Here’s looking at you

Now I can really see it.

I have come to know that each of you, as we have said from the first day of our campaign, is one of a kind, just as the university you have supported so generously is such a completely unique and singular place. I am aware that you each have your own distinct Puget Sound story to tell. You have been inspired or influenced by a certain something or someone at the university and have invested in it with one hope or another in mind for the future of this great place. And as I think about thanking you for what you have done, words fail me.

There are just so many of you who participated in one way or another—too many for me to write individual thank-you notes. My hand hurts just thinking about it. So, impossible as the task admittedly is, I will try to express my gratitude to all of you at once.

First of all, thank you for your stories—all collected during this campaign into one giant, blockbuster tale of adventure and possibility. So many individual threads woven into one fabric of aspiration and purpose. It’s downright epic. Virtually Homeric. Mythic, even. So many people rallying together around a single cause and a particular place to contribute to one unified tale of genuine progress and real meaning.

Yours are the stories of more than 28,000 donors, 1,600 alumni volunteers, and nearly 500 parent volunteers who pitched in, reached out, and went beyond—you set out to raise $125 million but reached $131.6 million. Your stories have given rise to thousands of other stories that are just beginning to be told: stories that will themselves also be woven into the unending saga of Puget Sound.

Take the story of Mary, for example, a first-year Matelich scholar, who brought her cello with her all the way from San Diego, as well as her experience as founder of the Westview High Nerdfighters and vice president of Advocates for a Better Environment, not to mention captain of the school’s robotics team (taking the team to the International World Championship semifinals against 4,500 other competitors). Mary has a great story ahead of her here and beyond, I know. She is here thanks to the full-ride Matelich Scholarship, established by George ’78 and Susan Matelich in the campaign, and intended to attract “blue flame” leaders to Puget Sound who will have a big impact. Mary’s got it like a rocket.

So does Amairany, from Lincoln High right here in Tacoma, who discovered in ninth grade that she was considered undocumented and suddenly realized not only that she would not be able to qualify for
federal student aid, but that she might well be deported, dashing her dream of going to college and someday becoming a civil rights attorney. It’s a long story, but you know where I am heading with this: Amairany’s dream has come true, and she is now attending Puget Sound as a freshman just like Mary this year, thanks to the Neukom Scholarship for first-generation students from Tacoma and Pierce County. And to add some further romance to the tale, Amairany was invited to visit the White House to meet the president and the first lady this summer as one of 150 young Americans recognized for overcoming great odds, becoming dreamers who made it. Her Puget Sound story has gotten off to a pretty great start.

Then there’s Billy, who is off to Oxford University to earn a doctorate in computer science on a Rhodes Scholarship—as Puget Sound’s third Rhodes Scholar ever and our first in 27 years. That’s big, and it’s an honor that required him to turn down the other most prestigious award an undergraduate can receive—a Marshall Scholarship, the first one ever earned by a Puget Sound student. Billy came to Puget Sound four years back on a scholarship funded by the campaign, too: the Lillis Scholarship, designed to draw the most talented students in America to the university, students who would be candidates for such honors as Fulbrights, Rhodes, and Marshalls. Well, Billy turned out to fit the bill perfectly, graduating last spring summa cum laude in both English and computer science, composing and producing an original musical while he was here, interning with a Nobel laureate chemist, publishing an article in a refereed academic journal in computer science, and inventing a handful of apps for your iPhone. Billy’s already about six stories in one. I hope the dons of Oxford are ready for him.

You made these stories happen—and hundreds more like them. You also brought faculty to campus in innovative new fields, built inspiring new academic facilities, introduced new interdisciplinary programs into our curriculum, established new field stations in Southeast Asia, where our students are studying the environment, and rewarded excellent teaching by our faculty. Your support brought us through the recession, strengthened our financial position, and established endowments for financial aid that will keep a Puget Sound education affordable for thousands of students, forever.

So how, exactly, do we say “thank you” to tens of thousands of you for all this? For so masterfully weaving, as all of you have, this tale of opportunity and possibility, of potential realized, dreams come true, odds overcome, lives launched with hope and promise into the future? “What have I to give you back,” as Claudio put the question in Much Ado About Nothing, “whose worth may counterpoise this rich and precious gift?”

Numbers won’t do it, no matter how large. Neither will words, no matter how eloquent. The bard himself, the greatest master of the English language, once confessed (in Sonnet 103) when moved by an overwhelming gift of grace, that his words were completely inadequate to properly acknowledge its impact, because the gift was, in and of itself, “of more worth/Than when it hath my added praise beside.” “Blame me not,” he begged, as his words fell short, “if I no more can write!” In the sonnet’s final lines, the poet falls silent at last when he realizes a better way to express his feelings: He invites the giver of the gift to gaze in silence into a mirror and to see there with her own eyes the face of generosity, which delineates so much more powerfully than words ever could the grace her gift embodies.

I invite you, too, all of you, to look deeply into the mirror and to see in the reflection there, the lines of these many great stories you have written, and the singular tale they tell about a place that is always striving for the heights—and always getting there—thanks to the grace and generosity of people like you.

In gratitude,

Ronald R. Thomas
Thank you!

Four years ago we put together a special issue of this magazine announcing the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the college’s history. We named the campaign One [of a Kind] because it was about you. And especially it was about the succession of good—about making it possible for new generations of people like you to get out there and do what you do—for the benefit of us all. The campaign ended June 30, and, wow, did you respond: 28,493 of you—way, way too many stories to share in these few pages, but here are a few we thought you’d enjoy …
HERE COMES THE SUN. Meet two of our fabulous storytellers, Heidi Winkenwerder Schooley ’97 and Cheryl Schenk Miller ’05, lighting up campus this summer with their megawatt smiles. They have a lot to be happy about. As Alumni Fund chair Heidi (at left) worked with 112 class-gift agents like Cheryl to connect with Puget Sound grads far and wide. Their story: What a lot of Loggers working together can do. Does an annual gift of $100 matter? $50? $25? $10? You bet. It’s the old power-in-numbers thing. Add them all together, and suddenly a student can afford college, a professor can pursue new research. For Heidi, Cheryl, and all the volunteers who give their time and energy, we let loose with a resounding Logger hoot.
Nakisha Renée Jones ’16
scholarship recipient

Finding a mentor
Nakisha Renée spent last summer as an intern at Boeing in its Financial Operations department. Her Boeing mentor has been helpful not only in teaching Nakisha about how companies work, but also in offering perspective on her postgraduate endeavors.

Giving back
“I’ve come from being homeless, to attending Puget Sound and being self-sufficient. I would not be where I am today if someone wasn’t willing to reach out and give me a hand in difficult times.” Nakisha Renée has spent the last three years volunteering at her church in the hopes of giving others the same opportunity.

From: Tacoma, Wash.
Majors: Business leadership, communication studies
Minors: Economics, African American studies
Scholarships (in 2015–16): Chap and Eve Alvord Endowed Scholarship, John Dickson Scholarship, Matthew “Rick” Pratt Scholarship
Home on campus: a college-owned house on Lawrence Street, and the office of the president (ASUPS, that is)

Favorite class
Business Law and Ethics with Lisa Johnson. “This class inspired me to go to law school.”

Madam president
As president of ASUPS this year, Nakisha Renée hopes to redefine the status quo, making tangible improvements to create a more welcoming and accepting campus environment.
The power of poetry
"Spoken word has helped me unlock my inner voice and my passion for social justice. One day I hope to travel around the world as a public speaker—after law school of course."

One More
Last year, as president of the Black Student Union, Nakisha Renée established the One More Scholarship, which provides textbooks and technology to first- and second-year students who have financial need.

Thoughts on leadership
"Leadership is achieving something greater than yourself."

What's next?
After earning her JD/MBA (from the University of Pennsylvania, she hopes) Nakisha Renée plans to return to Tacoma and start a nonprofit that provides housing, employment, and educational opportunities to the homeless.
SAY HI TO THE QUITE AMAZING EVELYN WALKLEY '57. Evelyn attended Puget Sound while her husband, Van, was stationed at then-McChord Air Force Base. The couple had moved around a lot, as military couples do, and Evelyn attended several colleges along the way, finally completing her degree in economics at Puget Sound, one of the few women at the time to graduate as an econ major. She was and, at 82 years old, still is fascinated by geology and took every class she could take on the subject. Such classes often required overnight field trips, and Van went with her on those trips because Evelyn always was the only woman. In one instance the class required a monthlong summer study in the San Juan Islands, but Van couldn't get enough time away to tag along. Because the professor was not able to accommodate a woman on the trip, her class requirement for the San Juans was waived.

Evelyn and Van were farmers in Burbank, Wash. (population about 3,000, out near the Tri-Cities) for most of their lives. Burbank was named for Luther Burbank, appropriate for an agricultural community, we think. Evelyn and Van both grew up in the area, and their 5,000-acre farm had been in Van's family for 60 years. Van passed away in 2012, and Evelyn ran the farm with her daughter, Nanette, and her grandson. But it was hard, exhausting work, which is the way farming is, of course, and when a good offer for the property came along, Evelyn reluctantly decided to sell.

Evelyn has always had a deep belief in the value of education; she's a longtime supporter of the Burbank public schools. Last year she set up a charitable gift annuity with Puget Sound, which provides her with quarterly payments for as long as she lives. Later, the balance of the annuity will fund the Van I. and Evelyn D. Walkley Endowed Scholarship for students in the Tri-Cities area who wish to attend Puget Sound. Now that's what we call a win-win.
"WE ARE DEEPLY MOVED BY WHAT A YOUNG MIND AND SPIRIT CAN ACCOMPLISH, GIVEN THE CHANCE."

He: Puget Sound trustee emeritus Bill Neukom P'94, HON.'06, past president of the American Bar Association and founder of the World Justice Project. She: Puget Sound trustee emerita Gillian Neukom Toledo '94, a teacher and director of the Neukom Family Foundation. Photobombing the pic: Maribel Willa Toledo, daughter of Gillian and Rob Toledo '94. Bill and Gillian both are committed to making college accessible for students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. The Neukom Family Endowed Scholarship was created in 2001 to help local students afford a Puget Sound education. Several additional gifts were made in recent years, and the scholarship now provides full-tuition awards.
THERE HAVE BEEN 13 NEUKOM SCHOLARS TO DATE; many were first exposed to Puget Sound as junior high students attending the college's Summer Academic Challenge program, a partnership with the Tacoma Public Schools. The current Neukom Scholars are, clockwise from upper left: Amairany Bautista '19 (Lincoln High School), Allanah Whitehall '16 (Lakeside School), Jesse Becerra '18 (Mount Tahoma High School), and Bailey Edwards '17 (Stadium High School).
A HUGE PRIORITY OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THIS: renovations to the 1949 Memorial Fieldhouse and a new aquatics center to replace historic but well-past-its-prime Hugh Wallace Memorial Pool.

In all, 38,000 square feet will be added to athletics facilities, and 24,000 square feet of existing space in the field house and in Pamplin Sports Center will be renovated. The aquatics center will include a 25-yard pool with eight competition-width lanes and three warm-up lanes for instruction, rehabilitation, and therapy, and it will provide seating for nearly 400 spectators. A modern great hall, with an entrance on North 11th Street, will connect the aquatics center to Memorial Fieldhouse. This reception area will include a Loggers Hall of Fame and video showcase, a juice bar/cafe, and patron amenities. The fitness center will nearly double in size. The varsity team areas will gain new team meeting rooms, a new rowing ergometers room, an enhanced sports medicine facility, and a coaching staff office suite. The upgraded facilities will benefit Puget Sound’s 23 NCAA Division III varsity teams, of course, but also intramural and club sports teams, campus members, alumni, and the visiting public, including Little Logger and skill-based summer camps. The space will also serve academic programs, such as exercise science, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The latter two of these provide health services to roughly 300 local residents each year.

It’s a $19.4 million undertaking, with funding coming from many sources: alumni, parents, friends, and corporations and foundations. Each and every one of those gifts was matched by a group of Puget Sound trustees.
WE LOVE LOGGER LOVE STORIES; here's one of our favorites. Rich Hurst '64 and Maureen Finley Hurst '66 met on campus during their student days, when Maureen was a Pi Beta Phi and Rich represented the Loggers as part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team at the 1963 and 1964 NAIA National Swimming Championships, coached by the legendary Don Duncan. (That's Coach Duncan at the far left in the old yearbook photo; Rich is the strapping guy on the far right. Between them are John Jewell '66, M.Ed.'69; Byron Stauffer '70; and Bob Harper '67.) Maureen reports that she had to miss her sorority's Golden Arrow dance both years, in order to watch the meets on television. "There were few television channels, and seeing someone that you knew on TV was quite exciting!"

Swimming became a sort of mission for the couple following college. In 1978 they started the Newport Shores Swim Team in Bellevue, Wash., where Rich was also a coach. Fellow Logger Lyle Nalli '82 soon joined the staff and coached the couple's son, Jon (who, trying to one-up his old man, eventually became captain of the U.S. Naval Academy swim team. Maureen notes that Navy beat Army all four years Jon was at the academy!).

Fast-forward to 2011, and, after living out of state for many years, the Hursts ventured back to campus for the new Summer Reunion Weekend program, where they fell in love all over again—this time with their alma mater. They rekindled friendships, got involved with planning their respective 50-year reunions, and checked in on the state of Puget Sound's pool. Honoring their swimming legacy, they made a gift to the new athletics and aquatics center, and their names will be carried on five lanes of the new pool. They also made a gift to the Puget Sound Alumni Fund through an annual Class Gift that supports Puget Sound's students and faculty.

"None of this would have happened without Coach Duncan and without the University of Puget Sound," Maureen says.
HERE’S A NAME YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH: SCHNEEBECK. This is Dave ('61, P'92) and Andrea Schneebeck (P'92). Dave’s mom and dad were Ed and Bethel P'61, GP’92, HON.’82, longtime supporters of the arts in Tacoma. At Puget Sound, Dave was a math major, in AFROTC and the university band, and a Sigma Chi brother. After graduation he flew C-130s for the Air Force, then was a commercial pilot with Northwest Airlines for 32 years. During the campaign Dave and Andrea made a substantial gift that supported the new athletics and aquatics center, established the David E. Schneebeck Endowed Scholarship for students majoring in mathematics, and established an endowment for general use by the School of Music. Back in 2003 the Schneebeck family provided funds that created state-of-the-art practice rooms in the music building and helped renovate what is now Schneebeck Concert Hall. The Schneebecks also funded the Kilworth Chapel pipe organ, built by Paul Fritts ’73. And some of you benefited from the Schneebeck music scholarship while attending Puget Sound. Dave and Andrea added to that endowment with their gift, as well. Talk about family values.
ON COMING FULL CIRCLE: This is Jeremy Korst ’97. He double-majored in politics and government, and in economics, and graduated cum laude. He then earned an M.B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, and these days he is general manager for Windows product marketing at Microsoft. At Puget Sound, Jeremy was the recipient of a Matelich Family Scholarship, an award then given to juniors and seniors who showed exceptional motivation, academic achievement, integrity, and leadership. The Matelich Program was established by George (’78) and Susan Matelich. Both were the first members of their families to graduate from a four-year college. In 2010, the Mateliches increased their scholarship endowment so that it now provides full-ride, four-year awards for two members of each freshman class. Matelich Scholar Jeremy is a new member of Puget Sound’s board of trustees, and he also sits on the Matelich selection committee. So you might say that the program has come full circle. And, inspired by the scholarship he received, Jeremy and wife Lisa have endowed a scholarship, too, the Korst Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to students under criteria similar to the Matelich Scholarships. Neat. You can watch George Matelich talking about why he and Susan created their scholarship here: pugetsound.edu/matelich.
REMEMBER YOUR FAVORITE PROFS? OF COURSE YOU DO. They're the ones who taught you how much you didn't know, and celebrated what you did. Challenged you. Changed your outlook. Maybe even changed your life.

Loggers know that Puget Sound's faculty is the best. We can't honor them enough—but we try. Among other accolades and awards, and grants and fellowships earned by our faculty, each year a professor is selected by President Thomas to receive one of the college's highest honors: the President's Excellence in Teaching Award. Made possible by Hal ('60) and Jacque ('61) Eastman, the award not only recognizes the best of the best, but beginning this year it will provide the honoree with the opportunity to prepare a seminar for fellow faculty on a pedagogical topic of his or her choice. Because great teachers are always learning, too.

This year's well-deserved honor goes to Grace Livingston, associate professor of African American studies. Trained across the humanities and social sciences, Professor Livingston explores the structure of knowledge production as it intersects with historical memory, social movements, and educational and social thought. In courses such as Introduction to African American Studies; Narratives of Race; Imaging Blackness: Black Film and Black Identity; and Ugly Beauty: On Art, Ethics and Race; Professor Livingston and her students work hard at practicing together reciprocities of discomfort, risk, and regard as a way of reaching for the possibility of transformational learning and teaching. Whether in the classroom, in rehearsal, on the stage, in the writing center, in the Race and Pedagogy Initiative, or in intensive work with partners in the community, Professor Livingston inspires her students and fellow faculty alike. We caught up with her during office hours, talking with Joe Kaplan '16 about his Summer Research Award project titled "Assata Shakur: The Battle for Memory in the Imagined Borderlands."
Puget Sound calling.
YOU KNOW THEM. Those cheerful students ringing us up to remind us to renew our annual pledge. Phonathon caller Jesse Kreutzer '16 (that’s her on the facing page) told us this story: “I called a Logger couple at around the time of their five-year reunion—Alison Markette and her fiancé Scott Macha, both 2010 grads (above), both economics majors. They shared a passion for the faculty in that department and even sat next to each other at graduation. I am a current econ student, and as we talked further I was happy to learn that they were available to look up on the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) Network. I was even happier to help them make their first joint pledge to the Alumni Fund.”
HERE ARE SOME PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW: The folks who help make the college what it is—the board of trustees. They are almost exclusively alumni and parents, or have very long associations with Tacoma and Puget Sound, so they get it about this place and work for it ceaselessly and selflessly. They led the overall campaign effort through the Campaign Steering Committee. They engaged potential donors and stewarded them after commitments were made. And they themselves made pace-setting gifts in support of top campaign priorities. Grand examples, all.
2014–15 trustees present at the May 2015 annual meeting, front row, from left: Ken Willman ’82, P’15, P’17; Bill Canfield ’76, P’08; Gillian Neukom Toledo ’94; Mike Corliss ’82, P’13; Beth Picardo ’83, J.D.’86; Kathleen Duncan ’82; Laura Inveen ’76; Nick Vasilius ’07; Barbara Walker P’06, P’07; Jill Nishi ’88; Fred Grimm ’78; Mitzi Carletti ’78; Marvin Caruthers P’02; President Ron Thomas; and Lyle Quasim ’70, Hon.’05

Middle row, from left: Ariela Tubert (associate professor of philosophy, chair of the Faculty Senate, and ex officio member of the trustees executive committee); Tom Leavitt ’71, J.D.’75, P’10; Holly Dillon ’84, J.D.’88; Carl Behnke; Eric Lendgren; Bob Pohlad P’07; Gwen Lillis P’06; Bruce Titcomb ’80, P’13; Bruce Hart P’09; Guy Watanabe ’76, M.B.A.’76; Deanna Oppenheimer ’80, P’11, P’14; Erin Shagren ’88; Bob Shishido ’72, P’09; Rick Brooks ’82; and Rolf Engh P’14

Top row, from left: Sunshine Morrison ’94; Allan Sapp ’78, P’10; and Wade Perrow ’73, P’02

Not present for photo: Janeen Solie McAninch ’77, P’06; Ken McGill ’61; and Bill Nelson ’69

Campaign Co-chairs Rick Brooks ’82 and Bill Weyerhaeuser
FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, Puget Sound biology prof Ernie Karlstrom taught developmental biology, comparative anatomy, marine invertebrates, and ecology. He was director of the Honors Program, led the 1972 Europe Abroad program, founded the Winterim program in Hawai‘i, and well into retirement continued his studies of ecosystem recovery at Mount St. Helens. Wife Marilyn was a Tacoma Public Schools librarian for many years. Family involvement with the college includes son Kris Karlstrom ’76 and his wife, Lisa Feury Karlstrom; son-in-law Sidney Rundle ’86; and granddaughter Amy Karlstrom ’09. So to. During the campaign they established an endowed scholarship for students or physics.
GRACE YOUN ‘13 entranced listeners at the One [of a Kind] Evening events in San Francisco, Denver, and Honolulu (sometimes accompanied by her teacher, Professor of Violin Maria Sampen), and she was back on campus for the end-of-the-campaign celebration on Oct. 3. Grace just completed a master’s at The University of Texas at Austin and is now an Artist Diploma student at the Butler School of Music there. Grace, her classmates know, achieved YouTube fame with “covers” of popular tunes she recorded—nearly two million views and counting. (You can watch them, too, on her YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/graceyounviolin.) Her cover of “The One that Got Away” was featured in the opening credits of Katy Perry’s documentary, Part of Me, and she won the Rockin Fiddle Challenge with a cover of “Don’t Stop Believin’.” But Grace is also making a name for herself internationally as a classical violinist. She won the Texas Rising Stars competition in 2014 and was a prizewinner at the 2012 Beatrice Herrmann Young Artist Competition and a national finalist in the 2012 Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Competition. The list goes on. These days she’s busy performing with artists that come into Austin for the likes of South by Southwest or Austin City Limits, and for traveling theater productions. How do her fellow Loggers encourage such talent? While an undergraduate, Grace was the recipient of the Charles and Barbara Bingham Scholarship and the Paul M. Bellamy Music Scholarship, and was awarded the Edward Seferian Scholarship for three consecutive years.
Christian "Chili" Johnson '17

scholarship recipient

From: Los Angeles, Calif.
Major: Computer science
Minor: Mathematics
Scholarship: Lillia
Home on campus: Commencement Hall

What he's been up to this summer
Chili earned a McCormick research grant and spent last summer on campus working with Professor David Chiu on high-performance computing. The pair are working on extending software to allow for energy conservation and cost savings in data centers that would benefit both utilities and technology companies.

It's not all science
He's also a graphic artist and animator who's done work for startups (WaterSmart in San Francisco), and he is a music producer. Chili partners with his friend (and freshman-year hall-mate) Ethan Ziemba '17, aka Generation, to perform hip-hop music.
Currently working on
Eventi—an app designed to catalog event posters in a Tumblr-style format to let students know everything that’s happening on campus. ASUPS was planning to buy an app that offered similar capabilities when Chili came to them with the idea for Eventi. Savings for ASUPS: $9,000 per year.

Favorite class
Assembly and Architecture with math prof Brad Richards.

Paying it forward
Chili is grateful for the opportunities the Lillis Scholarship has afforded him and wanted to do what he could to help others have access to the same kind of education. He and his parents set up the Chili Johnson STEM Studies Endowed Scholarship with a One [of a Kind] campaign gift. They hope to offer support to underrepresented students interested in computer science.

On his nickname
“I’ve just always been called Chili. I don’t even answer to Christian anymore.”

Used to be known for
His hair. (He wore it in an Afro for many years.)

Bull’s-eye (not really)
Chili tried to start an archery club on campus, but Puget Sound’s weapons policy doesn’t allow for such a club.

What’s next?
Chili is already thinking about an internship at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in supercomputing for next summer.
Named spaces

What you see here, we confess, is not nearly representative of the places created during the campaign where learning takes place. We could easily fill this entire magazine with them. These are just a few locations among $37.9 million in facilities improvements: places where students and teachers and people from the community can be together in an environment made for interaction, and from which their work can go out to benefit others.
THIS IS BEN KASTENBAUM '12. In junior high and high school he was a Summer Academic Challenge student. SAC is a tuition-free summer math and science enrichment program for Tacoma public-school seventh-through 12th-graders, made possible by campaign donations from quite a long list of good-citizen local foundations and corporations. Academic Challenge students attend classes, build models, execute computer programs, conduct laboratory experiments, and go on field trips. The teachers are from the community and the university, and Puget Sound students serve as mentors. Because of his Academic Challenge experience, Ben knew Puget Sound was the place for him. A Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Foundation Scholarship made it possible. He majored in psychology and minored in science, technology, and society, and for three years was a teaching assistant with Academic Challenge. “I got to see both sides of the program, as a student and a teacher,” he says. After graduation Ben found work as a buyer for Gensco, a seller of wholesale HVAC equipment. But Ben says that’s not his career. He’ll soon be applying to grad school for a master’s in interdisciplinary studies. In 2014 Ben was chosen as one of five reader-columnists for the Tacoma News Tribune. (Says the TNT of its reader columnists: “Successful applicants will have a strong voice and engage readers with skillful use of such techniques as characterization, narrative, precise detail, humor, vignettes, or wordplay.” Well, of course Ben got the job. Every professor he ever had pushed him to become a better writer.) We Arches editors were impressed by his columns and got in touch. You’ll see his first story in the winter 2016 issue.
During the campaign, donors endowed 85 new scholarships and added to the existing funds for 141 more. All these happy creations are wildly important, but this one—this one made us grin longer than usual:

THE JULIA A. MOORE (“SWEET SINGER”) SCHOLARSHIP FUND Established by Robert Moore ’82 and Susan Moore, and designated for English majors

When he was a Puget Sound undergraduate, Bob’s 1980 Winterim (remember Winterim, folks?) project for Professor Rosemary VanArsdel was a paper on his great-great-grandmother, Julia A. Moore, the so-called Sweet Singer of Michigan, whose verse had influenced Mark Twain. (A character in Huckleberry Finn, Emmeline Grangerford, was modeled after Julia, and a poem that could have easily come from Julia’s own hand appears in Chapter 17.)

Julia’s writing was widely and nastily said by late-19th-century critics to be so bad that it was funny. Such notoriety made her mildly famous in her day, and Very Bad Poetry, a “compendium of the worst verse ever written in the English language,” contains no fewer than eight Moore entries.

Bob titled his thesis “Julia A. Moore: World’s Worst Poet or Frontier Genius?” He still has that paper; got an A on it. When conducting his research, Bob found that Grandma Julia was blessed with an artist’s soul, yet she was hampered by an education that had ended in the fourth grade due to financial pressures within the family.

Death was a favorite topic for her. “It seems Julia had a certain poetic ability of making the most grisly, the most morbid of deaths seem comic, even entertaining,” Bob wrote in his thesis.

When Bob and Susan endowed the scholarship in 2010, Bob said: “I’ve often asked myself ‘what-if?’ questions about Julia’s life and talent. What if she could have made it to high school? College? What if she had had a mentor? In my mind, she might have become a formidable artist. We established this scholarship in that spirit.

“It is also in the spirit of returning a favor. My brother (’84), sister (’89), and I all benefited greatly from financial aid during our 12 continuous years at UPS. In my case, I can tell you quite honestly that I was able to get by thanks to grants, the President’s Scholarship, student loans, swimming scholarships, and work-study. My graduation [cum laude, English writing] could not have happened without significant financial aid.”

Bob was on the swim team as a student, and we note that he and his old teammates Lyle Nalli ’82 and Bob Jackson ’82 took it upon themselves to rally swim team members from across the decades to help fund the new swimming pool at Memorial Fieldhouse.
IF YOU LIVE NEAR THE COLLEGE AND HAVE HAD A SPORTS INJURY, YOU LIKELY KNOW THESE FOLKS—yes, several of us in the Puget Sound communications office have had reason to use their services—the Puget Sound physical therapy grads working at 3Dimensional Physical Therapy & Sports Conditioning down in the Stadium District (clockwise from upper left): Joe Adamchak D.P.T.'08; Chad McCann '05, D.P.T.'08; Becky Thorndill Rucker D.P.T.'02; Todd Sams '92, M.P.T.'94; and Paul Drumheller M.P.T.'94. They represent a program at the college that is a great benefit to the community, enhanced to an even greater degree with the completion of Weyerhaeuser Hall and the new facilities there, including a clinic where occupational therapy/physical therapy faculty and students work with the public.

Exemplary Loggers that they are, the 3D crew is providing a venue for others to follow them. Over the years, 3D has hired 30 students to work as aides (14 were PT students at the time, and the rest were undergrads building hours toward PT-school admission), and seven Puget Sound physical therapy students were interns in the office from 2005 to 2010.
You’ll love what we’ve done with the place …

In 2003 the college began implementing a 20-year campus master plan. The work has been continuous and in every corner, some of it dramatic but a lot not so visible—in the form of infrastructure updates and improvements. Especially, though, if you haven’t been back in a while, the south end of the campus looks quite a bit different from the way it has for the last 65 years or so. Among the highlights:

So long, pink buildings
South Hall, the “temporary” World War II Army-surplus prefabricated hospital buildings that most recently housed the physical and occupational therapy programs, and the college facilities offices and shops, finally were retired after continuous use since 1947. In their place we now enjoy:

- Commencement Hall, the university’s 12th residence hall, constructed in such a way that it is divided into 11 smaller “houses” so that students live with others grouped by academic theme. Live and learn becomes literal.
- Weyerhaeuser Hall, a new center for the health sciences that houses occupational therapy and physical therapy classrooms and clinics, psychology, neuroscience, and exercise science. The building was named for Bill and Gail Weyerhaeuser, longtime university friends.
- A tiered event lawn. If you’ve been back for reunion recently you know it’s a great spot for a picnic for 1,000 people. Pretty good, too, for impromptu outdoor readings, and music and theater performances.

Commencement Walk
This winding stone walkway joins Collins Library with Baker Stadium, offering an unbroken path along which seniors process on Commencement Day. The brass class plaques, one for each graduation year, that formerly were embedded in the walkway around Jones Hall, were relocated in chronological order along Commencement Walk so that now as graduates parade two by two along the walk on The Big Day, they are reminded of their student forebears.

New aquatics center and Memorial Fieldhouse renovations
A lot of swimming championships have been won in the Hugh Wallace Memorial Pool since it opened in 1956, but it is no longer adequate as a facility for the many uses it must serve. The full project will add 38,000 square feet to athletics facilities, and 24,000 square feet of existing space in the field house and in Pamplin Sports Center will be renovated. The new aquatics center will include a 25-yard pool, to open in fall 2016.

SUB addition and renovation
A two-story addition in 2014 bumped out the southeast corner of Wheelock Student Center and provided much-expanded kitchen and serving space on the first floor and a second-floor seating area for 160. The second phase of the project rehabbed Marshall Hall and the first-floor reception area and lounge.
OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST YEAR, a group of Puget Sound alumni have been leading the effort to launch an African-American alumni group, the Black Alumni Union. During Reunion Weekend last June about 50 African-American alums were back on campus to get things started. Regina Kearney Glenn ’70, M.B.A.’71 helped plan that meeting. She told us: “Our aim is to help the university recruit and support African-American students, and raise funds for scholarships; help increase the diversity of faculty and staff representation; engage black alumni with the administration in developing policies that impact diversity inclusion at the university; and support the African American studies program and the Race and Pedagogy Initiative. Our first president is Sarah Lee ’94.” That’s Sarah above, at the group’s meeting last June. The BAU will meet again at Homecoming this year. For more on how to join the BAU, contact Allison Cannady-Smith, director of alumni and parent relations, at acannadysmith@pugetsound.edu. You can watch Regina (who is now vice president of the BAU) and Sarah talking about the formation of the Black Alumni Union at: pugetsound.edu/glenn70lee94.
HERE’S KELTON MOCK ’15, from Providence, Utah. He double-majoried in molecular and cellular biology, and music. He plays the double bass and piano, and he was into a ton of activities on campus, like playing in the jazz orchestra and DJ’ing a radio show on KUPS, during which he played Latin American music from the 1940s through the 1960s. And he was a Lillis Scholar.

Lillis Scholars are recognized by Puget Sound for their academic excellence, passionate interest in ideas, and intellectual independence. The annual full-ride, four-year awards are funded by the Lillis Family Foundation and are intended to assist students who show promise of outstanding performance during their undergraduate years and beyond. Any student who applies for admission to the college can also apply for a Lillis Scholarship; two Lillis Scholars are chosen each year.

This summer Kelton trained as an EMT, which he says will give him clinical experience before applying to medical school in June. In November, as the recipient of the James R. Slater Award for Academic Excellence, he will leave for a two-month postgraduate study tour in Cuba. There, he will work on gaining an understanding of the Cuban medical system, learn about the treatment of tropical diseases, and study the Cuban musical topics that interested him while an undergraduate. Kelton says he dreams of one day playing with the World Doctors Orchestra.
THAT’S HELISOMA TRIVOLVIS OVER THERE, seen at about actual size. So what does a pond snail have to do with the campaign? A lot, it turns out. During the campaign the college built the stunning William T. and Gail Weyerhaeuser Center for Health Sciences, which assembled behind one Tudor-Gothic brick facade psychology, exercise science, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and a new interdisciplinary program in neuroscience. To get neuroscience going at the college Marvin Caruthers P’02, distinguished professor of biochemistry and chemistry at the University of Colorado, Boulder, created in memory of his late wife, Jennie, an endowed professorship. The new neuroscience chair is Siddharth Ramakrishnan, a very enthusiastic teacher and lover of the arts who has degrees in both neuroscience and computer science. Also during the campaign, Puget Sound received a three-year, $250,000 award from the W.M. Keck Foundation aimed at introducing college undergraduates, high school students, and the community to the fascinations and practical applications of neuroscience.

But back to that little guy in the corner. Helisoma has an elegantly simple brain that nevertheless works like brains in larger mammals, including us. Most rhythmic behaviors such as breathing, locomotion, and eating are controlled by pattern generators in our nervous system. But mammals have so many millions of neurons it becomes very difficult to study how such pattern generators are controlled. The snail brain is beautifully arranged for identifying specific neurons that control specific motor functions. So it is ideal for studying control of rhythmic motion directly from the brain; you can observe snails behaving while recording from their neurons.

There’s an amazing video of Professor Ramakrishnan demonstrating for students how to dissect snail brains here: vimeo.com/75738515.
You can spot her
Cruising campus and beyond on
one of her bikes. She's a member of
the Puget Sound Cycling Club.

West Coast vs. East Coast
We tried to get her to choose,
but she says she loves them both.

A special community
"I love how unique our student
body is—people have such diverse
talents and experiences. I'm always
learning something new."

From: Falmouth, Maine
Major: International political
economy, and environmental
policy and decision making
Scholarship: Matelich
Where she lives: At press time,
Crested Butte, Colo., on a
Southwest Semester study tour

World traveler
We caught Clara during a brief
stay on campus this summer
after she traveled to Borneo for
three weeks as part of a field
course in biodiversity, followed
by trips to Thailand and Vietnam
to study national parks, the latter
thanks to a Puget Sound research
grant. At the end of August, she
headed out with Professor Barry
Goldstein and 12 other students
on Southwest Semester—a
new interdisciplinary program
exploring environmental issues
across several states. Clara
says she is most excited about
visiting Moab and Yellowstone.
You can follow along: https://
blogs.pugetsound.edu/
southwestsemester/2015/09/03/
wyoming.
What's next?
The journey's just beginning for Clara. In the spring she's off to Ecuador to study comparative ecology and complete a monthlong conservation project.

And after that?
Although it's two years from now, Clara hopes to focus on one of her personal goals after graduation—training for the national adaptive cycling team, and maybe even the Paralympics. (An injury left her right arm paralyzed.) After that, she's interested in pursuing sustainable city planning.

Favorite class
Intro to Environmental Policy and Decision Making, with Professors Dan Sherman and Peter Wimberger. "It was incredible to delve right into policy issues that were affecting the Northwest, a place that was still very new to me, as I grew up on the East Coast. I remember thinking at one point, if all my classes are like this, I've made the right choice."
Look what you did:

$125 million  
Campaign goal

28,493  
Number of people who participated in the campaign

$131.6 million  
Actual amount raised

ENDOWMENT: $56.7 million

FACILITIES: $37.9 million

ANNUAL SUPPORT: $37.0 million
## most unusual gift:
From Nic Cary '07—$10,000 in the virtual currency Bitcoin for the Alumni Fund

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## financial aid

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A Tacoma News Tribune lifestyle article in June said that Carol Petrich Kalapus got hooked on kayaking at age 75. An inspiration now at 86, the local artist, who was given an honorable mention at this year’s Washington State Fair, has explored nearly all of Puget Sound’s shoreline by kayak. The article went on to chronicle Carol’s life growing up in a Tacoma boating family. She and husband Leonard Kalapus ’51 have been married for 64 years. They raised three children on a 10-acre ranch. Leonard became an elementary school principal, while Carol stayed active at home with their kids and horses, dogs, goats, ducks, chickens, and a cow. Look for Carol fishing off Browns or Dash points, where she gets towed by the sea lions that go after the salmon she’s caught.

Edson Gilmore caught us up from Woodburn, Ore., where he and wife Nadine have lived since retirement. After graduating from college Edson spent five years on active duty in the Air Force as a navigator. He married Nadine Miller from Water town, N.Y., in June 1963, while stationed in New York. He left the Air Force to attend Asbury Theological Seminary, graduating in June 1968. Edson then served churches in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church from 1968 until retiring in 2001. In retirement he continued to serve at a church half-time from 2008 through 2012. During that time he also served as a chaplain in the Oregon National Guard for 21 years, the last eight prior to retiring from the military as the state chaplain for Oregon. Edson and Nadine have four children: two daughters living in Oregon, one in California, and a son in Virginia; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Edson’s hobbies and interests include flower gardening, snow skiing three to four times a week in winter months, traveling (he’s been on five of the seven continents), and visiting children and grandchildren. He is also actively involved in a local church as a layperson.

Marcia Pinto Moe and her husband, Dick, were the subjects of a story in Tacoma’s News Tribune about how they met and later married. Marcia was an aspiring professional dancer who left Tacoma at age 16 to perform with the Royal Ballet in London. But she decided against a career in dance and came home to Tacoma to finish high school and attend college. Marcia met Dick, who at the time was dean of the school of arts at Pacific Lutheran University, when both were part of a group effort to bring the Joffrey Ballet to PLU. Dick and Marcia later re-met socially after the death of Dick’s first wife, Lila, who was killed when she interrupted a burglary in their home. They have been married 36 years. The article focused on the couple’s “16 bonus years” together, after both nearly died in a traffic accident in 1999.

Thomas Vedvick retired from the Infectious Disease Research Institute in Seattle after a 43-year career in medical research, serving the last 10 years as vice president of Formulation and Process Development at IDRI. Tom’s research interests were focused on the development of large-scale protein purification and the characterization of proteins for vaccine development. He also directed the adhesive formulation program at IDRI. Tom contributed more than 100 original articles and holds 38 U.S. patents for diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics for infectious diseases and cancer. Prior to joining IDRI, Tom worked at Salix Institute Biotechnology Industrial Associates, where he led the protein purification and characterization laboratory. While at SIBIA he collaborated on the development of the Pichia pastoris recombinant protein expression system. Tom previously worked with Telios Pharmaceuticals to develop peptide-based products for wound healing, and at biotech company Corixa Corporation, where he established a protein microsequencing facility and directed the process development group, concentrating on vaccines for infectious diseases and cancer. Tom spent two years working at then-Ligocyte Pharmaceuticals. There, he was director of process development and project leader in the norovirus vaccine program, which resulted in the first product that reached a phase I clinical trial for Ligocyte. Tom earned his master’s in chemistry at Western Washington University, and his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Oregon Health & Science University. In retirement he and his wife of 48 years, Claudia Ingalsbe Vedvick ’66, plan to travel. They took a private rail car from Los Angeles to Denver and returned in September. They also have a trip planned to Hawaii in November. Tom volunteers at the LeMay – America’s Car Museum and continues to consult on vaccine production and adjuvant formulation.

Jeffrey Slottow retired in December 2014, after living and working in Los Angeles for many years. In September he and wife Joan moved to Falls Church, Va., where they have family.

Susan Pozzi Stroome ’70, P’01 and her job-share partner of 25 years were highlighted in a Kent Reporter article about their retirement after 44 years of teaching in the Kent School District. They became fast friends in 1971 as first-year teachers at Cedar Valley Elementary in Covington, Wash. Susan had grown up in Kent and got a job in the district after college. The idea to job-share came up after both women started families
Mary Gillilan is editor in chief of *Clover, A Literary Rag*. The journal publishes poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction twice a year. It originates from the Independent Writers Studio, which Mary developed as a means of melding her love for poetry with her experience leading workshops. She runs her business in the Clover Building in downtown Bellingham, Wash. According to a *Bellingham Herald* article in May, the first volume of the journal was published in summer 2010. It was 77 pages long and included work from 17 writers. The latest edition, winter 2014, had 63 contributors and filled 305 pages. After Puget Sound, Mary went on to earn a teaching degree at Central Washington University and lead a writing group at Lynden Community College. That led to a collection of stories about people’s early experiences in Whatcom County, published under the title *Echoes from the Past*. Mary has led other writers’ groups, resulting in two books: *The Storytellers* and *Tough Guys Don’t Give Up*. More at independentwritersstudio.com.

Dave Johnson led his final service as lead pastor at Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church in June. He is looking ahead to other opportunities after 41 years in the ministry serving churches in nine communities throughout Washington. Dave incorporates his background in music as part of his ministry, putting together a song team including a piano, keyboard, drums, guitars, and singers to lead the worship service. He earned his master’s degree in theology at Southern Methodist University and his doctorate in ministry at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. According to the Whidbey News-Times item announcing his retirement, Dave and his wife, Mary, plan to stay in Oak Harbor, where they’ve built a home on 2.5 acres.

Best-selling author, international speaker, and newly appointed University of Puget Sound trustee Mike Veseth has a new book out, *Money, Taste and Wine*. It’s Complicated! offers insight about consumers and the wine they choose. The book describes categories of wine drinkers and proposes that knowing yourself is the first step to a happier relationship with your money, taste, and wine. Mike also authors the award-winning Wine Economist blog, which received “Best in the World” at the Gourmand International Awards for excellence in food and drinks writing. The Wine Economist was up against two other nominees, from France and Singapore. The results were announced on June 8 in Yantai, China. Congratulations, Mike!

Louise Grunewald was invited to participate, along with 11 other artists, in the “process issue” of *Letter Arts Review*, a magazine for calligraphers and lettering artists. Each artist was interviewed and asked to explain the tasks involved in creating their particular project. This news comes to Arches from Professor Emeritus of Art Bill Colby, who keeps track of Louise and her art. Louise teaches calligraphy and design workshops nationally and maintains her studio, Western Hands, in Durango, Colo. You can see some of Louise’s work at louisegrunewald.com.

Tim Russell and wife Paula Keirz Russell were the subjects of a June photo feature in *The Olympian* about their volunteer efforts at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay golf course in University Place, Wash. The two, along with four other couples from Oregon, requested similar shifts and the same days in order to enjoy the championship together. The Russells live in Redmond, Ore.

Bob Branscomb ’74, P’17 sends this update: “After graduating I did virtually nothing else but mountain-biking and rock climbing for five to six years and became a fairly accomplished climber. Finally deciding I should do something with my nice degree, I went back to school for a couple of years and morphed into a medical-lab technologist. I presently supervise a small lab in Lander, Wy., still climb a lot, and am putting our daughter (Juniper ’17) through UPS.”

Patty Walker McClelland retired as the principal of Voyageur Elementary School in Gig Harbor, Wash., after heading the school for eight years. At the final school assembly in June, the district superintendent and the Voyageur PTA announced a new annual award for student achievement created in her honor. Prior to joining the staff at Voyageur, Patty taught in the Netherlands and University Place. She studied further at Western Washington, Pacific Lutheran, and Santa Clara universities.

Rick Betts was interviewed by the *Spokesman-Review* in June about his career and his role in creating Spokane’s Hoopfest, touted as the biggest three-on-three street basketball tournament on Earth. Rick co-founded the 25-year-old tournament, which has grown to exceed annual participation of 7,000 teams and 27,000 players coming from 42 states.

Carla Lyford Foote is an editor and writer for her company, Fine Print Editorial (FinePrintEdit.com). Over the past few years, she’s worked on projects with Puget Sound alumnae Alexandra Hogan Kuykendall ’96 and Krista Thomas Gilbert ’93. After a decade as a data analyst and 15 years as an editor, Carla finds her liberal arts education helpful in communications work with a variety of clients. She especially enjoys using both sides of her brain for infographics projects, merging her data analysis skills and editorial skills.
Kate Carroll de Gutes’ (’87) first book, Objects in Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear, is described as a collection of “essays that chronicle some of life’s biggest dramas: marriage, divorce, and the quest for the perfect fashion accessory.”

Michael Fandel ’83, J.D.’86, business litigation attorney with the Seattle law firm of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, was named to the 2015 Washington Super Lawyers list. The annual selections identify lawyers who “have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.” Mike and other award winners were chosen after a multiphase process, including a statewide survey of lawyers, independent research, and peer reviews.

Larry Clark M.B.A.’85, ’86 was selected as vice president for finance and administration at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, Wash. He has been the controller with CPTC since 2012. In addition to his Puget Sound B.A. in accounting, Larry holds a second bachelor’s degree, in business management, from Washington State University. He has 35 years of experience in various administrative roles in higher education, nonprofits, and the insurance industry. Larry’s been part of the Washington Community and Technical College system for six years.

Bob Rink ’86 and wife Stacia Stockwell Rink ’86 met in the Puget Sound Band. According to an August article in the Tacoma News Tribune, 30 years later the couple, and now their three children, continue to make beautiful music together as part of the Tacoma Concert Band. On a recent trip to Spain, the band needed musicians to fill missing spots. Serendipity struck when the Rinks’ children happened to play the instruments required to complete the band. A band teacher at Ferrucci Jr. High in Puyallup, plays clarinet in the band; Stacia plays the saxophone; their oldest, Kyle, plays in the marching band at Boise State University; Andrew, their second child, plays tuba and is headed to Washington State University this fall; and youngest, Mikaela, plays the clarinet. In the article, Stacia described their family as “the von Trapps, but with musical instruments.” The Tacoma Concert Band’s performance tour of Spain lasted 10 days. The finale was participation in a 120-year-old annual band competition in Valencia. The Tacoma band was the only American group represented in the competition.

Jeanne Hoffman recently was promoted to professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is a rehabilitation psychologist and works on the inpatient rehabilitation unit at the University of Washington Medical Center. Jeanne conducts research to improve outcomes for individuals with traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury and examines access to health care for individuals with disability.

Christopher Coker received a unanimous appointment as deputy attorney for Montesano, Wash. He earned his J.D. with honors at Gonzaga University School of Law in 1999 and became a partner in Younglove & Coker PLLC in Olympia in 2003. In August Eric Ilston stepped down as commanding officer of the VAQ-130 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Wash. The VAQ-130 is the longest-serving carrier-based electronic warfare squadron in Navy history. According to a Skagit Valley Herald article, Eric was designated a naval aviator in March 1999. He trained in the EA-6B Prowler and later transitioned to the EA-18G Growler. Eric began as the executive officer at VAQ-130 in March 2013 and took command of the squadron in June 2014.

Dennis Schmidt joined LiveOps Inc. as senior vice president of global operations. He will be responsible for managing the company’s worldwide operations involving the support and development of networks and systems for cloud platforms, along with managing customer implementation and post-launch customer support. Prior to his new role, Dennis was vice president of networks and systems engineering for ShoreTel. He has 20 years of experience building and leading teams in technical management for telecom, network, and IT organizations. Dennis earned a J.D. at Seattle University School of Law.

Deanna Wagner Dukes was hired as the head of brand and marketing strategy for PEMCO Insurance in Seattle. She has 18 years of experience in brand strategy, product management, integrated marketing, and consumer insight, working with companies such as Microsoft, DDB an Omnicom Company, Hewlett-Packard, PacificCorp, and Nike. Deanna holds an M.B.A. from S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University.
Laura Rasmussen Emerson was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of the Rasmussen Foundation in Anchorage, Alaska. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life for people in Alaska, assisting groups that address basic needs, special circumstances, the arts, and education. (Find out more at rasmussen.org.) Laura also serves on the board of the Anchorage Museum and previously was on the board of Cyro's Eccentric Theatre Company. She lives in Anchorage with her husband and two children. She is a yoga teacher.

Rob Houston was named product manager for unified communications for Bamp Systems, based in Beaverton, Ore. He'll be responsible for the strategy, development, and promotion of the company's unified communications solutions. Rob has 15 years of experience in public relations and IT product marketing. He most recently served as manager of global product marketing for the entry-product segment at the Xerox Corporation. Learn more at bamp.com.

Stacey Wilson Hunt, awards and special-projects editor for The Hollywood Reporter, along with her video/editorial team, won third place at the 57th Southern California Journalism Awards for 2015, in the feature documentary (over 25 minutes) category for “Comedy Actor Roundtable (Emmy).” Nice work, Stacey!

Carlye Irwin was promoted to assistant director of the property and casualty department at KPD Insurance Inc. in Portland, Ore. She started her career with the company in 2002 as a property and casualty processor and was soon promoted to select account manager and then to property and casualty account manager.

Michael Mooroe M.O.T.'96 released his debut novel titled Waiting for the Cool Kind of Crazy (Black Rose Writing, 2015). The book is described as “a compelling story about healing, redemption, and the power of love... its sensitive and compassionate treatment of mental illness, and characters who will remain with readers even after the final page is turned, will leave readers eagerly awaiting the next book from this extraordinary voice in the world of fiction.” Michael worked as a therapist at one of Washington’s most acute psychiatric hospitals. He now is a rehab director at a long-term care facility serving veterans and their families. Find out more about Michael and his book at mdoorenoreauthor.com.

Matthew Bracken, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of California, Irvine, presented a talk titled “Biodiversity, Productivity, and the Ecosystem-Based Management of Fisheries” on June 3 at the Back Bay Science Center in Newport Beach, Calif. His research focuses on understanding the causes and consequences of changes in marine biodiversity. Matthew earned his Ph.D. at Oregon State University and was a postdoc researcher at the University of California, Davis, Bodega Marine Laboratory. He started work at UCI in 2014.

Justin Hamacher was hired as a full-time lecturer in the University of Washington’s School of Art + Art History + Design beginning this fall. He’ll join the interdisciplinary Master of Human-Computer Interaction and Design program. Justin holds a B.F.A. in visual communication from Cornish College of the Arts, and a Master of Science degree in human-centered design and engineering from the University of Washington. He has extensive experience with art direction, design, and user experience.

Kyle Haugen left his position as senior associate director of admission at Puget Sound in June and is keeping an eye out for new full-time opportunities. Still active in music, Kyle’s choral setting of the Appalachian Christmas Carol, “I Wonder As I Wander,” is included in the new St. Olaf Choirbook for Men (Augsburg Fortress, 2015). His setting of the Baroque classic “Thy Mercy, Jehovah,” from Pavane Publishing (pavanepublishing.com/site/120), was featured in a reading session at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association last spring. He’d love to catch up with Logger friends old and new. Email him at kylehaugen@outlook.com.

Bryan Charap was appointed chief financial officer at Move Inc., a subsidiary of News Corp. He most recently was senior vice president of finance for Move, where he worked for 14 years. Bryan brings expertise in financial planning and analysis, business unit finance and analytics, investor relations, accounting, treasury, and sales compensation to his new role. He started his career as a business analyst at Eddie Bauer.

Ashley Feaver Basten was named to the 2015 “20 Under 40” list in Helena, Mont. The awards—given by the Helena Independent Record but nominated and voted on by the citizens of Helena—honor those who, “through their industry and hard work, are moving the Helena community forward toward the future.” Ashley is an intern at St. Peter’s Hospital in Helena. She’s been back in her hometown for five years. Ashley enlisted in the Army during her senior year in college and went to medical school while she was in the service. She did her residency at then-Fort Lewis in Tacoma. Ashley then spent four years at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, serving as an internist at the Army hospital there.

Darrel Wanzer-Serrano is the author of The New York Young Lords and the Struggle for Liberation (Temple University Press, 2015). The book examines the Young Lords liberation organization in El Barrio (Spanish Harlem, N.Y.) in July 1969. Darrel’s research documents the group’s formation in response to oppressive approaches to the health, educational, and political needs of the Puerto Rican community at the time. He introduces his book and the nearly forgotten liberation organization in this blog post: templesspress.wordpress.com/2015/07/08/paying-tribute-to-the-new-york-young-lords. Darrel is an assistant professor of communications studies at the University of Iowa.

Michele Collins completed her Master of Science and Technology Intelligence degree at the National Intelligence University in July. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

About classmates

The Classmates editor is Cathy Tollefson ’83, P’17. You can call her at 253-879-2762 or email catherine@pugetsound.edu.

Where do Classmates entries come from?

About half come directly from you, either in letters or in email updates. The rest are compiled from a variety of public sources such as newspaper and magazine clippings, and press releases sent to us, 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.

Scrapbook

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

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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. "Hon." = honorary degree. For graduate degrees, "M.S." = master of science; "M.B.A." = master of business administration; "M.A.T." = master of arts in teaching; "M.Ed." = master of education; "M.P.A." = master of public administration; "M.M." = master of music; "M.S.O.T." = master of occupational therapy; "D.P.T." = doctor of physical therapy; "J.D." = doctor of law.

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and has worked for the U.S. Department of State for the past 13 years.

Clay Krauss was hired as the director of information technology at Tacoma Community College. He will provide direction and leadership for the Information Technology Department, which includes Information Technology, Media Services, Print Shop, Mail Services, and Communication Services. Prior to his new role, Clay worked for the city of Tacoma and at the University of Puget Sound.

Jess Downer is a consultant and analyst in the Meketa Investment Group’s Private Markets Group. He specializes in private-equity and real estate investments. Meketa expanded its employee ownership in August to include eight new shareholders, including Jess. He joined the firm’s San Diego office in 2008.

Cheryl Budisch Steiger was selected to join the 2015 class of the Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Program, recognizing “visionary educators and innovative leaders who are doing amazing things with Apple technology in and out of the classroom.” She also became a Google Certified Teacher, attending the two-day intensive Google Teacher Academy in Mountain View, Calif., in July. The training was for educators with a passion for using innovative tools to improve teaching and learning, as well as for creative leaders and ambassadors for integrating technology into education. Cheryl began her 10th year of teaching this fall. She has taught for eight years in the Federal Way Public Schools, where she currently teaches at Camelot Elementary School.

Educator Andrew Miller ’04, M.A.T.’05 has written Freedom to Fail: How do I foster risk-taking and innovation in my classroom? (ASCD, 2015). His text explains the benefits of intentionally designing opportunities for students to “fail forward” in the classroom. He proposes that providing a culture that embraces the freedom to fail helps students adopt a growth mindset, take risks in the service of greater learning, and develop realistic expectations of what it takes to succeed in the world at large. Andrew currently serves on the national faculty for the Buck Institute for Education and ASCD, and is an associate for Jay McGlhe. He’s worked with educators in the U.S. and internationally. Andrew has given presentations and workshops at many conferences, for organizations including the National Association for Multicultural Education, ISTE, ASCD, the International Reading Association, and the National Council for Teachers of English, and at iNACOL’s Virtual Schools Symposium. Andrew is an avid blogger and writer for a variety of organizations, including ASCD and Edutopia.

Allison Miner D.P.T.’04 joined the San Diego Chargers football team as an assistant athletic trainer and physical therapist. She is the first female to hold a full-time position on the team’s athletic training staff. Allison grew up in Vista, Calif., and earned her bachelor’s in kinesiology at San Diego State University in 2001, before earning her doctorate at Puget Sound. She worked as an assistant athletic trainer and physical therapist at SDSU from 2005 to 2015 with the Aztecs football team and for the school’s student health services department.

Dan McLean ’04, M.A.T.’08 won this year’s 43rd Sound to Narrows 12K race on June 13, with a time of 39:36. It was the first time the former Logger runner had participated in the race. Dan took second in the 1,500 meters for UPS at the 2004 NCAA DI Indoor Championships and still holds the 800-meter record at Kennedy Catholic High School in Seattle, set in 2000. He also won the 800-meter title at the state 3A meet that same year. Congratulations, Dan!

Sarah Carnahan, a Ph.D. candidate in art history at Pennsylvania State University, shares this exiting news: “I have been granted a U.S. Student Fulbright Award as well as a Susan W. and Thomas A. Schwartz Endowed Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Art History for the 2015–16 academic year. These awards will allow me to conduct archival research in Italy and spend 10 months living in Stockholm, Sweden. I look forward to this amazing opportunity to experience Swedish culture and to complete my dissertation on Queen Christina of Sweden’s antiquities collection in Rome.”

Lael Wilcox ’08 won the Tour Divide, a grueling 2,745-mile ultra-cycling race from Bannf, Alberta, Canada, to Antelope Wells, N.M. But before she did she rode the 2,100 miles from her home base in Anchorage, Alaska, to the starting point in Bannf!

Mat Macdonald co-owns Two Rock Wines Co. in Bermuda. According to a June article in The Royal Gazette, he purchased the majority share in New World Wines two years ago and rebranded the company to reflect the change. Mat and his business partner travel the world looking for wines that reflect place and growing season. The article stated that Mat’s interest in wine sprouted during his time at Puget Sound studying international political economy. He later left the finance industry to earn a graduate diploma in grape growing and winemaking at Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand. Mat then went to work for Neudorf Vineyards in Nelson, New Zealand, and Larkmead Vineyards in the Napa Valley. More at twowrockwines.com.

Nicole Rogers is now directing the evening news at KPHO-TV, the CBS affiliate in Phoenix. Most recently she was the news director at KVII-TV in Amarillo, Texas. Prior to that Nicole was a director/technical director with Northwest Cable News in Seattle, after she earned her master’s degree in communications and leadership studies at Gonzaga University.

Caityl Quander, an associate in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck’s Denver office, joined the board for Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado. She had been a member of the junior board since December 2013. In her new role Caityl will serve as liaison to the junior board, a group of young professionals whose focus is to raise funds and increase awareness of the services in the Denver community. The organization’s mission is to educate, prepare, and empower teen mothers to be productive members of the community.

Jamilia Sherif was named to this year’s Business Examiner “40 Under Forty” class. She is a registered nurse and works as MultiCare Health System’s community outreach program director. Jamilia also is working toward a doctorate in nursing practice. She has directed the annual Nurse Camp for high school students, and when she can she volunteers in local school classrooms, stating that
Ben Lee, senior staff engineer at Landau Associates, an employee-owned consulting firm that provides geotechnical and environmental engineering and remediation services in the western U.S., was promoted to project engineer. He is responsible for groundwater characterizations, well design, and tracking changes in water resources policy. He earned his master's degree at the University of Washington.

Madeline Soboleff Levy was hired as the new tribal child support attorney for the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. She'll provide legal services and representation for the tribe in all paternity and child support cases. Maddie earned her J.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles. She formerly was law clerk for a superior court judge in Fairbanks and was an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, teaching law and policy courses in Native studies, federal Indian law, and tribal self-governance. In the SitNews story announcing her new position, Maddie noted that it has been her intent to return home to work for her community since starting law school.

Eric Schneider was hired as an assistant professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science in its Department of Economic History, beginning Sept. 1. Eric is conducting two research projects on the history of health over the past 200 years. One of his projects studies how the physical growth pattern of children has changed as health conditions have improved, and the other explores changes in children's health in utero over time. Eric looks mainly at heights and weights at different ages when considering child growth, although he says it gets trickier when it comes to in utero health. He and his colleagues, including demographers, are trying to come up with a more complex view. If you're interested in their findings, see sussex.ac.uk/globalhealthpolicy/events/workshops/beyondbirthweight.

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Kyle Morrill joined the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research as a senior economist and director of forecasting. He'll be responsible for regional demographic analysis and forecasting. Kyle previously led data management and analysis for an Oregon-based nonprofit that provided incentives for energy-efficient investment. He earned his master's degree in economics at the University of Colorado, Denver.

Phil Munsterman was selected as a 9News "Who Care" winner by Denver NBC affiliate KUSA-TV. He teaches math at KIPP Denver Collegiate High School, one of the poorest schools in the city. The story announcing his selection stated that Phil comes in early and stays late and spends extra time helping his students not only with math but with personal problems they may be facing. He decided to leave a successful career running political campaigns when he was selected for Teach For America. The program sent him to teach at an extremely poor school in North Carolina, in a classroom with chalkboards but no textbooks. He says the experience changed his life. Congratulations, Phil!

Helen Adams is a resident physician in emergency medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. She also found out that one of the assistant program directors in her department also is a Logger—we're everywhere!

Jenny Anderson is co-founder and CEO of Celebrate Autism, a nonprofit dedicated to providing entrepreneurial education to young adults with developmental disabilities. The Autism Daily NewsCast article spotlighting Jenny noted that her 29-year-old brother with autism was her inspiration for starting the organization.

Chris Bums M.A.T.'10 was selected Teacher of the Year by the University Place School District. He's been an orchestra teacher at Narrows View Intermediate School since 2012. Chris also teaches fourth-grade strings and contributes a great deal of time outside of the classroom supporting district-wide music events and programs. In addition to all of that, he performs with the Tacoma Symphony.

Joan Iacqua became the newest project archivist for the Archives for Women in Medicine in June. The AWM is part of the Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Library of Medicine, an alliance of the Boston Medical Library and Harvard Medical School. The center is a world leader among collections focusing on the history of health care and medicine. Joan has been with the center since 2014, previously serving as an oral history project coordinator and managing the Strong Medicine project, a collection of stories of medical professionals involved...
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in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. She holds a master’s in public history from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and has further experience at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, UMass Boston University Archives and Special Collections, Pimoth Plantation, and several National Park Service sites.

Sarah Meister presented a talk about how to finance a documentary on June 27 at UnionDocs Center for Documentary Art in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her session addressed various fundraising models, as well as budgeting, how to find and successfully apply for grants, and lessons on crowdfunding and other approaches to raising financial support for a documentary.

Courtney Sutphen is a graduate student at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She, along with lead author Professor of Neurology Anne Fagan, published a study in the July 6 Journal of the American Medical Association Neurology showing that changes in the spinal fluid during middle age may help doctors identify people at risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease later in life. The study data was collected over a 10-year period, and cerebrospinal fluid biomarker analysis was conducted every three years, with a minimum of two evaluations. The aim of the study is to identify and treat people before memory loss and other cognitive problems occur.

Lukas Borsten was the focus of the June 17 music features section of the Pittsburgh City Paper. The profile highlighted his departure from Portland, Ore., in May on his first solo tour, covering more than 50 towns in more than 50 states. The singer-songwriter musician and his primary band, Ghost Towns, which includes a rhythm section, trumpet, violin, accordion, banjo, and saxophone, were described as “...buoyant, twisted folk rock with an Eastern European gypsy vibe.” Luke has opened for Amanda Palmer and writes songs and plays with The Bottlecap Boys, among others. Listen for yourself at ghosttownspdx.bandcamp.com.

Noel Sollom-Brotherton M.A.T.’11 was interviewed on OneDublin.org about his teaching career in his hometown of Dublin, Calif. He is a 2005 graduate of Dublin High School and returned there in 2011 to teach English. Growing up, Noel also was very involved as a competitive swimmer. He began working with the Green Gators Swim Team in Dublin at age 20 and has been head coach for the team for the past seven years. In July his swimmers won their first-ever league championship, with a 60-0 record for the season, finishing first in the championship meet. Noel earned his undergraduate degree at Whitman College.

Alyssa Christensen started DearEnglish Major.com, a website that’s “a place for current or recently graduated English students to gain knowledge and a sense of direction regarding their careers.” She’s interviewing and featuring editors, copywriters, freelance writers, and others. Find out whether you qualify and much more at dearenglish major.com.

Sam Berkelhammer started his master’s in geology at Kansas State University this fall. This summer Sam joined a team of geologists doing fieldwork for a University of Alaska, Fairbanks project in the Wrangell Mountains. The team gathered rock samples to help answer questions such as when volcanism in the area started, how long it takes for a volcano such as Mount Wrangell to grow, and how the Denali Fault relates to the mountains. Read more about the project in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner at bit.ly/FDNMWrangells.

Andrew Fox was awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Seattle Pacific University. He is among only 57 students in the nation to receive the fellowship this year. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society, the mission of which is “to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Malcolm Colbert was mentioned in a Coeur d’Alene Press article in July about former Post Falls High alumni who joined together to form Pocket Passers. According to the article, Malcolm was part of his high school’s 5A championship basketball team in 2010. Knee injuries had sidelined him until now. He also is a singer-songwriter, releasing his first EP as a senior at UPS. Malcolm is a hip-hop artist currently performing in Seattle and Tacoma. You can find him on Facebook.

Moira Fagan rode in this year’s Bike and Build, Providence, R.I.-to-Seattle route, covering 3,932 miles in 77 days. She took part in building projects for 16 days and rested for only three. Bike and Build organizes cross-country bicycle trips to benefit affordable-housing groups. Moira raised $5,458, exceeding her fundraising goal of $4,500. Way to go, Moira! Find out more at bikeandbuild.org.

An excerpt from Alicia Matz’s book-collecting contest essay titled “Epics, Myth, and Modern Magic: Where Classics and Fantasy Collide” was included on the History of the Ancient World news blog on Aug. 16. In the essay, Alicia examines the links between classic works and fantasy novels, bridging the ancient and modern worlds.

David Mucklow and Drew Ruff, friends since kindergarten and through college, made a video to apply as inaugural “privateers” for outdoor apparel company Howler Brothers. They were selected to undertake a road trip from Austin, Texas, to the Florida Keys this summer promoting the brand, fishing, and probably having a little fun along the way. Read about their epic adventure on the Howler blog at howlerbro.com.

Jared Fisk won five races in the 20-and-over male division at the High Altitude Invitational hosted by the Elko Anacondas Swim Team in early July. His mom, Patty Fisk, is the Elko Swim Team coach in Elko, Nev. Jared took home first in the 25-meter freestyle, 25-meter backstroke, 50-meter backstroke, 25-meter fly, and 50-meter fly.

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Wiborg, in 1963

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Trustee Emeritus James Wiborg ’81 passed away on Aug. 1, three weeks shy of his 91st birthday. He was born in Seattle and moved with his family to Tacoma, where, in 1942, he graduated from Stadium High School. Jim attended the University of Washington, where he served as president of Sigma Chi fraternity. He earned his degree in business administration. In 1953 Jim started Western Plastics, which became the largest plastics pipe company on the West Coast. Later, as president of United Pacific Company, he helped merge the company with Van Waters & Rogers, resulting in Univar, now the largest chemical distributor company in the world. Listing Univar on the NYSE in 1969 was one of the highlights of Jim’s career. He served on the Puget Sound board for more than 30 years—from 1967 to 1995—and established the Wiborg Physics Faculty Research Lab at the university. Jim also served on boards for Seattle First National Bank, Paccar, Univar, Westin Hotels, and Genesco, among others. He generously supported community organizations, including the United Way, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital/MultiCare Health System, YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties, the Tacoma Art Museum, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Foss Waterway Seaport maritime museum, and Goodwill of Tacoma.

Jim’s professional passion was his work on Theoria Primaria, a unified field theory of time and space that he worked on throughout his life, predicting that subatomic particles called neutrinos have mass. He also enjoyed boating and spending time with his family. Jim’s wife of 67 years, Ann, four children, including John Wiborg ’81, 17 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and other relatives, including Steve Rogers ’81, P’15, survive him.

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Professor Emerita of Art Betty Ragan died on May 23 at the Franciscan Hospice House in University Place, Wash. She was 78. Betty was born in Birmingham, Ala., and earned her bachelor’s degree as a studio art major at Birmingham-Southern College in 1958. She met her future husband, T. Drew Ragan, while visiting Auburn University to help establish a chapter of Pi Beta Phi fraternity for women on the Auburn campus. Her husband’s work as a college administrator took them to Allegheny College, where Betty focused on oil painting and studied photography, sculpture, art history, and philosophy. She also studied intaglio and lithography at Carnegie Mellon University at that time. The family returned to Alabama in 1973, when Betty’s husband was hired as dean of students at Auburn University. In the early 1980s Betty enrolled at the Pratt Institute in New York; she completed her M.F.A. in 1988. When her 27-year marriage to Drew ended, she taught in Alabama for a few years before moving to Tacoma in 1989 to take a teaching position in the art department at Puget Sound, where she helped develop the university’s programs in photography and printmaking. Betty’s work was featured in numerous

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solo and group exhibitions, regionally and nationally. Highlights include being chosen as one of six featured artists in the Camera Club of New York National in 2002, earning the Schultz Award for excellence in black-and-white photography at the 25th National Photo Exhibition at the Larson Gallery in Washington state, and winning first place in the South Sound Exhibition at Commencement Gallery in Tacoma. Betty was the subject of several magazine articles, including a profile in Art and Antiques magazine. An exhibition was held on campus Aug. 31–Sept. 19 in her honor titled A Life in Art: Betty Sapp Ragan Retrospective, 1969–2014. Betty retired in 2004. Her interests outside of art included involvement in the civil rights movement in Alabama in the early 1960s, as well as being a champion for women’s rights, gay rights, and human rights throughout the world. Betty was a member of the Tacoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation and for many years volunteered at the Tacoma Rescue Mission’s Friday night sandwich-making program. Survivors include her son, Mac Ragan.

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Mary Felzer Schneider ’39 passed away on May 31 at the age of 95. She was a graduate of Aquinas Academy and attended Puget Sound. Mary was an avid bridge player. She was a member of the Lakewood Garden Club and the Catholic Women’s Club. Mary’s son, Richard, and his family survive her.

June Faulk Hickox ’40 died on May 10. Born in the month of June, she was nearly 97. Her father, Gustav Faulk, was the second conservator at Wright Park in Tacoma and served there for 40 years. June’s family lived on a small farm in the Manitou area of Tacoma. They lived without electricity, phone, and indoor plumbing until 1935. June graduated from Lincoln High School in 1936, attended CPS, and later graduated from Tacoma General Hospital’s nursing program. She met and married Roy Hickox in 1941. They began their married life in Kettle Falls, Wash., where Roy worked as a tugboat operator on the Columbia River. After several cold winters, they decided to move to Southern California, eventually moving to Antioch, where they lived for 50 years. During that time June worked as a home visitor for Kaiser Permanente and Contra Costa County. In retirement she and Roy traveled in their RV all over the U.S. and Canada. June is survived by her husband, three children, seven grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert Pollock ’40 passed away on May 18. He was 95. Bob was born in Blaine, Wash., and moved to Tacoma at an early age. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1937. He served in the Army during World War II and received numerous medals for his service in the Pacific Theater. In 1950 he moved to Mercer Island, Wash., where he lived and worked, retiring from the insurance industry in 1985. Bob was a charter member of the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. His wife of 75 years, Inez Rhea Olson Pollock ’40; two children; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren survive him.

Hitoshi Thomas Tamaki ’40 passed away on July 3 at the age of 97. He was born in Eastonville, Wash., and was raised in Tacoma, where he attended public schools. Thomas graduated cum laude from Puget Sound and received a partial scholarship to attend Boston University School of Medicine; he earned his M.D. degree there in 1943. After an internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas completed his residency in pathology at then-Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He received certification in anatomical and clinical pathology in 1948 from the American Board of Pathology. Thomas then was appointed director of pathology at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown, Pa., where he also served as president of the medical staff, as a member of the medical staff executive committee, as its secretary for 15 years, as vice chair from 1989 to 1993, and as the treasurer of the hospital’s board of directors from its inception until his retirement. He also taught medical students, attaining the rank of associate professor of pathology at Jefferson Medical College. Thomas was a member of several national, international, state, and local medical and pathology societies, among them the American Medical Association, College of American Pathologists, and the American Society for Clinical Pathology. He retired in 1993 after 46 years of service as chief of pathology at Montgomery Hospital. Thomas was involved with several civic groups, including Rotary Club of Norristown, and he served on the boards of several community organizations. He also served as president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen League and was awarded a Ruby Pin, given by the national board to JACL members who “have made unique and exceptional contributions entailing great personal sacrifice.” He received local and statewide commendations including from former Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Lewis Thornburgh, and received the key to the Borough of Norristown from the mayor, proclaiming April 14, 1982, H. Thomas Tamaki Day. He enjoyed gardening, reading, and travel, and he was a proud Eagles fan for 50 years. Thomas’ wife of more than 60 years, Marion, four children, and nine great-grandchildren survive him. Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. Hitoshi T. and Marion Tamaki Scholarship at the University of Puget Sound.

William Dickson ’42 died on June 12. He was 95 years old. Born in Wyoming, he moved with his family to Tacoma while a child. He was a Stadium High School graduate and attended Puget Sound before training as a pilot in the Army Air Corps at the beginning of World War II. William enjoyed scouting and attained the rank of Eagle Scout; he later served as a scout master. He loved classical music and learned to play several pieces on the piano at a young age. William and his father founded the Lige Dickson Company, now William Dickson Company, in 1940. William was company president from 1971 until his passing, leading large-scale demolition projects in the South Sound and across the state. He was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served as bishop of the Tacoma First Ward for many years.

Mary Hager Long ’43 died on June 11 at the age of 93. She was born in Oakland, Calif., and moved with her family from Corvallis, Ore., to Tacoma at age 8. Mary was a graduate of Stadium High School. After college she married John Long, whom she met when both were students at then-Jason Lee Junior High. Mary made raising her four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren her life’s mission and put her efforts and love toward her family. She was a dedicated alumna of Stadium and Puget Sound, and she volunteered in the community, teaching parenting classes.

When she was in her 80s, Mary joined a singing group that entertained at assisted-living facilities throughout Pierce County. Her annual Christmas letters were famous, not for expressing news about her family, but as essays about subjects that had interested her during the year, from mail-order catalogs to computers. Mary’s husband predeceased her. Mary’s four children, 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren survive her.

Ruth Sonnemann Scheller ’43 passed away on May 15, a week shy of her 92nd birthday. She was raised in Auburn, Wash. Ruth participated in speech and debate as a student at CPS. She met her future husband, Fred Scheller, a fellow debater from Pacific University, at a speech tournament. The two were married on Nov. 20, 1943. Their oldest child was born while Fred was at sea with the Navy during World War II. After the war they settled on their family’s farm in Aloha, Ore. There, their second child, Karen, was born. Ruth went on to earn an M.Ed. at the University of Oregon in 1960. She taught junior and senior high English literature in Beaverton, Ore., for many years. One of her favorite authors was Mark Twain. Ruth led generations of students on field trips to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. At age 50 she climbed to the summit of Mount Hood. Ruth and Fred traveled extensively in retirement, visiting Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, and South America, among other locales. Ruth volunteered with the Red Cross and over the years donated gallons of blood. Her daughter and a grandson preceded her in death. Survivors include Ruth’s son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

W. Wallace Cavanagh ’47 died on July 23 at the age of 89. He attended Tacoma Public Schools and was a 1943 Stadium High School graduate. Wally proudly served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, receiving his degree after the war. He went on to earn his J.D. at the University of Washington in memoriam

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Survivors include a son, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Born and raised in Tacoma, Clayton Anderson ‘49 died on June 5 at age 92. He served as student-body president at CPS and went on to earn his master's degree at the University of Oregon. He spent summers working as a guide and chief horse wrangler at Mount Rainier National Park. During World War II he volunteered with the Army’s 10th Mountain Division, which trained at the 9,200-foot-high Camp Hale in the Colorado Rockies. Clayton later saw combat in the mountains of Italy. He was director of outdoor recreation for the state of Oregon and later director of parks for the state of Washington. Clayton then took a job with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., where he received the Superior Service Award. Clayton was a 30-year resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. There, he was an enthusiastic advocate for the environment. He founded the Carmel Beach Cleanup and the Friends of the Forest, and served on the city’s Beach and Forest Commission for several years. During his stint in D.C., Clayton became acquainted with Burl Ives and later brought him to Carmel for a fundraising concert for Friends of the Forest. Clayton also knew cartoonist Charles Schulz of comic strip “Peanuts” fame, and brought him to Carmel for a library fundraiser. Clayton was named Carmel’s Citizen of the Year in 1993. His wife of 30 years, Linda; two stepchildren; and four step-grandchildren survived him. In accordance with his wishes, Clayton’s ashes will be scattered in the Mount Rainier area, along with those of his faithful dog, Hal.

Sidney Smith ‘49 passed away on July 17. He was 92. Sid and his younger brother spent a good portion of their Depression-era childhood in the Children’s Industrial Home, an orphanage in Tacoma. The experience greatly shaped his views on family and responsibility. Sid graduated from Lincoln High School and then enlisted in the Navy. He served as a gun captain aboard the USS Tennessee. He returned to Tacoma after the war and enrolled at the College of Puget Sound, where he met Ruth Callaway ‘50. The two were married on New Year’s Eve 1947. They lived in Phoenix while Sid completed his graduate degree in international business at the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He started his career at The Boeing Company as a recruiter and continued in government relations. In 1965 former Washington Gov. Dan Evans asked Sid to serve on the governor’s cabinet, first as commissioner of employment security, then as director of public assistance and as the first secretary of the state’s Department of Social and Health Services. Sid returned to Boeing in 1973 to work as director of industrial relations, managing the workforce that designed and built the 757 and 767 airliners. He retired in 1986. Sid died of cancer at home in March 2020. He was 92. Sid and his wife, Maralyn, and two daughters survive him.

Marion Fifties Helmer ‘48 passed away at the age of 89 on July 1. She attended Tacoma schools and graduated from Stadium High. At CPS Marion pledged Lambda Sigma Chi sorority, which later became Alpha Phi. She married Robert Helmer in 1948, and the two were together for 57 years, until his death in 2003. Marion retired after 25 years as an educational assistant with the U.S. Geological Survey. She and Bob then commuted to Seattle for 10 years to work at Bob’s business, Helmer’s Auto Parts. Along with her husband, a son predeceased Marion.

James Anderson ‘51 passed away on May 31. He was 86. Jim graduated from Enumclaw High School. He majored in music at CPS and was active in the band and a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Jim later graduated from Western Washington University with degrees in music and education. In 1963 he earned an M.Ed. at the University of Washington. He retired from the Federal Way schools after a long teaching career. Jim remained active in retirement and traveled throughout the world. Jim’s brothers, John Robert “Bob” Anderson ’51 and Charles L. Anderson ’53, predeceased him. His wife, Maralyn, and two daughters survive him.

Lindy Aliment ‘52, P’77, P’79, P’82, GP’10, GP’12, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend to many, passed peacefully at his home on May 28, with his family present. Lindy Aliment brightened lives in south King County for 87 years. He was born in Renton, Wash., on Nov. 2, 1927, the last of 11 children of parents who immigrated from Castellamonte, Italy. He was named Lindy because his mother wanted him to have an American name, and Charles Lindbergh was the most famous American she knew. He lived with his family in Renton in a large house on Williams Avenue, where they shared a way of life, the Aliment, Italian way of life, in which family is everything and hard work a close second. Holidays were loud and fun, and the food simply incredible. Lindy graduated from Renton High School, where he excelled in football, track, and swimming. After high school, he served in the Army and was stationed in Japan. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound, where he affiliated with the Kappa Sigma fraternity and played football. He then began work as a teacher, mentor, coach, and counselor to countless students at Highline, Glacier, and Tye high schools. He was the assistant football coach and the state championship head golf coach at Glacier: in 1967 the school district sent him to Europe to study vocational schools, and he brought his young family with him. During that nine-month odyssey, we explored virtually every country in Western Europe, including a return to see extended family in Castellamonte, the birthplace of Lindy’s parents, a place he and the rest of us would often visit throughout the
years. He loved to ski, and for many years he was an instructor for Figgins Ski School. In retirement Lindy finally found time to enjoy his love of golf, as a member of Fairwood Golf and Country Club; he lived on the first fairway. During warm summer days there was only one place you would find him. He began working at Longacres racetrack as a boy, but at age 26 he took the position that would define his career there. He became the clerk of scales, the man in the winner's circle with the old-school hat, among the most recognized personalities at the racetrack. When Joe Gottstein gave him the job, Joe suggested that he wear the hat because many jockeys were taller than him, and Joe thought it would be beneficial to his image. Lindy was a fixture at Longacres, then Yakima Meadows, and finally at Emerald Downs, where he retired in 2002 after 46 years, the longest-tenured clerk of scales in America. At the end of the Emerald Downs season, an award was named for him, the Lindy Award, which is voted by jockeys and presented annually to a jockey for accomplishment and sportsmanship. In 2012 the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association gave Lindy a Special Racetrack Achievement Award “in recognition of the highest degree of integrity, dependability, consistency, and a lifetime of service to the Washington Thoroughbred industry.” Upon his retirement a reporter asked him to comment about his job and the place he loved so much. Without hesitation, he said, “It hasn’t been a job, it has been the best seat in the house.” There can be no mistaking the fact, however, that the most important thing to him was the love of his life and best friend, Marilyn. They were inseparable—a true love affair marked by 61 years of marriage, a travel itinerary that would take them to all parts of Europe, Asia, across America, and more times to Harrison Hot Springs than one can count. They had a social calendar that his three children collectively could not match. Lindy’s legacy is one of character, integrity, and respect. There have been many stories written about him in the sports pages over the years, given the visibility of his job and the way he went about his business. One sports columnist wrote: “It’s not easy measuring a man’s heart. If they did, Aliment would need a yardstick.” We never read nor heard a negative word spoken about our father and have been so very proud to be his children. He was a friend and advisor to many, a wonderful husband, and as a father he was simply the best. Enjoy every minute you have with those you love, for no one can take the joy that is passed away from you. It will be there in your heart to live on when the dark days come. Lindy Aliment was a good man, truly a very good man in every respect. His wife, Marilyn; children Randy ’77 (Elaine), Steven ’79 (Denise), and Karen ’82 (David); and seven grandchildren, including Rainier ’10, and Ruby ’12, survive him.

Fred Robertson ‘52, M.Ed.’55 died from pneumonia on April 9, about a month shy of his 93rd birthday. He served in the Navy during World War II and earned his degree under the GI Bill. Fred went on to receive a master’s in education degree at Puget Sound and a master’s of science degree at the University of Washington. He taught in Washington state and then in Vallejo, Mare Island, and Fort Bragg, Calif. Fred served as a school principal for 22 years at Fort Bragg. He was active in the Lutheran Church and a member of Rotary International. His first wife preceded him in death. His second wife, Susan; three daughters; numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren survive him.

Robert Carlson ’53 passed away on July 26 at the age of 86. He graduated from Stadium High School, where he played football and earned a scholarship to attend CPS. Bob was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, in which he made many lifetime friendships. He met and married Edith Gitschlag Carlson ’77 in San Bruno, Calif., in 1955. The two settled in Fircrest, Wash. There, Bob built their first home. He also built two beach cabins on the Longbranch Peninsula, where the couple enjoyed summers with family and friends. In 1972 Bob and Edie moved to the Gig Harbor area. Well into his 70s, Bob continued to be involved in football as a referee for high school, college, and youth football. He was a Seattle Seahawks season ticket holder from the team’s inception, and he was a member of the Gig Harbor Golf Club, playing there twice a week. After 30 years with the C. Lloyd Johnson Company, a military food broker, Bob retired as Northwest regional manager. In 1999 he and Edie moved back to his beloved Fox Island, Wash., to enjoy boating, fishing, gardening, and family. Bob’s wife of 60 years, four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive him.

Jack Gallaher ’53 passed away on June 3, eight days prior to his 89th birthday. He was born in Walla Walla, Wash., and moved frequently due to his father’s work as a pastor. Jack graduated from Columbia High School in White Salmon, Wash., in 1945. He joined the Marine Corps that summer and served in China for 30 months as a combat photographer and correspondent. Jack then earned a bachelor’s degree at CPS, working as a radio announcer, newsman, and writer. While at Puget Sound, he met Suzanne West ’52. The two were married in 1953 and moved to California so Jack could attend Stanford University’s radio/television summer institute. While employed at KCBS in San Francisco, Jack decided he wanted to become a teacher. He enrolled at San Francisco State University to earn his teaching credentials and taught at Pacific Grove High School. Jack later received an M.Ed. at San Jose State University and a master’s in mass communication. He retired in 1989 after 29 years of teaching. Jack was a member of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity and Kappa Tau Alpha honor society. In retirement he served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Monterey, Calif. His wife, three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Raymond Dingfield ’54 died on July 7 from complications associated with pneumonia. He was 84. Ray was born and raised in Tacoma. Throughout high school he worked as a gas station attendant and as a pickle slicer for Nalley. Ray graduated from Lincoln High School in 1950. He joined the Air Force and was stationed in the Philippines, serving as a military photographer. Returning to Tacoma, he met Merle Blunt ’55. The two were married in 1956. After Ray completed his degree in economics at the University of Washington, the family moved to California, where Ray worked for Quaker State Oil. After six years there he charged careers to join the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, working in Oregon and Montana. The family lived in Bellevue, Wash., while Ray oversaw offices throughout the Northwest as a supervisory investigator. He retired in 1992. Ray and Merle then built their dream home near Shelton, Wash. He served on the Mason County Planning Commission and was involved in several senior advocacy groups. Ray and Merle traveled, watched Mariners baseball, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. They later moved to Wesley Homes in Des Moines, Wash. Ray remained active and was elected resident council president. His wife, three children, and six grandchildren survive him.

Curtis King ’54 passed away on July 23. He was born in Tacoma on Christmas Day in 1927. He was self-employed for many years and had a passion for sailing. Two stepsisters preceded Curtis in death. Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Dixie; a son; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Janet Huddloff Power ’54 passed away earlier this summer at the age of 83. She graduated from Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash. Janet attended the University of Washington and graduated from Puget Sound with a degree in education and speech. She was a member of Phi Beta Phi fraternity for women. Janet worked as an elementary school teacher and as an instructor at a business college, and for the English and philosophy departments at UPS. She later worked as a consultant and realtor.

Janet Vroman ‘55 died on May 23. She was 82. Jan was raised in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School in 1951. After earning her college degree, she worked as an occupational therapist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and in Lexington, Ky. In the early 1980s Jan moved to Portland, Ore., where she worked at Morningside Hospital until 1971. She then worked for the Portland school district at the Holladay Center, supporting students with social, emotional, and functional life-skills needs until her retirement in 1997. Jan returned to Tacoma in 2007 and lived at The Weatherly Inn until moving to Lynden, Wash., a year ago. Several cousins survive Jan.

Robert Hinshaw ’56 died on June 28 at home in Sonora, Calif. He was 81. Bob was born and raised in Newberg, Ore., and graduated from Newberg Union High School in 1952. After attending CPS for two years, he completed his degree in accounting at the University of Washington. Bob worked as an accountant and financial controller for Fibreboard Corporation and its successors for most of his life. He retired in 1996 and devoted his time to restoring and selling mid-century kitchen tables and ware at a local antique store in Sonora, where he and his college sweetheart and wife, Arlene Thompson Hinshaw ‘56, had lived since 1951. Bob was active in his community and served as president and treasurer of the Phoenix Lake Park Homeowners Association for many years. He is remembered for his easy-going and friendly nature. Bob’s wife of 56 years predeceased him in 2010. Two sons and four grandchildren survive Bob.

Marvin Manley ’56 died at the age of 80 on Aug. 8. He was a lifelong resident of Montesano, Wash., where he graduated from high school in 1952. Marvin was an accomplished athlete, lettering in football, basketball, baseball, and track in high school and winning numerous awards and All-Conference.
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about history and served on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition centennial committee and led historical weekend tours of Seattle's Lake View Cemetery, where he was president for 20 years. Chris also was an active member of the University Club, Kiwanis International Kirkland, Ducks Unlimited, and the Seattle Children's Home. He leaves his wife of 20 years, Susan; his two children, two grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

Ronald Poage M. Ed. ’69 died on June 20. He was 84. Ron was born and raised in Tacoma, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1948. He then joined the Naval Reserve and enrolled at CPS. In 1950 Ron transferred to Washington State University’s veterinary school. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1952. Although he decided that veterinary medicine was not his calling, he decided to go back to WSU and work toward teacher certification. Ron was drafted into the Army in 1954 and served at several bases over the next two years. He began his career in education in 1957 at Clover Creek Elementary in Spanaway. Wash., before transferring to then Bethel Junior High when it was opened in 1958, to teach science. The move to the new school led him to meet the school secretary’s daughter, Marilyn Nelson, who became his wife. The two would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 23. Ron retired from the Bethel School District after 25 years. In retirement he and Marilyn took trips to Sweden, Norway, Australia, and New Zealand. Survivors are his wife, two children, and two grandchildren, who both attend WSU.

David Rolfe ’69 passed away on Aug. 5, at age 68. He had battled lung cancer for the past two years, actively living his life with the disease. He grew up in the Highlands neighborhood of Seattle near Shoreline. Dave and his family enjoyed boating in the San Juan Islands and Destination Sound. He became an accomplished captain and fisherman at an early age. Dave enjoyed the camaraderie combined with the competitiveness of all sports. He was an avid tennis player throughout his life and an active member of the Seattle Tennis Club. Dave was a member of the tennis team at Puget Sound, and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, along with brother Ted and other lifelong friends. Dave met his wife, Shelley Morrow Rolfe ’70, at the college. He worked in sales for Simpson Timber Company into the 1980s, transitioning into a successful career in sales in the packaged-goods field. Dave is remembered and most admired for his eagerness to show that life is for living. His wife; two children; three grandchildren; his parents; and four siblings, including Ted Rolfe ’66 and Greg Rolfe ’80, survive him.

Verna Post M. Ed. ’71 died on March 29. She was 85. Verna earned her bachelor’s degree at Central Michigan University. She and husband Andrew Post lived in Tacoma and on Anderson Island for most of their lives. Verna was a speech therapist and hearing audiologist with the Tacoma Public Schools until her retirement. She also worked with the Lost Chord Club, teaching rehabilitative speech. Verna’s faith was central to her life. She was a member of Mason United Methodist Church in Tacoma and Anderson Island Community Church. She also was a member of the University of Puget Sound Women’s League. Verna enjoyed tennis, snorkeling, bird-watching, golf, beach-combing, and entertaining family and friends. Verna’s husband of 52 years and a son preceded her in death. Two sons, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive her.

Sally Angeline Huling ’73, M.Ed.’74 passed away on June 23. She was 64. Sally had successfully beaten cancer for more than five years before it returned. She is remembered for her “wicked sense of humor and extraordinary integrity.” Sally dedicated her working life to serving as a teacher and administrator in the Eugene School District 4J, starting at age 21. She was an administrator at various schools in the district for the past 15 years. Sally loved her work and had a special ability to reach students who seemed unreachable. She loved to can and pickle home-grown foods, and she enjoyed yoga, dancing, waterskiing, and getting pedicures and drinking beer with her girlfriends. Sally was passionate about fly-fishing and served as the president of the Cast Away’s, a women’s fishing club. She enjoyed time with her extended family eating, boating, camping, golfing, crabbing, and clamming. Sally pledged Alpha Phi at Puget Sound. Her father, Robert Angeline ’50, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, two children, three grandchildren, and many friends and former students.

Norris Clifford Petersen ’73 died on July 26, at the age of 63. He was born and raised in Richland, Wash. Cliff graduated from Richland High School where he served as student body president and excelled in swimming, track and field, cross country, and football. After Puget Sound he began graduate studies in political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Cliff most recently managed Camp Creek Ranch, both in Savanna, Ill., and in Elizabeth, III. He was very involved in the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and was president of the nonprofit. Cliff was an excellent cook and enjoyed homemade pizza, cheesecakes, and other gourmet treats. He was a major collector and aficionado of Inuit art and volunteered in various capacities at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery in Vancouver, B.C. Cliff loved jazz music and “capturing moments of joy through his photography.” His life partner, Terry Miller; her two children; and four grandchildren survive him.

Thomas LeCompte ’75 passed away on June 6 due to complications from a heart attack. He was 65. Tom was born in Stetton, Wash., and moved with his family to Aberdeen, Wash., when he was 10. He graduated from J.M. Weatherhead High School in 1966. Tom attended St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church and was active in Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle. He grew up loving music and sports, particularly surfing and golf. Tom and his friends were among the first to surf at Westport, Wash. He attended Grays Harbor College, later receiving his teaching degree at Puget Sound. Tom taught and coached in the Ocosta School District before moving to Seattle to serve as assistant equipment manager for the Seattle Seahawks. He relocated to Alaska in 1984 to teach in Fairbanks and later moved to Ketchikan to teach and coach, retiring in 2006. During his summers and in retirement, Tom worked at the local visitors’ bureau as “Tundra Tom.” He was a member of the Lutheran Church, co-hosted a weekly radio show, was a member of the First City Players theater group, and was a founding member of The Monthly Grid, a volunteer-produced talent show. He loved to sing and to play his autograph, and join jam sessions. Tom’s son, four grandchildren, and partner Cathy, along with her two daughters and three grandchildren, survive him.

David Strecker ’80 died unexpectedly on May 15, at age 59. He graduated from Seattle Preparatory School and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Puget Sound. Dave was a longtime Seattle business owner and a member of several clubs and organizations. His wife of 29 years, Kathy; three children; and two brothers, Owen Strecker ’74 and Mark Strecker ’76; and Mark’s wife, Kathy Plahnrey Strecker ’77, survive Dave.

Dorian Bersos ’87 passed away on June 10 after a brief battle with cancer. She was 55. Dorian grew up on Mercer Island, Wash., attending public schools. She also met her husband, Bob Bersos, on Mercer Island. Their family lived off-island only briefly when she attended college at Puget Sound. She was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Dorian ran a day care and volunteered with the Mercerwood Shore Club Swim Team for more than 10 years, and later worked at her church as a bookkeeper and facilities manager for 25 years. She is remembered for her compassion, sense of humor, intelligence, open-mindedness, faith, and perseverance. Dorian’s husband and three children survive her.

Kristin Lundell Carroll ’88 died on June 9, at age 48. She was born in Seattle and grew up on Lake Sammamish. She graduated from Issaquah High School. Kristin enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and caring for her pet birds. She had been a resident of Woodinville, Wash., and previously worked as a methods analyst for The Boeing Company. Kristin is remembered for her outgoing and caring personality and her wit and ability to make people smile. Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Douglas; other family members; and many friends.

Because we Arches editors love a good story, we couldn’t resist excerpting here from an obituary published in the Red Bluff Daily News on Aug. 8.

Robert L. Dunbar, 77, of Red Bluff, Calif., beloved husband, father, and best friend, passed away peacefully at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, Calif., on July 30, 2015. He probably imagined a more adventurous version of his own passing—something like: His death was preceded by a final journey into the Alaskan country of his childhood, to place a gargoyle commemorating the location where he once broke his foot while in pursuit of a wolverine. After encountering an insidious, well-armed band of Arctic ground squirrels at the cache, Robert quickly fashioned a pair of skis from barrel staves and escaped the varmints while enjoying one last exhilarating powder run. Unfortunately, while celebrating his narrow escape from the out-of-place rodents, he was swiftly swallowed up by an avalanche in the snow-covered mountains about 20 miles northeast of his former hometown of Nome, Alaska. In contrast to Robert’s real cause of death—acute respiratory failure due to pneumonia, he left behind four children from an unknown form of dementia—the tall tale above seems a bit more fitting of a former Alaskan, and something at which he would have laughed.

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Just like old times! These Alpha Phi sorority sisters and suitemates in then-Tenzler Hall (now Oppenheimer Hall and formerly University Hall) during the 1962–63 school year gathered at Pacific Beach, Wash., in late July to reconnect and remember good times. From left: Jane Reavis Knobel ‘64, Kay Lentz Chabot ‘63, and Sue Stone ‘64. The ladies report nonstop talking and a lot of laughter.

These Gamma Phis had another fun spring reunion on May 17, hosted by Terri Murphy Gietzen ‘81. From left: Kathleen McCarthy Duncan ‘82, Caroline Smith ‘83, Kris Bonawitz Blackman ‘80, Sarah Schad Giffin ‘81, and Wende Walker Carroll ‘79. Middle, from left: Valerie Gigandet Munier ‘80, Terri, and Carol Headden Reid ‘80. Back, from left: Beth Jensen Chew ‘79, J.D.’85; Krista Pearson ’80; Tracy James-Huntley ‘81; Janet Elzey ’77; Karen Perry ’77; Sandy Creek Baker ‘73; Laurie Ramsdell Olson ‘80; and Judy Warren Bowlby ’82.

Phi Delta Thetas on their annual trek to Vashon island and to the home of Julie Peck McFarlane ’62 and Lee McFarlane ’59, on Aug. 18. From left: Al Hanson ’59, Ron Lange ’59, Wayne Downer ’61, Ron Stone ’61, Ken McGill ’61, Art Whitson ’53, Paul Llewellyn ’58, Fred Hoheim ’58, Les Crowe ’62, Lee, and Jerry Thorpe ’63, kneeling.

From left: Bob Gibbs ’63, Rich Stolarski ’63, and Ken Gentili ’63 head out for the 115th U.S. Open at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash., in June. Due to camera regulations, no photos were allowed during competition, so the guys had to photograph the course separately.
Still very connected, about half of the 1981-82 PacRim alumni organized a “spontaneous reunion” in Seattle on July 12, hosted by Betsy Allen Sherpa ’82 and her husband. Back, standing from left: Karen Sandeno ’84, Steve Adams ’82, Steve Thorne ’83, Jane Curtis Johnson ’83, Doug Love (PLU grad on the trip that year), Alan Gossett ’83, John Mulally ’83, Bill Wiebe (UW), Susan Ambrose Jackson ’82, Chip Seamans ’83, Steve Lust ’83, Betsy, Meg Sands ’82, Amy Leland McCarty ’84, Stephanie Goodner Breyfogle ’82, Jim Kitchell ’82, and Nina Mitchell ’83. Front, kneeling from left: Steve Harvey ’84, Rufus Woods ’80, Tim Schoen ’83, Donna Gaunt Brent ’82, Sally Toothaker Campbell ’82, Sara Laney Caldwell ’82, and Paul Dieter ’82.

Celebrating 30 years of Loggers! President Thomas graciously stopped for a photo op with graduate Ella Schwarz ’15 and her dad, Kurt Schwarz ’85, P’15, at the college’s 123rd Commencement ceremony held May 17. Kurt reports that Ella is working with The Sherwin-Williams Company in its management program in the Twin Cities. Congratulations, Ella!

In Walden, Colo., on July 17, at their annual Theta reunion, from left: Carolyn James Bersch ’77, Sarah Wheeler Cobb ’77, Robin Tease Stephenson ’75, Kim Williams Ulrich ’75, Kelly Lisco Taubert ’76, and Kate Cronin Hutter ’76.
More than 35 years after moving into Anderson/Langdon Hall, old roommates gathered on the steps for a photo, after reminiscing about their freshman year in 1980-81. Back row, from left: Jan Lehrer Verdieck '85; Kim Blagg Golding '85; Cheryl Fitch Blackburn '85; Lloyd Kaide '86; Bruce Clarke '85, P'19; Dirk Kayser '85; Marc Blackburn '85; Kim Brooke Mullenburg '85, Maureen Hood '86; and Julie Johns Milner '85. Front, from left: Karen Kintz Jorgensen '85, Mary Vosburg Kayser '86, Duncan Marsh '85, and Greg Ursich '85.

Convergence, NPR HQ, Washington, D.C. From left: Kasia Podbielski '04, Ian Fox '14, and Rachel Martin '96. Kasia is a project manager on NPR's training team; Ian is an individual-giving writer in development; and Rachel is host of Weekend Edition Sunday. Ian and Rachel first met when she gave the 2014 Commencement address on campus (in a tor­rential downpour!), and Kasia and Ian met in a spinning class at NPR. Another Logger, Daniel Peterschmidt '15 (not pictured), also recently completed an internship with NPR's product development team. Photo: Emily Bogle

Second-generation Logger Robbie Sorensen '19 is pictured at his high school graduation from Seattle Academy on June 16 with family members who also are Puget Sound alums! From left: Robbie's aunt, Kira Sorensen-Jones '88, mom, Mary Morrow Sorensen '88, P'19, Robbie, dad, Stan Sorensen '86, P'19; aunt Mary Nelson Morrow '81, P'14, and uncle Stuart Morrow '81, P'14.

Jon Roach '94 married Brianna Poley on Dec. 28, 2013, at the Church of the Ascension in Denver. Bishop Robert J. O'Neil of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado performed the ceremony. From left: Eduardo Sardina, Mark Spengler '94, the bride and groom, Margaret Nordstrom '02, and John Guthrie '02 celebrated during the reception at Mile High Station. Brianna and Margaret grew up together in Colorado and have been good friends ever since. When Brianna met Jon and they began dating, Margaret was thrilled to learn that he was a fellow Logger—and even more thrilled that they got married! Jon and Brianna live in Denver. Jon is a pediatric surgeon at Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, and Brianna is a registered nurse and works in the operating room of the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
One year after meeting in Seward Hall during the first week of their freshman year, Margaret Nordstrom '02 and John Guthrie '02 became a couple. Fifteen years later they were married, on Oct. 25, 2014, at the Port of Bellingham Cruise Terminal in Bellingham, Wash. Hans Ostrom, University of Puget Sound Professor of African American Studies and English, officiated the ceremony, and many members of the Puget Sound community were in attendance to celebrate. From left: Claudia Sterry '02, Tony Gildred '02, David Anderson '04, Shannon Howard '02, Jennifer Wascher '02, Julie Kamerrer Carignan '02, Andrea Tull '02, Jon Roach '04, Amy McAfee '02, Professor Ostrom, Jill Blake Matton '02, the bride and groom, Karen Detrick Comfort '02, Sam Berg '00, Fernando Agreda '01, M.A.T.'02, Morgan Gronquist Agreda '03, Debbie Chee, director of Residence Life; and Robert Beiser '01. John and Margaret live in Seattle.

Alexis Rudd '05 and Andrew Titmus '06 were married on Aug. 24, 2014, on the North Shore of Oahu, near the famous Pipeline surf area. Puget Sound-affiliated folks attending were Tyler Smith '06 and his wife, Trista, along with Alexis' parents, Jerry and Valerie Rudd P'05. Ashley Eagle-Gibbs '04 and her husband, Josh De Wolf, also had planned to attend; however, Ashley gave birth to twins on June 27, 2014, which, er, changed their plans. Alexis and Andrew moved from Hawai'i to Washington, D.C., in September 2013 for a 12-month fellowship with the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, through the Frank M. Cushing Science Policy Fellowship program. In February 2015 Alexis began working under a 12-month NOAA, John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. She is a legislative fellow assigned to the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Republican staff. She finds this, along with her time spent with the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, interesting and challenging. Both Alexis and Andrew still are enrolled as Ph.D. candidates at The University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Alexis is about to defend her dissertation while she's engaged in her fellowships, and Andrew is nearing the completion of the research phase of his graduate work. He also is a talented photographer (wildcoastsphotography.zenfolio.com/about.html) and is honing his woodworking skills. The two are enjoying exploring the history and sights of the East Coast.

Every few years these Logger ladies meet at someone's beach house or cabin. In June the group met in Stonington, Conn., and brought along partners and little ones, growing their gathering to more than 20. On this night, in true Logger fashion, the ladies took the town by storm! All Class of 2002 unless noted otherwise, from left: Kate Foley Hinman, Lauren Meyer, Britton Russell, Chris Bachman, Liz Beaulieu Stumpner, Brynn Hambly, Cristan Norman, Kristin Williamson, and Kate Cohn '00, P'19.

Matthew Jones '05 completed his M.B.A. at the University of Washington Tacoma Milgard School of Business, graduating June 12. Celebrating, from left: wife Mary Moser '04, M.A.T.'07; Matthew; and his sister, Lesley Jones Larson '02. Not pictured: Milgard's M.B.A. program advisor extraordinaire Aubree Robinson Steffens '05. Mary and Matthew live in downtown Tacoma.

Lindsay Robinson '07 married Chris Bolter in her native Colorado mountains on June 13, 2015, with thunder, lightning, and rain as accompaniment. In attendance were fellow UPS rowers and other alumni. From left: Chelsea Athing Berman '05, D.R.T.'10; Laurie Delaney '07; Taryn Ridley '07; the groom and bride, bridesmaid Victoria Pane '07; and Katie Cugno '06, M.A.T.'07. Also in attendance, though not pictured: bridesmaid Mieko Matsumoto '07; Travis Titus '07; Drew Sparr '05; and Bethany Fisher Sparr '06. Lindsay and Chris live in San Francisco, where they like to hike, sail, and kayak.
In May, Kathryn Abel Christofersen ’10 graduated from the Pacific Northwest University of Medicine in Yakima, Wash. In July she started residency at the University of Washington in clinical and anatomical pathology.

Katie Russell ’07 married Nathan Hambley on June 13, 2015, at the Crockett Barn in Coupeville on Whidbey Island, Wash. Loggers who joined the celebration, all Class of 2007 except where noted, from left: Alana Wong Wade, Alyssa Sidoff Hooper, Katie Schultz ’08, Molly Clevenger ’06, Sam Hardy ’06, Vanessa Scott-Thorson Chambers, Cristina Podlusky, Zareen Charna, the groom and bride, Jen Ash Morrisey, Leigh Jurevic Hess, Sam Esecson, Sara Rolle Creurer, Lauren Gaither Madfis, and Beverly Brossmann. Katie and Nathan live in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle.

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Christopher Moore ’06 and Alina Vaynberg ’08 were married on Aug. 10, 2014, in Boise, Idaho. A great crew of Loggers gathered to celebrate, including: Bella Vaynberg ’12, Charles Bogart ’12, Laura Calcagni ’10, Justin Jacobs ’07, Tripp Serenbetz ’07, Jenni Swift Serenbetz ’07, Lauren Shatz Cox ’08, Tyler Cox ’05, Kelli Morgan ’09, Halcott Carter ’06, Rahul Madhavan ’08, David Baars ’08, Whitney Wynhof ’07, Bradford Smith ’07, Jessica Solano ’09, On Ben Meir ’08, Cole Hardman ’10, Nic Cary ’07, Alimee Schulte McEathron ’07, Erik Voorhees ’07, Bo Ghirardelli ’07, Nick Calcagni ’83, P’10, and Kathy Sahr Calcagni ’85, P’10. Alina is a digital strategy manager with West Monroe Partners, a business and technology consulting firm, and Chris serves as in-house counsel for TrueBlue Inc., based in Tacoma. The couple reside in Seattle with their beloved dog, Daphne, a border collie-Saint Bernard mix.

Katie Stock ’10 and Brian Eggers ’09 were married in California on Sept. 6, 2014. A whole lotta Loggers were on hand for their ceremony. Roughly, back, from left: Kainoa Higgins ’08, M.A.T.’09; Molly Gibson ’11, M.A.T.’12; Kalli Kamphaus ’10; David Mensonides ’08; Erika Greene ’12; Tom Allard ’84; Stefan Berglund ’09; Eric Borton ’09; Isaac Blum ’09; Melissa Maier ’12; Conner Gehring ’10; Miles Murphy ’10; and Boone Freeman ’11. Front, from left: Blair Udwin ’08; Vince Ghiringhelli ’10; Megan Eidenshink Shelly ’11, M.A.T.’12, the groom and bride; Megan Deane ’10; Lindsey Denman ’10; Darrell Stewart ’09; Cory Dunn ’10; and Spencer Crace ’10. Brian and Katie live and work in the Bay Area.

Robyn Broker ’10 and Adam Mayer were married on June 20 in Denver. Several Puget Sound friends were there to celebrate. From left: Meghan Webking ’09, Hannah Meshenuk ’11, Liz Weil ’11, Kawika Huston ’10, the groom and bride, Lizzy Mosher ’10, Margo Archev ’10, Katie Shyu ’10, Anna Courtney ’10, and Emily Veling ’11. The newlyweds make their home in Denver, where Robyn works at Janus Capital Group. Photo by John Riedy.
MacKenzie Fuentes ’11 and Colin MacDonald ’11, kneeling center, were married on July 12 at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. Guests included: Krystle Pagarigan ’11, Charles Nguyen ’13, Ray Randall ’10, Amber Arndt ’10, Liz Bird ’11, Jordan Carelli ’11, Sophie Pattison ’13, Zach Lam ’11, Alea Robertson ’11, Micah Coleman Campbell ’11, Jason Schumacher ’10, Jared Stoltzfus ’11, Danica Egenhoff ’10, Courtney Drake ’10, and Griffin Hotchkiss ’11, who traveled all the way from Myanmar to officiate! Colin and MacKenzie live in Seattle. He works in marketing and design at Parkour Visions gym (parkourvisions.org), and she works in development for the Washington State Democrats.

Erin Larkin ’12 and Zack Taylor (2011 West Point grad) were married on June 20 in Santa Cruz, Calif. Logger friends were on hand to join the celebration. From left: Pete Van Sant ’08, Cara Gillespie Van Sant ’12; Cam Nakano ’09; Danika Evans ’12; the bride and groom; Nathan Moorman ’11; Brooke Peaden ’12; Cam Butler ’10, D.P.T. ’15, Becca Adams ’12, and Wiley Putnam ’12, who has been a friend of Erin’s since freshman year and who photographed the wedding (see wileyputnam.com). Another fun fact: All Loggers pictured ran on the track team at some point during their time at Puget Sound. Erin currently is the assistant manager at Gold Definitions Jewelry Store in Puyallup, Wash., and Zack is a captain in the Army at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The couple live in Tacoma but are looking forward to moving to Richmond, Va., in November for Zack’s work.

Oh, technology! Here are, from left: Libby Shafer ’13; Emerson Sample ’13; Liza Darlington ’12, M.A.T.’14; Marquis McCravy; and Aliyah Simcoff ’12 at this year’s Summer Reunion Weekend kickoff event in June. They are smiling for photographer, alum mom Lynn Johnson Raisl ’77, P’13, whose daughter Emma Raisl ’13 was unable to join her friends on campus. Lynn tells us that Emerson and Aliyah both work for Sustainable Roots, a program under the auspice of the Northwest Leadership Foundation, whose vision it is to help people in Tacoma find meaningful connection to the land they live on, the communities they share, and the food they eat. Find out more at northwestivalopportunity.org/sustainable-roots.

Congratulations to the Seattle Studs, who won this year’s National Baseball Congress World Series on Aug. 8! Members of the Studs team include former and current Loggers, from left: Nate Backes ’16, in his second year as a Seattle Stud, was a designated hitter; Connor Savage ’15, in his fourth year as a Seattle Stud, had an amazing tournament and won MVP honors as well as the All-America outfielder award; Taylor Thompson ’06 pitched as the Studs’ closer and had three saves and one win at the tournament. Taylor is in his 10th year as a Seattle Stud. Former Logger Mark Rockey ’10 also played with the team early in the season but was unable to make it to the championship tournament in Wichita. The Studs also took home the Best Team Pitching and Sportsmanship awards. Reportedly, since these three Loggers played such a big part in the team’s success, fans and teammates alike cheered: “Hack, hack! Chop, chop! Go, Loggers, go!”
Call for nominations

The Puget Sound Alumni Council Awards and Nominating Committee invites you to nominate outstanding alumni for one of the Alumni Association’s four distinguished alumni awards: Professional Achievement, Service to the Community, Service to Puget Sound, and Young Logger Service.

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Thank you in advance for your contribution to this important effort. Nominations should be submitted no later than Nov. 1, 2015, and contain as much information as possible about the nominee’s qualifications. We look forward to hearing from you. (pugetsound.edu/gateways/alumni/alumni-award-nomination-form)

David J. Watson ’92
Chair, Alumni Council Awards and Nominating Committee

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This award is presented to a current student or recent graduate (within the past 10 years) whose contributions have resulted in programming that inspires young Loggers (alumni and/or current students) to engage more deeply in the rich alumni traditions and spirit of Puget Sound.
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