The University of Puget Sound

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The Difference of One

You can change the world

Five alumni who did it through sustained, selfless determination

Needle-exchange pioneer
Dave Purchase '62

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"I like to tell our critics that dead people can't 12-step [as in, follow a 12-step program]," says Dave Purchase '62. "Heck, they can't even two-step. Because of our work, drug users have a chance to get over being stupid—they can't get over being dead."

Photo by Ross Mulhausen.

In spring, sometimes, the sun returns to the Northwest: Emily Moss '05 studies on the lawn outside Schiff Hall. Photo by Ross Mulhausen.

Meet the New President
Puget Sound gets a brief introduction to its next president, Ronald R. Thomas

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introduction and interviews by Andy Dappen

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Trustees: loyal, dedicated, interesting

Since my first meeting with the Puget Sound Board of Trustees 11 years ago, I have been impressed by the trustees’ unstinting commitment to the college, the care with which they execute their responsibilities, and their generous financial support.

Academic lore is replete with tales of micromanaging trustees who are indifferent to academics, care only about athletics, give to pet projects rather than institutional priorities and, if unhappy, make mischief. We are fortunate that none of that is true of the Puget Sound board.

Rather, Puget Sound trustees are focused on their fiduciary responsibility for the college and on the major policy issues facing it. Thus, they review and have final authority for campus planning efforts, capital projects, the budget, legal matters, and all tenure and promotion decisions. They administer the endowment, monitor operations, and evaluate the president annually.

So who are these people to whom the health and well-being of the college are entrusted? What are their responsibilities? And why do they agree to take on such an important and time-consuming role?

First, more than 60 percent of the Puget Sound board are alumni. They are graduates of classes ranging from 1960 to 1987. They come from all over the world: from Kyoto, Tokyo, and London. Within the U.S., they live in places as distant as New York City and as close as Tacoma’s North End.

Their professions vary, too. They include a retired Tacoma schoolteacher and the president of a historically black college in the South. Many are significant players in the corporate, financial, banking, high technology, real estate, retail, and investment worlds. One is a retired physics professor. Two are members of the clergy. One heads a foundation. At least five were trained as lawyers, but only one has recently been a practicing attorney. The board also includes a psychologist, a dentist, and a member of the Japanese Diet. In other words, they are a diverse and interesting group of people.

Trustees agree to serve on the board for a variety of reasons. Those who graduated from Puget Sound know from their own experience how important it is to give something back. Others believe in higher education and the liberal arts, have respect for the high quality of our programs, and want to bring their skills to work for the benefit of others.

Trustees are not compensated for their service. In fact, all accept the invitation to join the board knowing that they will be expected to make Puget Sound one of their top philanthropic priorities.

In recent years, the Puget Sound board has been unusually committed to strengthening its own performance. It first reorganized its committee structure to help keep its focus on policy rather than on operations. The board then introduced a process by which it assesses regularly the performance of individual trustees and of the board as a whole. And five years ago, desirous of including more alumni and geographically distant trustees, the board instituted term limits for trustee service. Since then, the percentage of alumni trustees has increased by 50 percent.

Good boards do not just happen. They are the result of leadership within their own ranks. And it is here that Puget Sound has been especially blessed. I personally have been fortunate to work with the last three board chairs: Norton Clapp, who was board chair emeritus when I arrived; Lowry Wyatt, who chaired the search process that brought me to Puget Sound and who was chair my first year; and Bill Weyerhaeuser, who has chaired the board in exemplary fashion for the last 10 years. In my judgment, he is among the most effective board chairs in the country.

The board is celebrating that its next chair, Deanna Watson Oppenheimer ’80, will be the first Puget Sound graduate to serve in this important position. She assumes her new duties on May 16. Under her chairmanship, I am confident that Puget Sound will continue its legacy of strong and farsighted leadership.

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Our trustees have also just exercised one of their most important responsibilities: hiring a new president (see page 4).

Their financial support has been instrumental in a number of important projects that have transformed the campus. Without it, we would not have been able to build Wyatt Hall, Schneebeck Concert Hall, the Fitness Center, and the baseball and softball fields. Nor would we have been able to renovate Collins Library, Clapp Theatre, Peyton Field, and Baker Stadium. Trustees have also endowed new faculty positions and given generously to increase financial aid.
SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER For those who asked, here's another Jim Champa snow photo, this one of Mt. Baker at dawn.

Spectacular photos

When I got the winter Arches, I did not look at the cover—I read it backwards—and so I came upon Jim Champa’s photos at the end of the article. I was enthralled with them and wondered who took such fine pictures. To my delight, when I got to the first page of the article I found that it was my old classmate! Thanks for the beautiful photos; I went to Jim’s Web site and loved the descriptions of his outings.

Cora Clark '80
Salem, Oregon

I am an alumna living in Florida, but I was born and raised in the Northwest. I have spent many, many days on Mt. Rainier skiing, hiking, camping, touring, etc. The sight of that mountain even now takes my breath away.

My husband is a photographer-wannabe, and when I showed him Jim Champa’s spectacular Mt. Rainier shot he said he had to have it. So we ordered one and now will have another wonderful Rainier image to keep me from getting too homesick.

Sue Birkland Sorenson '83
Niceville, Florida

The winter photographs by Jim Champa in the latest Arches were tremendous, breathtaking, gorgeous! I can’t say enough superlative things about them. Also enjoyed the comments that accompanied each photograph.

Shariene Armitage
Rivers '60
Cheney, Washington

Awards for Arches

As Arches went to press we were pleased to learn that the magazine had won four awards in the annual competition hosted by District VIII of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE): A gold medal in writing for “The Epiphany of the Astronomers,” by Rebecca Ann Parker ’75, which appeared in the summer 2002 edition. Silver medals for general excellence and illustration. And a bronze for Jim Champa’s photo of Mt. Rainier at sunrise. — Eds.

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Hail to the future chief

Meet Puget Sound's 13th president

After a five-month national search, Ronald R. Thomas, college vice president at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., was named president elect of the university on Feb. 6. Thomas will assume his responsibilities July 16.

William T. Weyerhaeuser, chair of Puget Sound's Board of Trustees, announced the decision to a welcoming crowd in the Rotunda following a unanimous board vote.

Thomas, 54, succeeds Susan Resneck Pierce, who will retire in July after 11 years as president.

Weyerhaeuser thanked the 12 members of the search committee, with special thanks to committee chair Deanna W. Oppenheimer '80, for their dedication.

"Throughout 28 hours of meetings—one-on-one and in small groups, and in campus forums attended by 250 people—Ron became more and more impressive as he demonstrated a clear understanding of Puget Sound and an uncommon openness and sincerity," said Oppenheimer.

Thomas said he and his wife, Mary, a Seattle native, look forward to living in the Northwest.

To find out more about Thomas, check Arches Unbound at www.ups.edu/arches. A complete introduction of Thomas will appear in the autumn edition of arches.
campus construction

A step closer to reality

Science center plans move to next level

In February the university Board of Trustees gave its blessing to the latest in a series of progressively refined designs for the science center project that President Pierce announced in her winter Arches column. At this point, plans are close to final. Groundbreaking for the facility will take place at the earliest in spring 2004.

It is a two-phase project, with construction of a new building first. The new structure, with its entrance facing Union Avenue, will be about the same size as Wyatt Hall and connected to Thompson Hall via bridges. The layout of offices, classrooms, labs, and libraries will encourage cross-disciplinary activity.

“The design takes into account faculty-faculty, faculty-student, and student-student interactions,” chemistry professor Thomas Rowland said. “We want students to be drawn to the building, even if they are not science majors.”

The second phase of the project will be the renovation of Thompson itself, modernizing existing space, making code-compliant renovations, and reorganizing the floor plan. Thompson Hall is in reasonably good condition, according to Rowland. However, an engineering study commissioned in the early 1990s found that it had problems.

“Thompson was built in 1968, under codes that were current back then, but ventilation and other infrastructures are not what we would have today,” Rowland explained.

The ways in which science learning takes place also have evolved.

“Over the last decades, the teaching of science has changed both nationally and at Puget Sound,” said President Pierce. “In addition, more of our students are engaged in independent research. Our programs in science, mathematics, and computer science are first-rate. Now we need facilities that match the excellence of our students and faculty.”

Construction of the new building will take two years. Then, dependent on resources, the university will begin a significant renovation of Thompson Hall, probably in three phases, one wing at a time. Cost of the new building and the renovation of Thompson Hall is estimated to be $50 million.
Championship b-ball season remembered

The Loggers' regular 1976 schedule ended at 22-7, with several victories over highly rated opponents. Puget Sound knocked off defending Big Sky champion Montana, 77-65, and downed NAIA district champion Central Washington, 72-67. One of the biggest wins was a decisive 81-70 victory over defending NCAA Division II West Coast champion UC Riverside.

The Loggers began their magical run for the NCAA Division II championship with a decisive 80-65 win over Cal Poly Pomona in the opener of the Far West regional tourney, held in Memorial Fieldhouse. They followed with an emotional 77-65 regional finals win over Bakersfield State to advance to the national quarterfinal round against the U. of North Dakota. As hosts for the quarterfinal game, the Loggers continued their march to the championship with a thrilling 80-77 win over the Dakotans. Having entered the Division II Final Four, the Loggers were off to Evansville, Ind., to face the defending champions from Old Dominion University. The matchup of premier centers Curt Peterson '76 and Old Dominion's Wilson Washington went decidedly in favor of the Loggers, as they downed the defending champions 83-78. That semifinal win earned the Puget Sound team the right to face Tennessee-Chattanooga for the national championship. Quoting TNT sportswriter Mike Jordan, "The University of Puget Sound basketball team did the cha-cha to the Chattanooga Choo-Choo last night, dancing to the NCAA Division II national championship with an 83-74 victory." And the rest, as they say, is history. — Dick Ulrich

accolades

Good sports

Five individuals and a '76 team named to Logger Hall of Fame

At induction ceremonies on February 1, the university recognized its latest class of Hall of Famers. They were:

Mike Bos '83
Football, 1979-82
Associated Press NCAA Division II 1st Team All-American in 1982 and Honorable Mention in 1981. He set school records for pass receptions during a four-year career in the following categories: single game receptions (14) and reception yardage (222); single season receptions (62); career receptions (163) and reception yardage (2311). Team captain and selected as Ben Cheney Male Athlete of the Year in 1982-83.

Patricia Perry Fairhart '89
Track and Field, 1985-88
NAIA National Champion in the javelin in 1988 with a throw of 163 feet 10 inches. A three-time NAIA All-American in the javelin. She holds the school record of 166 feet 3 inches. During her career she broke the record on nine occasions. Track team co-captain in 1988 and selected to the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1998.

David Haynes '87
Swimming, 1983-87
NAIA National Champion in the 100 and 200 butterfly in 1987, setting NAIA national records in both events. First NAIA swimmer to go under 50 seconds in the 100 butterfly in national competition. He set school records in the 100 and 200 butterfly and was the freestyle anchor on the record-setting 400-medley relay. An Academic All-American and Scholar Athlete and selected as the Ben Cheney Male Athlete of the Year in 1986-87.

Steve Levenseller '79
Football, 1975-79
NAIA Division II 3rd Team All-American in 1977 and Honorable Mention in 1978. In 1978 he was the NCAA Division II leader in kickoff returns, with a 34.8 yard average. He set school records in kickoff return yardage in a season (602) and career (942)
and holds the school record for the longest kickoff return for a touchdown, 99 yards. He also set school records in pass interceptions for a season (10) and career (16). Selected as the John Heinrick Most Inspirational Athlete in 1977-78.

Randy Moon '79
Track and Field and Football, 1975-79
NCAA Division II All-American in the decathlon in 1979. He was a three-time qualifier for the national championships, placing 7th his senior year. He set the school record in the decathlon with a score of 6706. He lettered four years in track and field and was selected as the team's Most Outstanding Athlete in 1976 and 1979. He also lettered four years in football and was the team captain in 1978.

Men's Basketball Team '76
NCAA Division II National Champions. Won a school-record 27 games. Don Zech, National Coach of the Year. MVP Curt Peterson '76, and Brant Gibler '76 named to the All-Tournament Team. Others on team: Rocky Botts '78, Anthony Brown '76, Tim Evans '78, Steve Freimuth '78, Mike Hanson '78, Phil Hiam '79, Mike Kuntz '78, Matt McCully '78, Jimmy Stewart '76, Mike Strand '79, Rick Walker '78, Mark Wells '76; Athletics Director Doug McArthur, Assistant Coach Mike Acres, Athletics Trainer Zeke Schult.

Coach Don Zech and players Evans, Walker, and Peterson are already individual members in the Hall of Fame, but the entire team and support staff joins them.

— Robin Hamilton
loggers

Last play

Ulrich to retire as athletics director

After 19 years at the helm of the Puget Sound athletics program, Richard Ulrich will retire in June.

The Logger athletic program experienced phenomenal success under Ulrich's guidance, including 10 national championships, 27 Northwest Conference titles (since joining the NWC in 1996) and numerous individual, league, regional, and All-America performers.

Ulrich saw the athletics department through a number of major affiliation changes, most recently the 1996 move to NCAA Division III. The Logger athletic program is currently ranked in the top 10 in the NCAA III NACDA Cup, which recognizes overall success in college athletics programs.

He also was a strong advocate for the need to improve athletics facilities and provided President Pierce with the necessary background information as she raised funds to build the Pamplin Sports Center-Fitness Center and the new softball and baseball fields, and to renovate the Fieldhouse, Baker Stadium, Peyton Field, and Shotwell Track. The track and field project, which brings a new track and football playing surface, and additional stadium amenities, will be dedicated in April.

Ulrich was responsible for reinstating the Puget Sound Athletics Hall of Fame, dormant from 1976-1988, and began the annual all-sports banquet, which each spring honors the success of student-athletes in the classroom and on the athletic fields. He aided in reaffirming the original university colors of maroon and white for the athletics program and served on countless committees, representing the interests of Puget Sound.

A tireless administrator, Ulrich attended nearly every sporting event held on the Puget Sound campus during his tenure. He took over the Logger men's golf program in 1997, and in 2002 was the Northwest Conference Coach of the Year, leading Puget Sound to its first-ever conference golf title. He championed the addition of women's golf and women's lacrosse to the Logger sports lineup.

"Dick Ulrich has been an athletic director who always plans ahead," said Joe Peyton, a longtime Logger track coach and Hall of Fame member. "He is truly interested in all of the sports programs at Puget Sound."

— Robin Hamilton
Food and thought

The term paper is still standard out-of-the-classroom work for today’s undergrads, but sometimes students get to create something more visual than neatly bound and footnoted pages of double-spaced type. Witness these examples from Adjunct Faculty Laura Baker’s “Fundamentals of Clinical Neuropsychology” and Assistant Professor Kurt Walls’ “Technical Theatre.” Students in the psych class were asked to create an anatomically accurate model of the human brain, then affix pictures of behaviors discussed during the semester to the part of the brain that controls them. The theater students’ assignment was to design and build durable, realistic-looking stage food.
COMPENDIUM for SPRING

WOMEN SUCCEED IN SPORTS, LEAD IN LIFE
The 17th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day was celebrated February 15, during the Puget Sound women’s basketball game against Pacific University. The theme for this year was “Succeed in Sports, Lead in Life.” At halftime, Nancy Bristow, history professor and Puget Sound’s faculty athletic representative to the NCAA and the Northwest Conference, was presented with the first annual Individuals in Support of Logger Women’s Athletics Award. The award is sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) to honor a member of the Puget Sound community who lends support and encouragement to Logger athletics. The celebration came just two weeks after a national commission issued recommendations on changes to Title IX, passed in 1972, which prohibited gender discrimination in classrooms and athletics. At the time Title IX was passed, only one in 27 girls participated in high school sports, compared to one in three today.

GLOBE TROTTING
A number of speakers came to campus in February to talk about our place in the world and what we should do with it.

Anna Deavere Smith, actress, playwright, and professor, presented a talk called, “Snapshots: Glimpses of America in Change,” the second in the new Pierce lecture series for public affairs and the arts. Smith, a professor of performance studies at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, is best known for her roles in television and for an innovative theater technique in which she combines journalistic interviews with dramatic interpretation.

Michael Barnett, a UN staff member of the mission to Rwanda during that country’s civil war in 1994, witnessed the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Tutsi people, while UN officials decided not to intervene. As part of the Swope Lectures on Religion, Ethics, Faith and Values, Barnett spoke about the UN’s inaction, arguing that it was a reasoned choice driven by moral considerations. He questions whether it is possible to build moral institutions.

Amnesty International (AI) Executive Director William Schulz spoke on globalism and the post 9/11 world. Described as the person who has done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make issues known in the United States, Schulz is a Unitarian Universalist minister and has directed AI since 1994. His appearance was sponsored by Conspiracy of Hope.

Civil rights activist Elaine Brown, the only woman to chair the Black Panther Party, spoke on New Age racism. Her lecture on the vision of an inclusive and egalitarian society that focuses on resolving problems of race, gender oppression, and class disparity was brought to campus by the ASUPS Lectures and the Diversity Theme Year program.

IT’S GREEK TO ME fraternity and sorority news

DREAM WEAVERS A little girl with a life-threatening illness took her family to Disneyland, had an hour-long discussion with Winnie the Pooh, and led a parade through the amusement park. The 5-year-old enjoyed all this, plus a VIP tour of the park, and a beeline trip to the front of the line for any ride she wanted to go on. The Make-A-Wish Foundation and Puget Sound’s Sigma Chi fraternity made these wishes come true. The Sigma Chi’s raised $6,000 last Oct. with their annual Derby Days events and donated the money to the charity organization. Make-A-Wish development manager Carolyn Lord (center) stopped by the fraternity house Feb. 11 to present a plaque thanking the chapter for its good work. Flanking Lord are Casey Unverzagt ’03 (with suspenders), Derby Days chair for the last two years, and Ethan Chung ’04, the Sigma Chi chapter president.
The 35th Brown and Haley Lecture was delivered by award-winning scholar and author Robert Gooding-Williams. An adjunct professor of African-American studies at Northwestern University in Illinois, Gooding-Williams spoke about W.E.B. Du Bois, an American black activist and social philosopher, and Frederick Douglass, a freed American slave and leader of the abolitionist movement. Both men are recognized for their insistence on the need for education to advance one’s self and strengthen society.

Congressman Adam Smith, a Democrat representing the 9th district, discussed the relationship between the United States and Israel and the situation in Iraq, at the invitation of a student group called Forum for American-Israeli Relations (FAIR). A member of the House Armed Services Committee, Smith advocates modernizing the military and encouraging the Defense Department to use new technologies.

**Wrong Direction for the Space Shuttle?**

Early proponents of the space shuttle promised space travel would be as inexpensive and reliable as commercial aviation. Instead, it is widely considered an expensive, unreliable failure, largely due to NASA’s insistence on manned space flights, according to Erik Conway, NASA historian. His talk, “Space Fantasy, Space Tragedy: The American Space Shuttle at the Intersection of Science, Technology, and Politics,” explored the past and future of the space shuttle as part of the Thompson Hall Science and Mathematics Seminar Series in March.

**Have Paws, Will Work**

People who depend on service dogs for help with daily tasks and those who train and work with them got together at Puget Sound in early March for a repeat of last year’s Assistance Dog and Disabilities Fair. Sponsored by the university’s Community Involvement and Action Center (CIAC) and the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound, the fair provided information about living and working with service dogs. Workshops for the afternoon fair dealt with obtaining assistance dogs, retiring and transition of assistance dogs, laws against interference with a service dog’s work, and travel tips for mobility-impaired people in the wake of stricter security precautions. Pierce County Transit brought buses and shuttles to demonstrate the safe loading and unloading of disabled people with service dogs, and helped them practice getting on and off.

Jacki Pearce-Droge, CIAC director and a member of the Assistance Dog Club, reminds people not to pet service dogs. Service dogs are trained to perform tasks such as turning on lights or bringing items to their owners, which mitigates their disabilities and enhances their independence. Dogs might be watching for seizures, serving as eyes for the blind, or listening to sounds as a hearing dog. “Although many view this as perhaps a fun thing to do, our dogs are not regarded as pets,” she explains. “It helps when others do not pet the dog when it is working.”

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**Worth the Trip**

**Good buys, good cause**

UPS Women’s League 36th Annual Flea Market
March 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

Raises funds for scholarships; $22,500 last year.

**Art from the vault**

Small paintings from the university’s permanent collection, including Abby Williams Hill, Mark Takamichi Miller, Francis Celentano, Charles A. Stokes, Francis Chubb, Kathleen Gemberling Adkinson, Louise Gilbert, Fay Chong, and John Barnett.

March 24 to April 20, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1 to 4 p.m., Kittredge Art Gallery.

**Singing for Professor Goleeke**

Retirement concert honoring Thomas Goleeke, chair of the vocal area in the School of Music, after 34 years. Students from the ’70s through the ’90s will perform this tribute.

March 29, 7:30 p.m., Schneebeck Concert Hall.

**Music to the ears**

The Adelphian Concert Choir returns from touring to sing for the home crowd. Performing Bach’s “Komm Jesu Komm” and Vaughan Williams’ “Lord, Thou Has Been Our Refuge,” along with Appalachian Mountain hymns, several spirituals, some English folk songs, and the satirical “Love Lost” songs by Paul Sjoland.

March 30, 3 p.m., Kilworth Chapel.

**The battle for God**

Jane Hammer Swope Lecture series presents Karen Armstrong, author of The History of God and The Battle for God, speaking on the global impact of fundamentalist turns in the world’s major religions.

April 2, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse, info: 253-879-3374.

**The play’s the thing**

Senior Theatre Festival, student-directed and produced plays.

April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 (Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.), Norton Clapp Theatre. Call Wheelock Info Center for tickets.

**Run for kids**

Puget Pacer, 5K fun run raises funds for Kids Can Do! Mentoring program.

May 3, info: 253-879-3767.

For ticket info, call Wheelock Student Center 253-879-3419; for other events send e-mail to: events@ups.edu; or visit: www.ups.edu/content/calendars.htm.
THE DIFFERENCE OF
Who says you can’t change the world?

“If we just had more people who cared, we could end injustice and achieve peace,” chuckles Dave Purchase, a Tacoma resident who started the nation's first public needle-exchange program. “At least that's what I believed in college.” Purchase, '62, is part of the crowd who cares, but he is also seasoned enough to shake his head over that notion of old. “Now I just want to get drug users access to sterile needles. ... I’ll worry about injustice and world peace on the weekends.”

Clean needles may seem a small piece in the puzzle of societal ills, but Purchase's devotion contributed to the rise of 178 needle-exchange programs around the country, prevented thousands of drug users from contracting AIDS, and saved billions of public-health dollars. That's big stuff from just one person.

All of us who have ventured out from college can relate to the impotency felt when confronting world-scale problems. Yet these five alumni—NASA scientist Richard Stolarski '63, teacher Roberta Moore Zarbaugh '74, lawyer Michael Woerner '82, state representative Ida Ballasiotes '71, and social worker Dave Purchase '62—illustrate the power of the individual. They remind us that people working alone or within focused teams can instigate change, can make a difference.

Thomas Fuller said, “He who is everywhere is nowhere.” That’s a reminder that there is power in letting go of the whole and targeting the one—one person, one task. One contribution may not seem like much, but Purchase was on target in believing that we simply need more people who care. If we each committed ourselves to leave this world better than we found it, if we each devoted the hammer of our actions to one nail, just what would the cathedral of humanity look like? The product of each of us exercising the power of one would be staggering.
“We need to find the right role with the right group to become a significant player who pulls an important project forward.”
Richard Stolarski ’63
Foreteller of the thinning ozone layer

Some people save the world more literally than others. In 1973 Richard Stolarski and colleague Ralph Cicerone made a formal presentation to NASA, concluding that chlorine compounds in the upper atmosphere could be a significant destroyer of ozone. Later that year, Stolarski discussed chlorine chemistry in the Earth’s atmosphere at an international conference in Kyoto, Japan. This became much-referenced material about the devastating affect chlorine had on ozone. One chlorine molecule in the upper atmosphere created a catalytic reaction capable of neutralizing 10,000 particles of ozone. Shortly thereafter, when it became known that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) from refrigerants, insecticides, and aerosols were torn apart in the upper atmosphere by the sun’s UV rays, exposing the ozone layer to chlorine, Stolarski wondered if the upper atmosphere was in serious trouble. In September 1974, in an article published in Science, Stolarski and Cicerone were among the first to warn that the sky might be dissolving.

Before we knew that CFCs were breaking down and exposing the ozone layer to chlorine, I was studying how effluent from the space shuttle affected the upper atmosphere. The spent fuel contained chlorine and although people in atmospheric sciences didn’t know it, every chemist knew that chlorine destroyed ozone. People asked why I was doing this research—it wasn’t a big issue because nobody believed there was a significant source of chlorine in the upper atmosphere. I said it allowed us to learn the field and someday something might connect to it.

The fact that CFCs came along was lucky for me. I was working on a small problem in the scope of things, but I was in the right place with the right information when we learned what happened to CFCs in the upper atmosphere. I eventually realized that our work was a critical part of the big picture.

I tell people that by jumping into an emerging field, doing good work, and getting to know the people in that field, great things can happen. In my case, my research was important in understanding the dangers of
CFCs, and I got to know people like Sherry Rowland, Mario Molina, and Paul Crutzen, the scientists who discovered that CFCs were breaking apart high. By knowing them, pretty soon I knew Nobel Prize winners. [Rowland, Molina, and Crutzen received the 1995 Nobel Prize for their contributions to the field of ozone depletion.]

In 1974 I took a job as a research scientist with NASA—they felt they should have a program studying the environmental impact of shuttle effluent. Out of this grew NASA's Upper Atmosphere Research Program, which became a major player in preparing to Congress about the state of the atmosphere. In 1987, when the chlorine damage in the upper atmosphere was found to be creating an ozone hole near the South Pole, this agency was positioned to do the instrumentation and data collection allowing us to monitor and understand the ozone hole.

I went on to join NASA's research facilities at the Goddard Space Flight Center, named The Atmospheric Chemistry and Dynamic Branch. Our division studied atmospheric chemistry and the reactions occurring as elements move around. You can't study elements in isolation, you need to see them in context. Take ozone: In the lower atmosphere it's a pollutant we don't want to breathe, but in the upper atmosphere its ability to filter UV protects life down below. Or take CFCs: They are inert down low, but are destroyed by UV up high. What each element does or what it contributes depends on where it is and what it can react with.

I deal with a lot of data, but I try not to get too immersed in details. I try to see the big picture, look for generalities, and determine what interactions could be the next big thing. I was in on the ground floor of one big thing, and in research that's about as much as you can hope for. But that hasn't kept me from dreaming about working on the next big thing.

Much of my ability to have made a difference in this field was a function of working with the right people. Many of us are unlikely to make a difference as individuals—we drift when we're left to attack problems alone. We need to find the right role with the right group to become a significant player who pulls an important project forward.

That's what happened with ozone: It was a relatively small group of people who identified the problem, monitored it, collected data, and figured out the chemistry and meteorology creating the ozone hole. Ultimately, we affected global policy to counteract the problem.

Have we fixed the problem? Maybe. By adopting the Montreal Protocol (an international agreement signed by over 100 countries), we have severely limited the use of ozone-damaging compounds. If we keep CFCs and chlorine out of the upper atmosphere, the atmosphere will cleanse itself over a 50-year period. Meanwhile ozone is a renewable resource—the sun is creating ozone in the upper atmosphere at an incredible rate. So the ozone hole and the ozone layer should recover.

I'm prepared to be surprised by what happens, however. Climate is changing, and we're dumping so much into the atmosphere. I expect something unexpected to present itself.
Roberta Moore Zarbaugh '74

Hawaii State Teacher of the Year

Puget Sound was Roberta "Bobbie" Moore Zarbaugh's first experience away from island life. After the snow, clam digging, and cold rain of the Pacific Northwest's "Wet," Zarbaugh returned to Hawaii. She found her calling in the classroom in 1992, but first she was sidetracked for 17 years—as a flight attendant and a small business owner. Today she teaches language arts to seventh and eighth graders on Kauai, and more than 1,000 students have learned about the importance of words from her. Hawaii's Board of Education named her the State Teacher of the Year for 2003.

"My master's thesis studied decision-making among adolescents. I discovered that to be good learners, young teenagers need a lot of structure. But although structure is crucial to the age, it is actually evaporating. Parental involvement in their teenager's school, activities, and sports drops off dramatically; many parents check out altogether and return to full-time work. Parents assume that because teenagers look like adults, they are adults. Emotionally, however, these kids are still immature and need guidance to make good decisions.

Consequently, structure is important in my classes. I post the agenda for the day—students like knowing what we need to accomplish. This minimizes surprises, which teenagers get enough of in normal life. Knowing the agenda doesn't mean you can't have fun, that you can't mix things up, that you can't make time fly. We write in journals, conduct mini grammar lessons, and read out loud in every class. I work hard to get everyone participating. We read and edit each other's work. There's considerable peer feedback and group discussion. Through it all, I acknowledge that we each have multiple intelligences, and I plan an array of activities to bring out the best in each student.

Many adults are intimidated by middle schoolers, but I love the age—they're still so impressionable and pliable. They're hungry to learn. They're still won-
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drous, childlike, evolving daily. They’re still young enough that you can make a difference—you can inspire, motivate, open pathways to learning and self-discovery. Maybe I like the age because I remember those years being the hardest for me. . . I can remember what they’re going through. And maybe I like the age because they’re zany, and I fit in with them.

The real challenge of middle school isn’t the age, but the external factors affecting students, namely the media’s influence and the breakdown of the family. It’s expensive to live in Kauai, and both parents work in many families. We have classrooms of latchkey kids—children who are left home alone and have no one monitoring them. Classrooms of children whose families no longer sit around talking—family time is dinner at McDonald’s.

Once, aunts, uncles, grandparents—even the village itself—helped parent and provide adult role models. Now everybody is working. Students find their heroes on TV—wrestlers whose vocabulary is a string of four-letter words, gangsters covered with tattoos, singers flaunting their sexuality. We’re giving our children a wealth of mixed messages and a dearth of positive direction.

Society needs to take more responsibility for the messages it transmits. And because parents are not home, we need more after-school activities. Sports, churches, Boy Scouts help, but we need more: Junior Achievement, art classes, dance classes. After school, the lives of many teenagers lack structure . . . they get bored, and this gets them in trouble.

Every middle schooler needs significant adults in their life—adults who stop, listen, pay attention, and care about them. Today, parents are forcing schools to fulfill this role. They’re forcing us to teach character. This shouldn’t be our job, but that’s the society we live in, so I try to be there for those who need an adult, who need a sounding board or an advisor. It’s tough, because along with teaching character, I’m supposed to teach language arts to 150 students every day. If I had 20 rather than 30 students per class, I could reach so many more. There just isn’t enough of me to go around.

Still, it’s the reward of influencing a few that keeps me teaching. Even if I can’t reach everyone, there are a few in each class I can help. I can help them see the value of learning or help them believe in themselves. I can be a meaningful adult providing some of the perspective and structure they need. I can make a difference for them.

I’m often asked what’s most rewarding about teaching. It’s not one big thing but the little things happening daily. It’s as simple as helping a student pick a good book, knowing the book will influence him. Or a student confessing with pride that she just completed her first book ever. Or a letter from a former student thanking me for making him a reader. It’s knowing that every day I’m helping these ‘tween’agers find their way between childhood and adulthood. And that every day they’re forcing me to grow as well.
"Finding your passion—or being open to letting a passion find you—is a key ingredient in making a difference."
Michael Woerner '82

Advocate of the people in the Exxon Valdez and fen-phen cases

Michael Woerner has spent his professional life with the Seattle-based law firm Keller Rohrback as part of its complex-litigation group. In an age when lawyers are perceived as pinstriped money-grabbers, Woerner argues that his profession has done more to help the public good than harm it. For example, in the arena of mass torts and class-action suits (Woerner's world), the damages caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill or the fen-phen diet drugs have hurt tens of thousands of people. Woerner worked on these two cases for nearly a decade and is bringing restitution to the many who were damaged by the few. The national association representing Trial Lawyers for Public Justice recognized Woerner when it granted the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award to the litigation team Woerner worked with on the Exxon Valdez case.

The most rewarding part of my work is the occasional phone call of thanks from a grateful client. In the fen-phen cases, people started taking these drugs in the 1990s, thinking they were helping themselves lose weight, only to discover they may have caused major health problems [heart-valve damage or primary pulmonary hypertension]. That made them feel guilty and foolish for taking the drugs in the first place, and some of them were devastated when tests showed they had compromised their health.

The government recommended that anyone who took fen-phen should have an echocardiogram to determine whether they suffered from heart-valve damage or pulmonary hypertension. Before our class-action suit, many people were ignoring the test because their health insurance would not cover the $1,000 cost. Many just couldn't justify the expense if they seemed to be feeling OK. When this test became available as part of the settlement, tens of thousands who needed it were able to afford it—and many users of the drugs discovered they had suffered damages that qualified them for additional compensations to pay for medical care. The tests also gave fen-phen users a leg to stand on if they opted out of the class-action settlement and chose to pursue individual damages in court.

In the Exxon Valdez case, thousands of miles of fishing grounds [salmon and herring] were devastated around Prince William Sound, Kodiak Island, Chignik, and Cook Inlet. The year of the spill [1989], fishing simply shut down in these waters—no one wanted to send oiled fish to market and risk ruining the reputation of the Alaskan fisheries. Then there were future uncertainties—no one knew if the oil would affect fish getting back to their spawning grounds or what oil would do to fish eggs. The oil spill drove the prices of Alaskan fish way down; even today, 14 years later, prices have yet to rebound to their pre-oil-spill levels. Meanwhile, fish populations in Prince William Sound never fully recovered. Thousands of fish-
ermen have been affected—they’ve suffered years of financial difficulty and, in many individual cases, this has contributed to bankruptcy, depression, divorce...

In 1994, a jury ruled in favor of the fishermen and awarded them $5 billion in punitive damages, but Exxon appealed. The appeal process is still dragging on because Exxon knows how to work the system; they know they make money every day they keep their billions invested. In the end, I believe Exxon will pay billions in punitive damages. While that decision may come too late for some, many fishermen will benefit and Exxon will have been held accountable for the damage it caused.

Class-action suits and mass torts have been emerging fields over the past 15 years, and I enjoy working these cases. They’re complex, challenging, stimulating, and many feel like the right thing to do because bad things have happened to large groups of people. We’re usually the underdog, and we’re going up against giants that have top legal counsel and the ability to play the system. Sometimes our opponents have gross revenues exceeding the GNP of many countries. But lawyers like me who have been involved in mass tort suits have accomplished what legislation hasn’t. We’ve had victories against those giants—tobacco companies, pharmaceuticals, and oil companies. I believe we’ve helped keep corporations that abuse the public good accountable.

This is important work. And with the jury system, the verdicts are normally fair. Judges will tell you that the verdicts are usually not outrageous—the juries usually get it right. Sure, there are individuals and high-profile cases that occasionally give us all a black eye, and there are lawyers primarily interested in earning a comfortable living. But in the global sense, we care about making a difference.

I got into law because it was challenging and stimulating, but finding this niche where I’m working for the benefit of large groups of people has added passion to my work. I didn’t plan it like this—fate had a hand in it. But now I believe that finding your passion—or being open to letting a passion find you—is every ingredient in making a difference.
Ida Ballasiotes ’71
Crusader for public safety

Ida Ballasiotes' life had been progressing just fine. Family life was good, and she had been successful in her career, having run small businesses and handled personnel matters in both the private and public sectors. But one night in 1988 her world changed when her daughter was murdered in Seattle’s Pioneer Square by a convicted sex offender on work release. Ballasiotes despised over how this could have happened. How could such a person be wandering around unsupervised? In trying to answer those questions, it was obvious the system was broken, and she went to work fixing it. Her volunteer work with a task force studying what to do with released sex offenders eventually led her to politics. In 1992 she was elected to the state Legislature, and for a decade her service made an impact that most citizens of Washington recognize and appreciate. When her last term ended in January 2003, she opted to retire.

When my daughter was murdered, I had an overwhelming sense of grief and anger. I needed to know how something like this could have happened. Investigating was like peeling back the layers of an onion—what happened to my daughter and my family was not an isolated event. The system was emphasizing the perpetrator’s rights, not the rights of the victims or the public welfare. I had to get involved; it was a place where I could channel my emotions.

I joined a task force of 24 people the governor had assembled. Several of us were victims. I remember being told it usually took three years for these task forces to accomplish anything. I responded, ‘I don’t think so, not on this one.’ We traveled around the state talking with social and law-enforcement agencies, collecting ideas, discussing possibilities, and within six months we got the Community Protection Act passed. It was very comprehensive and the first law of its type in the nation. It allowed stiffer sentences for violators, required that the public be notified when sex offenders were being released in their community, provided more specialized treatment to offenders, included mechanisms to keep the worst offenders locked up indefinitely in treatment centers, and offered more assistance to victims. Over half the states in the country have borrowed heavily from this act in creating their own legislation.

It was never my intent to go into politics. But once I got started, I saw it as a way to make permanent change. I also saw that the Community Protection Act was slow to be enacted and enforced—continued pressure was necessary. So I ran for the state Legislature in 1992.

During my 10 years in Olympia I got over 30 bills passed, primarily in public safety and victims’ rights. These included bills that allowed only

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two strikes for sex offenders, helped victims of domestic violence, compensated crime victims, expanded drug courts statewide, created work-release facilities, implemented anti-bullying laws, and aided the authority of local jails. I also worked on 'Three Strikes and You’re Out'—an initiative that passed by 78 percent.

The partisanship of the Legislature drove me wild, and I refused to get mired down in it. I was called a moderate Republican, but I cosponsored bills with Democrats and worked closely with Democrats on many issues. To be successful, you must work across the aisle and get support from many quarters. Some colleagues had trouble voting against their caucus, but I voted my conscience or what I felt my district wanted every time. Many colleagues were so concerned about being re-elected they were afraid to do anything for fear of angering people. Re-election was never a concern for me. I felt either something was worth doing or it wasn’t, and I acted accordingly.

The legislation I’m proudest of has allowed emergency medical technicians to carry and administer epinephrine to those having an allergic reaction. I pushed this legislation when a local child had an allergic reaction to peanuts. The EMTs who arrived could have saved her but they weren’t allowed to carry epinephrine; by the time the paramedics arrived, the child had died. It was senseless. We passed legislation allowing a two-year test period—by the end of the first year, 25 lives had been saved. The sentiment was ‘forget the second year of study, make this permanent now.’ One paramedic wrote to thank me, saying he had opposed the law when I had drafted it but that this was, in fact, a good law. The results spoke for themselves.

Most legislation is far less rewarding because you can’t see what happens. The law is absorbed into an amorphous system. It’s resisted and tweaked in implementation, or it isn’t properly enforced, or budgets aren’t available to administer and enforce the law. Sometimes you can’t tell if the law made a dent.

Of course, budgetary matters are a big problem with the current Legislature. The anti-tax crusade has been a disaster. People vote for simple solutions to complex problems (like cheap license tab fees in the case of Washington state) without knowledge of how they’re affecting the entire picture. But public distrust is high right now. State legislators are paid $32,000 per year, plus a per diem while we’re in session, and we have extremely strict disclosure laws, but the public thinks we’re pulling a fast one on them and making tons of money. I’d like to find all that money we’re accused of making.

Motor vehicle excise taxes funded criminal justice and public health. Recently I was involved in a situation where we were dealing with an anthrax hoax, and the state services couldn’t even handle the hoax. ‘My God, what’s going to happen if we have a real situation?’ I asked some of the administrators? They laughed nervously and didn’t say anything. I could see it in their eyes—catastrophe. But, hey, the good news is that we’ve got $30 license tab fees.

I won’t miss trying to make government work in the face of increased partisanship and decreased budgets. Still, the letters I received when I announced my retirement made me realize that my work was recognized. Many wrote to thank me for practicing nonpartisan politics. Some who considered themselves dyed-in-the-wool Democrats wrote to tell me they consistently voted for me because I looked at what was needed, not at the party line. Because so much of my legislation pertained to criminal justice, many wrote to thank me for making Washington a safer place to live. One person sent me a postcard of a picturesque church and said my government service reminded him of the church—he wrote I was ‘very present, bold when necessary, always graceful and filled with a great commandment. ... You have left it [Washington] a much better place.’

It’s been said that the great end in life is not knowledge, but action, and I believe that you make a difference by being willing to act. When you see that something is wrong—not just in your eyes but in the eyes of many—go after it to make it better.
Dave Purchase '62

Needle-exchange pioneer

In the mid-1980s, Dave Purchase found himself disabled after he was hit by a drunk driver, and for several years he was in and out of surgeries. By the time he was thinking about returning to his job in the field of drug treatment, AIDS among injection drug users (IDUs) had grown to epidemic proportions. He wondered why he should bother with drug treatment if all his patients would soon be dead. Needle-exchange programs were curbing AIDS in Amsterdam and, given that he wasn't yet working, Purchase was poised to try something similar in North America. During the summer of 1988, using funds of his own and donations, he set up a table on Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. The first public syringe-exchange program in North America was up and running.

I wish I could say there was a burning bush telling me to do this, but there wasn't. Among those of us who believed needle exchange might solve a problem, I was the logical choice because I wasn't working and no one could fire me for causing trouble. It seemed likely that distributing needles to drug users would result in an arrest, and we planned to use the courts to educate the public. Amsterdam was showing that syringe exchange worked—that the solution was elegantly simple. It's just common hygiene: AIDS is transmitted through the blood, and a needle going from an infected user to another user is a major vector spreading the disease.

I had intended to do this for a summer before I returned to work. Fifteen years later, I'm still at it, handling the needle exchange and HIV prevention for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. In the early days, rather than getting arrested, we attracted a lot of attention. We made the national media, and people from San Francisco, Boulder, Seattle, everywhere really, came to see what we were doing. Now there are 178 cities with needle-exchange programs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. [Purchase is also the chairperson for the North American Syringe Exchange Network, supplying support services to those programs.]

In a survey conducted by the Tacoma News Tribune, 68 percent of the respondents supported the work we were doing down on the streets. But there has always been a loud group opposing us. They say we're supporting the habits of the wrong people ... that we're sending the wrong message. But if we are going to talk about
"Needle exchange is a proven method of prevention, so no matter how much I get slapped around, it’s rewarding to know I’m serving others and serving the truth."
the 'wrong' people, just who are the right people? And if we are sending the wrong message, what is the right message—that drug users should die, that we should condone murder through neglect? I believe we are sending the right message: Public health is for the public.

I like to tell our critics that dead people can’t 12-step [as in, follow a 12-step program]—heck, they can’t even two-step. Because of our work, drug users have a chance to get over being stupid—they can’t get over being dead.

People who are willing to look at the evidence rarely continue to oppose our work because we do save lives. Syringe exchange costs this area $316,000 per year, and what Tacoma-Pierce County gets in return is one of the lowest HIV populations in the country. When we started this program, the HIV rate among IDUs and their sexual partners was 3 percent. Now it’s 1.5 percent. Over the 15 years I’ve been at this, we would have had at least 1,000 more infections without the exchange; each of those AIDS infections would have cost the public health care system $250,000.

We’ve saved lives, kept AIDS from spreading, and saved hundreds of millions of dollars. In other cities like New York City, 50 percent of the drug users were infected 10 years ago. Needle-exchange programs have reduced that to 20 percent and saved billions of dollars.

To control the AIDS pandemic, this is absolutely the right thing to do. Needle exchange is a proven method of prevention, so no matter how much I get slapped around, it’s rewarding to know I’m serving others and serving the truth. Isn’t that essentially what teachers and philosophers through the ages have been telling us—serve others and serve truth?

Our three biggest challenges are resources, resources, resources. We know how to do this and, nationwide, we could be reaching another 400,000 people per year. Providing the resources for needle exchange costs about $100 per person per year. Compare that to the public health care dollars consumed by each AIDS patient, and prevention is cheap.

But with the backlash against government and public services of all sorts, dollars are short. In the coming years, if we can just hold the line we’ve already established, not lose ground, that will be a success. Someday it would be something to get decently funded for this work. Human services and nonprofits are never well funded. There’s an assumption that people who want to do good should be paid less—that the personal satisfaction derived from such work sustains you. Maybe they’re right. Doing the right thing goes a long way in how you feel at the end of the day, although not that far when it comes to the mortgage.

But pay is secondary. That first year when our funding was uncertain, folks on the street asked me how long I’d be around. I told them I wasn’t leaving until HIV did. I intend to keep that promise.
From your National Alumni Board President

Great events

Our lives are too busy these days. Between work, volunteer activities and attending to our kids' needs, when do we find time for ourselves? If you're like me, it's called a vacation. Despite all the demands on our time, I would encourage you to attend an alumni event the next time one comes to your city.

Here are my Top 10 Reasons to Attend a Regional Alumni Event:

1) They are more fun than you think.
2) Escape work for a couple of hours.
3) Network for a new job.
4) Find a new client for your business.
5) Only chance to eat a good meal all week.
6) Your chance to say what's on your mind.
7) Hear the skinny on the new president.
8) See people you lost track of.
9) See people you lost track of.
10) No one will ask you for money.

Maybe you haven't attended alumni events because you don't want to be asked to give money. Well, rest assured—fund raising does not take place at alumni events. So no one will ask you for a financial contribution. Another reason you might have been unable to attend is timing. Generally, weekdays fit our schedules better than weekends. Many alumni have attended events either before or after work. Business breakfasts and cultural events have been successful in several cities. I hope you can find time to attend the next alumni event in your area. You'll enjoy it. Check out the new, expanded alumni events calendar on the next page for times and places.

Curt Spillers '80

New National Alumni Board members

Recently named to the university's National Alumni Board for three-year terms were, from left: Connie Correll '91, Steven Lust '83, Ivonna Anderson '62, Linda Freeman '68, Mike Tierney '95, David Cook '96, and Cary Shores '74.
MARCH

San Francisco Alumni Chapter
Adelphian Concert Choir
March 20, 7 p.m.
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Berkeley

Tacoma Alumni Chapter
Community Service Project
March 29, 9 a.m.—noon
Puget Creek Restoration—help restore an urban salmon spawning habitat with fellow alumni and current students

Chicago Alumni Chapter
Wild Reefs and Sharks
April 12, noon-4 p.m.
Shedd Aquarium
Lunch and dialogue with biology faculty speaker at the Chicago Yacht Club, followed by opening weekend of this exhibit

Bill Neukom, Puget Sound trustee and recently retired Microsoft chief counsel, is returning to his old law firm Preston Gates & Ellis in Seattle. Reports The Seattle Times: “The dapper man with a trademark bow tie and a passion for art, baseball, and politics steered Microsoft through some of the highest-profile business lawsuits in recent history, a testament not only to his skills as a lawyer but also his ability to satisfy one of the more demanding clients on earth, Chairman Bill Gates.”

Seattle Alumni Chapter
Puget Sound Business Breakfast
April 23, 7-8:45 a.m.
Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Seattle
Speaker: Bill Neukom

On Campus
Black Alumni Reunion Weekend
April 24-26

PORTLAND ALUMNI CHAPTER
Aviation in American Culture
April 26, 12:30-5 p.m.
Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville
Lunch and dialogue with history faculty speaker at McMenamin’s Hotel Oregon, followed by museum tour

APRIL

Tacoma Alumni Chapter
Tacoma Business Breakfast
April 3, 7-8:45 a.m.
The Tacoma Club
Speaker: Steve Rogel, CEO Weyerhaeuser

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MAY

On Campus
Puget Pacer for Kids Can Do!
May 3, 9:15 a.m.—noon
5k fun run/walk through campus with fellow alumni and current students. Proceeds benefit Kids Can Do!

All Alumni
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Walk
May 17, 10 a.m.—noon
Nisqually River Delta, Olympia
Informal nature discovery

For more information or to register for any of these events, call Alumni Programs at 253-879-3245, leave a message on the alumni voicemail box at 800-339-3312, or register online at www.ups.edu/alumni/eventscal.htm
Graying alumni brought their grandchildren; recent graduates had babies in tow. Some came to meet up with old friends. Others were drawn by a sneak peak of the yet-to-open Tacoma Art Museum. Whatever their reasons or stations in life, those attending February’s “Get It Together!” event agreed: This was interesting!

The sold-out tour of Tacoma’s revitalized museum district drew 250 participants and was sponsored by the Puget Sound Alumni Association’s Seattle and Tacoma chapters. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the Museum of Glass; International Center for Contemporary Art, the soon-to-open new home of the Tacoma Art Museum, and the Washington State History Museum. Geoff Proehl, associate professor of communication and theatre arts, spoke to participants about his impressions of downtown’s transformation.

When Glenna Klein ’79 of Seattle first heard about the event, she emailed college pal, Jennifer Wieland ’78 of Montesano, Wash., and suggested it might be the perfect setting for a mini-reunion. Wieland agreed and made this her first-ever Alumni Association event.

“It’s really been fun,” said Wieland, who brought along her daughters, Gillian, 9, and Katie, 11. “We liked the Museum of Glass hot shop a lot, and we made things in the education studio.

“I’m surprised by how much downtown Tacoma has changed—not just the museums, but the whole area. This was kind of a scary place when we were in school, and it’s really turned around.”

Ed Stanton ’50 and Blythe Callahan Stanton ’51 of Des Moines said they’d been intending to visit the Museum of Glass for months. “When we heard about this event, it was like a clarion call,” said Blythe.

Ed was fascinated with the Seaform Pavilion on the Chihuly Bridge of Glass. “The glass museum was more interesting that I thought it would be. And the hot shop was a pretty neat thing. We’ll definitely recommend it to friends.”

“It was impressive that the big shots from Tacoma Art Museum were there to talk to us,” said Blythe. “The whole thing was really first-rate.”

Lisa North ’88 drove from Bellingham to see the trio of museums.

“I’ve wanted to see the glass museum for a while,” she said. “The venues and price made it a really appealing package. People who haven’t seen Tacoma in a while would just be amazed. With the promenades and museums and light rail, it’s 180 degrees different than it was a decade ago. You’ve almost got to see it to believe it.”

Alumni Association Director Sharon Babcock was particularly pleased by the span of graduating classes represented at the event—from 1942 to 2002.

“I’m glad we’ve had a chance to show alumni that Puget Sound is playing a role in Tacoma’s renaissance and that we’ve already got partnerships in place,” she said. “We have students who are interning with these organizations; alumni who are on staff; and faculty, students, staff, and alumni who are involved as board members, docents, and members.”

— Mary Boone
for spring, with classmate profiles on:
wine bottle artists Annie and Charles Morningstar '91
Lucasfilm promoter Kevin Kurtz '97
builder of climbing walls Ryan Spence '99
inventor Matt Van Sickle '02
Hal Eastman '60 released Natural Dance, his first book of photography (previous page and above), in February.

Hal, a former Puget Sound trustee who turned to photography in 1995 after a long corporate career, says he at first found his lens drawn to remote sites in California, Idaho, and Hawaii that had been sculpted by the natural forces of wind and water. Later he discovered a similar poetry in the movement of dancers. He married these two passions in a series of photographs of dancers captured in woodland, beach shore, and desert settings. Using a hand-held manual 35mm Leica camera, Hal gave the images the feel of abstract paintings by slowing the shutter speed as both he and the dancer moved.

The lavish, 132-page volume contains 79 plates reproduced in a super-high-resolution, four-color printing process. Foreward by dance historian Janice Ross.

See www.peregrineimages.com to order Natural Dance or to find out more about Hal.

'33 Jane Porter Shaw moved to Sequim, Wash., after living in upstate New York for 58 years. Her husband, now deceased, taught at Syracuse University for 33 years. Jane has three sons and one daughter living in Washington, California, and New York.

'44 Harold Weinberg writes to tell us that he attended the annual reunion of CPS buddies from the '43-'44 Army unit in Columbus, Ohio, in Aug. 2002. He visited campus in Sept. and was impressed by all the changes.

'49 W. Dale Nelson achieved a lifetime ambition to act in a Shakespeare production. His first attempt was a couple of years ago when he was cast as Duncan in a University of Wyoming production of Macbeth. However, he injured himself during rehearsal and had to drop out. He was successful in the spring of 2002 playing Iago in a Laramie Theatre Guild production of Othello. Dale is a veteran of Campus Playcrafters, a theater group, and continues to work as a freelance journalist and author in Laramie, Wyo. His third nonfiction book, Sacagawea and Her Men: The Charbonneau Family and the Changing of the American West is scheduled for fall publication by the University of North Texas Press.

Patricia Blumenstein Smith was a lab technician in Tacoma area hospitals for 10 years and raised four children with her husband of 55 years, Frank Smith '50. She is an active member of the American Association of University Women in both Albany, Ore., and Palm Springs, Calif. Pat's hobbies include sewing, playing bridge, gardening, and travel.

'50 Barton Hartzell retired from Boeing in 1989. He is active in Kiwanis, tutors English for immigrants, and plays golf in the Boeing retirees' league. Barton also enjoys travel and visited Egypt last year.

Frank Smith served in World War II in both Europe and Japan and was later in the Washington National Guard for 13 years. Frank also worked in the food processing business for 35 years in various management positions. His hobbies and recreation include golf, gardening, and travel. Frank and Patricia Blumenstein Smith '49 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in Aug. 2002.

'51 William Marr, a retired Air Force officer, volunteers with county offices in Pasadena, Md., and with the U.S. Naval Institute. He enjoys travel with his wife, playing golf, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

'56 Dick Thayer at 68, finished hiking all 500 miles of maintained trails in the Pasayten Wilderness, a 330,000-acre area of Washington state that borders British Columbia. He began his journey in 1990 and completed his goal in Aug. 2002.

'57 Mary Louise Hansen Hager writes: "My husband and I have been most active doing mission work for the Methodist Church. I am on the board of NOMADS, representing the western jurisdiction. We go south each winter and volunteer six to nine weeks at various Methodist organizations. We're living the good life!"

'60 Dan McCue and wife Linda were vacationing in Nova Scotia in Sept. 2002. While dining in the small town of Sheburne, they ran into Aleatha Dieattrick Scholer '49 and her husband, who happened to be seated at the table next to theirs. Dan and Linda say they enjoyed visiting with Aleatha and her husband.

'61 Thomas Barnard, a partner at the Cleveland law firm Ulmer and Berne, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America, a legal referral guide. This was Thomas' 10th year in the publication. He practices employment, labor, and civil rights law.

Bob Donnelly and wife Marylyn have retired to Ocean Shores, Wash. He plans to spend most of the upcoming summer salmon fishing in Alaska.

Marcia Pinto Moe was named a "superstar" at the Safe Streets Campaign's annual luncheon. She was recognized for co-founding Tacoma Farmers Market.

'67 Sheldon Goldberg writes: "I couldn't stay still after retiring from the Air Force in 1985, so I went to work for the CIA and recently retired from the agency after 16 interesting years. I was presented the CIA's Career Commendation Medal for sustained superior performance. On hand for the ceremony, just as he was when I retired from the Air Force, was my son, Richard Goldberg '83, who flew in from the Chicago area where he and his wife, Stormy Johnson Goldberg '84, live with their two children, Rachel and Aaron. Now I've hired on part-time with SAIC [Science Applications International Corporation] in order to make a few extra bucks to pay for my second attempt at a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. My first attempt came to a screeching halt shortly after the Berlin Wall fell and my dissertation topic simply disappeared. I'm now focusing on the same European security issues, but this time as a modern European history major attempting to determine what happened and why."

'69 Mike Price left his position as head coach for the Washington State Cougar's football team after 22 years. He accepted the job as head coach at the University of Alabama for an estimated $1.2 million per year.
At age 68, **Dick Thayer '56** finished hiking all 500 miles of maintained trails in Washington’s 530,000-acre Pasayten Wilderness.

**'70**

David Lyles is taking a professional training course in Hakomi, a body-centered psychotherapy. He also takes related courses at a community college and is a member of a Gestalt therapy training group in Portland, Ore. He writes: “When people ask me what I do, I’m once again answering, ‘I’m a student,’ and it feels great!”

Darrell Matz is the assistant director for management services for Tacoma Public Library. He was one of nine individuals who received the 2002 Professional Finance Officer award from the Washington Finance Officer’s Association.

**'71**

Howard Fankhauser writes: “I find myself blessed with a solo singing career, in addition to working for the Boeing Company. My solo CD, *The Cathedral Tenor*, has received critical acclaim and has done quite well in stores in the greater Seattle area.” Howard is married to Laurie Cooper '75.

Joyce Geoffroy is retired and living in Seattle. She spends her time rock polishing, sewing, skiing, playing the flute, and downhill skiing.

Thomas Rauchfuss received the 2002 American Chemical Society Award in inorganic chemistry, recognizing him for his research in the preparation, properties, and reactions of inorganic substances. Thomas is a professor of chemistry and the director of the School of Chemical Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Thomas Turner says he fondly remembers his days at Puget Sound. He has been living in Anchorage, Alaska, for the last 20-plus years, working in the financial services business. In 2001, Thomas formed a financial planning firm specializing in succession and estate planning with business owners.

Han van Halder B.A. ’71, M.B.A. ’72 writes to tell us of his recent move. He is the regional managing partner in northern

**Scrapbook**

Two weeks before their 55th wedding anniversary, Patricia Blumenstein Smith ’49 and Frank Smith ’50 found this painting on a mirror for sale in their hometown of Albany, Ore. The Smiths (in a recent photo at right) were married in the Jones Hall chapel by President Thompson on Aug. 31, 1947.

The DB Hoopers fly again! At Mike Galt’s 50th birthday party on Nov. 10, 2002, several members of Delta Beta Hoopsilon gathered in his honor. Standing, from left: Dave Campbell ’75, Curt Nohavec ’75, Randy Jones ’74, Gary Brown ’75, and Ron Albertson ’75. Front row: Steve Page ’75, Mike Galt B.A. ’75, J.D.’84, and Gregg Dohrn ’76.

You can see that little has changed in 30 years with the Independent Men of Smith Hall (also known in intramural competition as the DB Hoopers) by comparing our birthday party photo above to this 1973 Tamanawas photo. Front row: second from left, Randy; and far right with derby hat, birthday boy Mike. Second row: far left is Dave, third from left is Steve, and fourth from left is Gary.
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class notes

'72 John Zampardo is an accountant I for Kitsap County. He was one of nine individuals who received the 2002 Professional Finance Officer award from the Washington Finance Officer’s Association.

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'73 Jack Rusler is a revenue and investment manager for the Pierce County Budget and Finance Department. He was one of nine individuals who received the 2002 Professional Finance Officer award from the Washington Finance Officer’s Association.

25th Reunion: October 10-12, 2003

'78 Jim Brown writes: “My wife, Caitlin, gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Gillian Marie, on Nov. 15, 2002. She joins her brother, Andrew, 3. We live in Evanston, Ill., just a few blocks from the Northwestern University campus. We enjoy being part of a college town. I recently ended my three-year term on the UPS National Alumni Board. It was a pleasure to meet and work with this diverse group of UPS alumni.”

E. David Davila, a doctor in Burien, Wash., was appointed to the Highline Community College Board of Trustees by Washington Governor Gary Locke. David has also been a member of the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Holly Ferrell was appointed chief marketing officer and divisional vice president of Eastman Kodak Company’s Health Imaging Group. She will direct worldwide product and service marketing strategies.

'79 Steve Aliment and his wife, Denise, moved to the Netherlands from Brussels, Belgium. Steve, Denise, and their two children, 15-year-old Rainier and 12-year-old Ruby, have been living in Europe for four years. Steve works in sales for Boeing Commercial Airlines and looks after KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and all the airlines in Spain and the Republic of Cyprus.

David Burns was appointed as the new associate dean of research at McGill University in Montreal. David’s research focuses on providing a fundamental understanding and tools for quantitative, spatially resolved measurements.

Marc Di Conti writes: “I’m currently stationed aboard the USS Princeton, a guided missile cruiser that is homeported in San Diego. We are on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf. Included in our air detachment is Mike Farmer ’97. We Loggers are enjoying our collegiate ties reminiscing about the great quality of life we experienced at UPS.”

'81 Stuart Allison earned his Ph.D. at Berkeley in 1991, and is an associate professor of biology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. He was featured in an article in the Oct. 22, 2002, issue of The Chronicle for Higher Education advocating smaller learning environments.

At 44, Angela French qualified for the next Olympic Marathon Trials to be held in 2004. She is one of two women who have qualified in all six trials that have been held so far. Angela worked in the sports publishing industry after graduation, returning to graduate studies in 1999. She attained her master’s of science in technology in 2001. Angela is employed with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services as a Web application developer. In preparation for the next Olympic trials, she plans to return to track racing this spring to sharpen her speed. Angela is looking forward to competing at the Shotwell Invitational to be held at Puget Sound on April 12, 2003.

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'83 David Estes, and his wife, Kristin Olson Estes ’94, moved back to the Seattle area in Aug. 2002 after living in Tampa, Fla., for almost five years. They are the proud parents of Jennifer Grace Estes, born Oct. 26, 2001. David works as a regional sales manager at TSI Telecommunication Services, and Kristin is a quality director at T-Mobile USA.

Brad McLane works as a special projects engineer for the Gateway Project at Tacoma Power.

Colleen Cole Ogno is the president of JOSCO Products in Austin, Texas. JOSCO Products was listed among the 2002 Top 25 Women Owned Businesses in Austin based on gross receipts, coming in at number 23. If you would like to know more about how Colleen spends her days, check out www.joscoproducts.com.

Bruce Sadler is finishing his teaching degree from Pacific Lutheran University. He began student teaching German at Curtis Junior High School in Dec. 2002.

Mark Turner and Rebecca Isabelle Bauman are ecstatic at the adoption of a baby boy. "John Everett Turner has been a great joy for us," writes Mark. Isabelle is a professor in the department of communications at W. Missouri State University. She continues her education by taking courses in counseling to round out her teaching skills, and Mark is a market research analyst for Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, Mo.

'84 Gordy Hansen works as the assistant principal at Shelton High School in Shelton, Wash.

Yukiko Tokoro Mancuso writes: “After celebrating 12 years of marriage in Connecticut, we recently moved to an Atlanta suburb. My husband, Ben, whom I met in Tokyo, is with IBM. We have two amazing boys, Alex, 6, and Ryan, 4. I’m an area representative for an organization called Pacific Intercultural Exchange. I help foreign exchange students get settled in the U.S. and also host a student each year. I miss the Northwest and hope to return some day. I would love to hear from yo’-all!”
Marc Di Conti ’79 says his ship, the guided missile cruiser USS Princeton, is deployed in the Persian Gulf.
'85 Tracey Wickersham was named the new director of cultural tourism by Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Her responsibilities will include development of marketing programs, initiatives, and partnerships between local cultural agencies and the hospitality industry to stimulate travel to the Seattle region. Tracey previously served as the director of marketing and public relations for the Fifth Avenue Musical Theatre.

'86 Jannie Meisberger B.A. '86, M.E.D. '96 has been the director of International Programs at Puget Sound since 1991. In 2002, she received a professional development award from the Institute for the International Education of Students. Jannie will receive a grant to visit an international study location anywhere in the world as part of the award.

Tara Busick Myers writes: "My husband, Kevin, and I moved our family back to Washington this past Aug. With funding so tight for education in Oregon, we had to leave our beloved Eugene behind. We are all adjusting well to life in Enumclaw, although jumping from teaching kindergarten to fifth grade has been a bit of a challenge for me. It is good to be back in the Puget Sound area."

'Megan Johnson Williams and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first baby, Lauren Elise Williams, into the world on Aug. 23, 2002.

'Michael Ferreira began working at Bratrud Middleton Insurance in Tacoma in 1996 and was promoted to sales manager in Nov. 2002. He specializes in senior living/retirement communities, construction, manufacturing, workers' compensation, and professional liability.

Margaret Soo M.E.D. '90 is a member of the inaugural class of 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars. The scholars are from 32 countries and were chosen from thousands of applicants worldwide. Margaret is a citizen of Malaysia and works for the Malaysian Institute of Management. She looks forward to using her education and experience to work with an international agency upon completing her scholarship duties.
Charles Morningstar '91

Picture perfect

When Charles Morningstar '91 and his wife, Annie, started a business in their home to support themselves while Charles went to college, they didn't foresee their own success. They weren't making crystal balls, after all, but decorating glass wine bottles. Nearly 15 years later, though, their good fortune is clear as crystal.

The Morningstars met and married in Napa Valley in California, where they both worked at Sterling Vineyards, conducting tours and hosting events. Annie also worked as the art director in a studio that developed a process of sandblasting and painting glass.

In 1989, after moving to Fox Island so Charles could work on his marketing degree at Puget Sound, they began Fresh Northwest Design, just as the Washington wine industry took off.

Now, with a crew of eight full-time employees that the Morningstars say are “barely, the best in the business” and a 3,000-square-foot facility in Gig Harbor, Wash., they transform wine bottles into custom art pieces. Annie is the art director. Charles handles the business end of the operation.

The results are stunning, but the process is simple. “It’s not really high-tech,” explains Annie. “It’s the application that makes it unique.” From sketches, logos, or labels provided by clients, or from designs created to order, the Fresh Northwest Design team makes a template for each bottle. Using sandblasting equipment, they etch the design 1/16 of an inch into the bottle, which can be either empty or filled, then hand paint each one. No heat is involved in the process and the bottles are gently handled, so the wine is not compromised.

Vineyards ranging from high-profile Napa Valley customers such as Far Niente to Washington vintners such as Hedges Cellars and the Betz Family winery come to Fresh Northwest Design to order special bottles for auctions. Their work has sold for as much as $42,500 at charity auctions.

Corporate customers such as Price-Waterhouse Coopers and Interstate Distributors order bottles for use as special gifts during the holidays. Bottles designed for Interstate Distributors picture semi-trucks with Christmas wreaths on the grills. Microsoft and Boeing order bottles to denote the launch of new products or the rollout of new planes.

The company reproduces children’s artwork onto wine bottles for fundraising auctions for schools and institutions like Seattle’s Children’s Hospital. “It’s amazing what parents will pay for their kindergartners’ art,” Charles says. “We had a 6-liter children’s art bottle with about $85 worth of wine in it that sold for $3,500.” Other customers include sports teams, celebrities, and individual orders for anniversaries, weddings, and retirements. The Morningstars estimate they carve and paint up to 15,000 bottles a year, with prices ranging from $10 to $2,000 a bottle, depending on the complexity of the art and the number of bottles ordered.

Fresh Northwest Design has a few competitors, but the company’s reputation puts them at the top of the field. “We’re noted for the complexity of the art we do,” Charles says. “Our art is more elaborate, more difficult to paint. The final product is more refined than the majority of our competitors.”

No, the Morningstars don’t need a crystal ball to see into the future—the glass they’re looking into is dark green. — Ivey Slowoski

GO!

The Morningstar’s Web site, www.freshnorthwestdesign.com, shows samples of their work.
About Class Notes

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Seema Ahmed Hirsch '94 made her New York City stage debut at The Ohio Theatre in The Phoenician Women.

Anne Colpitts '97 and Mark Jordan '97 were married May 26, 2002, at the Faculty Club on the UC-Berkeley campus. Many UPS friends were there. Back row: Eric Hargrave '97, Theresa McKenty Hargrave '97, Kristina Schulze Washburn '96, Geneva Monte '97, Dan Washburn '97, Mark Marsic, Katie Larkin Hudson '97, Mari Florence Martin Hudson '98, Katie Clarke Boyd '97, and Rex Boyd '97. Front row: Steve MacLeod '97, the groom and bride; Heidi Zhang '97, Matt Bracken '97, and Steve Eacker '98.

Sarah Budelman Schell '00 married Craig Schell on July 27, 2002, on her family's property on Orcas Island, Wash. They honeymooned in France and Spain. Sarah is completing her second year studying naturopathic medicine at Bastyr University in Seattle.

Scott Schoeggi '99 and Laura Haycock '00 were married at Scenic Beach State Park, Seabeck, Wash., on Sept. 7, 2002. University Chaplain Jim Davis officiated. Scott and Laura live in Tacoma, where they own Wallflower Photography, a wedding and fine art photography business. From left: Hannah Aoyagi '01, Mike Rottersman '99, Laurie Gorton '00, Zach Ehler '00, Fiona Haycock, the bride and groom, Andy Harrington, Cort Beldin '99, Sarah Blawat Beldin '00, and Tim Wertin '99.
Katharine Prael writes: "Greetings from Cambridge, Mass! Drop me a line sometime at kateprael@yahoo.com. We have a lot of catching up to do!"

G. Matthew Rettig became a shareholder in Favors and Associates, CPA's, P.S., as of Sept. 1, 2002.

Dellekamp Siefert works as a video game designer for Crystal Dynamic. He coordinates the design team, including conceptualizing and implementing the story, game play systems, characters, levels, and mechanics, as well as controls. He works with programming, art, design, and sound. Dell writes: "It is an often challenging and demanding field. Games average between 18 months and two years to accomplish. My time in the industry has been very satisfying. It has been an experience where I am challenged by the evolving technology of a young and growing field." Dell has worked on the PC games Adenix and Clive Barker's Undying, as well as the Play Station games Tai Fu and Blood Omen 2.

Carly Marasco Wright worked on Mt. Rainier and then in the corporate world for Starbucks after graduation before realizing her passion for graphic design. She is the owner and creative director of a small graphic design studio named Little q Designs that specializes in invitation design. Carly enjoys creating fresh and intriguing invitations for weddings, corporate, and social events. Her studio is just three blocks from the UPS fieldhouse.

Shawn Van Meter Blount and Will Blount '95 were married in July 1999. After six years in Denver, they are happily settling back into Northwest life in Bend, Ore. Shawn and Will also announce the birth of their daughter, Lia Madeline, born March 9, 2002. Friends feel free to e-mail them at shawnblount@hotmail.com.

Jolene Jang a.k.a. "The Funspecialist," has been a bit more serious lately. While attending the Bite of Seattle in 2000, Jolene was the target of "upskirting," a form of voyeurism in which peeping toms secretly videotape up the skirts of unsuspecting women. Her outspokenness on the practice gained national media attention. Charges were filed against the man who targeted Jolene and others, and the case went all the way to the Washington State Supreme Court in Olympia. Though the exploit was condemned as "reprehensible," the current state’s voyeurism law does not prohibit the act. Review of the law came before the legislature in January 2003. For more information on State Bill S116, see www.leg.wa.gov.

Meegan Biggs Mittelstaedt and husband Tom announce the birth of their son, Mark Davis, on March 21, 2002. They live in Portland, Ore., where Meegan balances motherhood and running her own business, Bright Idea Consulting, from her home.

Anne Colpitts and Mark Jordan were married May 26, 2002, at the Faculty Club on the University of California-Berkeley campus. Many UPS friends were there to help celebrate. Anne and Mark live in sunny Oakland, Calif., with their cat, Lucy. Anne finished a master’s in Spanish literature at Berkeley in 2000 and works as the parent program coordinator at Flynn Elementary School in San Francisco's Mission District. Mark is in his fourth year of a Ph.D. program in wildlife biology at Berkeley. He is researching the ecology of the fisher in the Southern Sierra Nevada. He spends his summers studying the weasel-like fishers in their natural habitat before returning to civilization to work in the lab the rest of the year.

Jason Dalton graduated from Harvard Law School in May and joined the law firm of Stoel Rives LLP in Portland, Ore., where Jason's wife, Alyssa, was hired as a second grade teacher at the Oregon Episcopal School.

Eric Hargrave and Theresa McKenty Hargrave were married in Spokane, Wash., on June 24, 2001. Theresa has been working as a Montessori teacher for the past three years and has completed her certification. Eric was teaching in the computer field but decided to launch a career in real estate. He is working for Windermere Real Estate and loves running his own business.

Kate Jones writes: "I'm in New York City and the silence of the Sound is so far away. I have a private practice as a holistic health counselor. Check out my Web site at www.NewLeafWellness.com. I just returned from India, where I studied alternative healing and, more importantly, visited friends and places that I became quite close with during my travels with the Pacific Rim Study Abroad Program in 1996-97."

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Brian Peterson works for Snap-on Tools Corporation as a customer service agent in Escondido, Calif. He writes: "I am actively seeking life as a professional musician with my rock and groove band, Jiggawatt. I am a certified yoga teacher and certified yoga junkie. I study religion through meditation, yoga, church, and a Native American sweat lodge community. My dream is to be a professional drummer within the next two years."

NO WORRIES Shanin Koppan Prusia '94 and husband Christian Prusia '94 are the inventors of The Dog Lock. A locking collar system designed to foil dognappers. Check out their Web site at www.thedoglock.com.
Ryan Spence '99

Hang time

At a time when other sixth graders were learning to add and subtract fractions, Ryan Spence '99 was applying for his first building permit.

While other Memphis high school students were flipping burgers at fast food joints, he was running his own business, designing and building climbing walls and custom play equipment.

When other Puget Sound freshmen were learning the names of the students on their dorm floor, Spence was getting approval to build a climbing wall for the university.

And, at a time when many college sophomores were struggling to declare a major, he was heading up the effort to remodel The Cellar and Rendezvous in the Wheelock Student Center.

"I guess I've always had my own version of fun," says Spence, recounting the "fun" of obtaining permits, meeting with administrators, learning about health and fire codes, and fund raising.

That hands-on experience of project coordination—combined with his degree in communication and a love for climbing—helped Spence land his current job as project coordinator for Monolithic Sculpture in Boulder, Colo. The company specializes in building what it calls "interactive artwork" in the form of climbing walls, play features, and water features for homeowners, recreation centers, ski resorts, parks, and retail outlets. Spence works as a liaison between clients, helping to ensure projects meet expectations and deadlines.

"The best part of my job is the opportunity to collaborate with passionate people who love their work and are committed to working together toward a common vision. I have achieved a lot on my own, but it's the process of collaboration that has always resulted in my greatest accomplishments."

The Monolithic staff constructs large projects on site; smaller projects are made in the company's Boulder studio and shipped, ready for installation. Spence occasionally travels to help with construction and installation; a recent project brought him and fiancée, Corrine Miller '02, back to the Puget Sound for boulder installations at REI stores in Tacoma and Tukwila.

"Eventually, Corrine and I would love to get back to the Northwest. We love sea kayaking and rock climbing," says Spence, who set up Puget Sound's rock climbing classes and taught them for three years.

Spence sings the university's praises, crediting its size and environment with fostering his learning. He appreciates the opportunity he had to serve on committees—such as Union Board—and he's glad he had the chance to compete in track and field (as a freshman, he won the conference championship in pole vaulting).

"I wish I'd played a little more when I was in school, but I really had my own kind of adventures," he says. "I do believe that taking advantage of so many different opportunities empowered me to do what I love and continue to find new adventures long after graduation." — Mary Boone

ROCK OF AGES? Not really. Spence tests an artificial boulder that the company he works for built in a Boulder, Colo., playground.
Kathryn Tolfree and Michael Farmer '97 write from San Diego, Calif. Kathryn is the assistant director of admission at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California-San Diego, and Michael is a Navy lieutenant stationed at North Island Naval Air Station. Michael, a 60-Bravo helicopter pilot, went back to the Persian Gulf in Feb., but will return to the United States in Aug. They write: "We would love to hear from our UPS friends. Feel free to e-mail us at ktolfree@hotmail.com or requiem_dios@yahoo.com."

Samantha Duncan interned for a summer at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice, Italy. She is a graduate student at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C., studying library and information sciences and archival studies.

Kyle Legan is working toward his M.B.A. at the University of Colorado at Denver.

Danielle Woods graduated with a doctor of physical therapy degree from the Arizona School of Health Sciences in August 2002. She moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she works at an inpatient rehabilitation hospital.

Sarah McDon-ald works as a medical social worker for LVNA Hospice in McMinnville, Ore. She provides counseling and support services to terminally ill patients and their families. Sarah also offers education services regarding end-of-life issues, and bereavement support to grieving persons and children.

Jamie Smith was evacuated from the Ivory Coast after 21 months of Peace Corps service there. She writes: "The change in political stability happened very quickly and it has made for a stressful end to this wonderful experience. We were evacuated to Ghana by buses and military airlifts with no chance for goodbyes or even to grab our stuff, but more important, we all got out safely." Jamie traveled around South Africa and Europe before returning to Washington, D.C.

'00 Hannah Aoyagi completed her first quarter at the University of California-Irvine in the School of Social Ecology. After working as an outreach specialist for the Pierce County Girl Scouts and coaching water polo in the spring of 2002, she decided to accept a full fellowship to the Environmental Health Science and Policy Ph.D. program. She plans to focus on environmental lead contamination and human health issues.

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Kevin Kurtz '97

Fantasy becomes reality

Ever since he was a little boy, Kevin Kurtz '97 loved going to the movies. His family went two or three times a week. "It was always an event," says Kurtz.

When Star Wars was released in 1977, Kurtz was just a toddler. But even then, at an age when other children played at becoming firemen or baseball players, Kurtz knew that when he grew up, he wanted to work for the Star Wars people.

Just like in the movies, his dream came true in the end.

Once upon a time, at a small university far, far away from his home in Sacramento, Calif., Kurtz earned a degree in economics and Asian history. His passion while at Puget Sound was ASUPS Student Programs, working in his junior and senior years to bring performers, rock concerts, and comedy acts to campus.

It was fun, challenging, and a turning point in his life. "I met my friends and family there," he says. His best friend was Jeff Haydon '97; Kurtz eventually married Haydon's sister, Julie.

After graduating from Puget Sound, Kurtz' goal was to work in entertainment because, he says, "it can inspire and uplift people." He first went to work for Wizards of the Coast, the Renton, Wash.-based company that released Pokemon in the U.S. "We had the number-one Pokemon product, and that brought on some crises where I gained a lot of experience in a short time," says Kurtz, who managed national promotions for the Pokemon trading cards.

In 2000, Kurtz saw an ad on the Lucasfilm Web site for a marketing position for Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones. He had two telephone interviews and was flown from Seattle to Skywalker Ranch in Northern California.

"It was a kid's dream," says Kurtz. Lucasfilm has produced five of the top 15 box office hits of all time and won 17 Academy Awards. "I didn't care if I got the job, it was cool enough just visiting Skywalker Ranch."

Things got cooler, though: Kurtz was hired as marketing manager.

He started on the re-release of the Star Wars trilogy (Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, and The Return of the Jedi) and learned a lot about the video end of the entertainment business. He also helped release The Phantom Menace DVD—the first Lucasfilm DVD—picking up on the fly what was then a brand new home-theater format.

Then came marketing for 2002's Attack of the Clones. Enjoying both the business and creative sides of this challenge, Kurtz says the process was definitely eye-opening.

Seven months after its release, Episode II had earned more than $309 million at the domestic box office, making it the 11th largest money-maker in the U.S. For reference, says Kurtz, "only 13 other films have ever broken $300 million domestically—including three of the other Star Wars films."

Now Kurtz is tuning up his lightsaber for Episode III, due out in 2005. "It's the last one that bridges the old trilogy with the new one," he says, adding that "everything for the next one is pretty much under wraps." Meaning he's not revealing much. But he did say that shooting—on digital tape—starts this summer. George Lucas is the writer/director and the primary location is Australia.

But those are just details. Kurtz keeps saying how amazing film is. "It has the power of moving people and inspiring them." And inspiring people is something he says he wants to keep doing. — Denise Erdahl Ploof
Jamie Arledge received a $1,000 scholarship to the University of Washington School of Law from the Public Employees Roundtable in Washington, D.C. She worked in Tacoma for a year before applying to law school.

Kate Fusillo works as a senior management analyst for BearingPoint, a consulting firm in New York City.

Wendy Olson Killon married Steven Killon in Yakima, Wash. She and her new husband reside in Southern California, where she works as a research associate at JD Power and Associates.

Erin Lavery works as an actor, dramaturg, props master, acting coach, and playwright. She writes: “I’ve done really diverse work, mostly for small companies and new works. Since graduation, I’ve acted for Tacoma Actors Guild, Seattle Fringe Festival, and the Museum of Glass. I’ve dramaturged for Tacoma Actors Guild and Sex in Seattle. I’m starting an acting program at a residential treatment center for adolescent girls. My first full-length play, Romance, was finished last year and a staged reading was produced at the Mae West Festival 2002. I’ve made props for Tacoma Actors Guild, Tacoma Little Theatre, and Ohio Light Opera Company.”

Jamie Richards Prescott M.A.T., a graduate of Mercer Island High School, is teaching freshman English and journalism, and coaching both junior varsity and varsity girls’ basketball there. Jamie

alumni media watch by Stacey Wilson ’96

You’re a good bachelor, Charlie Maher

So who is Charlie Maher, you ask? Skinny freshman from Todd Hall? Winner of the Alfred Marshall award for economics? Phi Delt who walked on as a tight-end for the Loggers his senior year (and ended up injured by the second game)?

Well, yes. But this year the 28-year-old financial analyst added another line to his résumé: reality-show hunk.

The Class of 1996’s own Maher matched wits (and pecs) with 24 other eager bachelors in a six-week bid to win the heart and bod of Trista Rehn, the beautiful blonde on ABC TV’s “The Bachelorette.” And, boy, did he! Discovered last summer on Manhattan Beach in L.A., Maher was a front-runner for Trista’s affection from the show’s first episode, pouring on the charm and saying all the right things. Soon, the two were smitten and smooching on a Mexican beach (not to mention eating dinner with his sensibly skeptical parents in Flagstaff, Ariz.)

Though Maher says he could never have dreamed up this reality, he would do it again in a minute. “It was a total blast. I met someone I really care about, someone with beauty and substance, which in L.A. is hard to come by. I was single. Trista is cute and a total sweetheart. And I made some great friends.”

It’s been about four years since Maher’s last visit to Tacoma, but the UPS connection is still strong for this novice celeb: He is in close contact with economics professors Kate Stirling and Doug Goodman, and his boss at WNA Comet West Inc. in L.A. is fellow Logger Russell J. Greer ’80. “Russ was really great about this. He said, ‘This is a great thing. I will give the flexibility you need.’”

Despite “getting killed financially” during the show’s sequestered production last fall (only the final four suitors received a payment—$1,500—for their services) and the occasional phone call from “crazy girls,” Maher says life is good “actually, make that great,” and he looks forward to the future. “I definitely see myself getting married in the next two years and having kids, but I’m not ready now,” he says. “Depending on who I’m with, I could see maybe moving to Northern California. The rat race and traffic in L.A. are killing me. What I do know is that I could never go back to Washington. It just rains too much.”

Coy, charming—and honest. That’s our bachelor.

Stacey Wilson’s writing has appeared in TV Guide and Us Weekly.
Matt Van Sickle ’02
On a roll

After two arduous years developing The Spice Wheel (patent pending), the wheel of fortune is spinning for Matt Van Sickle ’02.

Van Sickle, an avid hiker and backpacker, got the idea for his invention while he was a student leader for Preludes, Passages, and Perspectives, the university’s freshmen orientation week. In his fourth year of involvement with the program, he was named student coordinator for Passages, the outdoor education component, and was responsible for organizing food, equipment, students, and their leaders at base camp. Tired of losing small plastic bottles and foil packets of spices, oils, and seasonings, inspiration struck. To reduce the number of individual containers and keep them accessible, Van Sickle eventually came up with a design for an acrylic wheel segmented into eight compartments and capped with half-inch diameter screw tops for individual dispensing. The circular shape fits into a camping pot, and the hole in the middle makes the wheel easy to attach to a pack, tree, or even around your neck while camp cooking.

Van Sickle, together with Rat Pak Innovations LLC, a company formed with his brothers, worked with Seattle-based New Concepts Prototyping to develop the final design. Next came the cost and endless hoop-jumping involved with getting a patent, a task still in process. Finally, a self-funded capital investment was plunked down to produce the actual product.

“The most frustrating part of the process was the time involved with mold development,” says Van Sickle. Although it would have been less expensive to produce The Spice Wheel outside the country, he made the ethical decision to stamp his new product “made in the U.S.A.” Production is by Cascade Plastics of Fife, Wash.

Estimated retail price is $12.99. If initial response is any indication, Van Sickle may want to rethink the name of his invention and call it The Spice Wheel of Fortune. Backpacker’s Pantry will be his camping distributor to many outdoor stores, such as REI. The wheel will also be sold by Magellan’s International as a travel companion, under the name the 5th Wheel. Along with smaller orders from distributors in the Czech Republic, New Zealand, and Germany, initial demand totals 6,000, with predicted sales of an additional 15,000. Van Sickle is also looking at other markets that could benefit from his design, such as craft supply companies (for which it would be called the cART Wheel) and the military. — Cathy Tollefson ’83

received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington.

Brett Schlameus is a first year law student at Santa Clara University.

Lynette Spjut works as a research assistant at Oregon Health and Science University and resides in Portland, Ore.

02 Matthew Alley is an associate in the corporate library for the Quello Group, LLC. He resides in Seattle.

Jewel Greenberg is working as a literary intern for Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington, D.C. She writes: “I’m using what I learned at UPS as a jumping off point to work in the field of professional theatre. I love my job and I’m starting to love D.C. I’m meeting lots of theatre makers and have already assistant directed a short show. The next thing is to send out headshots and resumes to local theaters and hope they call me. This sure beats making espresso, but I foresee waitressing in my future.”

Abby Koszarek works as an environmental scientist assisting on environmental engineering projects. She performs field sampling and prepares written reports.

Shannon Koszarek works with Traditions of the Heart, a study on cardiovascular disease in Native Alaskan women. She helps develop programs that introduce healthy eating and exercise habits. Shannon is living in Anchorage, Alaska.

Amy McAfee performs financial data analysis and reporting to support Boeing’s F-22 program in integrated defense systems.

Erin McGillivray began training as an education/health resources volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps in Sept. 2002. She will be in Kenya until Dec. 2004, where she is working in conjunction with the Peace Corps, the Ministry of Education in Kenya, and local teachers to introduce a new HIV/AIDS curriculum in the schools and community.

Kirsten Miller landed a job with Winslow Communications in Seattle, where she develops publications and marketing strategies to attract advertisers. She writes: “I love my job!”

Erika Oliver is a graduate student at the University of Southern California’s School of Policy, Planning, and Development. She plans to earn her master’s in public administration. Erika says her IPE coursework at UPS has been very helpful in her new academic environment.

Michelle Ramer serves as a visitor information specialist for the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau in Alaska.

Evie Schell works as a staff assistant for Representative J. Randy Forbes in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Vess was one of a select three chosen from a pool of 1,200 people for a position at New York’s Bear Stearns, a global clearing service. She will train on Wall Street for six weeks in July before starting her new job. Until then, she’s living in San Francisco working as a financial analyst.

Virginia Gardner Lenington ‘36 died on Oct. 7, 2002. She was 88. She graduated from St. John’s High School in Tacoma before attending Puget Sound. Virginia then played violin in the Tacoma Symphony, and taught school and gave violin and piano lessons for many years. She was active in church musicals and in the Independent Music Teachers Association in Roseburg, Ore. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, J. Dan Lenington, in 1973. Her sons, John, James, Ted, and Dave, and their families, including four grandchildren, survive her along with other relatives and friends.

Margaret Dexter Keasler ‘37 passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 30, 2002, with her husband of 59 years, Carlos, by her side. They met while Margaret was attending Puget Sound and after a whirlwind romance were married five days before Carlos left to serve in the war. Upon his return, they made their home in Tacoma, raising two sons, William and Dexter. Margaret was active in church and community organizations and was dedicated to the Orthodox Guild because of the help she received after a childhood hip injury. She served as president of the guild’s local chapters in Lakewood, Wash., and Vaugh, Wash., where she and Carlos chose to retire. Margaret is survived by Carlos, son Bill, daughters-in-law Cary and Kathy, and granddaughters Karen and Lily.

Almors Stern ‘38 died on Dec. 2, 2002. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Tacoma. Originally from Iowa, Almors had been a resident of Washington state since 1925. He was active in Boy’s Scouts, earning the highest rank of eagle and also earned a quarter master status with the Sea Scouts. Almors graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy after serving as an enlisted man for two years. After serving in World War II, he spent the next 23 years on the Pierce County Draft Board #12. Almors was later appointed to serve five years on the Risk Management Committee for the Port of Tacoma, and another 14 years on Pierce County’s Risk Management Committee. He retired as president of the insurance brokerage firm Stern, Thompson and Kennedy, Inc., founded in 1925 by his parents. Surviving Almors is his wife of 63 years, Helen, sons Paul and Jay, one grandson, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

Mary Young Moore ‘39 died on Nov 21, 2002. She was 85. Mary was born in Tacoma and attended Stadium High School before coming to CPS. She was a resident of Brown’s Point for many years and was a member of the Methodist Church there before she and husband Earl moved to Edgewood, Wash. She is preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her sister, Georgia Satterthwaitte, of Lakewood, Wash., one niece, and several nephews.

Stanley Champ ‘41 was born in Hoquiam, Wash., on Feb. 15, 1919, and died on Dec. 16, 2002. He moved to Tacoma at age 2, attending Tacoma area schools prior to coming to CPS. Stanley continued graduate studies at MIT and UCLA. In the early 1960s, he was a part-time mathematics instructor at Puget Sound. Stanley’s wife, Anita Wegener Champ ‘41, daughters Sue and Colleen, and three grandchildren survive him.

Fred Hertzog ‘41 passed away Sept. 28, 2002, at 86. He was the former pastor at Calvary Grace and South Colby Methodist Churches. Fred’s wife, Harriet, survives him.

Margaret Butler Spring ‘41 was a lifelong resident of Tacoma. She died peacefully at home on Oct. 24, 2002, at age 83. After graduating from Stadium High School, Margaret attended the College of Puget Sound where she met her husband, Robert ‘40. While raising a family of two children, she worked as a retail clerk at the downtown Rhodes department store, retiring in 1979. Margaret enjoyed gardening all year round and was a member of the Tacoma Rose Society. She was also a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society and enjoyed league bowling. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Robert, her daughter, Susan Whylie, son Tom, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several other family members.

Merton Waller ‘51 died on Oct. 17, 2002, at 75. He was a graduate of Everett High School, Everett, Wash. While attending high school, Mert was a stand-out athlete lettering in five varsity sports and was named to the all-state basketball team his senior year. He began his teaching and coaching career in 1951, finally moving to Oak Harbor, Wash., where he coached and taught history until retiring in 1981. Mert also served as the Oak Harbor High School athletic director for six years. He was honored, the month before he died, by District 1 of the state of Washington for his service to school, youth, and community athletics. Mert held memberships in the Washington Education Association, the National Education Association, the American Legion, and the Elk’s Lodge. His wife of 53 years, Jeanne, four children, their spouses, and families survive him.

John “Al” Hennefer ‘53 passed away peacefully in Tacoma on Oct. 25, 2002. He was 87. A graduate of Lincoln High School in Tacoma before attending CPS, he earned his degree in biology. Al was the Pacific Northwest AAU Wrestling Champion from 1934-
35 and qualified for the 1936 National Olympic Trials. He became a sixth-grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Tacoma and retired in 1975 after 23 years in education. He loved boats and fishing and was a life-time member of the Tacoma Yacht Club. Alice's son, James, and daughter, Janice, along with two grandchildren, survived him. His wife, Bea, preceded him in death.

Jack Nesbitt '53 died peacefully at home on Nov. 24, 2002, after battling cancer. He was 75. Jack was a graduate of Weatherwax High School in Aberdeen, Wash., prior to attending Puget Sound. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. Jack was an insurance agent and broker with Farmers Insurance Group for 44 years, and was the owner of Nesbit Insurance Services of Walnut Creek, Calif. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Barbara, his son, John, daughters Lorrie, Leslie, and Jodi, five grandchildren, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

John Hetra '54, a lifelong Tacoma resident, died Dec. 1, 2002. He graduated from Lincoln High School before attending Puget Sound. John's 33-year career as an industrial engineer for the Boeing Company was highlighted by his advocacy for the company's first energy conservation program. He took on the role of the program's mascot; an eight-foot energy-conservation squirrel named Frugal McGDougall, and helped spearhead the program throughout North America. John's interest in magic spanned much of his life. He was a founding member of the Great Virgil and Julie Ring Number 70 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He was known professionally as John Jay, Mentalist and Master of the Unusual; Outrageous Brother John, The Magic Monk; and J. Elliott Forbes. Those remaining after his curtain call are his wife of 50 years, Lamoyne, son Jack, daughters Roxane and Ruby, four grandchildren, and many other friends.

Jerry Sweeney '55 was born in Tacoma. He earned his bachelor's degree from CPS and went on to earn his master's in geology from the University of Idaho. Until 1964, Jerry worked as a mining and engineering geologist. He and a partner founded Soil Sampling Service, which invented the Aardvark method of installing horizontal drains. This method of drilling is used to dewater and depressurize soils and rock to obtain slope stability. Jerry also had patents for various drilling equipment, such as motors, pumps, and drill rods. He was a certified professional geologist, a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological Society of America, and the National Ground Water Association. His wife, Annie, and sons Mathew and Patrick, daughters Michelle and Shannon, his sister, Betsy, and 10 grandchildren survive him.

Wally Rich '56 died Nov. 1, 2002. After graduating from CPS, Wally earned his California general teacher certificate from Fresno State College. He returned to Tacoma and was one of the first staff members at Hunt Junior High, teaching and coaching there for 26 years. Wally then sold shoes for Nordstrom and Soines, after which he purchased Trovian's Junior Bootery in 1974, selling the business after nearly 25 years. He was dedicated to his family and church and was active in Bible study fellowship. Wally was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Joan Browning Rich '56, children, Steve, Scott, Sharon, Roman Scott, and grandchildren Shelby and Alyssa.

Holmes Anrud '57 was born Dec. 7, 1927, and died Nov. 1, 2002. He grew up in Seattle and Port Angeles, Wash. Holmes earned teaching credentials at Pacific Lutheran University after graduation from UPS. He had a 25-year career as an art teacher in the Bethel School District, and later worked in advertising, owning his own business, Harris and Holmes Tea Merchants. He was an active member in his church, local library, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Tacoma Photographic Society, and the Pierce County Genealogical Society. Holmes' wife of 43 years, Florence Theruber Anrud '58, son Robert, daughter Julie, two grandchildren, and his sister, Peggy Veitch, survive him.

Frank Olsen '57 died Oct. 9, 2002. He was an elementary school teacher and principal in the Puylup area for 30 years. Frank was a nature enthusiast and shared his love for the outdoors with hundreds of children. He was coordinating the first outdoor education program in Puylup. In 1980, he began his association with the foreign exchange program and was an active participant until his death. His wife of 40 years, Sandra, his children, Frank Jr. '82, Brad '84, Marci, and Becca, along with their spouses, and eight grandchildren survive him.

Frank Goft '58 died on Sept. 30, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 66. After graduating from UPS, he went on to earn his master's degree from Pacific Lutheran University. Franklin had a career in banking and had attained the position of vice president of Seattle First National Bank. He was a 39-year resident of Summer, Wash., and was an active member in the Puylup Nazarene Church. Franklin enjoyed gardening, hiking, and camping. He became a member of the Sam's Puget Sound Camping Chapter later in life. His wife, Arvulla, children Carol, David, and Shane, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson survive him.

Claudia Rawson Cramer '60 died at home at age 64. She was raised in Kalispell, Mont., graduating from Flathead County High School before attending UPS. Claudia went on to graduate summa cum laude from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, in 1960. For 20 years, she and her husband of 43 years, Donald Cramer '58, were staff members of the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a global, nonprofit, community development organization. Their family relocated to the Seattle area in 1988. Claudia was a fabric artist who helped create the Issaquah Salmon Days quilt and the Seattle Men's Chorus Memorial AIDS quilt. She enjoyed hiking, car camping, and travel. Her husband, son Mark, daughter Kristen, and two grandchildren survive Claudia.

John Masel '61 died on Nov. 11, 2002, at 87. He served in World War II with the U.S. Merchant Marines in the South Pacific. Though attending elementary and high school in Minnesota, John was a 50-year resident of Tacoma, having undergraduate degrees from both UPS and the University of Washington. He taught elementary and junior high school in the Tacoma Public School District until his retirement. John was an active member in the retired teachers association in Pierce County and the Senior Citizen Lobby in Olympia, Wash. His wife of 57 years, Muriel, one sister, and four nieces survive him.

Janice Strock '62 died peacefully on Aug. 14, 2002. She was a graduate of Aquinas Academy in Tacoma before attending Puget Sound. Janice was employed by the Pierce County Juvenile Court for 27 years beginning in 1975. Her husband of 41 years, Thomas, son Steven, daughter Diane, two brothers, one sister, two grandchildren, and several other family members and friends survive her.

Tanya Davis Brunke B.A.'72, M.E.'74 died at home on Dec. 13, 2002, after a nearly five-year battle with cancer. She was 68. Tanya attended high school in Waukegan, Ill., and began undergraduate studies at Northern Illinois State University where she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. She earned her bachelor's degree in education, graduating cum laude. Tanya began her career as an elementary school teacher, later taking over as the executive director of the Pierce County YWCA, she then became the first executive director of the Growth Policy Association of Pierce County, and retired in 1990 as the assistant dean of continuing education at Tacoma Community College. Tanya was honored in 1981 by her selection as a delegate to the U.S./Soviet "Women of Vision" conference that took place at the Goodwill Games in Seattle. Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Bob, her sons, Thomas and Richard, four grandchildren, one sister, one brother, and many nieces and cousins.

Frank Miklo '74 died at age 84. Prior to graduating from Puget Sound, he served four years in the U.S. Army based out of the Alaskan Islands. Frank settled in North Tacoma after the war, working for the Asaro Smelter and the City of Tacoma Water Department. He went on to earn his master's degree from Pacific Lutheran University in social work. Frank retired in 1980 to the Crescent Valley area of Gig Harbor, Wash. He enjoyed the outdoors, time with his family, and coaching little league sports. Wife Joy, son Theodore, daughter Marileen Bennett, stepchildren Gordon, Suzanne, and Daniel Iverson, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren survive him.

Marvin Vann '76 passed away on Oct. 6, 2002, at age 54. He served in the 724th U.S. Air Force Band at McChord Air Force Base before graduating from UPS as a music teacher and band director. Marvin was a band director for the Puylup School District and retired as the band director for the Steilacoom School District. He was an accomplished musician playing the bass guitar, tuba, and string bass in the Tacoma area for many years. His sons, Morgan and Marcus, along with his grandmother, four brothers, three sisters, and many other family members survive him.

Jack Reed '81 died Sept. 14, 2002, in Seattle where he had been a resident since 1947. He worked for the Seattle Engineering Department, retiring in 1991. Jack was a resident of Park Shore Retirement Community at the time of his death.
Show of hands

What had 160 fingers and the ability to make a joyful noise? It was the eight musicians who simultaneously played four nine-foot Steinway concert grand pianos at January’s “Piano Monster Concert—Four, Six, and Eight Hands.” Photographed here during rehearsal, the concert kicked off Puget Sound’s annual two-day piano festival, which attracted piano teachers and their students from around the region for a concerto competition, master classes, concerts by faculty, and workshops.
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