Oregon State University's alma mater, was a popular professor of German at the College of Puget Sound and had been for three years when, in 1933, he collided on his bicycle with an automobile and perished. The campus grieved.

College teaching jobs for German professors were scarce in 1933, but with Professor Maris' untimely death, one had just opened up. A last-minute exchange of letters brought Warren Everett Tomlinson on the run from his father's farm outside Hutchinson, Minn., to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad's station 14 miles away at Glencoe. There he hopped aboard The Olympian to meet CPS President Edward Todd, who was traveling east. Tomlinson listened to Todd extoll the virtues of the Pacific Northwest, Tacoma, and the College of Puget Sound. With five minutes to go before the train's arrival in Minneapolis, where Tomlinson was to get off, Todd "pulled out his little notebook and asked me rapid-fire about six or eight questions that you should ask on such an interview," Tomlinson told President R. Franklin Thompson 46 years later.

Tomlinson, with a new Ph.D. from the University of Berlin, got the job. He joined the CPS faculty the fall of 1933 as associate professor of German. In 1966 he told me, "I was over there in Germany teaching and decided it was probably getting close to the time to leave the place, the way things were deteriorating politically. And with a worldwide economic recession raging, I figured if I wanted to get a college teaching job, I had better have a Ph.D. degree, so I got one."

Tomlinson was born Nov. 14, 1902, the youngest of six children. He told a reporter in 1950 of trudging through raging Minnesota blizzards and minus-20-degree temperatures on the 3-mile walk from the farm to town to attend high school. In 1924 he received a bachelor's degree from Carleton College. Then, at age 22, Warren Tomlinson began a lifelong career as a globe-trotter. He was in Hong Kong on his college graduation day, then for the next three years taught in the Philippines and traveled and hiked through-out China, Japan, Malaysia, Burma, and India. But he was just warming up. In 1927 he made his way to Germany.

There Tomlinson accepted a job teaching English in a school for ordinary citizens, the Berlin Evening College, which was something new in Germany. He stayed in this job for five years. Because he taught evenings, his days were free, and he began taking courses at the University of Berlin.

Tomlinson returned to the United States in 1932 with a Ph.D. (the degree was actually awarded in 1933) and a beautiful wife. In Germany, as in most of Europe, professors resided atop pedestals, and interactions with students were quite formal. But when Jeanette Blumenthal-Knoll enrolled in one of Tomlinson's classes, the status distinction between them quickly became secondary. One day Warren and Jeanette passed on the stairway, one going up, the other down. Both turned to look back. They married on May 14, 1932.

Jeanette was seven years younger than Warren, born in Storozynetz, Austria. This part of Austria became part of Romania in 1918 and was occupied by the Nazis in 1940. Tomlinson with his bride spent the 1932–1933 academic year at his family's farm looking for work, except during their 23-day hitchhiking jaunt around Minnesota that cost the newlyweds a total of $18. Hitchhiking was fun, but the elegant Jeanette did not enjoy the icy Minnesota winter. Fortunately, she did not have to endure another, thanks to President Todd's offer of a job.

Hitler took over Germany six months after Warren and Jeanette left the country. Said Tomlinson in 1947, "I lived five blocks from the palace where all the political rallies were held, yet I never saw Hitler. He was so low no respectable person would go to one of his meetings." In 1935 Jeanette's mother, Regina Knoll, who was Jewish, left Germany and came to Tacoma to live with Warren and Jeanette. The certainty in the family was that this move saved her life.

The Tomlinsons had two daughters, Barbara and Vivian. The family lived for decades in a rented home at 1414 N. 5th St. (Monthly rent in 1940 was $45.) Tomlinson rented because he did not wish to own a house, he declared to me in 1966. Being tied down by home ownership did not fit with his traveling lifestyle. "Money is for going places and doing things," he said. According to the 1940 census, Tomlinson's 1939 income was $2,600.

Colleagues and students called him "Tommy." He taught history and political
science, as well as German. Students flocked to his classes as his reputation for intellectual rigor, high energy, and enthusiastic delivery grew. He sang German folk songs, and he made his students sing them as well. Two that I still remember word-for-word 50 years later are “Du, du liegt mir im Herzen,” and “Mein Hut, der hat drei Ecken.” Tomlinson also was passionately committed to developing in his students an interest in world affairs. Political Science 121: Current National and International Problems, was one of his most popular courses. A tool that he used both to stimulate students’ thinking and to measure their views was the world affairs opinion survey he regularly made up and administered in his classes. He reported the results campuswide. In response to the question on a spring 1952 survey, “Should the U.S. recognize the Chinese communist government after all hostilities cease in the Korean War?” 35 said “yes,” 60 “no,” and 14 “don’t know.”

The International Relations Club was one of the most active student organizations on campus from the 1920s into the 1960s. After Tomlinson’s good friend, history and political science professor Frank G. Williston, left Puget Sound for the University of Washington in 1943, Tommy became the IRC faculty advisor. Under his guidance, IRC sponsored campus events and hosted regional and national conferences of international relations clubs.

Tomlinson spoke frequently about world affairs, both on and off campus. On one occasion after a summer of traveling, he described in weekly chapel Europeans’ worry that U.S. hysteria over communism would lead the country to stumble blindly into World War III. Tommy also inherited from Williston what they both jokingly called “the PTA circuit” of talks and lectures. Tommy was one of the most knowledgeable people in Tacoma about world affairs, and he was in high demand as a speaker. He had traveled so extensively that, beginning in 1943, he delivered orientation lectures to Fort Lewis soldiers about to be posted overseas.

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Warren Tomlinson’s beloved Jeanette died of cancer at age 51, on Jan. 29, 1961. Rather than rattling around by himself in his house on 5th Street, Tomlinson began providing accommodations for Puget Sound international students. Throughout the 1960s the house was full of them, sort of an international residence hall. Many of these students were more than happy later to reciprocate by putting up their old prof when he visited their countries.

During the spring semester of 1966, Tomlinson teamed up with philosophy professor John Magee to lead Puget Sound’s first study-abroad semester—40 Puget Sound honors students, including my wife, Karen, and me—to Vienna, Austria. We took our degree-credit courses from Tomlinson and Magee at the Pension Andreas, and sat in on courses at the University of Vienna. Studying European history in Vienna with Warren Tomlinson and gadding about with him to look at what we were studying made for a rich experience.

Two 1966 memories of Warren Tomlinson: (1) being rescued by him after I unwisely photographed the Red Army in Hungary (see the winter 2013 edition of Arches), and (2) spending spring break with Karen in Salzburg and busing to St. Gilgen am Wolfgangsee, 30 kilometers east, to rendezvous with Tomlinson for a hike around the lake and a cable car ride up the Zwölferhorn. Tommy declared more than once that he could teach a student as much while traveling as he could in the classroom, and he sure could.

Tommy continued to lead Puget Sound semester-long study-abroad groups, including during summers. President Thompson referred to Warren Tomlinson as Puget Sound’s “ambassador-at-large,” an appropriate title for the man who helped launch study abroad as an integral component of a Puget Sound education.

After retiring in 1973, at age 70, Tommy continued his world travels. A letter to Karen and me dated Feb. 19, 1975, describes a typical Tomlinson solo trip abroad: four months in Japan and the South Seas. In Japan he stayed at the home of former Puget Sound student, Kiseko Miki Takahashi ’66, whose father, Takeo Miki was just being installed as Japan’s new prime minister. In the South Seas Tommy wrote of “scenes of desperate fighting in WWII, with wrecks and debris still lying around. The best experience there was in the Marshall Islands, a 10-day field trip on a ship taking supplies to outer islands, and picking up their valuable copra. Dirty ship and rough seas, but still a good trip. Met people and saw how they really live—not in the towns. Met many Peace Corps boys.” He finished with, “Might go to Vienna this summer and take a trip down the Danube on a Russian boat.”

Warren Tomlinson passed away in Tacoma at age 78 on Jan. 11, 1981. Those of us who knew and loved him were sad, of course. And we were surprised. We thought he would live forever. Tommy was always on the move. — John Finney ’67, P’94
A few things imagined by you

You’re a clever lot, you Loggers—full of ideas. We hear about the stuff you are dreaming up all the time, and we often pass along that information in these pages. For this brief accounting we focused on physical objects—things you can touch—but choosing was a challenge. In the end we limited them to items that are patented. So we did not include the many, many creative or intellectual ideas our graduates have come up with, proud as we are of them. And we know that when it comes to Logger inventions, this gathering isn’t anywhere near comprehensive. So if you’ve invented something or know someone who has, we’d love to hear about it.

And now, on to the gizmos:
‘High’ tech
Larry Penberthy ’36

In 1969 Larry Penberthy, an engineer and avid mountaineer, became interested in testing the strength and reliability of climbing gear. He founded Mountain Safety Research, and the company immediately began producing technologically innovative products that transformed the outdoor-equipment industry: the first aluminum-shaft ice axe, a succession of revolutionary backpacking stoves, tents, snowshoes, water filters—the list goes on and on. Soon MSR became a name known to every man and woman who ever trekked the backcountry. Penberthy is credited with other inventions, too—everything from a kind of lead-impregnated glass used as shielding for nuclear materials to deep-sea diving gear.

Into the woods, cushily
Jim Lea ’43, Neil Anderson ’43, John Burroughs ’48

When the Supersonic Transport program crashed in 1971, thousands of Boeing engineers got the boot. Among them: mechanical engineer Jim Lea. Out of gainful employment but not out of ideas, Jim, an avid hiker and peak bagger, and climbing buddy John Burroughs (also a Boeing engineer) one day were talking about the horrible state of camping mattresses. It wasn’t long before Lea was at work with Delta Kappa Phi fraternity brother Neil Anderson designing the camping pad of the future. Marrying materials and ideas borrowed from garden kneeling pads and nylon-covered life jackets, prototypes of the first Therm-a-Rest mattresses were born. The self-inflating sleeping pad, with an open-cell foam interior bonded to an airtight skin of urethane-coated nylon, was light in weight and compact but delivered more insulation than thin foam pads and more comfort than floppy air mattresses. No longer was a night in the outdoors a feat of painful endurance. Although Lea originally planned to license the pad’s manufacturing rights, he became engrossed by the engineering details and the entrepreneurial challenge of field-testing, and the aircraft designer in him was obsessed with maintaining production quality. With money he’d saved while at Boeing; additional cash, legal counsel, and financial advice from his attorney brother John Lea ’36; and marketing savvy, sales know-how, and capital provided by Burroughs, Cascade Designs Inc. was launched in 1972. — Andy Dappen P’15
It’s all about vibration

*Gary Anderson ’80*

The modern violin and viola have been around for more than 400 years, and for the first 200 of those years players held their instruments clamped firmly between chin and shoulder, with no chinrest at all. Not only was this awkward, but it greatly limited left-hand technique, and pressing against the instrument deadened vibration. Then in the early 1800s the German violinist Louis Spohr came up with a cup-shaped chinrest that attached to the instrument with metal clamps and pads of cork or felt. This made more advanced left-hand technique easier, but it still dampened the sound. While Spohr’s chinrest has evolved into numerous variations, there hasn’t been a change in the basic design in 200 years.

Meet Gary Anderson ’80. Gary is a violinist and computer scientist who also has been a violin teacher and orchestra director. And he’s an audiophile, a pastime that focuses on the accurate reproduction of music. Suffice to say he can be obsessed about getting the best out of things that vibrate and make sound.

Several years ago someone demonstrated to him how moving the chinrest position on his violin could make it sound better, but Gary, an inveterate tinkerer, thought he could do better. He started experimenting with an old chinrest and materials other than the traditional cork pads, and soon he hit upon a chinrest system that allows the top, back, and sides of an instrument to vibrate more freely. This helps create a fuller tone on most instruments, greater dynamic range, and can make it easier to play in tune.

So will it make your old junior high practice fiddle sound like a Strad? “Umm, no,” says Gary, “but it will make most violins and violas sound better. Plus,” he says, “it just feels good playing with better vibration. Most important, my Resonation Chinrest can help a violinist or violist get more joy out of making music as soon as they put it on.”

And that sounds good to us.

Gary has three patents for his chinrest design, which is featured at ResonationChinrest.com. Plus he’s created a few other things, such as improved stereo cables and power cords for audio equipment. He says he’s always working on something new.

Easy on, easy off sun protection

*Betsy Wanless Johnson ’07*

At age 26, Betsy had skin cancer. She’s fine now, but she learned that the most damaging sun exposure often happens before age 18, and she wondered whether her own children were at risk.

In 2010 Betsy and her brother, Berry Wanless, were on a beach in Cancun, watching their children play. The mid-latitude sun was on her mind, and then Berry started to complain about how hard it was getting little kids into and especially out of swimsuits—two concerns that they reasoned could be addressed with a single solution. A couple of months later, the siblings started SwimZip.

SwimZip is UV 50+ swimwear for babies and toddlers. The swim shirts have a full-length closure designed to make the suit easy to put on.
and take off. (Bigger kids can do it by themselves.) There's a no-pincher zipper flap, a tagless neck, and the stitching is nice and flat, so kids don't get cranky and uncomfortable when the suit is wet and sandy. The fabric is chlorine resistant, and since it covers more of the body than a regular swimsuit, parents aren't constantly reapplying sunscreen.

SwimZip is one of those “why didn’t someone think of this sooner” products, and Betsy's venture has received a ton of notice in the press. She and Berry were on Shark Tank last January. (“Shark” Lori Greiner of the home-shopping network QVC invested $60,000 in the company.) Their products have been seen on Today and CNN; in Money, Parents, and People; and reviewed by dozens of websites for parents.

Staying safe and looking cool
Alison Farner Swanigan ‘04

On a rainy evening in April 2012, Alison was supposed to be celebrating. It was her 30th birthday, and she was about to spend a weekend in Denver, a short distance away from her home in Erie, Colo. Her husband, Andy, had arranged an elaborate party: dinner at Alison's favorite Mexican restaurant, a night of dancing, a hotel stay, and a surprise visit from an old Puget Sound classmate who was flying in from Seattle. Andy had recruited Alison's mom to stay at home with their two small children, Lily, 4, and Jack, 2.

So Alison's mind should have been on the fun weekend ahead, but instead she was worried about Jack. He was lethargic and tired. Really tired. He had a painful diaper rash that refused to clear up. And his normally sparkling blue eyes were surrounded by dark purple circles.

A local pediatrician had insisted Jack was fine. Maybe just fighting a bug, something he might have picked up at daycare, he said.

But Alison's intuition told her otherwise. The big birthday celebration came and went. Twice more she took Jack to the pediatrician—five visits in two weeks. Each time she got the same diagnosis—just normal kid stuff. Then a daycare worker pulled Alison aside and recommended she take her son to the emergency room.

She and Andy raced to Children's Hospital Colorado. As they described Jack's symptoms, they watched the doctor's eyes grow wide. Jack was immediately given a blood sugar test. His count was 790, just 10 points below where most diabetic comas start. He was lucky to be alive.
One doctor told Alison that 40 percent of children they see in Jack's state never leave the hospital.

Jack pulled through, but his life and his parent's lives would never be the same. He has type 1 diabetes, a genetic autoimmune condition that requires lifelong blood sugar monitoring and insulin injections. In addition to a restricted diet and a barrage of pricks and shots, he had to wear a MedicAlert ID bracelet, something that told emergency medical personnel he is diabetic.

But Jack hated his bracelet. It was clunky and too big for his tiny wrist. Plus, it wasn't very noticeable. Alison wanted an alternative to jewelry that adults around Jack could see right away. A bonus would be if he liked wearing it—something that made him feel cool and special instead of weird and different.

After learning that adults with type 1 diabetes commonly permanently tattoo a medical alert on their bodies, Alison came up with the idea of temporary tattoos for kids. She was an art major at Puget Sound, and she created an eye-catching temporary tattoo that is nontoxic, waterproof, and good for sports, daycare, or anywhere else that Jack might be without his mom and dad. The best part was that Jack loved wearing it. He ran around, delighted, flashing his special “sticker” to everyone he met.

TempAlertID was born. Alison has added tattoos for epilepsy and food allergies, plus a completely customizable tattoo for kids with other conditions. — Ingrid Johnson Reinke '04

More comfortable splints

Lynn Swedberg '75

During the 1980s, when Lynn, an occupational therapist, was working with skilled-nursing facilities all over the eastern third of Washington state, she encountered many patients with significant joint contractures. Contractures develop when people aren't able to move their extremities through the full range of motion, usually as the result of a stroke or head injury. After being in a shortened position for a long time, the muscles become tight and the person can no longer straighten the limbs, even with assistance. This leads to pain, as well as difficulty dressing and bathing. If the legs become contracted a person can have trouble moving from one surface to another or no longer stand up straight. In extreme cases the skin folds become moist and develop sores.

Intermittent splinting along with range-of-motion exercise is the best way to treat contractures. Lynn saw that traditional, rigid splints didn't improve or even maintain the range of motion the patients had, and the splints were uncomfortable and could cause pressure sores. Working with her OT assistant, Barbara Biles, she started modifying existing soft devices to create comfortable therapeutic splints. A sales representative from a splint-manufacturing company noticed Lynn's work and suggested that she contact the rep's company. It took a year to convince Lynn she could help more patients by making her splints available commercially than she ever could by teaching therapists to make their own splints. But finally she agreed to let the company fly her to Wisconsin to demonstrate her
designs. The Progressive Palm Protector series became the manufacturer's number-one-selling new product during the year it was launched, and the company realized that nursing homes were an underserved market with huge potential. They worked with Lynn to prepare some of her other designs, resulting in 11 products and seven patents.

Reinvent the descent

*Billy Smith '07 and Nick Smith*

In the spring of 2006, the Smith brothers, Nick and Billy, were rummaging around in the attic of their grandfather's Colorado home (looking for fireworks and schnapps; ahem, boys), when they uncovered a crumpled box filled with what looked like brightly colored kites or capes. The guys hauled them out to show to their granddad, Bill Smith Jr., himself by all accounts a colorful character: a racecar driver in Europe for Lotus and McLaren, and an avid skier. The elder Smith said: “Ski-Klippers. I made them. You should give ‘em a try.”

So they did.

Extended like a sail, with arms spread while schussing downhill on skis, the feeling was as close to human flight as they thought possible. And they wondered, if it’s this much fun when skiing, what about other sports, like skateboarding?

Shifting their attention from snow to street, the brothers began refining their grandfather’s concept. They found that the sails help manage speed on downhill descents and increased stability and visibility. The Smiths started sewing their own prototypes in a Mill Valley, Calif., garage and recruited friends to help test them. They discovered that, with the sails, they could tackle steeper terrain and get more responsive handling by using smaller, quicker, slalom skateboards rather than traditional “straight shooter” longboards. Additionally, because the sails controlled speed, they gave the advantage of not so frequently wearing through gloves and shoes by dragging hands and feet on the street to slow down.

They called the colorful kites Sporting-Sails, started marketing them on a website, and watched their idea take off. It was featured in *Time*, *The New York Times*, and in a bunch of other newspapers and on TV shows. Pretty soon they had versions for skiers, snowboarders, surfers, and kayakers. Participants in the emerging sport of long-distance skateboarding have embraced the sails because they helped conserve effort and can even be used as a tent for in-the-field overnights.

The brothers patented their design—did it through legalzoom.com, where, by the way, they are featured prominently as an example-client.

These days, Billy has a day job at Apple, but he’s busy every other waking moment on Sporting-Sails research and development. Nick, a USC business grad, manages day-to-day operations. All the sewing is done in Oxnard, Calif., and fabric comes from a mill in North Carolina. As much as possible the guys are trying to be a green enterprise, recycling U.S. military surplus webbing, for example, and donating 1 percent of their profits to environmental and social causes. They don’t want to grow too fast, they say, so they can be responsive to their evolving market. In the works: a junior-size version for kids.

On downhill descents the feeling was as close to human flight as they thought possible. And the sails help manage speed and increase stability and visibility.

The Sporting-Sail, for snowboarders, skiers, skateboarders, surfers, and kayakers.
My ‘brother,’ Baylor

Alex was born with a neurological disorder that can leave a person unable to walk or even speak. In the autumn 2010 edition of this magazine, we published excerpts from letters that Alex's parents, Darcy Goodman J.D.'75 and Tom Leavitt ’71, J.D.'75, had written to him on his birthdays over the years. They were touching, often humorous observations on the physical, cognitive, and social challenges Alex faced, and they told a moving story of perseverance and self-determination. It was one of the most popular articles we’ve ever published. When we heard from Tom that Alex was getting the help of a service dog and that Alex had made several speeches explaining what it means to have the aid of such a dog, we thought Arches readers would enjoy the update. Alex gave the following talk last April to an audience of several hundred people at the annual fundraising luncheon held in Seattle for Summit Assistance Dogs of Anacortes, Wash.

Hello! My name is Alex Leavitt, and this is my brother, Baylor Leavitt. Let me begin by answering the question I know everyone here wants to ask: Are Baylor and I twins? No! In fact, Baylor was adopted from Summit, but we haven’t told him yet.

I have been asked to talk for a minute about my life before adopting Baylor, and now, after. So, let me begin by telling you that I was born with a very rare syndrome and initially was not expected to either walk or talk. As you can see, I do both, but not without a great deal of effort over the years. I am still pretty slow, have to work hard to be understood when I speak, and have very little fine motor control, which means I have difficulty with things like writing.

Before Baylor I was actually quite independent and self-sufficient, graduating from the University of Puget Sound with a degree in history, and holding a job. But that doesn’t make me any less insecure in the physical world, and very anxious about being vulnerable in so many ways.

My challenges are not obvious to people around me, which unfortunately translated into a lot of unkindness directed at me. That, too, can be very subtle. When standing in line at the store, checking out, boarding the bus, being handed a form to complete at the doctor’s office, or even taking notes at school or work, people were often intolerant or impatient. That often made me more and more anxious, and those feelings would build up like a pressure cooker.

The vulnerability also extended to being a target. I was assaulted on two occasions while on my way to the bus from work. Fortunately I was only threatened with physical abuse because I gave my assailants what they demanded—all of my stuff!

Then came Baylor. After a three-year wait I was matched up with him by my friends at Summit Dogs. We went through extensive and ongoing training, and now he is fully incorporated into my life.

I enjoy a wonderfully supportive family and group of friends, especially my best friend and sibling, Adrien. But there is nothing like the unconditional love and support that comes from a service dog.

So, you hear that term “unconditional love” all the time, but what does it mean? In my case it means we enjoy each other’s company 24/7. Baylor not only thinks I am brilliant, but also quite handsome and hysterically funny. He likes my choices in music, television, and video games. He is completely nonjudgmental. He enjoys my friends, never tells me my clothes don’t match, never complains that my living space is a bit messy, doesn’t care if I have toothpaste on my lip, and he thinks I am a fabulous cook, demonstrated by the fact that he gobbles up everything I either serve him or drop on the floor.

How does all of this translate? Simply stated, my quality of life has dramatically improved. His constant presence lowers my anxiety levels in both obvious and subtle ways. My syndrome affects my vision and balance, and he assists with stability. But having him with me lowers the pressure that causes anxiety. I am more effective at work. I am never alone, and I am never lonely.

People are generally much more tolerant, patient, and, frankly, just plain nicer to me now. Baylor’s presence alerts people in line at Starbucks or when I am trying to sign a form at the doctor’s office to be more patient. And they are. During the summer, when I am wearing sunglasses, you can imagine how kind people are when they see Baylor and me, and, thinking I must be blind, they ask if they can help me find my way.

Now, you also hear a lot about dogs breaking down social barriers. Well, I am here to tell you that is absolutely true. Besides the fact that since having Baylor at my side I have not had one issue with the bad guys out there ... let’s see, how do I say this ... well, young
women come up to me and want to meet Baylor and talk! Just the other day while shopping in a local department store, a sales clerk in her mid-20s took one look at Baylor and dropped down and asked if she could give him a hug! (Don’t tell our Summit trainers, but I had no choice. I had to say, “Yes!”) I was only disappointed that it wasn’t me she wanted to hug.

We go everywhere together—to work, to the gym, to restaurants, to the park to play, to the movies, and on airplanes, boats, and trains. We take Uber [an on-demand/ride-share taxi service] all over town. And every Wednesday my employer allows me to spend the day volunteering at a number of different places where people can learn about service dogs and get comfort from just being with Baylor.

As you can see, Baylor and I enjoy a special relationship and a unique form of communication. He and I have talked a lot about what I wanted to say today, and he wants you to know a few things, too:

He wants you to know how much he appreciates the breeder who provided him to Summit; how close he feels to the inmate he lived with and trained with in the Monroe Correctional facility; how he hated the hard work that the Summit trainers put him through, but how he now realizes that it was worth it; how much he respects being made to feel like such an important part of our team at work; how the love and support we get from our family and his cousin Fern (Adrien’s completely crazy Great Dane) means so much to him; and especially he wants to thank everyone here for supporting Summit, which allowed us to become, truly, brothers from different mothers.
After a frantic summer of construction between Commencement Day and Convocation Day, the SUB reopens 18,000 sq. ft. bigger and way more useable for a campus that is housing students like never before.

Ever since it opened in 1959, Wheelock Student Center has been growing. First, in 1986, Rasmussen Rotunda was added, extending into a vacated block of Lawrence Street and adding extra seating and events space. Another renovation, in 1995, made possible in part by Virginia Wheelock Marshall, created balconies in the Great Hall to provide more seating and a large meeting room on the east end. At that time the building was named for Mrs. Marshall’s parents, Tacoma pioneers Anna Lemon Wheelock and R. Arthur Wheelock. More renovations came in 1997 when Diversions Cafe was added, and in 1998 when the servery got a facelift. But even after all this attention, behind the scenes Wheelock was wickedly overcrowded. Anyone who’d ever toured the kitchen was astonished that the dining services staff was able to turn out the volume and quality of food that they did. Offices were small and windowless. Mechanical systems needed upgrading. And when the college built new housing for upperclassmen—and in 2013 started requiring all students to live on campus for at least their first two years—even the recently spiffed-up servery could be a maddening hive during peak hours. So last May, in a whirlwind nine weeks of double-shift construction, Wheelock got another update. A big one.
A two-story addition bumped out the southeast corner and provided much-expanded kitchen space on the first floor, a second-floor seating area for 160 (lower left), and new dining staff offices. (Yea! Finally out of the basement!)

Huge new dining area
A second-floor event space (left and above), with 160 additional dining seats that are open for all meals, has a soaring ceiling with exposed timbers, in keeping with the building’s Tudor-Gothic architecture. Bonus: This room frees up the Rotunda for lunchtime meetings and other special programming.

The project also added a much-needed passenger elevator and restrooms, as well as building-wide fire alarm and sprinkler system upgrades.
The Diner

The existing servery was gutted and expanded, improving traffic flow during busy times. The deli station now has two lines, and, in addition to the previous theme-food stations, a dedicated allergen-free station was created for students with diet restrictions. There, food can be made without risk of cross-contamination. Also installed was a huge grab-and-go section and Coke Freestyle fountain dispensers with more than 100 beverage choices. Monitor screens at each station tell what’s on the menu that day and provide nutritional info.

Behind the scenes, the cramped, old kitchen more than doubled in size. More food-prep space means more storage for fresh ingredients, so food can be prepared on-site from scratch, rather than purchased pre-made. A bigger scullery allows staff to use lots more reusable crockery and cooking utensils, cutting way down on the use of throwaway items.

A new way in

The servery entry moved toward the south end of Wheelock, right in front of the long-hidden terrazzo floor medallion (right) that was uncovered during a previous brushup of the building.
PLACES TO HANG OUT:

Wheelock vs. Library

So the SUB just got bigger and more inviting as a location to pass the time, but in recent years Collins Library has been working hard to give Wheelock a run for its money as the student choice for plopping down and spreading out the study materials. A few of the attractions:

- Open until 2 a.m., and around the clock during finals.
- Hundreds of study spots. Our favorites: the music mezzanine, private study rooms on the lower level, and the second-floor carrels.
- Internet ports and power plugs at tables in the reading room.
- Study commons, with sofas, ottomans, and moveable tables.
- Rocking chairs made out of maple from—get this—Collins timberlands. (Yes, that Collins; the family the library is named for is in the forest-products business and has been since 1855.)
- Lots of things to see and do, like this whale made out of debris collected on beaches and a Sanskrit mandala made out of unrecycleable drink lids by Puget Sound students during Earth Week in 2014.

Marshall Hall, before and after
The east and west balconies in Marshall Hall were removed (photo at right is how it used to be; above is the way things look now) to open up the space and bring in more light, making the Great Hall more like it was originally designed.
Never mind selfies. How about some shelfies?

Turn the page for a little *Arches* interactive challenge: Match the photo of the Puget Sound faculty member with the “shelfie” taken of a bookshelf in the prof’s office.

We’ll send a poster of Nevada landscapes by painter Ron Spears ‘88 (see page 33), signed by the man himself ($30 value!), to three *Arches* readers drawn randomly from those who by Dec. 1 send the correct answers to arches@pugetsound.edu.
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BERNIE BATES
Instructor of physics

TERRY BECK
Professor of education
DAN BURGARD
Associate professor of chemistry

ERIN COLBERT-WHITE
Assistant professor of psychology

TATIANA KAMINSKY
Associate professor of occupational therapy
WHAT WE DO:
George “Ron” Spears ’88

A blue-collar artist

Imagine the typical artist would have taken offense at the question. Yet it felt right to wonder about the apparent contradictions in the résumé of the man chosen to render the image that is on the U.S. postage stamp honoring Nevada’s 150th year of statehood. After all, Ron Spears is a serious person—a university professor who was an artist in residence at Zion National Park—and yet he has created dozens of illustrations for casino games, drawn art for Dungeons and Dragons and Harry Potter trading cards, and even illustrated a kid’s book by Seinfeld alumnus Jason Alexander.

“It seems to me that it’s unusual in the art world to have someone willing to connect the artistic with the commercial,” I said. “I mean, van Gogh would never have painted images for a slot machine, right?”

Spears took the analogy as a compliment. “Oh, thank you!” he replied. “I just love art on all levels. I love the commercial aspect. I like the problem-solving of it. I like fine art, I like to paint for the joy of painting.”

In that sense, the artist selected by the U.S. Postal Service is, in fact, the embodiment of something vital and elemental about being a Nevadan. He is both a scholar and a merchant, a believer that great beauty and crass commercialism can—in fact, must—coexist. Ron is a blue-collar illustrator, a student of the commercial and sequential art at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. “I do each job as best I can and move on to the next one.”

And so, Ron’s broad, comfortable vacillation between the high- and lowbrow defied my expectations.

The stamp is a gorgeous rendering of an autumn sunrise landscape at Valley of Fire, but it doesn’t acknowledge what comes to mind when most people think of Nevada—gambling, garishness, indulgence. There’s a long history to this sort of omission, of course, from the boring images on the Nevada quarter to the pathetic “historical” displays in the old Nevada capitol in Carson City that somehow omit any reference to Vegas.

But it turns out no one was trying to suppress anything. Ron, who isn’t actually sure how he was picked for the postal commission, simply recalled by a U.S.P.S. design firm. The job came with some constraints, though. Ron was sent off to find a natural setting—no large landmark because the Nevada I wanted to represent is for the people I know in Reno, the people I know in Las Vegas, and the people in between. I thought of something vital and elemental about being a Nevadan.

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WHAT WE DO:
Marie Harvey ’69
In distinguished company

Marie Harvey is on the phone, serenely navigating a crisis.

Nothing in her manner—or in the appearance of her office, decorated in wood, muted colors, and the artwork of her sister, fellow Puget Sound alumna Anne Harvey Hirondelle ’66—gives away the urgency of her situation. No passing outsider, walking in Oregon State University’s historic Women’s Building and likely beguiled by the easy sunlight of the summer morning, would suspect a thing. But this is part of Marie’s strength: she works, she fights, and especially lately, she wins, unobtrusively, humbly, calmly.

Now the recipient of OSU’s Distinguished Professor title (granted to only two faculty members every year) for her trailblazing work in reproductive and sexual health, Marie is credited for both advancing the fields of sexually transmitted infection and pregnancy prevention in women and helping shift the academic focus from the health of women, independent of men, to the health of both men and women, as a means of stopping disease transmission and unwanted pregnancy. However, early in her life, and before any of these achievements, she first had to recognize her own power—as a woman and as an independent person, coming of age in the tumultuous 1960s.

Things are wrapping up.

She says goodbye, and hanging up the phone, she takes a breath and turns her gaze to the road to her current position as associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. For the last few years she has spearheaded the push for the CPHHS to become the first accredited school of public health in Oregon. In June she succeeded.

“I am immensely proud,” she says. “I came here to do this.” Thanks to her and her colleagues’ efforts, the CPHHS has hired more than 30 new faculty members and revamped its curriculum to suit today’s undergraduates, who, like her, many years ago, face their own set of social challenges in a rapidly changing culture.

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Eventually joining a sorority, Marie (then known as “Sandy,” her first name; Marie is her middle name) explains she there developed her rebellious streak.

“Sororities were very exclusive during that time, and I realized that I didn’t like that at all. So I quit,” she says. “There was a lot of social turmoil then. When I started school, women had to wear dresses or skirts every day, except on Saturday mornings.” A nightly residence curfew forced all female students inside by 10 p.m., lest they face locked doors. “It meant that women couldn’t stay up to study in the library, which was open until midnight,” she says. “Men could.” Emboldened by her feelings of discrimination, she, along with others, helped stranded women sneak back into the dorms. “I was a total troublemaker. But there was a reason.”

During graduate school, early in her career in public health, she volunteered for a small organization that provided contraceptives to women.

“I was a counselor for those who got pregnant accidentally, and at that time I had already worked in social services—I’d seen the cycles,” she explains. “These young women, very capable women, tended to, once they’d had their first child, if they were unmarried and alone, simply continue having children. I wanted to prevent this.”

Again, Marie discovered that what she knew to be “right” flew in the face of convention. She recounts the story of a young girl who came to their office in search of birth control. “She was alone, and obviously not 18,” (the legal age for women to receive contraceptives) she says. Instead of turning her away, Marie told her to simply go outside and have her mother sign for her permission, then return. After a moment of furtive confusion, it dawned on the girl what Marie was suggesting. She left, returning scarcely a minute later, the form freshly signed. “You have to break the law sometimes,” says Marie, squarely. “Some laws aren’t keeping up with us.”

Marie says of her career that she didn’t set out to become a professor, but rather to focus on the work, which happened to lead her down the road to her current position as associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. For the last few years she has spearheaded the push for the CPHHS to become the first accredited school of public health in Oregon. In June she succeeded.

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By her own admission, 40-years a troublemaker ... but for good reasons.
A new Arches series: Faculty check in on their former students

Eric Williams ’93

By Hans Ostrom, professor of African American Studies and English

Eric Williams doesn’t especially like the “Beast Mode” image of Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch that has materialized in sports media. Why? Because it’s not accurate. Eric is a journalist, now working at ESPN, so his opinion is an educated one. And when he worked as the Seattle Seahawks beat reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune he became acquainted with Lynch, who is, according to Eric, “such a different person from his public persona. He’s humble and cares a lot about the people around him and his hometown of Oakland.”

If I had to choose one word to describe Eric as a student at Puget Sound, I’d have to go with “thoughtful.” So his assessment of the Lynch caricature came as no surprise. “Because Lynch doesn’t talk to reporters, he’s become this Beast Mode kind of Skittles-eating, brooding football player. That’s partially his fault, but it’s also a failing on our part as reporters to work harder at telling about the side of Lynch no one sees, so people understand why he chooses not to talk. It’s not an easy task, but it’s definitely worth pursuing.”

A willingness to work hard and pursue challenging tasks: These are among the qualities Eric displayed at Puget Sound, including in the fiction-writing class he took from me. To help launch this new Arches feature in which professors re-connect with alumni, I got in touch with Eric via email. He and his family live in San Diego, recent transplants from the Pacific Northwest, and he covers the San Diego Chargers for several ESPN outlets.

In Eric’s case, Puget Sound was a pretty good predictor of future endeavors: Eric played football (wide receiver), majored in English, and was sports editor for The Trail. After graduation Eric earned an M.F.A. in creative writing at The University of Memphis. He then tried his hand at teaching and coaching in the public schools.

“I enjoyed coaching and teaching after my schooling was over,” Eric said, “but ultimately I chose a career in journalism for two reasons: The ability to write every day about things I am interested in, and the regular interaction with the people that I cover.”

Eric worked for the Kitsap Sun, in Bremerton, Wash., where he covered city government and sports. His career then took him to CBS Sports (as NFL editor), to The News Tribune (covering prep sports, the late lamented Sonics, and finally the Seahawks), and to the King County Journal (prep sports and the Sonics).

Although he is a native of Tacoma, graduating from Mount Tahoma High School in the same class with Olympic speed skater K.C. Boutiette, Eric says he’s still pinching himself after the move to San Diego.

Along the journalistic way, Eric met the man who has become something of a cult-figure in NFL journalism: John Clayton, “The Professor,” whom Eric says is “probably one of the hardest working reporters in the business. He rarely takes a day off. And that relentless-ness has carried him a long way.”

About his own time on the Baker Stadium gridiron, Eric’s memories are chiefly these: “As a receiver, I blocked a lot for Gary McCurty ’95, who finished as one of the all-time rushing leaders for the school and was inducted into the UPS Athletics Hall of Fame last year. I think we won my last game with the Loggers, a win over Pacific, I believe in 1991, at home on ‘The Bog.’ I returned punts that game. Nice to finish off my playing career with a win.” (Officially, The Bog is now known as Peyton Field.)

Eric has this advice to current Puget Sound students or alums wanting to pursue a career in journalism: “Work hard, be persistent, and become proficient in multimedia—including taking photos, shooting video, and being in front of the camera.”

He’s taking his own advice. In addition to writing stories and commentary for ESPN, he appears on national and local sports-talk radio shows, and in San Diego he appears on a local post-game television show.

And please remember: When you think of Gary McCurty’s hall-of-fame rushing numbers, note that for a lot of those yards Eric Williams was downfield, clearing the way.
WHAT WE DO:
Alex McConnehey ’11

See Jane Fix

Alex McConnehey says some of her friends are skeptical when she tells them she’s running a fast-growing business that repairs smartphones and other electronic gadgets. The history major who broke three phones in one month during her senior year at Puget Sound is now putting them back together as the proprietor of See Jane Fix in Seattle. It all happened through coincidence, an ability to learn, and determination.

Last year Alex broke yet another phone, and the friend who repaired it noted that he needed a little help on the customer-relations side of the business. Alex, with service-industry experience, got the gig. One of the unadvertised fringe benefits was some on-the-job training in smartphone repair, something for which Alex found she had a knack. When the owner decided to close up shop and move home to California, Alex found herself with a new skill set and a viable business idea.

“A lot of people need this service, there are not that many repair shops in Seattle, and I actually like doing this,” Alex says. What she lacked was any practical experience running a business. That’s where her inner history major took over.

“I did a ton of reading, a ton of research, essentially trying to teach myself what it takes to run a business,” Alex says. “It’s like my fake M.B.A. in the school of life.”

See Jane Fix is not your typical repair shop; they make house calls and office calls, coming to where the user is to fix the phone or other gizmo on the spot. They also aim to be respectful of non-techies, open about what’s wrong and how to fix it, and to avoid jargon.

“There are a lot of broken phones walking around,” she says. That’s where her “M.B.A.” proved to be not quite enough. Though she has an independent streak and prefers to figure out things for herself, Alex realized that sometimes it’s better to get help. She met Tara Gowland in Seattle at SURF Incubator (Start Up Really Fast), which offers low-cost space and services for tech start-up entrepreneurs. Tara became her co-founder and COO, and See Jane Fix was off and running.

They’re beginning to focus on business-to-business services. Many companies provide smartphones for their employees, but sending broken ones to a repair shop can be dicey because of concerns about data security and the information stored on each device. Having a service do repairs on-site helps alleviate some of that worry.

Alex says she almost didn’t start the business because she couldn’t settle on a name. She finally picked “See Jane Fix” because she wanted to empower other women to do similar work.

“I wanted it to be a gender-neutral space, because what I’ve learned is that the tech industry is not known for being so friendly toward women,” Alex says. “I had this lofty, ideal vision of a bunch of repair women fixing whatever had to be fixed.”

Alex is feeding the techie side of her brain by learning to write code, and she even got certified in micro electronic soldering. But she’s also trying not to have her entire identity rooted in See Jane Fix. She finds time for a lot of reading, cooking, walks, and tennis.

Alex recently attended an alumni breakfast on campus and laughed about the number of people there who weren’t doing anything related to their degrees.

“It’s funny when kids trip out and think their degree has to be the perfect degree for the perfect career,” she says. “These days you don’t know what job you’re going to be doing five years from now. You might as well study whatever you want.” — Greg Scheiderer

See how Alex does it at seejanefix.com
The Rev. Wayne Griffen, known as the “Dahlia Man,” writes: “I am still growing dahlias after more than 50 years. I have three flower beds with more than 200 plants. I still belong to the Puget Sound Dahlia Association and have many ribbons from our dahlia shows. I share the flowers with the residents.” Wayne lives at Wesley Homes in Des Moines, Wash. He is a retired Methodist minister, having served six different churches in Washington state. Now in their Sprinter van, nicknamed ‘Big Red,’ Omi and her mother, Professor of Music Maria Sampen; (next page) Jolene Bader ‘87; Beth Bell ‘87; Tom and Karen Bell ‘87; Dr. David Bell ‘88; Sarah George was featured in Utah Business for her work as executive director of the Natural History Museum of Utah. She has led the museum for more than 20 years, patiently growing it from its small original location to its new, larger home, where she has collaborated with national and local experts to bring fresh, thought-provoking exhibits to life. Sarah credits Puget Sound’s science programs and museum with solidifying her passion for the subject.

ONE [OF A KIND] THE CAMPAIGN FOR UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

About 75 Loggers joined forces in Los Angeles on Sept. 13 at the California Science Center for a One [of a Kind] evening with President Ron and Mary Thomas to celebrate the people of Puget Sound. Among those who stepped into photographer Ross Mulhausen’s photo booth: (this page) Khanh and Darrell “Bear” Andrews ‘00; Alison Moser ‘96, Mary Louise Piccard P’18, and Chelsea Dean ‘00; Mike Ramoska ’76 and Vicki Grabar Ramoska ‘75; Charlotte Christie and her mom, Professor of Music Maria Sampen; (next page) Jolene Bader ‘87; Marylo Hill Ferry ’86 and Richard Ferry; Connie Suh ‘13, Sofia Lima ‘11, and Megan Breuer ‘08; Jimena and Jose Pavia P15; Kristy and Eric Hamilton P’15 with son Zachary Hamilton ‘15; Ian Lorek and Barbara Perry-Lorek P’18; Keith and Laura Miller P’17; Nancy Greystone P’15 and Jerry Pomerantz P’15; Kevin Kutz ’97 and Gemma Stafford; Jim and Julie FilarSKI P’18; Angel Dixon P’18 and Patricia Bryant; Jeff and Lyn Fey P’14 with Judi Gonzales-Johnson and Brian Johnson P’17; Grace and Allan Mayemura P’18; Peter Cromwell and Daniellle Acheampong ‘11. That’s a lotta L.A. Loggers!

Hello, Portland! Look for your One [of a Kind] photos in the winter issue of Arches.
Hugh Robertson, chief finance officer for the Council on Aging Services for Seniors in Sonoma County, Calif., was profiled in the North Bay Business Journal’s Staff Report. Hugh has 30 years of experience in consulting, banking, management, and finance. He previously held CFO positions for companies such as CleanFish Inc., the Children’s Council of San Francisco, and the French American International School. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Napa County.

Jannie Meisberger ’86, M.Ed. ’96, P’01 has been performing as a voiceover artist since 2010. She narrated the audiobook version of The Miss Dennis School of Writing and Other Lessons from a Woman’s Life by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Alice Steinbach, and for the past three years she has narrated the Everett Philharmonic Orchestra’s annual Thanksgiving children’s concerts. Jannie also is a frequent volunteer recorder of poems and short stories for Rhapsody, an international group of performance-poetry readers, and LibriVox.

Louise Sutherland Tieman was named CEO of the World Trade Center in Tacoma. According to US State News. Curtis currently is commander of the Watch 1 Patrol, SWAT team, and bomb squad. He began his career with the Boulder Police Department in 1993.

In a profile by The Peninsula Gateway, Bob Werner discussed his work as the Gig Harbor High School athletic director. Now in his third year at the school, he’s been working hard to make facilities there among the best anywhere. Bob worked at Russell Investments for 18 years before taking up coaching and then accepting the AD job.

Todd Baker is an operations manager for the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries in Olympia, Wash.

Scott Eagan is an adjunct instructor at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash., and at Pierce College in Puyallup, Wash. He also is the owner and acquiring literary agent for the Greyhaus Literary Agency, which represents exclusively romance and women’s fiction. Writer’s Digest recently proclaimed Scott’s blog, Babbles From Scott Eagan (scotteagan.blogspot.com), one of the top websites for writers. Scott and his wife, Nikki, have three children.

Curtis Johnson was appointed deputy chief of the Operations Division of the Boulder, Colo., police department, according to US State News.
Jeffrey Haydon is starting his second season as CEO of the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, N.Y., according to New Canaan News. Since his arrival, Jeff has launched several artistic initiatives, and has expanded the Caramoor Center’s overall programming by more than 60 percent. Before assuming leadership at Caramoor, Jeff was executive director of the Ojai Music Festival for nine years, according to the Ventura County Star of Los Angeles. He helped double the festival’s budget and triple the number of artistic and education programs produced.

Andy Thompson and Amy Middleton Thompson, along with their four sons, ranging in age from 4 to 11, witnessed three games in Maracanã Stadium (the site of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil) including Columbia vs. Uruguay in an elimination round. Andy tells us: “We also were fortunate to catch games at Fan Fest on Copacabana Beach, and witness the Brazilians advance out of the group round in Brazil, and the Argentinians advance out of the group round in Argentina. It was an amazing, whirlwind experience that we shared with our boys, as well as our friends who work for the U.S. Embassy.” Amy first began playing “the beautiful game” in third grade, so the soccer ball has come full circle!

Joshua Jones, medical director of Peninsula Behavioral Health, spoke at Port Angeles’s Olympic Medical Center about new mental illness diagnosis strategies and treatments. According to the Peninsula Daily News, Joshua’s work at Peninsula Behavioral Health includes supervising psychiatric treatment services, performing forensic psychiatric evaluations and educating the public about mental illness, one of PBH’s missions. He has worked for the organization since 2010.

Naomi Rykert LaViolette teamed up with fellow singer-songwriter Matt Brown to perform in Portland, Ore., at the Alberta Rose Theatre this past July. Naomi played all the songs from her critically acclaimed 2013 record, You’ve Got Me, as well as new original material, songs from her self-titled first album, jazz standards, and cover songs by pop and artists who have inspired her music.

Wells Fargo Advisors has hired Bret Norris for their Portland, Ore., office. He previously worked as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley.

Jesse Powell’s plein-air art will be on display and for sale at Catalina: The Wild Side art show and sale. En plein air, or “in the open air” is used to describe the artistic practice of painting outdoors. A third generation artist, Jesse was interested in art from an early age. He grew up on the California coast, where he developed a deep love for the rapidly disappearing landscape. He is a member of the Oil Painters of America and the American Impressionist Society, among other organizations. Jesse’s work was the subject of a feature in this magazine in autumn 2012. See examples at jessepowellfineart.com.

Kimberly Thomas ’99 is the founder of empower! College Advising Services, which provides college advising for high school juniors and seniors. Kim says the service “accounts for who students are, what drives them, their values, and their joy” and tries to help kids find not only the best college fit, but their life’s purpose. Kim received her Master of Education degree in multicultural education at the University of Washington in 2005. She lives on Seattle’s Capitol Hill. To learn more about empower! College Advising Services, visit empowercollegeadvising.com.

Joey Crum was appointed to the Alaska Commission on Post-secondary Education by Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell. The commission administers state student-loan programs and authorizes new facilities and programs. According to the Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, Joey is from Palmer, Alaska, and is the president of Northern Industrial Training. He earned his J.D. at Gonzaga University School of Law.

Galena Kline Rhoades ’00, M.S.’02 was quoted in a New York Times article as the co-author of a report on relationship development. She is a research associate professor in the psychology department at the University of Denver, where her research focuses on romantic relationship development and functioning, and on related implications for children and adults. Galena also collaborates on the development of relationship education curricula, teaches graduate courses, and supervises doctoral students. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Denver in 2007.

Theo Smith was the feature subject of an article in the Missoula Independent in June, discussing his wildly successful Indian food cart, Masala. Before attending culinary school, Theo’s tastes were influenced by travel throughout Southeast Asia.

Trained in classic techniques, he worked at high-end restaurants in Seattle before deciding to move to Montana. There he and a partner started Iza Asian restaurant. He sold his share of the business in 2011, then decided he wanted the flexibility of a food cart so he could offer ethnic food options to a broader audience. Now Masala is looking to grow into a restaurant. Find out more at facebook.com/masalamontana.

Naomi Rykert LaViolette ’98 teamed up with fellow singer-songwriter Matt Brown to perform in Portland, Ore., at the Alberta Rose Theatre this past July. Naomi played all the songs from her critically acclaimed record, You’ve Got Me, as well as new original material and songs from her self-titled first album.
Nicole Rogers sends this news: "At the end of April, Kirsten Schlewitz ‘03 visited from Herceg Novi, Montenegro, where she lives and works as a journalist covering European soccer. We were playing ‘tourists’ in Seattle when I got a phone call from the news director at KVII-TV in Amarillo, Texas, regarding the newscast director job I’d applied for. After a month of negotiations, I accepted the position and in June left Northwest Cable News in Seattle for my new job in Texas."

Debra Akhbari joined the Seattle-based Helsell Fetterman law firm in July. She served as the firm’s 2013 Richard S. White Fellow and summer associate. Debbie earned her J.D. at Seattle University School of Law in 2012. She clerked for the Washington State University Extension and attended law school in the evening. Debbie is an active member of the Latino/o Bar Association of Washington and Washington Women Lawyers. She also is a member of the American, King County, and Washington state bar associations.

RaShele Davis was named a 40 Under Forty honoree by the Business Examiner Media Group. The distinction recognizes outstanding South Sound business and community leaders under the age of 40. RaShele currently works in Washington state public policy as an advisor in Gov. Jay Inslee’s office. She earned her law degree at New York University School of Law, with a focus in international law, and she worked at the Washington State Department of Early Learning before moving to her current position in 2013. RaShele has held positions with the Pierce County Minority Bar Association and with the state bar association’s Young Lawyers and Diversity committees. She received a Tacoma City of Destiny award for community service. It was nice to see you on campus for the BSU dinner, RaShele!

Catherine Kurz Smith was a featured subject in Portland’s Grant High School newspaper magazine in June. The article chronicled her formative years and how they led to her role as one of Grant’s counselors. Catherine earned her master’s degree at Lewis & Clark College.

As founder of knit-wear design and yarn company Brooklyn Tweed, Jared Flood was interviewed in an extensive blog post on the online publishing platform used by Brooklyn Tweed. Find out more about this multitalented blogger, designer, and photographer, and see some of his exquisite designs at brooklynitwedd.com.

Emily Klick joined the Boise, Idaho, office of Perkins Coie LLP as an associate in the firm’s business practice group. She earned her law degree at Vanderbilt Law School and previously worked for another Boise law firm and as a corporate paralegal at Micron Technology Inc.

2006
Crísti Scott started her new job as executive director of the Durango Arts Center in August. She’s served on the board for the center for the last two years. The 41-year-old Durango Center oversees gallery shows and a theater program, and it offers year-round arts education opportunities (durangoarts.org). Cristi attended New York University’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development in a program for visual arts administration and nonprofit management before returning to her hometown of Durango.

2007
Allison Conway graduated from Pepperdine University with a doctorate in clinical psychology. She had previously earned her master’s in psychology at San Diego State University. Allison completed an internship with the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System in California this summer and started a postdoctoral fellowship at the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System this fall. Her emphasis is in post-traumatic stress disorder and polytrauma.

Daniil Davydov recently was inducted as a Carnegie New Leader on the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. After graduating from Puget Sound, he earned an M.A. degree in international relations at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Dan now lives in New York City and works at Eurasia Group, where he advises corporations, financial institutions, and the government on global political risk. By night, he performs and records with a variety of rock, jazz, gypsy, folk, and country bands in the city and across the Northeast, playing violin. In May CBS News DC named Megaphone Barons, a band he co-founded, one of the top-five indie rock bands in the Washington, D.C., area. As time permits, Dan also sneaks off on exotic adventures. An account of his stay with the Mbuti pygmies in the jungles of the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo can be found in the online travel magazine Roads & Kingdoms at roadsandkingdoms.com/2012/mbut.

Skylar Bihl was named assistant director at the new Center for Intercultural and Civic Engagement on the Puget Sound campus beginning July 16. She formerly served as communications manager for Casey Family Programs, as a consultant at APCO Worldwide, and as a communication specialist at Eddie Bauer.

Kainoa Higgins ’08, M.A.T.’09, an oceanography teacher at the Science and Math Institute in Tacoma last year, was this past summer accepted to the Teacher at Sea Program sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A Tacoma News Tribune article chronicling his career path noted that hundreds of teachers apply for the 10 to 30 available positions with NOAA each year. Kainoa had attempted to enter the competitive program three times, and then was wait-listed as an alternate this year before his acceptance. He teaches Oceanography 101 through a partner program with high schools and UW Tacoma.
Caroline Carr Reese was honored as the 2014 Small Business Administration’s Young Entrepreneur of the Year in June. She is president of APP (Advanced Piping Products) in Houston. As successors to her father’s company, Carrie and husband Matthew Reese ’07, who serves as the company’s CEO, helped APP become a certified woman-owned business through the Women’s Business Enterprise Alliance in 2013. Carrie is a graduate of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program, and she holds certifications with the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. Since she became president, APP has doubled in size. More about their growing business at appinc.co.

2009 Jeff Ammons played Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Eliza’s suitor, in Allenespark Performing Arts Company’s rendition of My Fair Lady this summer. According to the Estes Park Trail Gazette in Colorado, Jeff, since moving to Boulder, has performed with Loveland Opera Theatre, the University of Colorado Boulder Opera, and Boulder Opera Company, where he is currently president of the board. Jeff lived in Los Angeles prior to moving to Boulder, where he worked for an Internet startup and sang with choral and opera groups, including the role of Tamino in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Opera’s production of Mozart’s The Magic Flute.

Congratulations to Wingman Brewers in Tacoma, (and to co-owner Derrick Moyer) for bringing home awards in the 2014 Washington Beer Awards; Stratofortress in the Belgian Strong Ales category and Grater in the Specialty Beers category both took bronze finishes. Check out their taproom hours (wingmanbrewers.com) and sample a few brews for yourself!

2011 Tanya Rogers was one of three North-eastern University doctoral students selected as a 2014 recipient of the prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The fellowship provides a three-year annual research stipend of $32,000 plus a $12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees. Less than 15 percent of applicants received awards. Tanya’s research focuses on the ecological consequences of the habitat expansion of the Atlantic blue crab in coastal New England due to climate change. Congratulations, Tanya!

2012 Aaron Badham received the esteemed International Sculpture Center’s (ISC) Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2014. He and the other award recipients will participate in the Grounds for Sculpture’s exhibition in Hamilton, N.J., on display from October 2014 through March 2015. The sculptures also will be featured in the ISC’s award-winning magazine, Sculpture, this fall. Aaron earned his M.F.A. degree at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in May and is teaching at Hastings College in Nebraska.

Forest Beutel released his debut solo album of nine original songs titled If You Label Me, You Negate Me on Sept. 19 at B Sharp Coffee House in Tacoma. He also shared his contemporary bluegrass lineup at an Oct. 11 gig at Tacoma’s historic Bob’s Java Jive on its 30th birthday! Forest continues as a member of local groups Barleywine Revue and The Rusty Cleavers (with a group of Pacific Lutheran grads), so keep an eye out for upcoming Tacoma-area dates! You can find Forest on Facebook.

Jacob Harris earned his J.D. degree at the University of Oregon School of Law this spring. Daniel Miller received his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law this spring. Congratulations, Logger lawyers!

Marlee Palmer was included in a Tucson Weekly roundup that profiled area bartenders and bar managers. She manages Scott and Co. in Tucson, Ariz., a “small speakeasy-style bar focusing on hand-crafted cocktails.” According to the article, after her time at Puget Sound, Marlee spent six months in Nepal working as a grant writer to help families live sustainably there.

Alex Titus, a Hood River, Ore., native, was the subject of a Hood River News article about the 18-month, 1700-mile bike ride he and his fiancée, Maggie, began in mid-June. They started above the Arctic Circle and plan to complete their trek in the mountains of southern Argentina. An account of the adventure is on their blog 2w2c.com, which stands for two wheels, two continents.

2013 Benjamin Anderstone’s article “The truth about Tacoma: 5 things you might not know,” appeared in the online daily news magazine Crosscut.com in June. As a Tacoma native, Benjamin gives his take on the culture, politics, and economics of the City of Destiny. His bio noted that he is a Seattle-based political consultant, whose work has been featured in the Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, on Fox News’ Fox and Friends, and in Tacoma’s News Tribune. See more at anderstone.com.

Madison Genovese was cast as Ensign Nellie Foribush in the Foothill Music Theatre’s rendition of South Pacific. The play ran from July 24 through Aug. 10 at the award-winning Los Altos Hills, Calif., theater. Madison's lead roles in Puget Sound productions included Wendla in Spring Awakening and Kate in Pirates of Penzance.

Annin Raming recently moved to Japan to become an English teacher through autumn 2014 arches 41
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Thaisan Chang was part of a consulting team made up of students in Professor Lynnette Claire’s Strategic Management and Consulting course last spring. The experience helped him land a full-time job with Integrity Mobile Repair (IMR) out of Pacific, Wash. Theseen worked there for six months before making a connection through LigerJobs online. He went through an extensive five-interview process before taking an assessment test, "kind of like a mini SAT."

With strong recommendations from IMR owners Glen Grader and Andrew Pope ’97, Theseen was offered a job with Copiers Northwest. He’s now an account manager for the Olympia, Centralia, Shelton, Yelm, Bucoda, and Tumwater areas.

Rosa Dohmann joined the Seattle Business magazine team in July. Originally from Orinda, Calif., Ross was an intern for a San Francisco-based art and culture magazine and for Institutional Real Estate Inc. in San Ramon, Calif., as well as a reporter for Puget Sound's student newspaper, The Trail.

Brandi Lindberg-Lund Juenderson M.Ed. ’14 began her career here at Puget Sound in 2008 as a resident director for Langlow House and Seward and Regester halls. In 2010 she moved into the role of administrative specialist for student conduct with the Dean of Students Office. After earning her master's degree this spring, Brandi was offered the school counselor position at Mason Middle School in the Proctor District of Tacoma.

All best wishes, Brandi, we miss you!

Michael Lin joined Wufoo, a developer of an online form builder and other form-related technologies. He wrote an Aug. 6 blog post providing tips to Wufoo newbies. See wufoo.com.

Jared Prince M.A.T. ’14 started teaching history in September at his alma mater, North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo, Wash. He also was hired to coach football and baseball for the North Kitsap Vikings. According to the Kitsap Sun article announcing his new position, Jared had worked his way through several levels of baseball to play for the Texas Rangers before being released in spring training in 2013. He started working on his master’s degree one week later.

_**2012**_

Gordy Klett at the Tacoma Relay For Life on June 8, 2012

Gordon Klett Hon. ’88, a longtime Tacoma surgeon and founder of Relay For Life, died on Aug. 3. He was 71.

In May of 1985, Gordy solicited sponsors for his scheme to circle the track in Baker Stadium on the Puget Sound campus for 24 hours. He wound up walking 63 miles and raised $72,000 for cancer research. The next year 220 people on 19 teams joined him, and a worldwide phenomenon was born. In 1994 the relay became the American Cancer Society’s signature fundraising event. Today it is held annually in 23 countries and has raised nearly $5 billion. Gordy himself ran the relay until he was sidelined by knee surgery in 1995.

A public memorial service was held Aug. 24 in a packed Mount Tahoma High School stadium and broadcast by TV Tacoma. A bronze plaque identifying Baker Stadium as the site of the first event and honoring the vision of Dr. Klett was installed at the stadium on Sept. 9.

Gordy is survived by his wife of 22 years, Lou; three children; and five grandchildren.

The American Cancer Society has set up a memorial website at relayforlife.org/learn/dr-gordy-klett.

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**About classmates**

The Classmates editor is Cathy Tollefson ’93, P’17. You can call her at 253-679-2702 or email cttollefson@pugetsound.edu.

Where do Classmates entries come from?

About half come directly from you, either in letters or in email updates. Some reach us when alumni volunteer for the ASC Network and grant permission for the information they provide to be published in Arches. The rest are compiled from a variety of public sources, such as newspapers and magazines, and press releases sent to us by employers when, for example, a Puget Sound grad at the company gets a new job. We publish Classmates information both in the print edition of Arches and on the Web in the online version. It is our policy not to publish pregnancy or engagement announcements, or candidacy for political office. However, we are happy to print news of births, marriages, and elections to office. Classmates submissions are edited for style, clarity, and length. We put a lot of effort into making sure entries are accurate, but sometimes we slip up. Please let us know if you see incorrect information published in Classmates.

High-resolution digital photos or prints preferred. Kindly identify alumni in the snapshot. Also, please, for baby pictures, include alumni parents in the photo.

Publication deadlines

Aug. 15 for the autumn issue, Nov. 15 for winter, Feb. 15 for spring, May 15 for summer.

To send Classmates entries or to change your address:

Electronically: pugetsound.edu/information or email Classmates Editor Cathy Tollefson at arches@pugetsound.edu.

Post Arches, University of Puget Sound, Office of Communications, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma WA 98416-1041.

When submitting a change of address, please include your old address.

A note on names and abbreviations

Undergraduate class years appear after names as numerals preceded by an apostrophe (e.g., ’73, ‘P’ = parent, ‘GP’ = grandparent.


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The college installed a plaque at Baker Stadium commemorating the location of the first Relay For Life and honoring Dr. Klett. The plaque reads in part: “For his personal commitment, for inspiring millions around the world to run in his footsteps to help eradicate the scourge of cancer, for dreaming the dream that one person can make a difference, and for running the good race…”

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Robert A. Trimble '37, Hon.'99, GP'99 died on June 28. He was 98.

After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Puget Sound, Bob accepted a job offer from Theodore Evans '27 working for the Shell Development Company in California. Over the course of his life he was also an avocado farmer and secretary-treasurer of Trimble Navigation, a pioneer in GPS technologies. Following a trip in 1983 to China with then Puget Sound President Phil Phibbs, Bob established an endowed scholarship for Puget Sound's Asian Studies Program and served as a resource to the program with his extensive experience in the Pacific Rim. He contributed generously to the construction of Harned Hall and to Trimble Hall, named in honor of his father, Charles Garnet Trimble P'37, a Tacoma native, a Methodist medical missionary in China (where Bob was born), and the UPS team doctor during the 1930s.

Remembrance by President Ron Thomas:

I remember very well the first time I met Bob Trimble, now more than 11 years ago, in February of 2003. It was a big day for me, as I was being introduced to the Puget Sound community as the university's 13th president, moments after the board of trustees had endorsed my nomination and elected me to assume that role the following July.

One of my most vivid memories of that day was the distinguished gentleman sitting in the first row. Not great of stature, he was the one I saw most clearly in the sea of faces before me, not because of his maroon blazer and tie or broad smile, but because his eyes were absolutely riveted on me. The room was overflowing with faculty, students, staff, trustees, alumni—a standing-room-only crowd. But Bob stood out. He was taking my measure, I think, throughout my remarks. He was the first to greet me afterward, introduced by a campus officer as one of the university's most distinguished alumni and greatest supporters. Bob didn't react to that introduction; he just smiled, said something nice about my remarks, wished me luck, shook my hand firmly, and as he stepped away, gave me a kind of thumbs-up or “A-OK” gesture, combined with an encouraging wink.

I can't quite replicate that gesture, but I have seen it many times since: When visiting with Bob here on campus, discussing a project he was supporting. Or at a university event after my comments to the audience. Or after dining with him at his favorite Chinese restaurant in Palo Alto, Chef Chu's. Or at son Gordon and daughter-in-law Sonia's home in Honolulu during a festive dinner sum meal and some frank discussion about a capital project or the future of the university or the vitality of Chinese studies at Puget Sound. On each of these occasions Bob would find the right moment to give some version of this gesture. Sometimes it seemed just a friendly act of encouragement, a thank you, maybe. And sometimes it seemed more like an invitation for me to think on the topic we'd been discussing and work a little harder on it. But it always came with the utmost goodwill and respect. I always took strength from it.

My predecessor, Phil Phibbs, Puget Sound's 11th president, mentioned (when we exchanged reflections about Bob's passing) that Bob's footprints were everywhere on the Puget Sound campus. In the geology department, the Asian Studies Program, the religion department, and most dramatically in Trimble Hall. I will add Harned Hall to the list of places Bob's footprints are prominent; a major space on the chemistry floor is dedicated to the Trimbles, thanks to Bob. Bob's footsteps were traced by his grandson Robert, who graduated in 1999 from Puget Sound, joining other Trimble Loggers before him: Bob's dear sister Peggy, and his brother-in-law Arthur Campbell, and some nieces and nephews, too, and so many others were drawn into our orbit because of Bob and Genevieve, whom I never had the great honor to meet, were awarded honorary doctorates by the university in 1993, the highest honor we can bestow.

President Phibbs's comments about Bob's and Genevieve's shining personalities were in part a response to my declaration to him that for all Bob did on his own and through the Trimble Family Foundation, supported and led later by Gordon and Sonia, for all his wisdom and generosity and wit, to me (and to Mary) Bob was just about the kindest human being we had ever met. Just the kindest man. A good man. Something deeply good shined in Bob.

Phil also mentioned Bob's footsteps beyond the campus, movements not always easy to trace. At any given moment he might be fixing the roof of his cabin on Shaw Island. Or visiting his son in the Caribbean, or attending Senate proceedings in Honolulu with his other son the state senator, or teaching English at Hwa Nan College for girls in Fuzhou, China. I remember him often saying he never stayed on an island more than a week at a time. Or anywhere else, it seemed. Always on the move, Bob was. He might appear unannounced in any one of three Trimble Halls across two continents. We might see him strolling our campus without warning, or in the front row, again, at a campaign event for the university, or returning to his birthplace in rural China. In only the last year or so Bob did all these things—as he approached 99 years old. It would take a really good global positioning system to keep track of Bob Trimble. Thank goodness for Charlie—I think I know where he got the idea to develop Trimble Navigation. He had to find a way to locate his father.

Bob was a traveler, certainly, but he was trained as a chemical engineer and registered a number of independent patents. His father, Charles Garnet Trimble, a Methodist medical missionary to China, was the college's physician for many years. There is a good contingent of our Asian studies faculty present here today because they know how Bob has made the study of Asia, and in particular China—Old China and New China—an enduring strength of the Puget Sound curriculum. Charles Garnet Trimble took good care of our students, and some of his best medicine was carried and administered by Bob. Traveler, navigator, engineer, physician, teacher. We all could learn a great deal about life and about people from Bob Trimble. His footprints are all over our university—and always will be—and they are all over the globe.

But for me Bob will always be the guy in the maroon jacket shining in the front row with his honest eyes riveted on me. With that firm handshake of friendship and goodwill. The twinkling eye of encouragement. The confident nod of affirmation.

He was the kindest man I ever met.

“...and, when he shall die,” Shakespeare wrote.

“Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of Heaven so fine,
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun.”

Because of Bob Trimble and the stars he put into our night skies over just short of a century, even on this beautiful sunny day in July, our nights outshtine our days and always will.

Survivors include Bob's two sons and their families, including grandson Robert U. Trimble '99; and Bob's sister, Peggy Trimble Campbell '51, and her six children, including Marcia Campbell '75, Barbara Campbell '79, Larry Campbell '81, and Larcy Campbell Amorell '84.

David Fogg '41 died on July 4 at the age of 96. He was born and raised in Tacoma and was a member of Stadium High School's national championship rifle team in 1936. Dave married Jeanette Parlaman in 1939. He attended CPS for a year before serving in the Coast Guard aboard the USC&G Tanev from 1942 to 1945. In 1948 Dave took over as president of Commonwealth Title Insurance Company in Tacoma, succeeding his father. He was responsible for the company's expansion and completion of its headquarters at 1120 Pacific Ave. in Tacoma. Dave sold the business and retired in 1979. He enjoyed building and racing sports cars during the 1950s and '60s, was an avid big-game hunter, and he built a steamboat and launched it on American Lake in the 1960s. Dave was a member of the Tacoma Country & Golf Club, the NRA, and Safari Club International, and he was past regional executive of the Sports Car Club of America and past president of Washington Land Title Association. His wife preceded him in death in 1990. Two daughters, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren survive Dave.

Russell “Russ” Alsagaard '43 passed away on May 28 in Spokane, Wash. He was 94. Russ attended high school in Enumclaw, Wash., and had planned to attend the University of Washington to study genetics and engineering, having made advancements with split-pea plants in his backyard in high school. Before his first year of college, however, Russ took a youth group trip to University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, where a pastor suggested Russ apply to the College of Puget Sound to prepare for seminary so that he might either teach or preach. Russ was grateful for the turn of events. Russ' father died when Russ was a junior in high school. Many professors at CPS helped provide guidance and support. Particularly Professor Arthur Fredericks, who became a father figure to Russ. The two frequently walked home.
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Together, since Russ lived off campus with his aunt, Russ enjoyed his studies, but he particularly enjoyed his job as a security guard in the art gallery at CPS. When art shows were on display at the college, Russ would listen to professors’ lectures. He later chuckled about getting paid to take courses in art appreciation. Russ went on to attend McCormick Theological Seminary on scholarship. During seminary he learned how to bring congregations together by coordinating church remodeling projects and how to be inclusive of all viewpoints. Russ first served parishes in Republic and Curlew, Wash., where he met the love of his life, Betty Follett. She had come to town to teach music in the public schools and ended up playing piano on Sundays at Russ’ church. The two married the following summer. In 1953 Russ was called to University Place Presbyterian Church in University Place, Wash. A Korean student from Japan, Paul Namkoong ’66, lived with the couple for two years as part UPS’s program to bring foreign exchange students from missionary locations to the U.S. Russ was later relocated to the First Presbyterian Church of Spokane to be an associate pastor. He was honored there as pastor emeritus, supporting parishioners and senior pastors until his retirement. Throughout their years in Tacoma, both Russ and Betty were proud to attend every senior pastors until his retirement. Jack enjoyed fishing, golf, photography, his bonsai collection, his koi pond, and he spent many hours in his workshop. He was a longtime member of the Lions Club in Tarzana, Calif. In 2009 the University of Puget Sound extended a belated honor to the students whose studies were disrupted by the U.S. government’s internment of Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans during World War II. Each Japanese American enrolled at the College of Puget Sound in 1941–42 received the degree Bachelor of Arts, Honoris Causa, Nunc pro Tunc meaning: a thing is done at one time which ought to have been performed at another. Jack’s wife of 66 years, two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive him.

James Power ’44 died on June 18 at the age of 89 due to esophageal cancer. He attended his freshman year of college at the University of Mississippi before being drafted into the Army and assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program at CPS. He and his classmates were called up to join the 11th Armored Division (Patton’s Thunderbolts) in the Battle of the Bulge. Jim was wounded near Bastogne, Belgium. He later rejoined his outfit and helped lead two squads who were among the first American troops to enter Austria. Jim returned to graduate from Ole Miss and began his career with E.H. Crump & Co., first as chief financial officer and retiring as president in 1990. Jim later became the pro-bono director of the Memphian Botanic Garden Foundation. His hobbies included gardening, history, and collecting antique stock and bond certificates from the mid-South area. Jim was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, served on several local boards, and authored three books. His first wife preceded him in death in 1975. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Dixie; two daughters; two stepchildren; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Natalie Nicholson Nelson ’49 passed away on July 16. She was 87. Natalie was born in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School before attending CPS. She was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority at Puget Sound and also met her husband, Arthur Nelson ’50, at the college. They both were charter members of Mount Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in University Place. After raising their four daughters, Nat did in-home nursing care and worked on the caregivers’ team at her church. Four daughters, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren survive Natalie.

Laura Alm Krippaehne ’50 died on July 20 at the age of 85. She was born in Tacoma and graduated from Chehalis High School in Chehalis, Wash. Laura attended CPS and later graduated from Central Washington University. She was a teacher in the Puyallup schools and met her husband, Fred, while working there. The two were married in 1953 and raised four children. Laura was active in PTA, the American Cancer Society, and P.E.O. International, among other groups. In retirement she and Fred enjoyed a second home in Arizona. Her husband of 61 years, four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive Laura.

Kenneth DeRoche ’52 was 90 years old when he passed away earlier this summer. He was born in New Park, N.J. Ken was a combat veteran during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He met his wife, Florence, in the second grade, the two married in 1947. Ken and Florence moved to University Place, Wash., in 1958, when Florence was offered a teaching job at Lister Elementary School. After receiving his undergraduate degree in mathematics, Ken went on to earn his master’s in education. He taught at Lister and at McKinley Elementary School, retiring in 1982. Florence and Ken were contract bridge enthusiasts and played several times a week. Florence preceded Ken in death in 2003. Two sons also predeceased him. Survivors include one grandson and a nephew.

Dan Caldwell ’53, M.B.A.’77 died on July 15. He was born in Seattle on Sept. 22, 1930. Dan graduated from Lincoln High School in Tacoma and served in the Army during the Korean War. He held a variety of jobs, starting at The Boeing Company, then with King County Juvenile Court, Special Olympics, in small-boats sales, and he served on the Des Moines, Wash., city council. Dan’s wife of 59 years, Marjorie; four children; and five grandchildren survive him.

Burtine Beal Morse ’54 passed away on July 27. She was 81. Burtine was born in Tacoma and was a member of the Tri Delta sorority at Puget Sound. She married William Wright, and they lived in San Marino and later Huntington Beach, Calif. Their marriage ended in 1971, and Burtine moved to Escondido, Calif., where she worked as an administrative assistant for Palomar College for 22 years. She married Eugene Morse and the two enjoyed traveling the world and their fellowship at Questhaven Retreat, where they were longtime members. Burtine supported the arts and was a benefactor and volunteer for the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Her husband and son David preceded her in death. Survivors include two children, three stepchildren, four grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Wayne Smith ’55 died on Aug. 12 at the age of 84. He was born in Spokane, Wash., lived in Manson, Wash., until ninth grade, and graduated from Granite Falls, Wash., high school in 1948. Wayne attended Everett Junior College before earning his degree at CPS. His education was interrupted when he was drafted into the Army in 1951. Wayne served in Germany and France before being discharged in 1953. He married Patricia McLaughlin in 1954, and the two raised four children. Wayne taught elementary school in Wenatchee and served as the Wenatchee High School ski team coach for five years. His team took second place at the state level twice and were undefeated in their league three years in a row. Wayne also served as vice principal and counselor at Chelan junior and senior high schools from 1965 to 1978. He enjoyed working in his orchard and spending time with his family and fishing at their cabin in Stehekin, Wash. Wayne was a member of the Lake Chelan boat club, ski club, and snowmobile club, and the American Legion. His wife of 41 years preceded him in death in 1994. Four children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive Wayne.

James Wolfe ’56 passed away on June 28 at the age of 83. He was born on his family’s farm near Gibbon, Neb. Jim graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served aboard the USS Essex during the Korean War. In 1952 Jim married Molly Coy Wolfe ’56. The two had known each other since first grade at Tacoma’s Franklin Elementary School. Jim went on to earn a banking certification at the Pacific Coast Banking School, in partnership with the Graduate School of Business at the University of Washington. In 1985 he left the banking industry and opened the downtown Tacoma Coin and Stamp shop until his retirement in 2001. Jim was an avid golfer and was a past president of Fircrest Golf Club and an active member of the Highlands Golf Course. He volunteered at the Veteran’s Golf Course in Lakewood, Wash. He hit a lifetime nine holes-in-one. Jim made his home in University Place for 55 years and was a dedicated Curtis High School sports fan and volunteer. His wife of 62 years, three children, and four grandchildren survive him.

William Muse ’57 died on June 18, less than a week before his 94th birthday. Born in New Orleans, he moved with his family to Tacoma and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1941. Bill was a Golden Gloves championship boxer. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mount Rainier, the Navy Reserve, and in the
U.S. Navy for five years during World War II. After the war Bill earned a bachelor’s degree at Pacific Lutheran University before attending Puget Sound to earn a bachelor’s degree in education. He received his master’s degree from Oregon State University. He had a long and respected career as an educator at the Tacoma Public Schools and at Tacoma Community College. He retired in 1983. Bill was a champion of civil rights and served as the advisor of TCC’s Black Student Union and as president of the Tacoma chapter of the NAACP. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and, in 1993, was the first African-American in Washington state to hold the position of Exalted Ruler in the Gig Harbor Elks Lodge 2560. Bill enjoyed jazz, skiing, boating, dancing, and spending time with his family. His son preceded him in death. His wife of 61 years, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Florence Holroyd Thomson ’57 was a lifelong Lakewood, Wash., resident. She was 79 years old when she died in June. Florence graduated from Clover Park High School in 1952 and attended Washington State University before completing her degree at Puget Sound. She married her high school sweetheart, David Thomson, in 1956. They were happily married until his death in 1987. Florence began her teaching career in Bellingham, Wash., and later taught in the Clover Park School District after raising her children. She was a member of the Tacoma Orthopedic Association, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and a sewing group that had been meeting for 39 years. Florence also was involved with PTA and Scouting. Her husband of 31 years preceded her in death. Three children and six grandchildren survive Florence.

Nancy Eliason Baynham ’59 passed away on June 18 at her home on Mercer Island, Wash. She was 78. Nancy was a member of the Chi Omega sorority at Puget Sound. She worked in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband Bob Baynham. The two were married in 1964 in Bremerton, Wash., and celebrated their 49th anniversary last year in Paris. They made their home on Mercer Island, beginning in 1967, and enjoyed boating as members of the Seattle Yacht Club. Their family spent numerous summers in the San Juan Islands and on Canada’s Desolation Sound. In 2003 Nancy had a double lung transplant at the University of Washington Medical Center; she celebrated the date each year as another birthday. She was a member of the Women’s University Club of Seattle for more than 25 years and enjoyed the camaraderie of the club’s investment group, Bob, their three children, and six grandchildren survive Nancy.

Muriel Drilling Raphael ’61 died on July 25 at the age of 86. A self-described “Navy brat,” Muriel lived in China, the Philippines, and many locations in the U.S. before her family settled in Lakewood, Wash. There she met and married Jack Raphael ’51. Their family lived in Belgium, Germany, and Spain before finally settling in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Muriel continued to travel and visited every continent except Antarctica. Jack preceded her in death. Survivors include two children.

George Quigley ’81 died at age 77 on Aug. 3. He was a retired Stadium High School teacher and coach. George was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His brother, Patrick, and family survive him.

Wilfred Morish ’63 passed away on July 30 at home in Lacey, Wash. He was 93. Wil was born in Hinckley, Minn., and moved with his family to Port Angeles, Wash., in 1938. He met his future wife, Julia Fintel, while in high school. The two were married in 1943, when Wil was serving as an Air Force pilot. They celebrated their 70th anniversary in 2013. Wil went on to earn a master’s degree at Eastern Washington University. His passion for public speaking turned into a career as a business and public speaking instructor at Peninsula College for 20 years. He founded several Toastmasters International clubs and was an active member in the organization for more than 70 years. He served in the Air Force Reserve for 30 years. His wife and two children survive him.

Joellen Lewtas Jungers ’66 died on July 6 at the age of 70. She was born in Tacoma in 1944. After earning her undergraduate degree at Puget Sound, Joellen went on to attend Memphis State University for two years and later earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry at North Carolina State University in 1973. She started her career as a chemist at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., then taught high school chemistry and physics in Memphis, before taking a research assistant position at N.C.S.U., and then was a research associate at Duke University. She joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. There she held several positions, including branch chief of genetic bioassay and epimirology. In 1996 Joellen was appointed senior regional scientist in the Office of Science Policy, Region 10, in Seattle. In 1998 she was appointed senior research scientist in the Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division for EPA’s Office of Research and Development. She retired from EPA in 2004. Joellen was a member of many professional associations and earned national and international honors and awards. She is remembered for her love of science and for always seeing the best in people. Joellen’s husband, seven children, and three grandchildren survive her.

Linda Nelson McCartney ’67 passed away on June 2. She was 70. Linda was born in Tacoma, and, although she dealt with lifelong deafness and chronic lung disease, earned a scholarship to attend Puget Sound. While at UPS she met her husband, Harold McCartney ’67. Linda was a homemaker, part-time blood bank technician, and philanthropist. Affectionately known as the “bird lady,” she shared her love of animals and showed local retirement-home residents and school children how healing therapeutic animals can be, with trained dog and parrot shows that she gave in the Yakima Valley for the past 15 years. Linda also was active in breeding cockatiels for pets. She was writing a book on pet therapy at the time of her death. Her husband, two children, three granddaughters, and a menagerie of parrots and dogs survive Linda.

Ruthann Holden Van Amburgh ’67 was born Sept. 11, 1943, in Yakima, Wash., and died on June 24 at the age of 70. She graduated from Highland High School in Cowiche, Wash., in 1961, and named John Van Amburgh in 1963. Ruthann attended Central Washington University for two years before completing her degree in music at Puget Sound. She taught music in the South Kitsap and Auburn, Wash., school districts, retiring after 35 years. Ruthann’s last assignment was opening the band department at Auburn Riverside High School when it was opened in 1995. She was the founder of the Puget Sound Youth Wind Ensemble. Ruthann’s husband and daughter survive her.

Mary-Lou Brennan ’68, M.Ed.’83 died on Dec. 21, 2013, in Fallbrook, Calif. She was born on March 3, 1936, in Missouri. Mary-Lou taught at Orchard Heights Elementary School in Port Orchard, Wash., for 23 years. She also taught in Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Vincent.

Giacomo “Jack” Iacuzzi ’68 died at the age of 72. He was an Army veteran. Jack was living in Chicago at the time of his passing.

James Couter ’70 was born in Tacoma on Sept. 28, 1942, and passed away in Kent, Wash., on June 15 at the age of 71. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity at Puget Sound. Three cousins survive James.

Raymond Ho M.F.A.’70 passed away on May 29. He was 74. Ray was born and raised in Honolulu before moving to Washington state. He attended Pacific Lutheran University and earned his undergraduate degree there in 1962. Ray’s master’s degree was in ceramics. For most of his career Ray was an art teacher; he later worked as a residential contractor. He enjoyed gardening and grew “vibrant gardens.” Ray also was known to cook extravagant meals, and he continued to create works of art. Ray is survived by his wife, Carolyn Crothers Ho ’67; their two sons; and five grandchildren.

John Morgan M.B.A.’71 died on Aug. 1, his 90th birthday. He grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and enlisted in the Navy after high school, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war John earned his undergraduate degree at Cornell College. There he met his wife, Shirley; they married in 1946. After college, John and Shirley moved to Chicago, where John began his 41-year career with the YMCA. He held positions with the YMCA in Pomona and Pasadena, Calif., and in Eugene, Ore. When the Tacoma YMCA needed help improving its operations, John was picked to be executive director. He is credited for financially turning the downtown branch around—increasing membership from 600 to 15,000 in his first year and was recognized nationally for his efforts. The Morgan Family YMCA on Pearl Street in Tacoma was named in John’s honor. His wife of 67 years preceded him in death. Three children and two grandchildren survive John.

David Grayson M.P.A.’74 passed away on May 15. He was 83. David grew up in Glasgow, Mont. His family had moved there from Canada when his dad found work on construction of the Fort Peck Dam. David’s mother died when he was 16 years old, and his dad moved to Alaska for employment. David stayed with his grandmother and graduated from Glasgow High School in 1948. He then joined the Army. Upon discharge he decided to attend the University of Washington, working several part-time jobs to pay for books and board. David graduated in 1957 and began a 32-year career with the Seattle Police Department, during which he rose to assistant chief. In retirement he and
classmates

wife Charlene built a home in Stanwood, Wash. David then served as director of Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union and was appointed a civil commis-
sioner for police and firemen of Snohomish County, a volun-
teer position he held for many years. David’s wife of 53 years, two sons, two grandchildren, and his beloved 26 lb. Chihuau-
ha, Cocoa, survive him.

James Cobb ’76 died on July 8 after living with lymphoma for five years. He was 61. Jim grew up in Tacoma and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1972. As a young boy he spent time on his uncle’s ranch in Eastern Washington. Prior to his writing career, Jim worked as a ranch hand, truck dispatcher, disc jockey, and a bookstore and theater manager. His break as a writer came with his Amanda Garrett series, described as futuristic Navy techno thrillers. The first in the series was titled Choosers of the Slain (Putnam, 1996; West on 66 (St. Martin’s Press, 1997) launched his Kevin Pulaski series. Jim also published numerous short sto-
ries. A more recent novel, The Arctic Event (Grand Central, 2007), was included in Robert Ludlum’s Covert-One series. Jim spent hours encourag-
ing and mentoring aspiring writers. He was interested in Western and military history, classic cars, ghost stories, firearms, science fiction, and UFOs. Jim loved to drive back roads in his 1960 Thunderbird, “Lisette,”attending car shows and researching his books. He traveled to Morocco and China, among other countries. Jim’s mother, other family, and many friends survive him.

Norma Brooks ’78 passed away on July 31, just five days after her 84th birthday. She was born in Brighton, Colo., and moved to Tacoma with her husband, Jim Brooks, in 1955. They raised three children. After earning her bachelor’s degree at Puget Sound, Norma did graduate work at Pacific Oaks College. She was a long-time instructor in the early childhood education program at Pierce College in Lakewood, Wash. Norma moved to Green Valley, Ariz., seven years ago and enjoyed an active lifestyle and made many new friends there. She was known for her adventurous spirit, and she loved to travel. Three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson survive Norma.

Robert Buck ’78 died while in Hospice care on July 7. He was 58. With degrees in business management and geology, Rob spent many years working in advertising before taking a procurement financial engineer position with The Boeing Com-
pany in Renton and Everett, Wash. His mother and other family members survive him.

Richard Crawford M.B.A.’80 passed away at the age of 86 on June 6. Born in Rye, N.Y., he enlisted in the Navy in 1946, attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School, and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., graduating in 1961. Dick earned a bachelor’s degree in marine engineering and a con-
current master’s degree in naval architecture. He married his wife, Barbara, in 1968 at Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. Dick served aboard several submarines during his Navy career, retiring from active duty in 1970. He then was em-
ployed by Lockheed Shipbuild-
ing and Construction Company in Seattle from 1972 to 1986, at which time the shipyard closed. Dick then joined Sund-
strand Corp. as an internal auditor. He did volunteer tax preparation and computer-skills training for senior citizens. Dick enjoyed traveling, sports, opera, dancing, the symphony, and attending his grandchil-
dren’s events. His wife of 56 years, four daughters, and five grandchildren survive him.

Charlotte Breckenridge M.Ed.’81 passed away peacefully at home at the age of 84. She was born in Tacoma. Her maternal grandparents were two of the founders of Tacoma’s Allen A.M.E. Church, where Charlotte was an ac-
tive lifelong member. She at-
tended elementary and junior high schools in Tacoma before moving to Chicago. After high school there, she went on to attend Century College and earned a degree in medical technology. When she returned
to Tacoma, Charlotte worked at Carling Brewing Company and later at St. Joseph Hospital as a lab technician. She married Sidney Breckenridge in 1951. While raising four children, Charlotte returned to school and earned her bachelor’s at The Evergreen State College. She was passionate about her vocation as a school counselor and worked in the Tacoma Public Schools until her retire-
ment in 2000. Charlotte was involved in Puget Sound’s Women’s League and numer-
ous other civic organizations. Her husband of 63 years, four children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter survive her.

James Beasley ’83 died on June 5. He was 55. James was born and raised in North Carolina. He grew up in Col-
erain but attended Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Va. James was a part-
nor in Beasleys Farms and Sandy Land Peanut Company, and he owned Northern Wild Reds in Dillingham, Alaska. He enjoyed traveling, visiting the Outer Banks, and he took several adventurous dive trips with his sons. James fished commercially in Alaska for many years and had a deep love for the outdoors. His parents, two sons, two, and other family survive him. He was a good friend.

George Oldham M.B.A.’83 died on May 17. He was born in Seattle in 1942, and he spent his childhood in many small communities in the Pacific Northwest as his father’s min-
istry moved. At age 15 George went to Puylulp, Wash., to help his grandfather with the family farm. After graduating from high school in 1960, he joined the Navy and served for 22 years, earning numerous medals and commendations and retiring as an E10-master chief. He earned his B.A. in arts and business administra-
tion at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., while still in the Navy. After graduating from Puget Sound he went to work for the state of Washington, first as a temp at the Depart-
ment of Social and Health Ser-
tices and then in the fiscal de-
partment of the attorney gen-
eral. There he was employed for 23 years, retiring in 2007 as payroll manager. George was a longtime member of Ever-
green Christian Community in Olympia and served twice on its board. He loved his Tumwa-
ter Thunderbirds football team, beginning when his children played for the T-Birds in the early 1980s.

Jack Holtman ’85 passed away on July 3 at the age of 52. He graduated from Fed-
eral Way [Wash.] High School before attending Puget Sound and earning his bachelor’s in business and accounting. Jack was an accountant for Bank of America and Trident Seafoods in Seattle. He was an ardent supporter of the arts in Seattle, where he lived for 37 years. During tax season Jack was a volunteer tax preparer. He enjoyed travel throughout the U.S.

Scott Bush ’86 passed away earlier this spring at the age of 51. He was born in San Francisco and raised on Oahu. He attended Punahou School, graduating in 1981. After Puget Sound he earned a J.D. at the University of Hawai‘i School of Law. Scott also spent a sum-
mer at Oxford Law School in England. He practiced in the private sector for several years, then with the state of Hawai‘i as a deputy attorney general working in public safety and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Survivors include his wife, father, and a brother.

Walter “Chuck” Costello ’91 died on Aug. 1. He was 47. Chuck transferred to Puget Sound from Maryville College in Tennessee. He was the owner of Coast, a landscape construction company. He is survived by his four children and other family members.

John Melton M.Ed.’95 died at the age of 70 on July 1. Born in Tacoma, John graduated from Puylulp High School in 1961. He attended Green River Community College and graduated from Pacific Lutheran Univer-
sity in 1969. John later gradu-
ated from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and served three congrega-
tions over a nine-year period. He resigned from the ministry in 1981 and worked in various capacities until 1995, when he became a vocational services specialist at the Department of Labor and Industries in Tumwaa-
ter, Wash. He married for the second time in 1995, to Penny Magoon M.Ed.’78, M.Ed.’93. The two had a blended family of five daughters and eight grandchildren, all of whom sur-

Kim Vommitag Guimaraes ’00 passed away peacefully at home after living with multiple sclerosis for many years. He was 37. Ryan was raised in Arlington, Texas, and graduated from Texas Christian Academy in 1994. He attended the Air Force Academy and com-
pleted his studies at Puget Sound. Ryan’s passions were airplanes, history, politics, and music. He is remembered for his adventurous spirit, courage, and big bearhugs. Survivors include his parents and sister.

Scott Bush ’86 passed away on June 22 at the age of 36. She was born and raised in Oregon. Kristin at-

tended Abertystwyth University in Wales and later earned her master’s degree in organiza-
tion development and strategic human resources at Johns Hopkins University in 2008. Growing up she was involved with 4-H and played clarinet in her high school marching band. She married her husband, Rui, at Walt Disney World in 2003. They enjoyed traveling the world and visiting friends. Kristin had a career with the U.S. federal government and was actively involved in her church. Her energy and pos-

tive attitude are remembered by her family and friends. Kris-
tin’s husband and two children, ages 5 and 6, survive her.

Matthew Saul ’04 died on June 24. He was a month shy of his 33rd birthday. Matt enjoyed sports and excelled in soccer with the South Eugene Strikers. He later earned a varisty letter with the South Eugene High School Axemen. At Puget Sound he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fra-
ternity. Matt was the happiest outdoors and was known to “wesal a fish out of the driest stream.” He enjoyed hiking and is best remembered for his smile and open heart.

in memoriam
Race & Pedagogy alumni scrapbook preview

Sept. 25–28 the college hosted its third Race and Pedagogy National Conference. More than 2,000 people from 22 states and three countries attended to hear the likes of Angela Davis, Winona LaDuke, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, and Henry Louis Gates Jr. and to attend nearly 80 other presentations. We’ll have more on the conference in the next issue of Arches, but we did have time before we went to press to add to the Scrapbook these pics of Puget Sound alumni at the Black Student Union’s fundraising dinner and auction, which took place on the opening night of the conference, and a few of the many alumni at other conference events. A special Arches thanks to Jensen Handwork ’17 and Sharon Chambers-Gordon, director of the Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Fellowships, for the photos.

▲ A guest speaker at the BSU’s fundraising dinner was former senior vice president of finance and financial strategy for the Seattle Times Co., Buster Brown ’72, M.B.A.’74 (here with wife Carol and UPS President Ron Thomas and Mary Thomas). As Arches went to press, BSU had met their $10,000 goal for the evening. Monies raised will provide financial support to first- and second-year students for textbooks and technology. “Let us not grow weary of well doing, but continue to pass it on to the next generation,” said Nakisha Renee Jones ’16 (at right), president of the Black Student Union, in her remarks at the dinner.

▲ Also speaking at the BSU dinner was trustee Lyle Quasim ’70, former president of Bates Technical College.

▲ Kate Cohn ’00 (at left), assistant director for assessment in the college’s Office of Institutional Research, helped attendees bid during the silent auction portion of the BSU dinner program.

▲ The arts as public pedagogy was spotlighted on Saturday, Sept. 27, with educator, musician, and community outreach coordinator at KCTS 9 Television Antonio Davidson-Gomez ’93. Tony was keynote speaker for a panel discussion titled “Why Are the Arts the Last Thing We Should Cut? What Are the Blocks to Arts Education and How Do We Tear Them Down?” He also presented “Teaching YOU & Me: Identity, Social Studies, and the Common Core in the New K12 Demographic.”

▲ Here’s Secretary of the Board of Trustees Liz Collins ’81, P’02 with this fall’s Susan Resneck Pierce Lecturer in Public Affairs Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Puget Sound Director of Student Programs Serni Solidarios.

▲ T’wina Franklin ’06, M.A.T.’07 assisted in organizing the conference’s Youth Summit, alongside Stadium High School College Bound program students, Youth Summit emcees, and student leaders Selma Torres and Mack Jones. T’wina is a teacher at Stadium and recently received an honorary Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Community Leadership award for volunteerism with children in Tacoma Public Schools. She also is an instructor for the Metropolitan Development Council’s College Bound program. T’wina is a key member in the Tacoma African American Leadership Forum, and she co-founded Ladies First—a girls’ empowerment group. She serves as a board member for her children’s Parent Teacher Student Association and the Statewide Poverty Action Network.
Several retired faculty members were on hand at a send-off for Professor of Math and Computer Science Bryan Smith, who entered the emeritus ranks in June. Back, from left: Professors Emeritus of Math and Computer Science Bob Matthews, David Scott, and Jerry Kerrick, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Ken Rousslang, and Professors Emeritus of Math and Computer Science John Riegsecker and Bruce Lind. Front, from left: former faculty Rosemary Hirschfelder, Bryan, and former math and computer science faculty Chuck Hommel, who retired last December. Current Associate Dean Martin Jackson, who also is a member of the math and computer science department, hosted the gathering. Happy trails, Professor Smith!


At their semi-annual Chi Omega gathering, inside the Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant in Lynnwood, Wash., on June 7, back from left: Arlene Brown Salamone ’70, Sandy McGilchrist Huggins ’69, Cindy Charkow ’70, Ruth Davis Tedder ’70, Anita Sterling; Charlene Tilton Jones ’68; Adrienne Linnemann Nelson ’68, M.A.’85; and Pat Garber Chesebro ’68. Front, from left: Patty Mason Deal ’68, M.Ed.’92. Sandy Smith Mabbott ’67, Marilyn Minnitti Hicks ’69, Bev Muller ’69; and Lynda Ring-Erickson ’70.

Jim Talbott ’75 and wife Cheryl hosted a Puget Sound get-together and family reunion at their home in Santa Maria, Calif., the weekend of Aug. 9. In addition to 50 Talbott family members and local friends, making the trip from Honolulu, Seattle, and Los Angeles, UPS alumni and friends joining the festivities were, from left: Guy Watanabe ’75, M.B.A.’76; Larry Glynn ’75; Bob Isonaga ’76 and Donna Inamine; Jim and Cheryl; Martha and Duff Lawrence ’75; and Larry Olli ’75 and Andrea Ward. Along with authentic luau food and entertainment at the reunion, the weekend included wine tasting and touring California’s Central Coast region. We also heard that the group was engaged for hours recounting their time as students residing in Todd Hall or the oft-notorious off-campus Budil House.
Another annual mini-reunion of alumni friends convened on Aug. 9 at the home of Ruth Davis Tedder ’70 and Terry Tedder, located at the Washington National Golf Club in Auburn, Wash. From left: Sandy McGilchrist Huggins ’69, Kathy Martin Specht ’71, Sheila Taylor, Charlie McClure ’73, Arlene Brown Salamone ’70, Colleen McClure, Larry Chesebro, Pat Garber Chesebro ’68, Ruth and Terry, Lee Ann Paulsen Hanna Riley ’70, Gary Riley, Gary Taylor, and John Salamone.

This year’s annual Kappa Sigma Summer Weekend took place in and around Portland, Ore., July 23–27. It included 90 holes of golf, fine dining, fellowship, and tall tales. Friends and brothers joining the merriment, front, from left: John Kucher ’77, Chris McCartney ’76, Mark Schlesinger ’76, P’09, Larry Vanlaningham ’73, Chuck Wolsbom ’73, P’10, Bruce Uppinghouse ’73, Rick Aescllmann ’72, and Brad Bergquist ’72. Back, from left: Colleen Aylward ’75, Larry Eckert ’72, M.B.A.’84, Pat Anunsen ’73, Dan Abbey ’73, Tom Brown ’73, Paul Ferry ’71, Bill Lincoln ’73, Ray Peralta ’72, Art Samuelson ’74, John Knighton ’73, Steve Zimmerman ’73, Richard Tucker ’76, Peter Lobb ’76, Steve Westerberg ’73, and Eddie Yokoyama ’73.

From left: McGregor ‘Mac’ Agan ’80, P’17, Carl Boush ’80; and Mike Linker ’81 have been best friends since grade school; they all graduated from Sumner High School before attending Puget Sound. Mac organized a golf outing in the Portland area during the weekend of Aug. 15–17. It comprised three foursomes representing alumni from UPS, Stanford, WSU, and UW. Current Puget Sound parent and development officer Jean Picha-Parker P’17 decided to give the Loggers in the group some swag and provided a UPS hat and packs of three golf balls for each. By the end of the weekend, all of the balls were lost, save the one pictured here. “Once a Logger …”

From left: Peter MacDonald ’76, David Wyler ’75, and Micheal Marr ’76 on their summer 2013 backpacking trip on Yosemite National Park’s High Sierra Camp Loop. They stayed at White Wolf, Glen Aulin, May Lake, and Sunrise camps, and were nearly back to Tuolumne Meadows in this shot. They’re pictured at Lower Cathedral Lake, Cathedral Peak as their re-splendent backdrop.
A strong Puget Sound contingent helped welcome the new CEO for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on June 25 in Seattle. From left: Puget Sound’s Vice President for Enrollment Jenny Rickard; Priscilla Liscich ’69; Mary and President Ron Thomas; Andrew Lofton ’72; Puget Sound trustee and deputy director, U.S. Libraries/Special Initiatives for the Gates Foundation Jill Nishi ’89; and Scott Jackson ’80, Hon’10, P’15.

Whitney Thomas ’00, D.P.T.’03 married Jason Rudolph on June 15, 2013, at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort in the beautiful Cascade Mountains of Leavenworth, Wash. Here’s the bride and her maids hamming it up, from left: Marty Royston Kelly ’00, M.A.T.’02; Karly Therriault Leyde ’00; Whitney, Gwen Thomas, Amanda Jackson, and Tasha Rudolph. Other Loggers present though not picture were Carolyn Johnson ’99; Megan White Rosenstock ’99; and Marie Potter Haase ’02, D.P.T.’05, who in true-friend fashion came to celebrate with Whitney and Jason just six weeks after giving birth to twins! The couple live in northeast Seattle, where Whitney is a physical therapist in adult inpatient and outpatient neurology at the University of Washington Medical Center. Jason works in customer service at Alchemy Goods, a company that “upcycles” blown-out inner tubes, old seatbelts, and other materials into useful stuff. They report: “Life is great, and even better together. We are grateful for our families and friends.”

We received news that, from left: Jen Beeh Prodzinski ’88, Kacy Lebby ’11, and Jeannie Stuyvesant Patterson ’02 are united in their association with Islandwood, a 255-acre outdoor learning center on Bainbridge Island, Wash. They were delighted to find out that they’re all Loggers, too! At IslandWood Jen is a garden educator, Kacy was a graduate student in the Education for Environment and Community Program and finished in June 2014, and Jeannie is a philanthropy officer. They also found out that three other Puget Sound undergraduates are entering the IslandWood graduate program this year—go Loggers!

Paul Weigel ’91 completed his Ironman Canada challenge in 16 hours, 17 minutes, and 37 seconds. The race, on July 27, started with a 2.4-mile swim in Alta Lake, with average July water temps of 67–72 degrees. Athletes then rode a 112-mile bike course, traveling south on the Sea-to-Sky Highway before climbing into the Callaghan Valley, site of the Nordic skiing events during the 2010 Winter Olympics. After descending back to the highway, the athletes passed through Whistler on their way north to Pemberton. A marathon running course (26.2 miles) then followed the Valley Trail past Lost Lake and Green Lake, before returning through Whistler Village at the halfway point. Athletes finished their day in the Whistler Olympic Plaza. Paul is pictured at the finish line with daughter Natalie, 4 1/2. You’re our Ironman, Paul!
Kim McDowell ’91, P’05, P’08 retired on Aug. 1 after nearly 40 years of distinguished service to the university. She started her career on campus in 1975 in the college’s public relations office. By 1979 Kim had become the student employment coordinator, back when the average hourly wage for students was just $2.20. In 1985 Kim was named Puget Sound’s first director of Student Employment and in 2002 the college’s first director of the newly created Career and Employment Services (CES) department, a career engagement center that helps students find jobs and internships, and assists with career planning. Kim received the college’s Excellence in Action award in 2011, and her CES team also was nominated for an award in two consecutive years. It is estimated that between 1979 and 2002, Kim referred more than 7,000 students to their first on-campus job. When she retired this summer, entry-level pay for on-campus jobs ranged from $9.32 to $10.20 per hour. Joining Kim at an on-campus celebration in her honor, from left: daughter Arlene Smith ’08, Kim, son Harlan Smith ’05, and daughter-in-law Sarah Nickel Smith ’08. A heartfelt thank you, Kim. We miss you!

Tam Brine ’99 married the love of his life, Heather Burpee (a Whitman College alumna), on July 19 at the bride’s parent’s home in Roseburg, Ore. As it turned out, an earlier generation of Puget Sound grads were represented at their wedding, unbeknownst to the groom. From left: Marc Carvajal ’99, Christian Mohr ’99, Kyle Hays ’99, Dan Fazio ’99, Wendy Soo Hoo ’00, the groom and bride; Tom Walworth ’00, M.A.T.’01, Robin Davis Case ’68, P’02, Margaret Davis Philbrick ’74, Donna Sandusky ’Sandy’ Plummer (attended 1953); Wilson “Bill” Plummer ’51, Ann Davis Palmason ’71; and Jon Palmason ’74. The Palms and Margaret Philbrick are aunts and an uncle of Heather’s, and the Plummers are family friends of the bride’s parents. Tam and Heather live in Seattle with Tam’s 7-year-old son, Sean. Tam works in inventory management for Cutter & Buck, and Heather is a research assistant professor in architecture at the University of Washington.

Sabrina Meier Visser ’00 graduated from nursing school in June and now works in a neonatal intensive care unit in Eugene, Ore. She lives in Eugene with husband Jesse and son Kees, 8. Congratulations, Sabrina!

Michelle Baillie Bauer ’02 and husband Michael welcomed their first child, Vienna Cadence, on Nov. 1, 2013. She was 18 inches long and weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. Vienna is pictured here at 11 days old. Michelle writes: “She is a vibrant, happy baby and keeps us laughing! We can’t believe she’s almost 1; the year has flown by!” Michelle works as a supervisor of a neurosurgery unit at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. Michael is an IT consultant for ProKarma in Redmond. The family resides in Maple Valley, Wash.
Rickey Badua ’06, M.A.T.’07 graduated from The University of Georgia with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting this summer. He studied with John Lynch, left. Rickey recently moved to Los Angeles, where he is a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor serving as director of bands and instrumental music at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Bravo, Rickey!

Alyson Sundal ’10 sends this update: “I am currently attending The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, getting my master’s in stage and event management. I spent 10 months in Cardiff, Wales, and have returned to the States to start working professionally and to research/write my dissertation. I enjoyed studying British stage management and even learned a bit of Welsh. Diolch Puget Sound ar gyfer addysgi israddedig gwych!” Translation: Thank you Puget Sound for a great undergraduate education!

Ryan Kahler ’02 and Marta Soden were married on April 12 in Seattle. The bride and groom, here in the back row, celebrated with Puget Sound friends, front, from left: Heather Hanna Jones ’03, David Jones ’02, Mark Churchill ’02, brother of the groom Dylan Kahler ’04, Adam Sedgley ’01, Rob Cuningham ’01, David Rosenthal ’01, Kari Lambert Pemberton ’02, Andrew Frederick ’02, Pippa Fordwood Rorem ’03, Elliot Pemberton ’02, and Angela Staehle ’02. Marta and Ryan live in Seattle, where Ryan is an assistant chief counsel with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Marta holds a postdoctoral research fellowship in neuroscience at the University of Washington.

Jeff Pearson ’09 and Karin Erwin ’10 were married on July 12 in Seabrook, Wash. Loggers present, from left: Epiphany Couch ’10, Stephanie Engle Dent ’09, Kelsey Wenger ’10, Marlene Hild ’10, the groom; Rachel Mosher ’09, Jessica Frank ’09, Zen Newman ’10, the bride; Lisa Long ’04, M.A.T.’05, Reed Jessen ’11, Jane Wendel ’09, Allison Geary ’10, and Rachel Johnsen ’09. Present though not pictured: Bart Stevens ’10, Kyle Stroh ’09, and Zachary Dent ’07.
Tiffany Picard ’03 updates us: “This year I immigrated to Vancouver, B.C., to be with my boyfriend and business partner Daniel Bliss. We are both avid rock climbers and co-founded a small climbing-gear company called BLICARD (blicard.com). Yes, the name is a bit ‘Brangelina-esque’ since it’s a combination of our two last names! We stand out by sourcing hard-to-find products that make climbing more fun and safe. I have also been self employed as an online marketing consultant for the past five years, specializing in the tea industry and consumer products.” Tiffany and Daniel are pictured here at the top of the iconic Stawamus Chief in Squamish, B.C., which they climbed this spring. Tiffany adds: “It’s a 16-pitch climb, but worth it for the views and the sense of accomplishment once you make it to the top!”

These ballplayers, from left: Connor Savage ’15, Taylor Thompson ’06, and Nate Backes ’16, represented Puget Sound as members of the Seattle Tacoma Cheney Studs baseball team at the National Baseball Congress World Series (NBCWS) in Wichita, Kan., on Aug. 11. The Studs achieved a second place finish in the tournament, which attracts top semi-pro and summer collegiate teams in North America and is considered the pinnacle of amateur baseball competition. The Studs team is made up of a mix of current college players, ex-professionals, and college grads. Ex-Puget Sound baseball coach Brian Billings used to be an assistant coach for the team, and the Studs use UPS as their home field. This was Nate’s first year on the team, Connor’s third year, and Taylor has been playing with the Studs since graduating in 2006; he earned All-American honors for his performance in the NBCWS this summer! The three ballplayers would like to “respectfully dedicate their second place finish in memory of former Logger baseball coach Brian Billings, who is dead to them after defecting to rival Pacific University.” Actually, they send their best wishes and good luck to Coach Billings! More at seattlestuds.com.

Loggers being Loggers—#hackhackchopchop! Celebrating the 4th of July together at Blue Mesa Reservoir, near Gunnison, Colo., from left: Sam Stookesberry ’10, Meghan Webking ’09 (Arches’ favorite Instagram shout-out gal!), Donald Moenning ’10, and Margo Archey ’10. The four all live in Denver and get together frequently for mini Logger reunions like this one! Photo by Michael Sobota.

Daniel Adler ’09 and Rachel Moshier ’09 were married in a small ceremony at The Willows Inn on Lummi Island, Wash., on June 27. They were honored to have several other Class of 2009 Loggers present, from left: Rachel Johnsen, Brett Cullen Dierker, Mia Palomo, the groom and bride, Jessica Frank, and Kevin Nguyen. The newlyweds live in Seattle, where Daniel is a budget analyst for the Highline School District, and Rachel is a student at the Ada Developers Academy, an intensive yearlong training program for women transitioning to careers in software development.
Topping out: from left, Corinn Perry ’11, Dana Kuhn ’11, M.S.O.T.’13, Eimie Colgan ’11, and Robin Nichol ’11, along with two other hikers, Marianna Zak and Jen Hyde (not pictured) took a four-day, all-girl backpacking trip, culminating at the summit of the highest peak in the contiguous United States—California’s Mount Whitney at 14,505 feet. They write: “We hiked over 45 miles and gained more than 10,000 feet of elevation. We are very proud to say that all six of us summited, a feat reportedly only one in three hikers who attempt the summit achieve!” The women encourage and welcome more teammates for next year’s ride! Way to go, ladies!

Here’s Nichole Ashworth Beddes ’03 and husband Mark with their daughter, Avery, 4, and son, Max (6 months old in this photo). Max joined their family on Dec. 12, 2013, weighing in at 7 pounds 9 ounces. Nichole tells us: “Thank goodness he didn’t wait until his due date—he was three and half weeks early!” Nichole changed jobs last year and now teaches biology part time at Fife High School, just up I-5 from campus. She says five other Puget Sound alumni also work at FHS. We hope they get together for a Logger photo op soon!

In June Moira Fagan ’14, left, decided to climb Mount Rainier with the Rainier Mountaineering Inc. guide service. She randomly was assigned to one of five guides in the group and (insert small-world Logger moment here) was teamed up with guide and fellow alumna Katrina Bloemsma ’10, right. Moira made it to the summit! Unfortunately Katrina had to turn back early to escort a member of the group back to camp—so no summit photo—but the two are pictured here at Camp Muir at an elevation of 10,100 feet. Katrina has worked for RMI for two years. To the heights, ladies!

Post-ride photo, from left: Claire Ladner ’11, Abby Larson ’03, Isabel Chirinos ’11, and Miya Johnson ’11 who rode 25 miles together in Obliteride 2014 on Aug. 10. Their team, Logging the Miles [we love it!] collectively raised $4,000 to benefit cancer research at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Isabel and Abby both work at Fred Hutch. Miya, also in Seattle, works for The Polyclinic, and Claire is the assistant manager for the box office at the Tacoma Dome. The women encourage and welcome more teammates for next year’s ride! Way to go, ladies!
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These 21 Class of 2012 grads (and two guests) decided five years was way too long to wait for their first reunion, so they planned their own! They rented a house on Orcas Island, Wash., over Memorial Day weekend 2014. From left: Michael Dooley, Spencer Kadas, Jim Weber, Nora Wahlund, Kris Shouldice, Becca Foley, Pieter VerHaar, Katie Loker, Caroline Aubry, Emily Swisher, Ruby Aliment, Johnston Hill, Rachel Gnall, Sterling Ingle-Mead, Adam Leuin, Fallon Boyle, Ollie Napier, Jon Prentice, Amy Roll, Harrison Diamond, Zane Muller, Megan Chambers, and Ben Zedwick.
GO WITH THE GLOW

Bioluminescence is common in the terrestrial world (think fireflies), and in marine environments, too. For example, the Hawaiian bobtailed squid and the flashlight fish make use of symbiotic luminous bacteria as “lanterns” to avoid predators or attract prey. Associate Professor of Biology Mark Martin has long been interested in bacteria that produce light using an enzyme called “luciferase.”

Professor Martin tells us: “Photobacterium leiognathi is my luminous microbe of choice. This particular microbe was isolated from Kane‘ohe Bay in O‘ahu, Hawai‘i, in the mid-1990s by my colleagues and friends Eric Stabb and Edward Ruby. It is a nonpathogenic marine bacterium that normally lives in the intestines of fish and crustaceans. I use it every year—particularly around Halloween!—as a tool in my microbiology classroom. “To make a batch of these glowing microbes, I start with a single bright colony in a petri dish containing a saltwater-friendly growth medium. Then I add it to a flask containing the same liquid and aerate the flask until the bacteria glow very bright (about five hours). Next, I ‘draw’ in a petri dish containing the same medium as before, using a sterile swab. The culture is then allowed to incubate for about 12 hours. It is possible to actually paint with the liquid culture of bacteria, resulting in luminous portraits, as seen below, courtesy of my wife Jennifer Quinn, a mathematician and professor at the University of Washington Tacoma. The painting on the left is of Albert Einstein and the one on the right is yours truly. Students really seem to enjoy this ‘living light.’ So do I!”

College photographer Ross Mulhausen took this photograph in a darkened storage closet, with the students holding very still for a 10-second exposure. Which was no mean feat in such a small and eventually quite hot space. Our luminary students of Bio 350 are: (back, from left) Jeremy Parke-Hoffman ’15, Eli Wagnell ’15, Rhett Gibbs ’16, (front) Bailey Marshall ’16, Danielle Bender ’15, Emma Michl ’16, and Katylin Fielding ’15.
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