Sacred teachings

Michael Pavel '81 bridges two worlds to help keep Salish traditions alive.
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The unmarked field

On a beautiful July Saturday afternoon, my wife and I found ourselves sitting about midway up in the bleachers of Baker Stadium. Along with more than 1,000 others, we were overlooking Peyton Field and listening to the heartfelt tributes spoken about one of Puget Sound's genuine heroes. We had only just moved into town and took a break from unpacking boxes to attend this memorial service for Joe Peyton, a man we had never met, but who had—by all testimony—so clearly distinguished himself as a student and athlete at this university while a young man, and as a teacher, mentor, and friend to so many in the years after.

The event moved me deeply, reminding me of the profound importance of a single life, of the opportunity we are all given to touch so many in the course of our lives, and of what a special privilege it is to be part of a place like this university, where these opportunities are provided every day in such rich and varied ways. Mary and I were saddened that we had never met this man while he was alive; and at the same time we felt fortunate to have been given a glimpse of his life as it glowed in the lives of so many here at Puget Sound and echoed in the words of appreciation and celebration spoken in his honor.

As I listened to those tributes to Joe, I couldn't keep my eyes from gazing out on the new turf field that had been dedicated to him only a few weeks earlier. The field seemed to float there, gloriously green in what appeared an endless expanse of perfection on a perfect summer day. Swallows darted and swooped gracefully across this unmarked plot of land behind the people on the podium who spoke about Joe, as if to underscore and elaborate upon their words of love and praise. Following the swallows' flight, my eyes rose to our newest academic building just behind Peyton Field, and the campus that loomed graciously beyond it, as the fulfillment of the dreams and visions and sacrifice of so many who were determined to establish one of the nation's great centers of learning in what was then still the wild Northwest, in a city of destiny and in the Washington territory that soon would be officially accepted as a state in the union.

Just above the tree line and between some of the boughs of the great fir trees that grace our campus, I caught a glimpse of the blue-green waters of Puget Sound, and beyond that a corner of the downtown Tacoma skyline, with the suggestion of the majestic Mt. Rainier lurking behind the gathering clouds on the horizon. Just then, I felt the burden of this considerable responsibility, the debt I owe to all who have gone before me, many of whom, like Joe, I have never met but who have made it possible in this great place and with this great opportunity for us to meet together. I was lifted by the thought of that invisible team, by the many devoted alumni, past and present, and by the hundreds of students, faculty, staff, friends, and alumni who were quite visible in the seats all around me.

With his example before us, we will mark this field, and we will advance to our goals with the same determination, hard work, good spirit, and commitment to success that was embodied in the life of Joe Peyton. In the months ahead, I will share with you our goals and visions for Puget Sound, our plan for reaching them, and our first new initiatives, already underway. I am honored to have become part of the magnificent team of the University of Puget Sound, deeply impressed by the quality and character of my colleagues, and fully dedicated to making the next chapter in the history of this great university its most impressive yet.

Ron Thomas
President
Additional art

Robert Vogland's '87 tile art ([Class Notes, summer 2003]) is absolutely phenomenal. How can I see more of it?

Tim Hailer
San Francisco

We received several such queries. See above, and try Robert's Web site, www.vogland.com. — Ed.

Misplaced giant?

About your coverage of the alumni event at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore. [summer 2003] The caption says that one of the planes in the photo is the famous Spruce Goose. The Spruce Goose was in Long Beach, Calif. Is it correct that it is now in Oregon?

Ralph Wehnhoff '51
Westport, Connecticut

Eternal roomies

I loved the poem, "Emily Dickinson and Elvis Presley in Heaven," at the back of the summer issue. What a wonderful melding of personalities. It made me think about other unlikely pairs that would make good, or at least interesting, roommates in heaven. Say, Queen Victoria and John Wayne or Mark Twain and Madonna. Thanks for an entertaining afternoon of wondering.

Rainey Matthews
Seattle

Leadership qualities

Thank you for the fine summary of UPS accomplishments during President Pierce's administration. The university trustees made some hard decisions during the last decade, and Pierce is the one who got to see them through. When controversial policies must be implemented, do your best to keep everyone informed about the reasons why, stick with the plan, adapting if necessary, and when the task comes to fruition, make sure that people get credit for their hard work. It sounds like President Pierce did that.

Charles Barton
Seattle

Still more awards for Arches

In addition to the seven awards for Arches announced previously this year, we have one more to report: The magazine took a national Silver Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for Hal Eastman's ('60) photo of a dancer that appeared in the spring issue. The picture originally was printed in Eastman's book, Natural Dance.

The editors welcome letters about articles in Arches. Write Arches, Office of Communications, University of Puget Sound, 1500 North Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1041. Please include a daytime phone number or e-mail address.
Writ in stone

The rock used in campus construction tells tales of social history.

Dave Knoblach '94 is not your typical geologist. Instead of examining faults or volcanoes, Knoblach heads for the nearest building. He looks hard at the structure's walls. He gets on his knees and examines the floors. He may even dig out a pair of binoculars to scan the roof. What he sees can tell a story as ancient and informative as any range of mountains piled up by plate tectonics.

"Looking at building stones is a great way to learn about geology as well as human history," says Knoblach, who was a geology major at Puget Sound and is now working on his master's at UW-Tacoma. "Too few people understand where our geologic materials come from, and without that knowledge it is impossible to appreciate how land use decisions may affect our economic and social future."

Knoblach shared his passion for building-stone geology on a recent tour of campus. His first stop was the new UPS entry sign at North 18th and Union Avenue. The lower part consists of a gray basalt, known as the Boring Lava, quarried just down the Columbia River from Vancouver, Wash. It was deposited 2 million years ago.

"The Boring had three key characteristics that made it a popular building mate-
rial," says Knoblach. "One, it split well into slabs. Two, it could also be worked into large, competent boulders, and perhaps most important, the rock could easily be transported from the quarries along the Columbia." The rock, known in the building trade as Columbia Gray, was a popular building stone in Portland and was the premier rock for seaside jetties from Alaska to California.

The top of the stone marker is Wilkeson Sandstone, a whitish, 40-million-year-old rock deposited in deltas in what would become Puget Sound. At the time, neither the Cascades nor the Olympics had risen and the local climate was tropical with palms and tree-sized ferns. The Wilkeson, quarried near Mt. Rainier, is the most commonly used building stone on the Puget Sound campus, especially in the earlier buildings, such as Thompson Hall and Collins Library, where its light color contrasts gracefully with the red brick. (The Wilkeson characterizes so many UPS buildings that when architects designed Phibbs Hall, many years after the original quarry closed, they won an award for creating faux Wilkeson out of concrete.)

Inside Thompson, Knoblach pointed out small stones—serpentine, mafinite, and dolomite—in the terrazzo floor in the entry way. They come from eastern Washington, from a mine that was once the principal American source of magnesite, an essential ingredient in refractory materials in furnace linings for producing iron and steel. Terrazzo floors in the Denver and Chicago airports incorporate this rock, too. The Thompson floors also contain tiles made out of clay found near the town of Taylor, a long-abandoned community in Seattle's Cedar River Watershed.

As the tour continued, Knoblach, who grew up in Minnesota swimming in abandoned granite quarries and skiing around the tailings piles, talked about the topic of his master's thesis. "Take clay as an example. In Seattle, brick became important after the Great Fire. Unfortunately, the local clays were not that good for making bricks, which led to developers not using fireproof building materials. It wasn't until 1905 when people discovered good clays in Renton, Taylor, and eastern Washington that you see big growth of brick and terracotta architecture in Seattle," he says. UPS also shows this influence. The campus was built during the heyday of the Wilkeson quarries.

Not that UPS only uses local materials. The fireplace on the ground floor of Wyatt Hall has Vermont slate and Montana argillite. The recently built Benefactors Plaza incorporates granite from the Sierras, as does the obelisk just west of Jones Hall.

"Part of the fun of building-stone geology is the mystery. The rocks could be from anywhere. These materials are not only beautiful and culturally significant, but also record important events in Earth's history. What a great combination!" he says.

—David Williams

ANSWERS
1. Ornamental stone ball at base of steps, Jones Hall
2. Dark lavender above entrance to Harrington Hall
3. Top of color post, Kinman Quad
4. Terrazzo floor inside west color post, Kinman Quad
5. Decorations at entrance of Wheeled Staircase Center
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9. Entrance on front page of this issue of Arches
10. Above entrance to University Hall
11. Ornamental stone ball in Sutton Quad

Quiz photography by David Vance '04.
ART SPACE  Assistant Professor of Art Mike Johnson settles in to one of the studios in the college's just-completed sculpture building.

campus construction

Home is where the art is

New sculpture house opens; parts of old one to live on as sculpture

Sculpture professor Mike Johnson and his students have a new home: a 3,800 square-foot facility specifically designed for teaching about and making sculpture.

The new building was constructed on the site of the previous sculpture house and cost about $435,000. It was designed to be what Paton calls "residential scale." Its size and design blend in well with the surrounding neighborhood houses. Though only one-story, the L-shaped layout makes effective use of the available area at the site.

The old sculpture house, built in 1938, had to be torn down to make way for the new building. But parts of that old house will live on in a new form. Minoru Ohira, an artist who works with the Brian Ohno studio in Seattle, extracted some of the old-growth wood from the building's structure before its demolition and will be using it to create artwork expected to reflect the Puget Sound area. He will be on campus this fall working with Puget Sound art students, as well as other local schools, to help transform his designs into reality. The finished works will be displayed on campus next spring. One of Johnson's goals is to continue bringing in well-known local artists to work with students.

Johnson said he met Brian Ohno through a mutual association with the International Board of Sculpture. When Mike mentioned UPS's old sculpture house would be demolished to make way for a new facility, Ohno immediately thought of Minoru Ohira's work.

"It's almost poetic," mused Johnson, "what used to be a sculpture building will actually become sculpture." The Brian Ohno studio will also be producing a film documenting Ohira's project from structural debris to finished artwork.

Johnson credits Puget Sound Academic Vice President Terry Cooney with making the new building a reality. When Johnson was hired two years ago from the University of Delaware to create an expansive sculpture program, he knew the university would need a better facility. "But it was Terry Cooney's belief in me and in the quality of the sculpture program that got the project off the ground." Johnson also says that George Paton was key in making the project a success with a limited budget. "This is one of the finest facilities of its kind in the area. We got a lot for our money."

It's not the first time Mike Johnson has brought a sculpture program into prominence. He spent three years at Baylor University overhauling their program before moving on to the University of Delaware, where he spent two years helping to create a multimillion dollar sculpture facility.

"I think I'll stay here a while, though," Johnson laughs. "I'm tired of moving." — David Vance '04
research

Who dunnit?

Stereotypes can cause witnesses to ‘see’ events that never happened

Researchers at Puget Sound are confirming a long-held suspicion that cultural and racial stereotypes produce false eyewitness memories. “It’s easy to get people to believe they saw something they expected to see,” says Mark Reinitz, an associate professor of psychology and coauthor of a series of new studies on how stereotyping affects memory. “Our study is the first to show you can produce false memories of someone doing unsavory things based on stereotypes alone.”

Reinitz and Carolyn Weisz, chair of the psychology department, showed 72 participants a series of slides of a man entering a fast-food restaurant and buying a burger. Subsequent slides show the man unwrapping the burger, followed by a slide of the wrapper littering the ground where the man was standing. A final slide shows the man walking away.

Here’s the catch: For the study, one group of subjects was shown a poorly dressed man who appeared to be homeless, while a second group was shown a well-dressed professional. Neither group actually saw either man littering.

Forty-eight hours later, the participants returned and viewed a missing slide that showed the man throwing the wrapper on the ground. Those who viewed slides of the homeless man were much more likely to falsely remember having seen the “throwing-the-wrapper” picture in the original images than were those who viewed the well-dressed professional. The latter group was more likely convinced the littering scenario—that is, showing the man’s clothes, notes Reinitz.

Reinitz and Weisz presented their findings to the biennial meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition in early July.

Other studies have shown it’s possible to plant a false memory by inferring a scenario—that is, showing the wrapper on the ground causes the participants to make a “causal inference” that the man littered. However, stereotyping has until now been a sketchy area for psychological researchers.

“Our basic finding is that causal inference is very weak when you don’t expect someone to do it,” says Reinitz. “People are less likely to believe they saw the well-dressed guy littering without actually seeing the slide of him littering.”

Reinitz and Weisz plan more experiments to test other stereotypes and other crimes. — Mark DiPietro

Surf City Where the wired things are

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DeFore, who grew up on the New York side of Lake Champlain, won a Watson Fellowship to study the societal effects of living alongside lake monsters, real or imagined, in six locations around the world.

He begins his year of study with firsthand knowledge of how a resident sea serpent can influence local culture: Lake Champlain is the reputed home of Champy, a plesiosaur-like creature that people have been spotting for hundreds of years.

“I have read what others think about Champy,” writes DeFore, “and it does not match the reality I lived as a child. To me, Champy is not about some picnic photo from 1977. [The so-called Mansi photo.] The mystery of Champy seeps into the local art of the Adirondaks, becomes the icon of town parades, and in its own strange fashion is transformed into an emblem of local pride.”

DeFore began his travels July 29 in British Columbia, antennae out for information on a monster known as Ogopogo. He then treks to Argentina, South Africa, Australia, Sweden, and finally to the home of the grand monster of them all, Scotland’s Loch Ness. Follow his adventures at lakemonsterculture.com.
Burden of proof

Research shows that children routinely carry school backpacks that are too heavy. Occupational therapy faculty and students show how your kids can avoid strain and pain.

September 24 is National School Backpack Awareness day, and Puget Sound occupational therapy students and professors will be working with local schools to help get the word out about the health problems children encounter with overloaded backpacks. Here is some of the information they will be sharing:

- Children wearing overloaded or improperly worn backpacks are likely to experience neck, shoulder, and back pain, as well as adverse effects on posture and the developing spine, compromised breathing, and fatigue.
- More than 7,000 emergency room visits in 2001 were related to backpacks and book bags. Approximately half of those injuries occurred in children 5 to 14 years old.
  - It is recommended that a loaded backpack weigh no more than 15 percent of your child's body weight.
  - The average student carries a backpack weighing almost one fourth of his or her body weight. Three out of 10 students typically carry backpacks weighing up to one third of their body weight once a week.
  - In one study with American students, 6 out of 10 reported chronic back pain related to heavy backpacks. Among students who carried packs weighing 15 percent of their body weight or less, only 2 in 10 reported pain.
  - The way backpacks are worn is important. Lower positioning of the backpack approximates the body's center of gravity and has the least effect on posture.
  - Other things you can do to make pack wearing safer:
    Load heaviest items closest to the child's back.
    Arrange books and materials so they won't slide around.
    Reduce weight—don't carry items that won't be needed for the day's activities.
    On days the backpack is overloaded, hand-carry a book or other heavy item.
    Always wear both shoulder straps.
    Select a pack with well padded straps. Adjust the straps so the pack fits your child's back snugly; a pack that hangs loosely can pull backwards and strain muscles.
    Wear the waist belt if the pack has one; this helps distribute weight more evenly.

Find out more on the Web site of the American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org/backpack

Fair support?

After divorce, children who live with mom do worse economically

Children of divorce who live with their mothers are invariably worse off economically than their fathers, according to new research by Puget Sound Professor of Economics Kate Stirling. Contrary to the claims of "fathers' rights" movements across the U.S., custodial mothers are not enjoying a more comfortable lifestyle at the expense of hefty child support payments from their children's fathers.

Stirling studied 4,329 child-support cases throughout Washington state between October 2000 and February 2001. She assessed economic well-being utilizing a standard measure of household income relative to household needs.

"Both parents experience a drop in economic well-being, whether they have custody or not," says Stirling. "That's to be expected because you're stretching the resources of one family to meet the needs of two households. But the much harder economic hit is taken by the household of the custodial mother and children, who represent the vast majority of the cases."

The results showed that when a mother is the custodial parent, she and the children suffered an average 42 percent drop in well-being, compared to noncustodial fathers who experienced a 14 percent decline.

Conversely, when the father had custody of the children (which occurs only in a small number of the cases), he and the children enjoyed a level of economic well-being almost twice that of the noncustodial mothers.

"There's pressure in all the states from fathers' rights groups to reduce payments, but there is no evidence that state guidelines for child support should be lowered," Stirling says. "In fact, if the policy objective is to ensure that the division of family resources does not harm the children, then child support payments could be increased."

Under federal legislation in 1988, all states were required to enact a consistent schedule of child support payments based upon income and number of children. Stirling's study of child support orders in Washington state is part of a periodic review of statewide child support awards, which every state is required to conduct under federal law.

— Mark DiPietro

Stats

UPS turns 100, officially

Puget Sound was founded in 1888, but it wasn't until 15 years later that the university filed articles of incorporation with the state. On Aug. 5, Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed delivered a century certificate to the college, noting in his remarks that of the more than 3,700 corporations that were registered in the state in 1903, Puget Sound is one of just 37 still thriving.
Busines-minded

BLP's new director is an old friend

James McCullough moved into his office this summer as director of the School of Business and Leadership. He joins the faculty with strong family ties to the university.

McCullough taught at Washington State University for the last 19 years, and gave occasional guest lectures at Puget Sound during that time. His father, the late William McCullough, is a 1934 Puget Sound graduate. His mother, Sydney McCullough, recently endowed a scholarship in his father's name. And his daughter, Erin McCullough '06, is a biology major and French minor.

McCullough search projects have taken him to more than 80 countries, notably in Asia and Africa. At WSU he started the marketing department, then founded the university's International Business Institute.

"Being at Puget Sound is a great opportunity," said McCullough, while acknowledging that a small liberal arts college is a different sort of institution than the big state universities at which he's taught for more than a quarter century. He's looking forward to it.

"I really like to teach," McCullough said. "The idea of going into classrooms to teach more intensively, to work on a one-to-one basis with students and get to know them better is appealing."

McCullough does not join the SBL as an agent of change. He praised the school's talented faculty and quality courses.

"We need always to look at ways to integrate the business school more fully into the liberal arts curriculum," he said, noting that businesses are looking for more than just job skills.

"They're looking for applicants who can communicate, think, and solve problems," McCullough said.

— Greg Scheiderer
CELESTIAL SPRINGBOARD Physics Instructor Bernard Bates used the late-summer "apparition" of Mars as a jumping-off point for Science in Context 361: Mars Exploration, his new course on the red planet and things related to it.

pedagogy

My favorite Martian

Earth invades Mars! Prof leads students on intellectual expedition to the red planet

At the end of August, Mars, that source of great fascination for Earthlings, was closer to our planet than it has ever been in recorded history, and it will remain brighter than usual in the night sky until January.

"Everyone is looking at this thing," laughed Bernard Bates, a physics instructor at Puget Sound. Bates explained that the close-up view astronomers call an apparition occurred because Earth and Mars were closest to each other at the same time Mars was its closest to the sun.

"This is a spectacular apparition, because in the last 15,000 to 60,000 years we've never had one where Mars was as close to the sun at roughly the same time as it was as close to the Earth," Bates said. Late last month, the reddish point of light in our night sky was brighter than Jupiter and all the stars, outshone only by the Moon.

The apparition brought Earth and Mars to within about 34.5 million miles of each other. That sounds like a long way—there are lots of big numbers in astronomy—but in truth it's literally a stone's throw. Several meteorites, rocks from Mars, have been found on Earth, and in 1996 scientists found microscopic anomalies in one of them that strongly suggest primitive life existed on Mars some 3.6 billion years ago.

Bates will teach a new course on Mars exploration this year that will cover not just the science and history of space exploration, but the politics, economics, and pop culture aspects as well. The course is part of Puget Sound's innovative Science in Context program, an interdisciplinary approach to
was the whole reason they got

looking at science.

While science fiction usually depicts Mars invading Earth, this year it's the other way around: Two U.S. spacecraft already are orbiting Mars, and a Japanese orbiter, two U.S. landers, and a European orbiter and lander are on the way.

“This is an assault on the planet that is going to change everything. We will literally rewrite the textbooks,” Bates said. “The Mars that we know now is totally different than the Mars we thought we knew 10 years ago. Once the landers are there, it's going to change again. The landers are really smart robots; they're going to do geology and travel around and do all sorts of wonderful things—if they work.”

Bates said the appariation is an especially exciting time for amateur astronomers. While the professional work has "moved upstairs" to probes and the Hubble Space Telescope, hobbyists are gearing up for the view of a lifetime.

“The equipment amateur astronomers have now allows them to take pictures that are better than anything that was taken before spacecraft,” Bates said. “Their dedication to the hobby is amazing. You don't even want to call it a hobby, because many pour their heart and soul into it, and they're not getting paid to do it.”

Still, Bates said that's how the pros are born.

“All professional astronomers started out as kids with telescopes, and one of the first things that everyone looks at is Mars,” he said. "Everyone who has some time on a large telescope is going to sneak a look at Mars just because that was the whole reason they got into the game to begin with.”

So why does the red planet hold such fascination for us? Bates says it's part science, part fiction.

"Unlike any other planet in the solar system, we can see to the surface of Mars; it's really there, in a sense. We're not looking at clouds, we're looking at the surface that has things we recognize: dust storms, ice caps, great deserts. Mars looks like the Southwest,” he said. When early observers saw what appeared to be canals they thought that meant civilization existed on the planet.

The fiction started with such writers as H.G. Wells and Edgar Rice Burroughs spinning tales about Mars.

"Every 8 year old in the country read these books.” Bates said the idea of Martians became a part of our culture, and each generation gets immersed in the fantasy.

"Part of us really wants there to be life on Mars,” Bates said. "It's the last frontier for people who want to explore frontiers. I think everyone has a little bit of that in them. It must be the way people felt about exploring the Antarctic or Africa.”

So, the notion of life on Mars persists, "even though we've had almost 50 years now of proof that there probably aren't any real Martians larger than microbes,” Bates said.

Still, Bates says he'll wait for the Martian landers to dig around and come up with more facts before he completely gives up on the idea of life on Mars.

In the meantime, starry-eyed folks here on terra firma will crane their necks, gaze at that bright red dot of light in the sky, and wonder.

— Greg Scheiderer

accolades

Two named All Americans

Dan McLean '04 and Katie Heaton '05 represented the college at the 2003 NCAA III National Track and Field Championships and each came away with All-American performances.

McLean finished 4th in the 1,500 meters, with a time of 3:48.58, a personal record by four seconds. McLean's mark ranks 2nd on the all-time Puget Sound list in the 1,500 and earned him All-American status.

Heaton earned her second consecutive All-American award with a 5th-place finish in the pole vault. She was an All-American during her freshman season as well, finishing 4th. Heaton vaulted 12' 3/4", a personal record by 6 1/4". She now ranks 2nd on the Logger all-time list in the pole vault and was a mere 1/4" off the school record.

— Robin Hamilton

GIANT KILLERS In their first appearance at an NCAA National Championship, the Puget Sound women's rowing team established itself among traditional crew powerhouses by finishing in 2nd place as a team and by pulling to a strong 2nd in the Varsity Eight. First place went to Colby College of Waterville, Maine. In the grand final, Colby established an untouchable lead at the halfway mark, while UPS, rowing the Alumnae, battled Wellesley College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for the silver. "As we came into 250 to go we were bow-to-bow with both Coast Guard and Wellesley," said Head Coach Sam Taylor. "Coast Guard took a couple of seats at that point and had the lead, but we managed to stay focused, took the seats back, and pushed into a two-seat lead for the 2nd place finish." Read more about the Puget Sound rowing program at asups.ups.edu/crew.

Above, standing: Coach Taylor. Women's varsity rowers Lindsey Rue '05, Katie Koch '07, Asia Wright '04. Kneeling: Robin Francis '06, Erin Schneider '07.
Compendium for autumn

WHAT WE DID ON OUR SUMMER VACATION
While students were away for summer, maintenance and building projects moved into high gear. Besides painting, repairing, remodeling, and the usual chores involved in taking care of campus buildings from roofs to sewers, George Paton, manager of capital development, oversaw some major projects this summer.

Design development drawings for the Thompson Hall addition/renovation were completed, a milestone in the necessary planning.

On the south side of campus, the old sculpture house was torn down and a 3,800-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility was constructed in the same spot. The new sculpture house, in contrast to the old, was built especially for the wood and metalwork that takes place there. See page 6 for more.

The Wheellock Student Center got new windows in most of the building, and deteriorating timbers supporting the windows were replaced.

The soccer field was improved, bringing it up to NCAA standards, and a new team room for women’s soccer was built. The softball field got a much-needed drainage system. And a small addition to the athletic training room on the west side of the fieldhouse to make it more efficient.

LOG JAM RETURNS
When students, faculty, and staff returned to campus this fall they were welcomed back with the second annual Log Jam!, a four-day series of events held during the first week of classes. The underlying object of Log Jam! is to kick off the new year and introduce campus support services in a fun and enthusiastic manner, according to Houston Dougharty ’83, associate dean for student services.

Tuesday through Thursday, open houses helped orient students to the library, Jones Hall, the student center, and other campus service areas, with games, tours, and free stuff.

The best was saved for last — Friday afternoon and evening were packed with amusements. Students were treated to the spectacle of watching the staff play the faculty in a softball game, then saw the first Logger football scrimmage of the season. Campus clubs and organizations set up booths at the activities fair. Inflatable jumping toys were available for younger children. A campus barbecue offered free food while it lasted, and the Diversity Theme Year program served desserts on the lawn. A helicopter dropped numbered ping-pong balls onto Jones Circle, redeemable for donated prizes such as restaurant dinners, the new Harry Potter book, t-shirts, and chocolates. Jazz guitarist Michael Powers and The Guarneri Underground, a world music band, performed an outdoor concert, with student-powered KUPS supplying an emcee and recorded music. The day ended with everyone taking lawn chairs and couches to Todd Field for an outdoor showing of Goonies on a drive-in movie screen, with sound provided on personal FM radios.

AUTUMN VISITORS
A Pulitzer Prize-winning author, a Tony Award-winning actor, and a Spanish diplomat were among those scheduled to speak at Puget Sound this fall.


Rafael Dezcallar, Spain’s ambassador to Ethiopia, lectured about the United Nations’ future role in peacekeeping.

Halberstam added a visit to the King County Juvenile Detention Center to his Puget Sound schedule. The children there were particularly enthusiastic about Halberstam’s talk, according to Susan Resneck, professor of American studies and director of the Center for the Study of the American North.

The Pulitzer winner spoke about his book on the Vietnam War, The Power of the Gun, and discussed the importance of media in educating the public about every aspect of life.

Halberstam also discussed the role of the media in the Vietnam War, and how the American public was influenced by images of the war. He spoke about the role of the media in shaping public opinion, and how it can be used to influence policy makers.

PLEDGES Spring pledging and informal recruitment added 217 new members to the Greek community, bringing the total number of members to 641.

PLANNING On Sept. 20, the first University of Puget Sound Greek Summit will bring together student leaders from each chapter, alumni advisors, campus administrators, staff, and volunteers. Summit attendees will discuss the current state of fraternity and sorority life and make strategic plans for the future. Michael McRee, director of marketing and development for LeaderShape, Inc., Champaign, Ill., will speak to the group.

GIVING Two dozen members of Delta Alpha Gamma, a sorority formed in 1921, still meet for lunch about eight times a year. Over the years, the women have collected $6,000, which they recently contributed to the Puget Sound endowment fund for scholarships.

“It’s been a good friendship all these years,” says Marian Carlson ’48, the group’s treasurer. Carlson explains that the Delta Alpha Gammas joined a national sorority, Chi Omega, in the ’50s. Two years ago, they celebrated the founding of the sorority with their 80th reunion.
tured on Sept. 16. A lifelong academician and diplomat, Dezcallar served in Honduras, Europe, Israel, Cuba.

On Sept. 26, ASUPS presents actor B.D. Wong, best known for his role as Father Ray Mukada in the controversial HBO series Oz. He’s also appeared on NBC’s Law and Order: Special Victim’s Unit, The X Files, Chicago Hope, and Sesame Street. Wong co-starred with Margaret Cho on the first U.S. television series to feature an Asian-American family, All-American Girl. In films, Wong’s credits include Jurassic Park and The Freshman, and he was the voice of Captain Li Shang in Disney’s Mulan. He won a Tony for his performance in M. Butterfly on Broadway and recently released a book, Following Foo: The Electronic Adventures of the Chestnut Man. In conjunction with the university’s Diversity Theme Year, Wong will speak about his experiences as a young man of color on the path of becoming a world-class artist.

For ticket information, contact the Wheelock Student Center at 253-879-3419.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

When you’re a student practicing your violin, there’s nothing worse than hearing the student in the room next door practicing his drums. In spite of efforts over the years to improve the acoustics in the School of Music practice rooms, using tiles, carpeting, and sound-tight doors, students have come to expect a certain amount of “sound leakage,” as well as sound distortion within some rooms.

But this year, thanks to a gift from the Schneebeck Foundation, three new practice rooms designed to keep 70 percent of the sound inside were installed over the summer. In 2005, four more rooms will be added.

The practice rooms are modular units about 9’ x 5’ or smaller, built elsewhere and installed on site. They are all capable of being outfitted with special speakers and sensors that can control the acoustics so students can set up the rooms to sound like a 300-seat recital hall, a 10,000-seat auditorium, or a practice room.

When the four additional rooms are installed in two years, one will be equipped in this way. If students like it, says Director Keith Ward, the school will look into possibly converting the other practice rooms.

SYMPOSIUM PRESENTS OT RESEARCH ISSUES

Occupational therapists face increasing requests from consumers and service providers to relate their treatments to current literature and research. As a service to occupational therapists in the community, students in the Puget Sound occupational therapy program are synthesizing data-based research projects and will present their summaries in oral and poster presentations in the second annual symposium on evidence-based practice.

The three-hour symposium, set for Dec. 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., includes dinner, with presentations in both adult and pediatric tracks. The symposium provides an opportunity for students and practicing occupational therapists to network and discuss issues in the field.

Continuing education certificates and clock-hours for school-based therapists are available on request. To reserve a place in the symposium, suggest an evidence-based question for students to research, or to receive more information, contact the Occupational Therapy Department at 253-879-3281.

Worth the trip

Do the funky chicken dish

Funky Ceramics-inspired pieces from the university’s Munsen Collection. Sept. 2-28, Monday to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m., Kittredge Gallery

Wagner would be jealous

Part of the Jacobsen Concert Series, the Berlioz Centennial Concert is a tribute to Hector Berlioz, a French composer born in 1803. Berlioz was an innovator of the early Romantic period and a contemporary and rival of Wagner. The concert features faculty performances and the Adelphian Concert Choir. Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Schneebeck.

Logger mania

Enjoy a Logger sports-packed weekend on campus: volleyball, football, men’s and women’s soccer—seven games to choose from in three days. Oct. 17-19, see Calendars at www.ups.edu for times.

Lookout Bearcats

Women’s Soccer vs. rival Willamette. The Logger women haven’t dropped a soccer game on their home turf in the last 30 matches. The last time they lost was in 1999, to Willamette. Oct. 19, noon.

Classically tragic

Iphigenia at Aulis, directed by Jac Royce, assistant professor of theatre arts. In Euripides’ classic play, set in Greece just before the Trojan War, a prophecy leads Agamemnon to sacrifice his daughter to ensure military success, while Agamemnon’s wife plans his death. The play hits home with questions about whether the sacrifices we make for war are worth it. Oct. 24-26, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 30-31, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Norton Clapp Theatre.

Laaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!

The Fall Choral Concert features the Adelphian Concert Choir, the Madrigal Singers, the University Chorale, and the Dorian Singers. Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., Schneebeck.

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.
SOLE searching

Through SOLE, Josh Udesen '94 leads high school students on a trek to Everest base camp—and deep into life among the Sherpa people

as told to Andy Dappen

Josh Udesen values both the sights and insights of experiencing other cultures. If more Americans traveled, he believes, we'd be less self-absorbed, more understanding, and more, well, worldly. After graduating with a B.A. in history, Udesen traveled the world and spent two months in Nepal. He was touched by the country's cultural richness and nature's raw edge. Several years later, Udesen received a master's degree in education and soon found himself in central Oregon with his wife, Anne McDonald '94, teaching social studies, current events, world religion, and history at Redmond High School. The teaching was fulfilling, yet he hoped to explore learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Most of all he hoped to give students travel and cultural experiences.

Travel takes you out of your comfort zone, and this is where accelerated learning occurs. With so many different languages, cultures, religions, superstitions, economies, and histories, traveling can be mind expanding to the point of being mind numbing. It exposes you to the complexity, diversity, and mystery of the world.

And to paradoxes. For example, impoverished people are not always downtrodden. Such people may build amazing family and community bonds. They may be spiritually rich. Their living conditions may be abysmal, yet they may be happy. I'm blessed by the opportunity the U.S. has given me, but traveling shows me that the American way is not always the best way... or even the right way. Take our pursuit of wealth in our search of happiness—American phone books are full of affluent folks who are emotionally miserable.

Nepal was a country I particularly loved when I traveled there in 1995. It's a country dominated by nature, and that attracted me. But the people were equally compelling. It's one of the poorest countries in the world [the average citizen earns under $400 per year] but the culture is rich and the people are happy. Once I started teaching, I thought Nepal was a place students should see. Between the dramatic landscape, the elemental nature of life, and the people who are possession poor but community rich, I thought such a place could challenge beliefs and alter priorities. Of course I doubted that I'd get the opportunity to take students there.

Then opportunity fell in my lap with Nurbu Sherpa, a Nepalese man who went to college at the University of Oregon before moving to Bend, Ore., where he established a trekking company guiding travelers in Nepal and Bhutan. A student saw a slide show that Nurbu gave and suggested I book him for a guest talk in some of my classes. I did, and that was followed by a meeting at a local pub where Nurbu and I used cocktail napkins to outline what became the Sherpa Outdoor Learning Expedition or SOLE.

None of the existing programs offered what we envisioned. Outward Bound and National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) focused their international programming around outdoor adventure. Many study-abroad programs with family stays evolved around formal academic curriculums. And some programs were strictly bus tours connecting tourist sites. The program we envisioned offered a significant adventure component with a trek to and from Everest Base Camp and an ascent of Kala Patar, an 18,200-foot peak.

We also envisioned a significant cultural emphasis, with students spending a week in one village, Khumjung, situated at 13,000 feet. We wanted students to see the monastery near the town, attend the community school, experience how the Sherpa people live. It would be impossible to offer this cultural component without a native like Nurbu who has family and friends sprinkled throughout the Nepalese highlands.

SOLE runs from late July to late August, is open to high school students throughout Central Oregon, and costs $3,500 [airfare consumes half of the fee]. We fly to Kathmandu and then to Lukla before trekking to Everest Base Camp. We're not specifically targeting athletic kids, so trekking 65 miles, climbing and losing 70,000 vertical feet, and bagging an 18,000-foot peak makes the journey physically grueling for many. It's a significant achievement for kids who have rarely walked more than a few miles to be 20 days worth of walking from the nearest road and accomplish everything through muscle power. And it is an awesome sense of smallness students feel that morning when we reach the top of Kala Patar, stare smack into the looming face of Mt. Everest, and watch sunrise light up the Himalayas. The combination of exertion and splendor moves some kids to tears.

Despite the power of this experience, for most it's the week living in Khumjung that hits hardest. Most Sherpa families live in one-room stone houses built over their stables. During the day, women cook in their homes over fire pits lack-
The fumes exit a hole in the ceiling, but smoke permeates everything and the walls of homes and the lungs of inhabitants are blackened. At night, mats are rolled out on the floor and the entire family sleeps in the same room. Our students experience the spotty nature of local electricity, the toil of carrying water from streams to houses. They see patients at the local hospital who were carried for 10 days to receive medical care. Poverty assaults students through every sense—they see it in the structures of the town, taste it in the foods the locals eat, smell it in the smoky air, feel it in the soot coating their skin which cannot be showered away at will.

And despite this they see how vigorous the Sherpas are, how interwoven the people of the village are, how every member of the community is cared for, how spiritually centered the individuals are. You can imagine how eye opening this is for kids fresh from the strip malls of plenty, where gang warfare rages.

We've run this program twice now and have taken 20 students to Nepal. We cancelled the program this year because of the war but plan to run our third expedition in 2004. Sure, a few kids have returned wearing the same shade of American superiority they brandished when we left.

But at least half of the students have had a staggering experience that rocked their view of the world. They've seen children hiking at 20,000 feet wearing holey tennis shoes. They've lived with people who own only one set of clothes. They've given Sherpa youths the running shoes they brought to Nepal and received the gratitude that might be expected of someone who had been given a car. They've given away pencils and watched children go ballistic with gratitude. It promotes a sense of giving when, as one of my students said, "people are so grateful for receiving so little."

Students have told me how much the experience changed them. Some have said that rather than chasing dollars they are now considering careers in teaching or service. That makes me smile—it's exactly what Nurbu and I hoped for when we created SOLE.

PEOPLE POWER. Udesen says the service component of SOLE—living and working with the people of Nepal—alters the values of many participants.
Matters of life and death

interview by Andy Boynton

In her haunting first novel, Slim, Ruth Linnea Sauer Whitney '65 explores the AIDS epidemic in Africa in the 1980s and the lives of eight people touched by it, examining themes of lust, betrayal, God, and hope, along the way. The title of the book comes from the Africans' word for the disease. "The African way is to use a descriptive term—in this case what happens when people are languishing and melting away," Whitney says.

Whitney, who lives with her husband in Port Townsend, Wash., spoke with Arches about the book, her years in Africa, the AIDS crisis today, and how writing helps her "make my way in the world."

Arches: What is Slim about?

Whitney: On one level, of course, it's about the beginning of the AIDS crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. But I ran into a woman on the street who had read it, and she said, "I don't see it as being about AIDS so much as about soul." And that's sort of how I view it. It's really about two Africas. It's about contemporary Africa in postcolonial chaos, and it's about an older Africa that has wisdom and magic. It's about how the two come together, linked by this illness.

You spent a couple of years in Africa?

My husband is an orthopedic surgeon. When he was in his last year of residency, he came home and said, "You know, I heard about this American who started a hospital with the president of Zaire." I'd never heard of Zaire. They were looking for Western-trained physicians. We went over there for two years, in the mid-70s.

When we first got there, he was one of two orthopedists in a city of 2 million. When we left, I remember we were driving away in our taxi, and he just wept. There was no one to replace him.

Have you traveled elsewhere?

We've been back to Africa; we went to Malawi twice. My husband's a Vietnam vet, so we went to Vietnam—we've been there twice. That was a very healing experience. I think it's something that would be very good for all Vietnam vets to do. I taught English there as a second language to the nurses and doctors. That was very rewarding. Then we've been to St. Lucia in the Caribbean. And Indonesia.

Arches: Your husband was doing work in these countries?

He's involved in a program called Orthopedics Overseas. It's strictly volunteer. The basis of the program is teaching the locals to do this work.

Why did you write this book?

For me, place came first. Slim is the fourth novel I've written; the first to be published. The others are in a drawer somewhere. Two of those are also set in Africa.

AIDS came second.

When we were first there, AIDS was present, although we didn't know it. No one did. Then we heard about a Danish surgeon from Kinshasa at a different hospital who had died of an unknown illness. They saved her blood and later tested it, and she was found positive for HIV.

When we returned in 1987, we could see signs of the illness. But the government was in deep denial. Nobody was...
Time has a very different meaning everywhere. It tends to move what you see the presence of death during. You can't deny it any more—it's just there. It has changed. The government, how do you feel about the war on Iraq—that sort of thing? I think it's a mistake, and I don't think it's going to work.

The story is told through several protagonists. Did you choose that method for any particular reason, or is that just the way the story came out? When I initially wrote Slim, it was primarily from the point of view of expatriates, which of course theoretically was easier for me. But as it happened it was much easier to write from the perspective of Lydia and Almofo, a couple of the African characters. Then there's Suzanne, who is sort of like me. I think it's how fiction works, if you don't let go of the characters. I thought I knew them, but then I realized I didn't really understand them until I started writing about them.

When I wrote the first draft of this book, I was primarily from the point of view of the female characters. Then there's Suzanne, who is kind of like me. It's not a totally realistic depiction of myself, but it's something that comes out of my own experiences. I've been interested in the idea of the woman who is sort of like me, who is not exactly like me, but who represents a certain kind of woman and womanhood.

What do you think about President Bush's $15 billion plan to fight AIDS in Africa? You probably don't want to ask me about Bush. [laughs] No, I'm glad that he went to Africa, that he brought attention to it. I'm glad that he wants to spend money on it. But if we're spending billions per month in the war on Iraq—that sort of puts it into perspective. It's a start. Put it that way. It's a good start.

What are you working on now? I'm more than halfway through a memoir. It's a memoir about being a mother. And then after that I have another novel that I'm starting to make notes on. It's about growing up in Seattle.

What do you like about writing? [laughs] In some ways it's like asking whether I like breathing. It's something I've always done. I've been writing forever, from my days as an English major at UPS. It's a way, for me, of making my way in the world, of interpreting my life. It hasn't been a career so much as a spiritual practice.
The president is in residence

Puget Sound's new president likes Tacoma.
A lot.

Ron Thomas, his wife, Mary, and their cat, Firenze, (our only child, Thomas laughs) moved into the president's house at the corner of North 18th and Union in early July. The couple immediately felt at home.

"We're accustomed to living on a college campus," says Thomas, who lived in campus housing at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., for nearly all of his 13 years there. "But being in residence on the Puget Sound campus will be particularly satisfying—both a privilege and an opportunity. A privilege because of the beautiful surroundings and the enthusiastic people we meet every day, and an opportunity because the boundary between campus and town is blended. I come as a person with a strong commitment to the concept of the college as citizen."

Thomas took office July 16. Much of his time in the next several months will be spent learning about the university and its people.

"The best institutions are built on relationships," he says. "So a primary goal for me is to get out and meet as many people as I can and hear their goals and dreams, expectations and disappointments. I especially want to reach out to alumni and share with them how proud I am to be associated with this college. I want to communicate to them what an amazing asset they have with a degree from this institution."

University administrators are in the process of setting up a series of listening sessions with alumni and community leaders.

"These are meant to be a tutorial for me," Thomas says. "I'm delighted to be here, and I know I have a lot to learn."

The meetings will at first take place mostly in the Northwest, where most Puget Sound alumni reside. Later, Thomas will be introduced at alumni clubs nationally. Locations, dates, and times will be announced in the Alumni Calendar section of Arches.

Meanwhile, the Thomases are meeting their North End neighbors ("We were in the Metropolitan Market eight times during our first seven days," says Thomas) and enjoying a Northwest summer, something, as a Seattle native, Mary Thomas has experienced before. Mary is a classics scholar and former dean of students at Trinity, and says she is looking forward to returning to translating classical poetry. To learn more about the Thomases, see the winter edition of Arches, due out in early December, for a feature-length article profiling them. — CL
On a cool October evening, people from tribal communities statewide fill the Skokomish longhouse for the First Food ceremony, one in a series of seasonal rituals and celebrations that form the basis of the Puget Sound Salish tribes' traditional way of life.

Michael Pavel '81 walks the floor, peripherally aware of the young people serving elders and guests plates of food gathered, caught, and prepared in the way of their ancestors. The smell of alder-roasted salmon, baked clams, oysters, camas root, breads, and other freshly prepared foods wafts through the cedar-planked longhouse that is lined with multigenerational families enjoying one another's company.

Pavel disappears behind a wall of men and women drumming and singing. These revelers wear cedar bark, shells, and beads similar to the adornments of those who preceded them by hundreds of years.
Sacred Teachings

Michael Pavel ’81 labors to undo a century of cultural genocide and resurrect the language and life of the Salish peoples

By Sandra Sarr
beauty or an investment in art; they will feel that it brings them power and strength," he says.

The ceremony was all in a day’s work for Pavel, who regularly traverses the space between cultures.

**Destiny calls**

Only 60 miles separate the Skokomish Indian Reservation from the University of Puget Sound, but for Pavel that distance might as well have been the gulf between continents.

Leaving the reservation after graduating from a rural Mason County high school—“hardly college preparatory,” he recalls—required him to rely on his wit and the kindness of strangers during his first year of college. He remembers Puget Sound professors, coaches, and dining hall staff seeing promise in him as an 18-year-old and offering their time, counsel, jobs, and even food. With their support and Pavel’s own fierce determination, his life’s path began to reveal itself.

When Pavel was only 15, his uncle, Bruce Subiyay Miller, a Skokomish shaman, artist, ceremonial leader, and teacher, singled him out. “Michael showed an interest in learning the cultural ways at a young age. He just did things instead of talking about them,” Miller says. He told Pavel, “I expect you to earn a Ph.D. in the Western educational system.”

Miller then would entrust Pavel with the sacred teachings passed down to him by the elders, knowledge that had gone largely dormant over the past century due to influence by missionaries and interference by the government. Up until the 1970s, federal policy prohibited American Indians (Pavel uses American Indian/Alaska Native or Indians as generic terms to refer to 500-plus Indian nations in the United States) from practicing their spiritual beliefs and speaking their languages.

“But our language is part of our soul. We are dismembered when we lose our language, our land, our history, and our tradition,” Miller says. He had learned the language, stories, songs, weaving, and other traditions from his great grandmothers and great aunts, who were born in the late 1800s. They sought him out at age 4 because he’d shown aptitude and interest.

Now the calling is Pavel’s: “I know that when I’m gone, he will see that the knowledge is passed along,” Miller says. And Pavel has stayed focused on fulfilling this vision.

After completing his B.A. at Puget Sound in urban affairs with an emphasis in community planning and social theory, Pavel went on to earn an M.Ed. and Ph.D. in higher and adult education at Arizona State University. He is one of fewer than 100 American Indians to hold a tenured professorship at a major university in the United States.

The drumming grows louder and faster, and Pavel crouches behind a woven shroud held by two members of the Twana Dancers, a group formed to keep sacred songs and movements alive.

The covering drops, and Pavel emerges as Raven, wearing clothing woven by his wife, Susan, blue moccasins with yellow lightning bolts, and a large, beaked mask, hand carved by Skokomish artist Pete Peterson. Pavel cocks his head like a bird listening for distant sounds, and slowly he weaves his way into the crowd to the beat of drums and chants. Raven seems infused with a spirit not visible to the eyes.

“I was asked to ceremonially dance the mask. I was there to bring it alive,” Pavel says. “Whoever buys this mask will acquire more than an item of
research university in the United States: Washington State University in Pullman. In May, he received WSU's College of Education Faculty Excellence for Research Award, recognizing his work as a researcher, senior scholar with the Kellogg Foundation, and editorial board member for the American Education Research Association Journal. He is the author of two volumes on Indian education and is at work on what he hopes will be the definitive book on American Indians/Alaska Natives in higher education, describing "who we are, what we know, where we want to go," Pavel says.

Yet, above all other credentials on his resume, Pavel lists "tradition bearer of the Southern Puget Salish traditional culture, with a focus on learning the language, traditions, rituals, history, and ceremonial ways of life among the Twana and other Pacific Northwest Salish peoples."

"For this I am still being trained. I will never really graduate," he says. Pavel visits ceremonial leaders throughout Indian country, as well as those in indigenous cultures throughout the world to learn about the traditional ways of life that he knows will one day be partly his responsibility to help keep alive.

Two worlds; one ambition

Crisscrossing the state from Pullman to the foot of the Olympic Mountains near Hood Canal twice a month on average, it's not unusual for Pavel to teach a class and counsel doctoral students in WSU's School of Education on one day, serve as master of ceremonies at a Skokomish longhouse gathering well into the night the next day, and be back in Pullman soon after sunrise. "My loyalty is to both," he says.

"Some get confused about their different roles. I don't see any conflict," he says. "I see myself as a leader here on the reservation," Pavel said sitting in the Skokomish longhouse during WSU's winter break, "opening up access to young people and others who are searching with integrity for personal and cultural strength. In the same way, I see myself as a leader in the academy, opening up access and achievement opportunities for Indian people and others who want to get into the profession of higher education."

Karen James, an anthropologist who has worked for the Skokomish tribe since the 1970s and has known Pavel since he was in junior high school says, "I have seen a tremendous increase in the number of tribal members who earn college degrees. Michael has accomplished huge things. He has really devoted himself to learning about the past and how to make it work in the present. He has been a model and inspiration for children and adults to succeed in school. I have never heard him telling people what to do. He teaches by example."

On a summer afternoon, Miller and Pavel sit on Miller's porch peeling cedar bark into thin strips for weaving into hats and traditional Salish clothing, and Miller talks about improvements he's seen in the quality of life on the Skokomish reservation. Self esteem is up and mortality rates are down among the tribe's 800 members, a population that has grown from 527 in 1978. The education level of Skokomish Indians has risen dramatically, Pavel and Miller say, and the increase in marketable skills has led to better jobs for tribal members.

"Twenty-five to 30 years ago, people here were worried that no one was going to college. Now we have dozens of people who have acquired their bachelor's degrees, dozens who've earned graduate degrees. We have doctors, lawyers, accountants, and professors. This is relatively new."

"The native people are strong if they practice their culture," Pavel says. "You can see when people live by these beliefs. They keep a beautiful home, their dispositions are great, they're healthy. And you can also see where Indian people have lost their sense of harmony, power, and balance."

Other recent progress on the reservation is evidenced by the new longhouse filled with artists' carvings—painted in red, black, and white—that tell the creation story. Tribal members also have engaged in cooperative efforts with the U.S. Forest Service and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, which is based in nearby Belfair's Mary E. Theler Community Center.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Elder Pauline Flett (Spokane Tribe) and Wilson Wewa (Northern Payute) spontaneously dance to the beat of Skokomish tribal drummers. Pavel says: "We put elders from different tribes close to one another on sacred ground because they often feel alone in trying to keep their traditional culture alive within their community."
Language preserved

After the first frost comes the high ceremonial season of the Winter Guardian Spirit Dances. Puget Sound Salish hold spirit dances in smokehouses or longhouses throughout the winter. It is January, and the Skok longhouse is filled with 200 or more people representing tribes from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Joining them at the long tables set in rows are members of the Washington State Board of Education, who have been invited to celebrate the governor’s proclamation certifying native language teachers to teach in Washington schools. “Now all we need is some money for this,” Pavel says, only half joking.

“First peoples’ languages are falling silent. Despite tribal efforts, their languages are not fully incorporated into the school systems. This is a loss to the cultural heritage of the affected tribes and to the cultural resources of Washington state,” the Board of Education says in its written findings. In the longhouse that January night, Pavel, presiding over the ceremonies, invites board members to speak. Board member Warren Smith, chair of the Equity Committee, stands and says, “I hope you will continue the fight—it’s more than about language. It is my hope that the children in this longhouse won’t have to put up with what some of you older people have had to face during your lifetime.”

Also rising to speak is newly elected State Representative John McCoy of the Tulalip tribe. He recalls what some of the elders endured. “My father wouldn’t speak our language because it was beaten out of him. We are the generations that have been skipped, losing our language, but my grandchildren
are learning it today."

A Makah tribal leader stands and adds, "Our language was eradicated when our children were sent to government schools. But our way is not in the past. Look around this room. We're still singing our songs, speaking our language. It is an emotional time, what you people are doing to restore our languages. We wish you were here 100 years ago."

Abbey Smith of the Nooksack Indian Nation explains in an emotional voice, "My grandfather was the last Nooksack speaker. We are working with a professor on reviving the Nooksack language."

One by one, people of different ethnic backgrounds rise to voice support for restoring the languages that Miller calls the soul of his people. Washington's Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction Andy Griffin says, "I learn so much as I listen to you talk about your language. I think of what language I could have had but do not. You have a sense of home that I do not. But when I listen to your drums, I realize that I, too, have a home."

On cue from Pavel, teenagers clear away tables, and Makah dancers take the dirt floor, where the lead singer says, "We come with a happy heart. We bless your floor." Dancers spread bags of eagle down, considered very precious, on the longhouse floor to the sound of rattles and drums.

The Kalispels, Klallams, Yakamas, and others then have their say. Then Pavel's voice booms out, "20,000 years ago our people were here. We continue tonight," and a song that says, "Look at my heritage, that's you," is sung by one of the elders.

"All of these songs were the building blocks of a nation. Each component was important in making up the whole," Miller explains. "Everyone has a spirit song. You are empty without a personal song."

Pavel asks the Spirit to speak, to choose witnesses to the night's ceremonial tribute celebrating the advancement of teaching native languages in public schools. Four elders hear the call and offer themselves to state what they've seen as most meaningful. Colorful new blankets are laid on the floor where the elders sit in chairs. As young people wrap the three women and one man in wool blankets, Pavel explains, "We put elders from different tribes close to one another on sacred ground because they often feel alone in trying to keep their traditional culture alive within their community. We recognize them and their work. We make sure that these living treasures are honored by the people."

And, in spoken word, the elders begin to paint a portrait of the night. "What happened here tonight is communication. By coming together and listening to each other, we learn. Take a piece of our culture, and take care of it and honor it. We must listen to learn," says Vi Hilbert, a linguist, storyteller, and teacher from the Upper Skagit Tribe.

An elder from the Colville Confederated Tribes near Spokane offers his impressions. "Seeing elders speak their languages—I took that into my heart. Elders were beaming and happy, and I felt the goodness of this place. This is the first time I've been in a home like this and it felt good. From my home to this home I'd like to share a song." And he sings a song, explaining that it is about a sorrel horse and safe travels home.

Along with happiness, shame is also expressed.

Pat Hawk, a Swinomish living with the Skokomish for 40 years, admits, "I feel ashamed because I don't know my native tongue. What you did for the elders tonight was awesome. Different tribes have come together for one common thing: to bring back the native tongue. Every time we lose an elder, we lose a piece of our history."

Reason to persevere

Until the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act, federal policy could be used to prohibit American Indians from holding spiritual gatherings like the winter spirit dance that the Washington State Board of Education attended this year. This change took effect only three years before Pavel started college at Puget Sound.

He remembers it as a tense time for Indians because of the 1974 ruling by Judge George Boldt affirming treaty rights and entitling local Indians to have access to salmon "in their usual and accustomed places," a victory that stopped arrests of tribal members and affirmed their cultural identity. Pavel was a junior at Puget Sound when the Supreme Court upheld Boldt's controversial decision. He remembers being shunned by some on campus, but he also says, "I became a better person because of the good people at Puget Sound who saw my potential and took the time to assist me in my development."

The road that once took Pavel worlds away keeps leading him back home. His vision continues to unfold.

As culture bearer for his tribe, what is he most proud of? "Showing up. Doing it," Pavel says. "This way of life deserves to live. We as human beings were given the charge to care for, to nourish and protect this way of life. The more we live productively and in harmony, we all reap the rewards. That's why I do it."

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From your National Alumni Board President

Puget Sound continues to change, and for the good

It's September, and former high school seniors are moving into their dorm rooms on campus—the start of a new chapter in their lives. It is also the beginning of a new era for UPS, as Ronald R. Thomas takes office as 13th president.

All this is exciting for most. But with the many changes at the college over the years, I often hear alumni say Puget Sound simply isn't the same school they attended.

It's true. Puget Sound definitely is not the same place: It is better.

Do you remember the car you drove when you were a student on campus? How does it compare with what you drive now? You probably enjoy the power windows, CD changer, and cruise control on your current vehicle. What did you use to write your term papers? A typewriter, word processor, or a dos-based PC? I bet you prefer the capabilities of the computer you use today.

I think you see my point. For something to improve, it must, by definition, change.

The people of Puget Sound—the staff, faculty, alumni, and students you read about in Arches—continue to teach and inspire me. I am energized by the vitality of this institution and proud to claim today's Puget Sound as my alma mater.

So with President Thomas arriving on campus, Puget Sound anticipates a new chapter in its history. As did the presidents before him, Thomas will shape this campus, this community, this institution.

Pop philosopher Leo Buscaglia said, “Change. It has the power to uplift, to heal, to stimulate, surprise, open new doors, bring fresh experience and create excitement in life. Certainly it is worth the risk.”

I encourage you to participate in this special time in the life of Puget Sound by meeting President Thomas at alumni events in Denver, Tacoma, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Honolulu, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and New York. Or better yet, plan to join me on campus for Homecoming on October 10-11.

Sure, the university has changed since you left. But give it half a chance. I guarantee you'll love it all over again.

Ann Stevens '85

events

SWEET DEAL On July 12, alumni brought friends and family members for a brown bag picnic on the shores of Lake Sammamish. After lunch everyone embarked on a free tour of the Boehms Chocolate Factory in Issaquah, ending with a complimentary tasting of the locally made chocolates. The Seattle and Tacoma chapters of the Alumni Association coordinated the free event and welcome your inspired ideas for free, or next-to-free, educational, cultural, or recreational events to be held during summer 2004 in the Puget Sound area. Send your ideas to alumoffice@ups.edu, and we'll send you a free alumni car decal
The Byzantine Tacoma

‘the power of a work of art, like a poem, is to awaken us in the present to what we so often walk by but do not see.’

From time to time Arches will print the text of talks given by faculty members at alumni events. The following is excerpted from “Garden/Map/Poem—Three Graces, Three Pleasures,” which Associate Professor of Theatre Geoff Proehl presented at the insiders’ tour of the Tacoma Art Museum, the Washington State History Museum, and the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Feb. 22.

There is this third grace: a poem, and by poem I mean the work of art itself. My area is theater and so for this poem I might have chosen certain moments from within plays that resonate with such an immediate power as to nearly transform our lives.

Jamie confessing both his love and his hatred for his brother in the final act of Long Day’s Journey Into Night: he pulls Edmund to him with an embrace that almost crushes him, “Greater love hath no man than this, that he save his brother from himself”;

Olivia professing her love for a Cesario who is really a Viola in Twelfth Night: “Cesario, by the roses of the spring,/By maidhood, honour, truth and every thing,/I love thee so, that maugre all thy pride,/Nor wit nor reason can my passion hide” (3.1.161-64);

A count asking his wife’s pardon for his betrayal of her, for his unfaithfulness in the final moments of Mozart’s Marriage of Figaro in a duet opening a chorus that is for me perhaps the most transcendent moment in all of art.

But for today, because it has tiny pieces of glass in it and because we are near the water and because Dale Chihuly’s art is more than a little Byzantine and because I’m now two years past 50, I’ve chosen some lines from a real poem, not a play, a few well-known lines from “Sailing to Byzantium” by William Butler Yeats. In it, I think we can hear this writer talking about us, to us, here today. He’s gone on a journey to his own Museum of Glass, to a place of magnificence and artifice, a place with mosaics of sages standing at ease in the refining fires of some other hot shop.

II

An aged man [you see why I like this poem] is but a paltry thing,
A tattered coat upon a stick, unless
Soul clap its hands and sing, and louder sing
For every tatter in its mortal dress,
Nor is there singing school but studying
Monuments of its own magnificence;
And therefore I have sailed the seas and come
To the holy city of Byzantium

II

I

O sages standing in God’s holy fire
As in the gold mosaic of a wall,
Come from the holy fire, pern intersection in the presence of a work of art. It does not happen every day.

My favorite quote on the role of art is one by Victor Shklovsky, a Russian critic. He writes, “Art exists that one may recover the sensation of life; it exists to make one feel things, to make the stone stony.” For a moment, the cataracts of habit are washed away and we feel a bit like the man blind from birth in the Gospel of John who washed the clay and spittle from his eyes in the pool of Siloam and when questioned had little to say except for that which was most important, “One thing I know, ... Whereas I was blind, now I see.”
SEPTEMBER

Los Angeles and San Francisco Alumni Chapters
California Coastal Cleanup Day
September 20, 9 a.m.-noon
Alumni and family members join over 40,000 Californians for a day of community service to benefit California’s marine environments.

OCTOBER

THE FACES & PLACES of Puget Sound
HOMECOMING 2003

On Campus
Homecoming 2003
October 10 & 11
Bring your family, friends, and former classmates to enjoy campus.
There are 21 fun-filled events to choose from—many are free.
For a complete schedule go to www.ups.edu/homecoming

NOVEMBER

On Campus
Alumni Sharing Knowledge Night
September 25, 5:30-8 p.m.
Alumni teach students networking skills by offering advice, talking about career paths, and sharing professional resources.

San Francisco Alumni Chapter
Alumni Picnic followed by Football Game
Loggers vs. Menlo College
Bay Area
November 1, noon

DECEMBER

Seattle Alumni Chapter
Meet Ron Thomas, Puget Sound’s 13th President
December 9, 6:30-8 p.m.
Columbia Tower Club
Reception and conversation

JANUARY

Meet Ron Thomas, Puget Sound’s 13th President
President Thomas will be traveling to San Francisco on January 20 and Los Angeles on January 22 to meet alumni and parents.
Watch this space in the winter edition of Arches for times and locations.

Portland Alumni Chapter
Business Breakfast
January 28, 7:30 a.m.
Multnomah Athletic Club

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
for autumn, with classmate profiles on:

- comedian and author Ross Shafer '75 and
- champion of plain talk Brian Fugere '80
'44 Patrick Kearney reports that he saw Bill Fee featured on ABC’s Nightline Memorial Day program. Bill spoke about his days in the Army Specialized Training Program at the College of Puget Sound and his role as a combat infantryman in General Patton’s 11th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge.

'47 The Tacoma Historical Society awarded Charlotte Plummer Medlock the 2003 Murray Morgan Award at its annual meeting in April. Named for the late Murray Morgan, a noted Tacoma author and historian, the award recognizes individuals who contribute significantly to the preservation and communication of local history. Charlotte has played key roles in the society’s annual tour of historic homes, is editor of the City of Destiny Newsletter, and leads the Tacoma Historical Writers Group.

'47 Stortini ‘55 also was recognized at the ceremony.

'54 Willis “Bill” Peacock retired from the Department of Occupational Medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Portland, Ore. Before his 10 years there, Bill spent 25 years as a family practitioner in the Aloha and Beaverton suburbs of Portland. He and his wife, Robin, celebrated 10 years of marriage on July 18. Bill looks forward to the 50th reunion of the Class of ’54 next fall.

'55 At the Tacoma-Pierce County Old Timers Baseball-Softball Hall of Fame banquet on May 30, Joe Stortini received the Dill Howell Award for his longtime contributions to the sport. A member of the baseball team during his time at Puget Sound, Joe still plays in the 70- and-over softball league. He was the most valuable player at the World Games in 2000 and 2002. Fellow Logger Dick Colombini ‘53 also was recognized at the ceremony. Joe also received a Distinguished Citizen of the Year award from the Municipal League of Tacoma-Pierce County for outstanding community service.

'58 Although Donald Cramer writes that he is in “semi-retired mode” as a Methodist minister from the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, he keeps busy as a handyman near Issaquah, Wash., where he lives. Along with other handyman tasks, he outfits homes with the proper equipment to enable senior citizens to live independently. Donald writes that his wife of 44 years, Claudia Rawson Cramer ’60, died unexpectedly in July 2002.

'59 Charles Falskow retired in 1998 after 35 years in the surety bond field. He lives in Fircrest, Wash.

PREVIOUS PAGE Tapestry artists, Margo Wilson Macdonald ‘76, Cecilia Blomberg, and Mary Lane collaborated on this 5’x5’ labyrinth tapestry. They initially met as members of Tapestry Artists of Puget Sound (TAPS). When the trio decided they wanted to create more opportunities to work collaboratively, they formed Pacific Rim Tapestries. The Labyrinth Tapestry is PRT’s first attempt at computer-aided design. Once the labyrinth design was scanned into Photoshop software, they worked together to create the color palette and design. Each was responsible for a third of the actual construction. Seated side-by-side, listening to and discussing National Public Radio, the three created the tapestry in four months, working on it one to two days per week. See more work by PRT artists at pacificrimtapestries.home.att.net/tapestries.htm.

For Margo, the medium of tapestry weaving is an anachronism in this day of instant information. “It is as slow as it was in the Middle Ages; it’s an act of rebellion to make art this way.” She explains, “The slow pace of tapestry weaving is one of the things that draws me to it.” Margo begins by using an overhead projector to trace an image or design. She then creates a color drawing of the image before choosing the yarns that will become her paint. “Sometimes the end result surprises you,” she said. “The piece will often take its own course.” Margo’s résumé is packed full of selected commissions and sales, single-person and group exhibitions, and teaching experience. Last year, Margo accepted a part-time teaching position at Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma as the sixth grade art and upper school 2D foundations instructor. She lives in Vaughn, Wash., with her husband, Bruce Macdonald ’76. — Cathy Tollefson ‘83
Gary Andersen is the owner and artist of Lakebay Pottery. He began his business after teaching high school for 26 years. Gary specializes in custom orders such as specialty mugs for restaurants. He offers pottery lessons at his studio and his work can be seen at the Ebb Tide Cooperative Gallery in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Thomas Barnard, chair of Ulmer & Berne’s Employment and Labor Law Group in Cleveland, was named one of two top employment and labor law lawyers in Ohio.

Ron Woodard joined the board of Continental Airlines in May 2003, after 32 years with The Boeing Company. He retired from his position as president of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group in 1999. He formed an industrial engine company called MagnaDrive Corp, where he served as president, chief executive, and continues as chair of the company. Ron also chaired the Seattle Symphony from 1992 to 2001 and is a trustee for Puget Sound.

James Stewart was named chief lending officer at the Whidbey Island Bank in Oak Harbor, Wash. He joined the bank in 2002 as senior vice president and regional manager of Skagit County. James has worked in the banking field for 35 years.

Joan Stover M.S. was featured in the Jan. 2003 trade publication, Financial Services Advisor. She has been an adjunct faculty member for the College for Financial Planning in Greenwood Village, Colo., since 1991. Since 1993, she has been creating and conducting online e-courses for WashingtonOnline, which supports all 34 community and technical colleges within the state of Washington’s community and technical college system.

Michael “Mick” Kelleher ’69 is the first base coach for the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

Daniel Martin is a financial advisor and owner of WestStar Financial Group, LLC, in Portland, Ore. His focus includes retirement, employee benefit, and investment planning.

Hal Neace was named British Petroleum Teacher of Excellence in 2003 for the state of Alaska. He was among 26 educators who were selected statewide and one of seven chosen from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Hal has been teaching for 27 years and is a science teacher at Homer Middle School. He reports that his daughters, Heather Neace ’02 and Sally Neace ’99, are both doing well.

Jim Henderson B.A.’69, M.B.A. ’76 is coordinator of the Newspapers in Education program for The News Tribune in Tacoma. He assists teachers who want to use the newspaper in their classroom as an educational tool. He also was president of the Tacoma ’88 Rotary in 2002-03 and has been a member of the club since 1984.

Michael “Mick” Kelleher is the first base coach for the Detroit Tigers baseball team. He left the university in 1969 after signing his first major league contract. He had a 11-year professional career before joining the Tigers’ coaching staff. He resides in Solvang, Calif.

A. Colleen Smith officially retired in June after 30 years in education. She writes: “I’m still having too much fun teaching to give it up completely, so I plan to continue working (at least part-time) for a few more years.” She resides in Puyallup, Wash., and works for the Bethel School District.

Larry Yok B.A. ’69, M.B.A. ’80 is director of the Human Resources Consulting Group for Group Health Cooperative. He also teaches management courses part-time at the University of Phoenix’s Washington campus, and at San Francisco State University’s downtown campus. Larry says: “I still run 5K and 8K events, but at a ponderous nine-minute-mile pace.”

Edward Galen is a physician at Northwest Gastroenterology Clinic in Portland, Ore. He treats individuals with digestive and liver disorders.

George Simonsen B.M. ’71, M.M. ’77 continues teaching orchestra for the Kelso School District. He has been with the district for more than 30 years. He writes: “Within the past few years, the high school chamber orchestra has auditioned and competed in three international music competitions, winning gold medals in Canada, San Francisco, and Chicago.” In addition to teaching, George conducts the Southwest Washington Symphony, plays in a string quartet, referees varsity basketball, and finds time to fish for salmon and steelhead. His wife, Patricia Kihara Simonsen ’72, continues to teach elementary grades for the Longview School District. Their daughter, Erica, graduated from the University of Washington in June.

Lynn Humphrey Kahoolalaha writes: “I am a vice principal at a high school in Lahaina, Maui. I have completed my master’s in education, and I am almost finished with my administration certification. I have course to go. It’s never too late to change to a different career within education. I am so grateful to UPS for giving me the educational foundation upon which I have developed my professional career. Mahalo nui loa!”

Jill Schweitzer is an admissions residence assistant at the University of Oregon in Eugene. She and her high school aged daughter, Mary, have just purchased a new home. She writes: “We’re going to paint each room in our house a different color.” Her oldest son, Nicholas, lives and works in Richmond, Va., and son Oliver lives in Madrid, Spain, where he is on a mission for his church.

Rex Bell retired in June 2003 after a 29-year career in education. He began as a junior high school principal, moved on to high school level classes, and most recently served as the junior and senior high school principal for the Occo School District in Westport, Wash. Rex earned several awards throughout his career, including being named the Educator of the Year in 2003 by the Washington State A/B Principals Association.

Annette Holmstrom won a $5,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for writing a four-unit high school curriculum titled “Epidemiology in Action,” which will appear on The College Board’s Web site. The competition is part of an effort to promote awareness of public health and the field of epidemiology. Annette also received a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Leadership Grant in 2001-02, which furnished $13,000 worth of technology for her classroom. She teaches advanced placement placement psychology at Curtis High School in University Place, Wash.

Care Dressel Tuk and husband Bill Tuk write: “David Donofrio ’74 from UPS Ph D days sold us on the Great White North/Last Frontier. Now we are neighbors (literally), hooking kings, basking in the reality of Alaska, living on the Little Susitna River with the Takteeta Mountains as a backdrop, all the while enjoying Phil Delt and UPS alum friends who come to visit.” Care continues to rehab from a brain bleed and back surgery.

Joan Joachims, a Tacoma artist, displayed her oil paintings at the Enumclaw City Hall’s council chambers in June. The Tacoma Public Library’s Hanford Gallery featured her paintings in a single-person exhibition in 2002.

Lynn Nordby M.P.A. retired as city administrator on Bainbridge Island. He has 30 years in municipal service and is moving on to become senior project manager at MuniFinancial, a California-based consulting firm.

Bill Moss B.A. ’77, M.P.A. ’81 received a Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the Municipal League of Tacoma-Pierce County at their annual awards luncheon in June. Fellow Logger Joe Sortini ’55 was also recognized.

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Lonnie Dick is director of Portland General Electric in Oregon. He develops large-scale utility infrastructure, oversees construction, and long-term operations.
Helen O'Donell is president of Ventura Unified Education Association, the teachers union in Ventura, Calif. She also serves as a representative to the California Teachers Association. Helen has taught for 15 years.

John Monroe writes: "I recently retired as director of the 277 program management for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, having spent my entire career of 37 years with Boeing. During that time I was able to travel extensively in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, capping off in Jan. 2003 with my 19th visit to Israel. Retirement plans include spending more time with my family and friends, relaxing and enjoying the 'fruits of my labors,' and giving back to my community, in particular through my efforts with the Economic Development Council of Snohomish County and the Center for Career Alternatives." John and his wife, Chrits, live in Everett, Wash.

Randy Moon was promoted to executive director of the YMCA of Tacoma-Pierce County's Child Care Branch. He brings 21 years of experience to the newly created position.

Bob Van School M.P.A. has been the commissioner of the Port of Olympia for nine years, and will be up for election to a third term in November. Bob also works as the budget director in the Department of Natural Resources. His daughter, Andrea School '98, carries on the Puget Sound tradition.

The Association of Washington School Principals named Ben Wright M.P.A. Distinguished Principal of the Year for 2003. He is the first Seattle-area principal to receive the award. Under his leadership and initiatives, the students at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School have made marked increases in their state assessment test scores.

John Gehrt M.B.A. is managing director of Quick Start Shared Services, LLC, which provides companies with financial management, accounting, and human resources services.

Joanna Graham was named manager of Boeing Company Client services for Regence BlueShield. Her previous experience at Boeing and her 20 years of experience in employee benefit administration were cited as credentials for her new position.

Nathan Kester is a self-employed radiologist, with emphasis on MRI and teleradiology, a means of electronically transmitting radiographic patient images and consultative text from one location to another. He is also a partner and owner of Southwest Missouri MRI and chief of radiology at Doctor's Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

The city of Raleigh, N.C., proclaimed June 13 Charles Robert Kele Day. The city and the West Raleigh Rotary Club recognized Kele for his service with the Raleigh Jaycees, Crossroads Fellowship, and his employer, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, for organizing activities that welcome newcomers to Raleigh. Charles has been doing singles ministry for 16 years, and has created programs such as S.W.A.M.P. (Singles Without a Meal Plan), and Night on the Town, a socially oriented ministry that helps singles from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds meet.

Washington state Governor Gary Locke appointed Jannet J. "J." McCament M.B.A. to the Washington Board of Registration for Architects. J.J. has 25 years of experience in management, real estate development, land use, economic development, and teaching. She lives in Tacoma.

Ron Rudy M.B.A. was elected to the board of directors of Shoreline Bank in Shoreline, Wash. He has been an investor, developer, and property manager since 1997, and has held several executive level positions. Ron resides in Edmonds, Wash.

Nancy Pittenger Arend was promoted to vice president of Weyerhaeuser. She lives in Boring, Ore., with husband Ken Gindroz.

Washington state Governor Gary Locke appointed Mary Roberts to fill a judicial vacancy on the King County Superior Court. Prior to her appointment, Mary served as a labor and employment attorney with the Frank Fred Roberts Subit and Thomas law firm in Seattle.

Jeff Crane writes: "After most of a year of intense rehabilitation, I’ve returned full-time to the Arizona Department of Public Safety as writer, editor, and designer for a magazine that is sent to law enforcement agencies throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The rehab was a result of a skull fracture from a fall when I was putting up Christmas lights here in Phoenix, where I’ve lived for about 20 years. From what I was told, I was given last rites, the whole bit. But obviously I’m here, still married and have a stepdaughter, who recently made me a grandfather, and an eight year old daughter, Cody, who has a crush on Ichiro.”

Peter Warren joined Pacific Northwest Bank as a vice president and senior relationship officer for the bank's King County commercial banking team. He will establish and maintain business client relationships in King County and the Greater Puget Sound region. Peter brings 28 years of corporate banking experience to his new position. His wife, Susan, along with their children, reside in Bothell, Wash.

Teresa Adamsen writes: "I have two wonderful daughters, 16 and 12, and recently received a promotion to my current position with Micron. I’m positive the education I received at UPS has played a large part in my success." Teresa is the regional credit manager, North America for Micron Semiconductor Products, Inc., in Boise, Idaho.

Timothy Toombs lives in the Bay area and is a senior research scientist in genetics at Celera Diagnostics based in Alameda, Calif.

The Tacoma Sunrise Rotary Club named J.T. Wilcox Businessperson of the Year. He is the corporate director of the family-owned Wilcox Farms Inc., based in Roy, Wash. J.T. is the fourth generation family member to manage the business, which produces dairy and egg products for markets throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Erin Cassidy Galeno is the internal audit director for Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash.

Rob Laverty is the regional sales manager for Harte-Hanks PennySaver, based in Brea, Calif. He and wife Bonnie have been married for 13 years, and have a four-year-old son they adopted from Romania. The family lives in Escandon, Calif., with their two golden retrievers. Rob includes: "A great job. A blessed life!"

Carla Line Pelster is a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, specializing in contingency war planning. Her husband, William Pelster '88, is a senior manager and IT consultant for Deloitte Consulting in Gig Harbor, Wash., where the couple resides. Both earned master's degrees from Missouri State University in 1990.

Meredith "Duffer" Hollers Vick writes: "My family moved to the Albuquerque, N.M., area in March 2003 (state number 7 in 13 years), due to a job transfer for my husband. He has been
Ross Shafer ’75

Laughter is golden

The first thing Ross Shafer did after graduation was slide into women’s lingerie.

Well, not literally into women’s lingerie. More like into the selling of it, a job that, shall we say, exposed something about his life to come: Shafer, a six-time Emmy Award winner, motivational speaker, and at one time owner of the world’s only stereo-store-and-pet-shop, would not be following anything resembling a traditional career path.

The man whose credits also include authoring *Cooks Like a Stud*, and *Nobody Moved Your Cheese: How to Ignore the Experts and Trust Your Gut*, and who mounted a campaign to change Washington state’s official song from “Washington, My Home” to “Louie, Louie,” says it was partly the feeling he was a bit of an outsider that drove him from marketing graduate to progenitor of successful, if a trifle offbeat, ventures.

“I had trouble finding anything that I was passionate about, or that made me happy,” says Shafer, 50, who grew up in Federal Way, Wash., and now resides in southern California with his wife, Leah. He has two grown sons, Adam and Ryan.

To be sure, Shafer displayed hints early on that lurking inside him was an entrepreneur and entertainer yearning to break free. As a child, his ability to force milk out of his nose or fit an entire deck of cards in his mouth earned points with his young schoolmates. Then there was that time (he credits UPS with his first professional comedy gig) when Serhi Solidarios hired him and football teammate Ron Reeves ’76 as a singing comedy duo (appropriately called The Linebacks) for several UPS functions. A brief stint as a shopping mall public address announcer instilled dreams of Carson-like fame.

And Shafer’s entrepreneurial zeal, which still shows no signs of slowing, was clearly made manifest with his post-graduation creation of the “combination pet and stereo store” business, a niche that to this day contains just that one contribution.

“My business partner and I realized that a conventional stereo store didn’t get year-round traffic,” says Shafer, whose employment history also includes a number of “regular” jobs, “so we began selling pets and pet supplies.”

The concept was a huge novelty that garnered much publicity and brought in lots of traffic, but little money, and the venture soon folded. Still, the dots were beginning to connect between Shafer’s talents for publicity, marketing, and comedy, and his ability to repeatedly reincarnate his career.

A community play awoke a love for the stage. Goaded by a friend, he tried out for a stand-up comedy competition. “I was marginally witty,” he says. Witty enough to win the 1983 Showtime Comedy Laugh-Off and four years as a host, actor, and writer of “Almost Live,” Seattle’s seminal late-night comedy show, which led to six Emmys, his own radio program, and the aforementioned “Louie, Louie” campaign in 1986.

“That began simply as a blatant attempt to generate publicity for ‘Almost Live,’” says Shafer. “But it took on a life of its own ... to the point where we had 5,000 people chanting ‘Louie, Louie’ on the capitol steps.” The legislature eventually rejected the proposal, but the attended hoopla elevated “Louie, Louie” to the status of an unofficial state anthem, and the effort put Shafer and “Almost Live” on the map, garnering a Dubious Achievement Award in *Esquire* magazine.

Shafer’s exposure on TV developed into, he writes on his Web site (rossshafer.com), “a disturbing and almost profitable pattern” of stints as host to game shows such as “The Match Game” and “Love Me—Love Me Not.” Along the way, Shafer-the-entrepreneur discovered another way for Shafer-the-comedian to fulfill his passion for writing, comedy, and a regular paycheck.

“My line of work means I’m on the road a lot, staying in hotels, eating in restaurants,” he says. “I’m in constant contact with people in the service industry. And I was amazed at how bad service was.”

A chance encounter with a room-service clerk who went out of her way to bring Shafer his favorite soda illuminated light bulbs over his head, and the “Many Happy Returns—a program on customer service” employee training video was born.

“It really just wrote itself,” says Shafer, who had found time to work as an employee trainer in one of his past jobs. The success of “Many Happy Returns” prompted the production of a dozen or so other training films, filled with basic service messages and laced with gentle humor. It also attracted the attention of corporations that were looking for someone to deliver motivational words of wisdom to their employees in person. Which is how he added stand-up comedic motivational business speaker to his repertoire.

“As it turns out, it’s not just one thing that makes me happy,” says Shafer. “Because I’m able to wear a lot of hats, I can maintain my interest and my passion.”

And then there’s always that lingerie job to fall back on. — Tod Jones
with GMAC for 17 years and is the branch manager here. Of course, this means I’m doing the ‘full-time mom’ thing, trying to find places to put everything in our new house. I also volunteer coach the shot put and discus for my kids’ youth track team. Our kids, Joey, 9, and Haley, 7, will be in the fourth and third grades, respectively, and will be playing and cheerleading for youth football. I’d love to hear from any old friends at jvick@att.net."

Catherine Ernst Matelich married Gordon Gould on Nov. 9, 2002, in Boulder, Colo., where they also reside.

**'88 Robert Rainey** is an advertising specialist with one of the largest providers of senior housing in the world, Holiday Retirement Corporation. He lives and works in Salem, Ore.

**'89 Lawrence Bradley** is a band teacher for grades five through seven for the University Place School District in University Place, Wash.

Sharon McDonald Klumpenhower is a homemaker in Tacoma and writes: “Raising my daughter Becca is the joy of my life.”

**James Roberts** opened The Cove restaurant at the Captain Whidbey Inn on Whidbey Island, Wash., on Memorial Day weekend. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York City, he worked under several well-known chefs in Manhattan before returning to the Seattle area. James previously worked at Rover’s in Seattle for seven years before returning home to Whidbey Island to open The Cove. His wife, Selina, manages the restaurant. The couple has a three-year-old son.

Richard Waymire is a group program manager for Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. He has managed the SQL Server development team for five years, and lives in Issaquah.

**'90 Burt Clothier** is a principal hydrogeologist and partner in Robinson & Noble, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in the development and production of groundwater resources, based in Tacoma.

Julie Trausch-Van Horn Gardner and husband Steve Gardner celebrated their first wedding anniversary on June 23. Julie has been enjoying her step-children, Miles and Sydney Gardner, and will be starting her 12th year as a high school math teacher this fall. She adds: “Friends, if you are ever in Colorado, you’ll have a place to stay.”

Lisa Dick Hulteen and husband John Hulteen both earned their doctorates in chemistry at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. John went on to a post-doctoral position in Colorado and Lisa at Princeton. They were both able to find jobs at the 3M company in Minn. On April 18, 2001, they welcomed son Jacob Riley Hulteen to their family. They live in Afton, Minn., and have, for the past five years, enjoyed the state’s hot summers and cold winters.

**Dale McPherson** was selected as University Place’s Teacher of the Year for 2003. He is a seventh-grade teacher at Narrows View Intermediate School. Dale’s wife, Lauren, is an elementary-grade school teacher, and they have a daughter in college and a son in high school.

Vickie Hood Wirthman writes: “A year ago my husband, David, and I moved to Northern Virginia from the San Francisco Bay Area. I drove alone across the U.S. with our two dogs, which was the best road trip I have ever had! We love Northern Virginia, where we bought a beautiful home in Potomac Falls, near Sterling. I would love to meet some alums from this area and to hear from any old friends who I’ve lost touch with. Our e-mail is wirthman@sonic.net.”

**Lee Posey** continues as pastry chef at the Pearl Bakery, located in the Pearl District of Portland, Ore. She began baking during a break between graduation from Puget Sound and continuing on to graduate school. Lee’s break soon developed into a successful career working in Portland area restaurants before joining the Pearl, a venture that opened in 1997.

Valerie Anderson Sherman is a disability management administrator with The Boeing Company. She and husband Johnathan Sherman ’89 have two sons, Will and Ben, nearly 7 and 3 respectively.

Rachelle Blair Yoshida and Takashi Yoshida are proud to announce the birth of their first son. (See his picture in the Scrapbook section of the magazine.) Rachelle and her husband are the owners and head teachers of Apples English School, an English conversation school in Japan. She writes: “We keep busy balancing our new addition and our school. We were thrilled to have Julie Pyatt ’90 visit us again during the last Pac Rim trip (the third group that’s passed by since I’ve been here). We recently moved into an amazingly large 100-year-old traditional Japanese house, with lots of space, courtyard garden, secret ninja staircases, and plenty of room for company! Congratulations to Greg Craven ’91 and Jodi Coleman ’91 on their wedding! I would’ve liked to be there. Warm hugs and hello’s to the entire Outhaus gang, Pac Rim 1990-91 group, Professor Suzanne Barnett, David Hulthen, Chris Ives, Mansion, George, Nhude, and Jennifer Davis Hobbs ’91. I miss you all and wish you well!”

**'91**

**'92 After being out of work for several months, Kristin Gottlieb Atkinson started her own company. She is the sole proprietor of TE Productions, a marketing firm currently contracting with the National Psoriasis Foundation.**

Melanie Kelsey writes: “I have lived in Edmonds, Wash., for four years and am a budget analyst with the City of Bellevue. In my spare time I scuba dive and golf. I also volunteer with a domestic violence organization in Seattle and help out my sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, where I am an advisor for the UPS chapter. I would love to hear from other alumni at smrblnd@qte.net.”

The National Association of State Directors of the Career Technical Education Consortium presented Lisa Edwards Fletcher M.E.D., the Star of Education Award. The annual award goes to a state educator who has exhibited distinguished service, leadership, vision, and achievement in career and technical education. Lisa is executive director of the Pierce County Careers Consortium. She previously held faculty positions in the Puyallup School District, and at Bates Technical College in Tacoma.

Antje Spethmann joined Eisenberg and Associates, a graphic design firm in Dallas, Texas, as vice president of business development. She has worked in the communications field for 13 years, most recently as a recruiter and account director. Antje has lived in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area for seven years and enjoys mountain biking, running, and climbing.

**Ryan Collier** became a partner at the law firm Clark Lindsey in Salem, Ore. He specializes in estate planning, probate, business and real estate law, and litigation. He and wife Holly Price-Crowell Collier ’92 have three sons that are doing great. The National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C., selected Amelia Young Poor to participate in a Summer Seminar for Schoolteachers in Siena, Italy. Amelia was one of 15 participants chosen in competition from all parts of the U.S. The seminar, titled “Dante’s Commedia” will last six weeks. She credits much of her interest in Dante to Professor Michael Curley in the English and honors programs at Puget Sound. Amelia teaches English in the International baccalaureate program at Capital High School in Olympia, Wash. Tracy Burch Johnson and husband Mark announce the birth of their son, Andrew David, on March 5, 2003. Andrew joins big sister Megan, almost 4. Tracey is a full-time mother and lives in Redmond, Wash.

Steven Kauffman earned a second bachelor’s degree in computer science from the University of Washington in 1999. He is a senior software engineer at Siemens Medical Solutions U.S.A., Inc., Ultrasound Group in Issaquah, Wash., where he writes code for diagnostic ultrasound machines. Steven lives in Seattle.

Garrett Koen is executive vice president of Tri-City Brokerage in San Francisco where he is a corporate insurance broker. He resides in Lafayette, Calif.

Brian Riley B.A. ’93, M.A.T. ’98 writes: “I am teaching 4th grade at Hillside Elementary School at Fort Lewis, Wash. Many of the students have parents who are overseas, participating in the war effort, so we are working extra hard at Hillside to keep our students in a positive frame of mind during this difficult time.”

Kristy Spencer completed her master’s degree in educational psychology and is a counselor for the Hawaii Department of Education. She lives in Honolulu.

Lorna Casey Wheaton writes: “In March, my husband, Chris, our daughter, Lily, and I packed up our worldly belongings and departed Northern California to relocate in the Seattle area. While we’ll miss the Bay Area, which we called home for more than six years, we’re happy to be back in the Northwest and excited to catch up with old friends. I’m currently taking a leave from the paycheck world to be an-at-home Mommy to Lily and loving it. I can be reached at lorna@thewheatons.com.”

Kelly Wheeler B.A. ’93, M.A.T. ’94 teaches 10th grade communication arts and honors American literature for the Bethel School District in Spanaway, Wash.
On Memorial Day weekend, James Roberts ’89 opened The Cove restaurant at the Captain Whidbey Inn, Whidbey Island, Wash.

Rob Woodford B.A. ’93, M.A.T. ’94 has been the journalism advisor and an English teacher at Kennewick High School in Kennewick, Wash., since leaving Puget Sound.

’94 Michelle Swan- son Dummer was named to the board of directors for the Girl Scout Totem Council. She is a product marketing manager for Microsoft, a guild member for Children’s Hospital in Seattle, and has served as a campaign coordinator for United Way of King County’s annual fundraising.

Kristin Watson Hill writes: “After deciding to try out Division I coaching three years ago, Jason and I moved from Denver, Colo., to College Station, Texas, where I am the assistant women’s swimming coach at Texas A&M University. College Station is a great college town, but definitely different from big city Denver (I even say y’al right). Jason and I enjoy traveling, and went with the team to Barbados this year for our holiday training—our new favorite place! We have seen and corresponded with a lot of you over the past year, but would love to reconnect with others!” You can contact Kristin at khill@ athletics.tamu.edu.

Lori Miyamoto earned her M.B.A. and a M.S. in information management from Arizona State University in 2002. Lori works for the Poway, Calif.-based PC maker, Gateway, as a senior strategy analyst.

Elizabeth O’Brien Rich is an Oracle database administrator for Lithuania Lighting in Conyers, Ga., where she resides with her husband, Charles.

Kathryn Kincaid Rockwell B.A. ’94, M.A.T. ’95 teaches middle school social studies and language arts in Louisville, Ky. She is married and has a daughter who is nearly 4.

Editor’s gaffe: We incorrectly reported a Class Note submission from Vera Divenyi ’95 in the summer ’03 issue of the magazine. We indicated her former employer as Enron, when in fact she had been employed with Arthur Andersen. Here is Vera’s entire submission:

Vera Divenyi writes: “After losing my job in Geneva, Switzerland, (thanks to Enron and Andersen) and deciding that I would never again work for an accounting firm, I had just about decided that it was OK to ride my bike and ski for the next few months when I was offered a position with the UN as an attorney in the Compensation Committee. I almost felt a pang of sadness to give up my morning teleport and afternoon rides. This new experience will be welcomed though, and so are any alums passing through Geneva!”

David Feinberg and wife Anne Harris Feinberg ’96 lived in Chicago for the past two years while David attended the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He completed his M.B.A. in June, and is starting a real estate company in Chicago. Anne was the art director at Click2 Beaum.com for the past four years but was laid off last fall. Since then, she has been working as a freelance designer while she gets her own business off the ground. David writes: “We spent a few amazing weeks in Thailand recently and are determined to continue traveling.”

John Fratt Jr. is busy working on photography and film projects as the owner of FRATT Productions in Vancouver, Wash. He has one film entered in a film festival, and another film in production. John has a three-year-old son. He adds: “I’m looking for Bryan Mackie ’95.”

Joel Klappenbach and wife, Becky Hemmen Klappenbach ’94, were married in 1995 and moved to East Lansing, Mich., where Joel received a doctoral degree in microbiology at Michigan State University in 2001. He continues at MSU as a postdoctoral research associate, focusing on the bacterial remediation of uranium contaminated groundwater and DNA-based methods to detect bacterial pathogens in drinking water. Becky works for Pfizer, Inc., in drug safety research. They recently purchased their first home and have been spending the summer exploring the Michigan lakes and rivers in kayaks. They would love to hear from friends and alumni at klappenbach@comcast.net.

John Lindquist and wife Heather Hess-Lindquist, along with their son, Charles, welcomed twin babies to their family. John Henry Aaron and Laura Brook were born Nov. 7, 2002. John also writes: “I was promoted to executive vice president of Lindquist Mortuaries, a family owned business in Ogden, Utah. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross of Northern Utah, on the Ogden Weber Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and on the Board of Trustees for Enable Industries. Enable Industries is a corporation that provides employment opportunities for disabled individuals. I also serve on the Advisory Board for the Dumke College of Health Sciences at Weber State University.”

Eustacia Mahoney is director of prevention, youth initiatives, for the American Cancer Society in Seattle. She manages cancer prevention strategies for Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Montana with a primary focus on youth advocacy and school health policies and programs.

Mary Matthews-Brownell is an occupational hand therapist for MultiCare Health Systems in Tacoma. She is also working on her master’s of health administration at Chapman University.

Chris Mortenson is living in Caracas, Venezuela, where he teaches middle school science at Escuela Campo Alegre, an international school.

Michael Enz earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Oregon in June, and has accepted a position as an assistant professor of economics at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass.

Alumni answer box

As a Puget Sound alum, how do I...

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get my transcript?
253-879-2641
order classic logo wear from the Alumni Corner of the Online Bookstore?
www.bookstore.ups.edu/alumnicorner
find current Puget Sound students for part-time or summer jobs in my workplace?
253-879-3161
find Puget Sound students or graduates for internships or full-time job opportunities in my workplace?
253-879-3337
use the Alumni Online Community to look up friends and receive a personal lifetime e-mail forwarding address?
253-879-2924, www.ups.edu/alumni/olc_intro.htm
order tickets for an on-campus event?
253-879-3419
attend the annual College Search Workshop for alumni families, sponsored by admission?
800-396-7191
purchase a facilities use card or a guest pass to work out in the Fieldhouse?
253-879-3140
get a library card?
Visit the library circulation desk
audit a class?
253-879-3217
attend a class if I am visiting campus?
General Campus Info—253-879-3100 to request the academic department offering the class of your choice
make a gift to the university?
253-879-2921, www.ups.edu/cour/development/home.htm

Volunteer Opportunities
assist with events in my regional Alumni Association chapter?
253-879-3245, alumoffice@ups.edu
help with my class reunion?
253-879-3245, alumoffice@ups.edu
serve on the National Alumni Board?
253-879-3430, www.ups.edu/alumni/NABapplication.htm
assist with student recruiting in the Alumni in Action program?
253-879-3245, alumoffice@ups.edu
assist current students or recent graduates in career choice or finding a job via the Alumni Mentorship/Internship Program?
253-879-3245, alumoffice@ups.edu
Jason Hays and wife Sarah Drummond Hays '97 were married in Sept. 1998. Their daughter, Emiko Anne Hays, was born June 22, 2002. The family resides in Portland, Ore.

Carolyn Law writes: "I have started my own photography business, Law's of Light Photography, in San Francisco to try to turn a hobby into a vocation. It is filled with challenges but incredibly self-satisfying. I am also a graduate student in organizational psychology at John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, Calif. I am obtaining a certificate in organizational coaching from JFK. It has been an incredible program with intense academic and personal learning. I can't wait to get out there and start practicing!"

Kyle Paredes is the general manager of a corporate wellness program and fitness centers in Honolulu.

Catherine Speraw earned her master's in maternal and child health from Harvard University's School of Public Health in 2001. She is a program manager and administrator for Children's Medical Missions of Haiti. She designs and implements programs for malnourished children there, both in the village and at the hospital. Catherine also works part-time as an occupational therapist at a center for children with disabilities.

Alendria Weise Wade is the chief of staff for Washington state Representative Adam Smith. She lives and works in Washington, D.C.

Stacey Wilson is a freelance writer and reporter. Since graduating with a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York City she has worked at Us Weekly, TV Guide, and now at Details magazine. She also contributes to Variety and our very own Arches.

'97 Erin Abel was promoted to advertising manager of the Issaquah Press in Issaquah, Wash. She joined the community newspaper as an advertising representative in 2001.

Winston Crawford is enrolled in the M.B.A. program at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

In May, Jeremy Kost earned his M.B.A. in finance and strategy from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated with the designation of Palmer Scholar, indicating his rank in the top 5 percent of his class. While there, he served as chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly and was also the captain of the Wharton crew team. Jeremy and his wife, Lisa, have returned to the Seattle area where he has accepted a position as manager of business process analysis for AT&T Wireless Services.

Sara Nelson writes: "I was just admitted to the master's program at the University of Washington's School of Social Work. I was also accepted into the Northwest Institute for Children and Families Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program for those considering careers in public child welfare, which will provide for the cost of my entire graduate tuition." Sara just completed a year with the AmeriCorps program JustServe as a crime victim advocate with the Seattle Police Department.

Kathleen Odell was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship from the U.S. State Department in April. She is enrolled at the University of Illinois at Chicago, studying urban planning and policy. Kathleen will attend Roskilde University near Copenhagen, Denmark, to study wind energy technology during her fellowship.

Natalie Tanner was promoted to account manager for Richmond Public Relations, Inc., in Seattle. She previously served the company as a senior account executive. Natalie still enjoys playing soccer, golfing, running, and traveling.

Josh Waltler earned his master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Washington in 2002. He is now a fully licensed physical therapist practicing at the Apple Physical Therapy clinic in Parkland, Wash.

Heidi Winkenwerder is a copy editor and writer for State Farm Insurance, where she contributes to printed publications, Web material, and print designs for the company's six-state area. She also assists with special projects and communication plans. Heidi lives in Tacoma.

'98 Alison Clode graduated from Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2003. She will be interning for a year at Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, specializing in small animal medicine and surgery. Alison adds: "I've had a great time at school for the past four years, and am very excited to be starting my career, especially in a place as beautiful as Colorado!"

Leatta Dahlhoff began working for the state of Washington's Department of Ecology in Oct. 2002. She reviews pollution prevention plans, summaries, and updates in response to the Hazardous Waste Reduction Act. She also conducts technical assistance and outreach efforts to instruct businesses, local governments, and state agencies on hazardous waste reduction strategies and compliance requirements.

Kevin Dorsh B.A. '98, M.A.T. '99 is a faculty sergeant at the Army's 10th Special Forces serving in Iraq.

After several years in the Seattle radio scene, Adam Gehrels has moved on to television. He is the traffic reporter for Q13 Morning News. Adam adds: "I'm learning a media all over again and the people at Q13 have been very supportive. One step closer to media domination! People can check it out every 10 minutes from 6 to 9 a.m. Live and Local! Unstoppable!"

Tracey Kramer received her master's degree in quantitative
"synergize," which isn’t found in any standard dictionary.

Bullfighter was a hit from the moment it charged into the public arena. Publications ranging from Time magazine to Le Monde, the New Zealand Herald, and the Hindustan Times covered the story.

Such a comprehensive, positive response would be a marketer’s dream for the launch of any retail product. But Bullfighter isn’t for sale. It’s free. Anyone can download it off the Internet or order a CD, which is also free (although the CDs were out of stock and on back order soon after the first news reports).

The Bullfighter CD includes a gently humorous, cleanly written booklet sewed in red velvet like a bullfighter’s cape. The manual is replete with mathematical formulas, yet it’s still decidedly readable.

Offering Bullfighter for free is a service to humanity, laughs Fugere, who says that while in college it is unlikely anyone would have voted him Most Likely to Cut the Bull.

“I was a world-caliber geek,” he says. “I was too busy worrying about what was in my Samsonite briefcase to even consider communications with the real world.”

But while Bullfighter is a useful tool for writers everywhere, it also provides subtle marketing and branding for Fugere’s employer, Deloitte Consulting, a division of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu: Within 30 days of Bullfighter’s release, 250,000 people had visited the Deloitte Consulting Web site (www.dcm.com) and 100,000 downloaded Bullfighter.

Fugere, who majored in business administration and economics and who holds a master’s in industrial administration from Purdue University, is a partner at Deloitte Consulting and a former chief marketing officer for the firm.

He says Bullfighter was originally conceived as an in-house tool. “Straight Talk” has been a Deloitte company theme, and its 15,000 consultants are urged to use clear language in business communications. The company also publishes a Straight Talk Series of business primers that, like Bullfighter, use humor to make their point.

Yet bull is so pervasive in modern business that consultants spread around the world had trouble trying to tame it in their daily transactions.

“We discussed this challenge, and thought about software,” Fugere says.

Bullfighter was off and running. Under Fugere’s leadership, a team of developers, editors, and researchers built the software in about eight months.

Response to the project was wildly enthusiastic within the company. Some 10,000 submissions were counted in a contest to pick bull words in need of eradication. Fugere’s team also conducted “quite a lot of research to understand clear and straightforward communication and how it relates to business success.”

The research, he reports, looked at thousands of documents issued by Dow 30 companies. The consistent finding was “the clearer the communication, the better the financial performance,” Fugere says.

Researchers also looked at Enron documents from the late ’90s and from 2000 and 2001. They found a “strong linkage” suggesting that the company’s downward trajectory could be seen in its communication style, which grew more arcane as the end neared.

In Fugere’s case, Bullfighter taught him to avoid words like “stakeholder” (“except when talking about vampire slayers,” he says) and “ecosystem” (“great if you’re talking about the environment; a little questionable for business”).

Of course, he also talks straighter with Scottie and his three other children, all teenagers who “present a constant exercise in word mastery.” His wife, Gail Stoneburner Fugere, is a 1980 Puget Sound grad.

Following in Bullfighter’s successful hoof prints, the world might see more devices from Deloitte aimed at improving communication. “There are other business evils out there that are widely hated and reviled,” Fugere says. — Brenda Pittsley
psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2001. She works as a statistician building models on credit card members in order to predict the risk of future non-payment. Tracey lives and works in Phoenix.

Naomi Rykert LaViolette earned her master’s in music from Portland State University in 2001. She is a part-time faculty member at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Ore. Naomi teaches classes that include; piano, music theory, music fundamentals, and performance and repertoire.

Lisa VandenBroek Moorehead writes: "I just finished a master’s degree in biostatistics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. My husband, Chris Moorehead, and I moved back to Seattle, sold our condo, and recently bought a home in Normandy Park. I am working as a biostatistician for a small clinical research group, and Chris works from home doing freelance digital media and Web site design."

Shahnaz Capan Sahnow earned her M.Ed. from Oregon State University in 2003. She writes: "Brady Sahnow '97 and I are living in Corvallis, Ore., where I finished my master's in education and am now a teacher in a Title 1 elementary school. Brady is working full-time, and is in the M.B.A. program at OSU half-time. He also coaches boys basketball."

Katherine Baker received her J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2003. She is employed with the law firm Goetz, Gallik, Baldwin and Dolan, P.C., in Bozeman, Mont.

Debbie Baxter writes: "I'm joyfully living in Japan pursuing my passion for pottery. I also teach English at the Mischool School for Business and have been traveling a lot. I got married a few months ago and we are anxiously awaiting the day when visas and paperwork will no longer keep us in separate countries! What a lot of living one can do in four years! There's never anything so intoxicating as living the life that is in tune with your soul!"

Jonathan Hartley is lead administrator for his family's business, Electrical Sales, Inc., based in San Marcos, Calif.

Holly Menges is enrolled in a master's program at the University of Tulsa in Okla., in painting and drawing.

Dana Murray was named to the North Scott Hall of Fame in Eldridge, Iowa, for her achievements in track and cross-country during her junior and senior high school competitive career. After high school, Dana enlisted in the Navy and participated on the All-Navy track and field team. At the age of 30, already married with children, she became a first-year student at Puget Sound. Dana competed as a Logger at eight national NAIA meets and was a five-time All-American.

Alexander Pecoraro is a software developer with Dimension4, a company that creates interactive training manuals for computer programs.

Megan Sety completed a master's in social work in June 2003, and is enrolled in a master's program in public health. She is working as a research assistant for the Center for Children with Special Needs in Seattle.

Daniel Arnold graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in May 2003. He is working as a law clerk for the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo., doing research on issues relating to water law, environmental and natural resources law, and federal Indian law. Daniel plans to take the Colorado bar exam early next year.

Jodi Denton is the Midwest finance director for Senator John Kerry's presidential campaign. She coordinates all aspects of his fund-raising efforts in the Midwest and travels extensively throughout the region. She notes: "I moved to Chicago earlier this year to begin this position. Working on a presidential campaign is both the most exciting and challenging thing I have done since graduation."

Jamie Hopkins Forbes is a client service coordinator for Russell/Mellon Analytical Services, a joint venture between Frank Russell and Mellon Financial. She provides client service and support to money managers who purchase and subscribe to Russell/Mellon's portfolio management software tools.

Maureen Huff Goodman earned her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law in June 2003. She works as a deputy prosecuting attorney with the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Maureen recently completed a two-year internship in the appellate unit at the prosecutor's office and is studying for the state bar exam.

West Mathison is carrying on the family business as vice president of Sternlitz Growers, Inc., one of the nation's top tree-fruit packers, in Yakima, Wash. He joined the company two years ago as projects manager.

Tom Lacey M.E.D. was hired as principal of Decatur High School in Federal Way, Wash., for the 2003-04 academic year. He was assistant principal at Decatur for the past three years, and has worked as an educator for 22 years. Tom and his wife, Lorelle, along with sons Ryan, 17, Andrew, 14, and Taylor, 10, reside in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Melissa Richey is the marketing coordinator for AHBL, a civil and structural engineering firm. Prior to her new position, Melissa worked for IDmicro Inc., as a marketing specialist for two years.

Erika Smith writes: "I have spent the past two years working with at-risk kids at Ramapo Anchorage Camp in New York. My job consists of working with struggling kids and teens through therapeutic outdoor education. It has been a fantastic experience, and a life path that has taken me, pleasantly, by surprise. I love living in New York and am taking advantage of all the great outdoor opportunities here!" Erika is the assistant director of the Teen Leadership Program.

Erin Speck is attending the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University to earn her master's degree in public policy. Erin worked as a legislative assistant to Washington state Senator Karen Keiser prior to graduate school.

Kirsten Swieso is an associate director for Northwest Entrepreneur Network, where she plans networking and educational events for early-stage entrepreneurs to help them succeed.

Allison Weiss is president of a new venture to promote Latin American songs for voice and piano, or voice and chamber ensemble. In her role, Allison is networking across the Americas and Europe. She presented at the National Association of Teachers of Singing workshop in July. For more information about the Latin American Art Song Alliance, see www.LAAAS.org. Allison is also enrolled in the master’s in music program at Portland State University in Oregon.

The Volunteer Center of Olympia, Wash., recognized Zoe Yearout as volunteer of the week in April. As an AmeriCorps volunteer, she served as an elementary school
Ryan Wittstruck '01 signed with the Seattle Sounders professional soccer team.

reading tutor for a year. Zoe has been involved with the Washington Conservation Corp, Thurston Conservation District, and Habitat for Humanity. She is employed at the Target Import Warehouse in Olympia.

Michele Collins writes: "After college I did some traveling in Chile, then got a job with the government. I was in training for about a year, and I now work as a special agent for the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. I currently live in Boston and in a year I plan to go overseas to work in an embassy."

Paula Ewing is teaching English for the GEOS Language Corporation in Osaka, Hokkaido, Japan. Her students range in age from 3 to 65.

Maria Gottshall writes: "My husband, Eric, was transferred to Maryland at the beginning of the year. My son, Anthony, started college in San Diego, Calif., and I am finishing my thesis for my master's in forensic science. Please help me with my thesis by going to www.mariasthesis.com and completing the survey.

Thank you!"

Judson Greff is state finance director for the People for Patty Murray. He is responsible for all in-state fund raising for the U.S. Senate campaign to re-elect the Washington state senator in 2004.

Brendan Hanke is a broker for CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate services firm in Seattle. He was a sales and development manager for Ernst and Julio Gallo in the Seattle area before taking this new position.

Matthew Perry is a financial representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, based in Irvine, Calif. He lives in Newport Beach.

Jillian Rubis Pressnall married Michael Pressnall in the summer of 2002. She works as a criminal paralegal for the Law Offices of Bradley Johnson, while also studying for the LSATs to attend law school in 2004.

Doug Shea writes: "I have been living down in San Diego for about a year and a half now and loving it! I am currently working for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and have been with them for a little over a year. Enterprise has an excellent management training program all over the U.S. If any seniors or alums want to learn more about some of the excellent opportunities, feel free to e-mail me at dshea98405@hotmail.com."

Erin Vranas moved to San Francisco on a whim after graduation from Puget Sound and has been there for two years. She is working as a litigation consultant for Celebrity Consulting Group and is researching opportunities to become a fitness professional and coach for girls' sports teams in South America.

Ryan Wittstruck signed with the Seattle Sounders soccer team as the back-up goalkeeper. While at Puget Sound, he was honored as a two-time All-Academic All-American. Ryan has played with the Premier Development League's Spokane team for the last three seasons.

Amanda Brown worked as a financial advisor until April, but is now working part-time with two senior financial advisors while she attends graduate school at Portland State University in Oregon. She is enrolled in the master's of science program in financial analysis.

Timothy Floyd was a summer analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, a global investment-banking group. He is now pursuing a master's degree in accounting and finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Anne Gleason is a communications assistant at the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, D.C., where she updates and maintains their Web site and writes for their quarterly magazine, among other tasks.

Elliott Pemberton is a marketing representative for Newell Rubbermaid. He builds relationships with key accounts, coordinates local and national NASCAR racing events, and sells promotional concepts to accounts, including Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot. Elliott resides in Encinitas, Calif.

Sara Sabelhaus writes: "I am an account executive for The End radio station in Seattle. My job is to find new clients to advertise on my station on a daily basis. It is an exciting, dynamic industry where I get to work with new people everyday. It is a fantastic job right out of college!"

Nicola Shangrow began Ph.D. work in comparative literature at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in a university fellowship. She continues to play violin both in the university orchestra and through lessons with Peter Schaeffer.

Emily Weber writes: "I am working as a patient care coordinator in the Department of Child Psychiatry at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle. I work as part of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, which provides outpatient mental health and case management services to deaf and hard of hearing children. I am in my first year of graduate school at Seattle Pacific University, working toward my M.E.D. in school counseling."

Helen Williams works in Congressman Mike Thompson's Washington, D.C., office as a staff assistant and mail program manager.

Tom DePonty joined the staff at Envirosites, a Seattle-based technology and policy consulting firm. He will focus on transportation projects.

Rayna Flye-Fairman is attending the University of California, Los Angeles. She is working toward a Ph.D. in political science.

Reagan Grabner is a financial analyst with Goldman Sachs in Seattle.

Erika Juergensen is enrolled at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., in the School of Physician Assistant Studies.

William Polensky is interning with Kiseko Takahashi, a member of Japan's parliament.

Malissa Robertson is a public information specialist for GeneReviews, a non-profit medical genetics Web site that provides resources and information for medical geneticists, genetic counselors, health care professionals, and the public. Malissa resides in Edmonds, Wash.

Nicole Rogers is a production assistant and camera operator for KVEW-TV in Kennewick, Wash. She operates the studio camera, floor direct, and tears scripts for the 5, 6, and 11 p.m. broadcasts.

Erik Steighner is attending the University of Texas at Austin to earn his master's degree in saxophone performance.

Casey Unverzagt is attending Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania as a first-year doctor of physical therapy student.

William Weed is a sales executive for Lanier Worldwide, Inc., a Ricoh company specializing in all aspects of document management based in Bellevue, Wash.

Ernest Karlstorm, professor emeritus of biology, who taught at Puget Sound from 1961-92, received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Augusta State College Alumni Association in Rock Island, Ill. Professor Karlstrom earned his bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry at Augusta in 1949. He went on to receive his master's degree in zoology and botany from the University of Washington, and his doctorate in zoology, botany, and paleontology from the University of California, Berkeley. Retired in 1992, Professor Karlstrom and his wife, Marilyn, enjoy traveling and volunteering with local land trusts and parks.

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Twin sisters Georgia Buell Adams ’69 and Suzie Buell Michael ’68, here in their 1966 U.P.S. cheerleading uniforms, fondly remember cheering during the time Joe Peyton ’67 played football. The Loggers ended the 1966 season at five and five—a good record—but not as impressive as Joe’s 14 pass receptions for 191 yards in the final game against Whitworth. This feat placed him in the Evergreen Conference records for the best single-game performance in the 19-year history of the league. “We feel it was a privilege to know him,” write Georgia and husband Edward Adams ’67. Suzie is married to Matthew Michael ’68, and their daughters, Holly Michael ’99 and Mandy Michael ’01, carry on the Logger tradition. Holly was also a cheerleader during her time at Puget Sound.

Sue McKnight Swanson ’70 sent this for the Scrapbook with a note attached: “In July, two of my first roommates and I visited UPS. Leith Moreland Hollowell ’70 was visiting from California, and Sue Warren Heyting ’70 came down from Carnation, Wash. The two of them had not been back to the college since leaving (Leith in 1968 to attend UCSB, and Sue after graduation). We had a wonderful time visiting the Bookstore, having lunch, seeing the new buildings, and reminiscing about our first meeting in 1966, pledging Kappa Alpha Theta.” In the photo, from left: Sue Heyting, Sue Swanson and Leith.
Rachelle Blair Yoshida '91 and Takeshi Yoshida are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Noah Blair Yoshida, born Jan. 29, 2003. They write: "Noah has filled our hearts and home with more love and happiness than we ever imagined possible!" For more from the family, see Class Notes '91.

Bill Hochberg '80 and wife Tamar welcome their first child, Ann Samantha, born April 13, 2003. Bill received his J.D. from the University of Washington in 1983 and is a trial attorney in Edmonds, Wash. He writes: "Annie is doing great and already looking warily at her father." The family resides on Mercer Island, Wash.

Julie Gilman Byers B.A. '93, M.A.T. '94 writes: "A year ago in Dec., my husband and I moved from our house in the Proctor District to Yakima, Wash. My husband’s new job as the human resource director at the Doubletree Hotel in Yakima brought us back to my hometown. In addition, our family grew by one. Gabriella Marie Byers was born on June 12, 2002." Julie is a fifth grade teacher for the East Valley School District.

Satcha Dearborn Graham '93 and Kevin Graham were married in Freeland, Wash., on Whidbey Island on Sept. 21, 2002. Several U.P.S. alums were in attendance. From left: Dan Yoshimoto '96, Brian Engel '93, son Justin, Dani Coughran Engel B.A. '93, M.A.T. '94, Alia Harper Lord '95 and husband Jay, Heather Norwood Wetzel '93, Chris Wetzel '92, Alex Engel, son of Dani and Brian, Don Bartkowiak '93 and wife Angela Ricker '93, the bride and groom, Karyle Kramer '93, Kyla Smith '96, Nathan Buck, Karyle’s husband and their son, Levi. Staci Newman Nelson '93 and husband Keith, with their daughter, Kylie Jo. Satcha continues as the assistant director of admission at Seattle University’s School of Law.
Tonya Bowcutt
Hirte ‘95 was married in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 14, 2002. Friends pictured from left to right, all ‘95 grads, are: Jessa Santeford, Ann Gilmore, Tonya, Shelley Barton Herzog M.A.T. ’96, Erika Garlitz Kirst, and Karen Harkins Slocomb.

Samantha Morris ’00 and Marine Staff Sergeant Travis Welch were married on March 24, 2003, in an intimate ceremony at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. Attendees included Samantha’s parents, Ed and Diedri Morris, and two maids of honor, Lindsay Anderson and Alicia Colburn.

Lisa Wilson
Donsker ’95 was married April 5, 2003, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Alums in attendance from left: Jon Wolfer ’95, Kevin Vaughan-Brubaker ’95, the groom and bride, Steve Stone ’95, Andrea Marking Stone ’97, Piper Roelen ’95, and Andrea Egans Roelen ’96.

Runners in the Midnight Sun Marathon, Anchorage, Alaska, June 21, from left: Abby Kozarek ’02, Jon Kendrick ’03, Shannon Kozarek ’02, and Michelle Ramor ’02; the two women on the right were deprived of a UPS education.
Kit Clark '01 and Walt Jones '01 were married on May 25, 2003, in Redmond, Wash. They write: "After a fabulous two weeks in French Polynesia, we came back to everyday life in Bellevue (Wash.), where we live with our three (feline) children." This fall, Walt will be moving to Los Angeles for a new job with Rhythm and Hues, a visual effects company, as a lighting technical director, and Kit will follow in Dec. 2003, after completing prerequisites toward a master's program.

Here's one you don't see everyday. The three students pictured on the cover of this recruiting brochure for another college's graduate school of communications are Puget Sound's Chris Hlavaty '04, Mo Zafar '04, and Molly Campbell '04. Turns out the three were models for a photoshoot conducted on campus a couple of summers ago by a stock-photography service.

Anya Vernon-Wentworth '02 and Michael Hartshorn '03 were married at the First Congregational Church in Tacoma on June 21. Many recent alums were in attendance: From left, Tad Monroe, Drew LaForge '03, Andy Anson '03, W. Reid Hellekson '03, the bride and groom, Andrew Willis '03, Chad Mahoe '03, David Severn '03, Noah Chang '03. Not pictured: groomsmen Andy Loveless '02, matron of honor Mesi Csonka Parker '01, maid of honor Keira Hanby '03, and bridesmaids Anya Melisa Wolfe '05, Heather Lovejoy '02, and Kathy Howe '02. Anya and Michael honeymooned in Tahiti for two weeks, then moved to Boston, where they are working as Michael prepares to attend graduate school.
June Larsen Gay '36 died June 3, 2003, one day before her 90th birthday. She taught home economics in Tacoma Public Schools, retiring in 1975. June was a member of the Delta Alpha Gamma sorority while at Puget Sound and a member of the Tacoma Pierce County Retired Teachers Association. June was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, and is survived by two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and other family members.

Katherine Saunders Creesy '38, a lifelong Pierce County resident, died May 21, 2003, three days before her 87th birthday. She graduated from Stadium High School before attending Puget Sound, where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Gamma sorority. Katherine and husband Charles Creesy '36 owned and operated two grocery stores in the Tacoma area. She enjoyed the arts, wrote short stories, and was an avid ballroom dancer. Charles was a medic in the Army during World War II, later working as a civil servant at McChord Air Force Base for 25 years. He precedes Katherine in death; their son survives them.

Marion Sherman Griffen '39 died peacefully on April 4, 2003, after a two-year battle with breast cancer. While at Puget Sound, she was a member of Delta Alpha Gamma sorority and Otah, and was president of Phi Kappa Phi. Marion met and married Wayne Griffen '40 in 1942. The two moved to Evanston, Ill., and later New York City, where Wayne attended theological seminary. She enjoyed many hours in her garden, and collected coins, stamps, rocks, and shells. Her husband, daughter, Kathleen; sons, David and John; four grandchildren; and one sister survive Marion. Son Bruce preceded her in death.

Julius "Fred" Beck '43 was born in Tacoma and passed away on May 2, 2003. He was a graduate of Stadium High School prior to attending Puget Sound, where he enjoyed a collegiate track career and was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Fred served in World War II, and began his working career as a credit manager for Sears, later becoming a material buyer for The Boeing Company. He enjoyed golf and participated in the Boeing retiree leagues. Fred's daughter, Barbara; one sister, a niece and nephew; and other family members survive him. His wife, Donna Kiste Beck '47, preceded him in death.

Naylor Middleton '43 was born in Tacoma on Oct. 15, 1915, and died on May 20, 2003, at age 87. He graduated from Stadium High School in 1933, later attending Puget Sound where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Phi fraternity. He was selected to participate in Officer's Candidate School and was a first lieutenant in the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. Naylor worked as the office manager for Darigold Dairy Company for 16 years, later becoming a certified public accountant and then serving as the treasurer and office manager of Dickman Lumber Company for 17 years. He was a member of the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 and the Joseph Waren Masonic Lodge #235. Naylor enjoyed hunting, fishing, and travel. His wife of 54 years, Helen Argue Middleton '44; their daughter, Sally; son, Jim; two grandsons; and other family members survive Naylor.

John Vandenberg '45 died at home in Milwaukie, Ore., on April 6, 2003. He was raised in Tacoma, attending Stadium High School, where he lettered in football and track. After his undergraduate work at Puget Sound, John attended Northwestern Medical School in Chicago where he met and married his wife, Shirley Kretch, in 1949. He enlisted in the Navy during the Korean War, then opened his urology practice in Portland, Ore., where he worked until his retirement in 1982. John's other interests included research on salmon migration, jazz, playing the drums, travel, gardening, and his dogs. His wife, daughters, Kathy and Barbara; son, Michael; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; his sister, Joanne Vandenberg LaBarance '51; and several nieces and nephews survive him.

Robert Starkey '46 passed away April 22, 2003, at age 82. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and returned to graduate from Puget Sound. Bob worked for Carling Brewery for 21 years and retired from Issacson Steele in Seattle. He was a member of the Elks Lodge #174 for 50 years. Preceded in death by son Amie '81 and brother Wally '41, Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Alice; sons, Paul, Ray, and Kevin; and grandchildren, Glenn and Joshua.

Maxine L'Ecuyer '49 died May 21, 2003. She was 79. Maxine served in the Marines during World War II and in the Women's Army Corps. She went on to earn her master's degree from the University of Washington after attending Puget Sound. Maxine taught high school and at Grays Harbor College before moving to Portland, Ore., in 1991. Survivors include three sisters.

James Sulenes '50 died April 23, 1978. He was raised in Olympia, Wash., graduating from Olympia High School in 1943. Jim was a pilot in the Air Force before returning to school and graduating from Puget Sound. He taught and coached in the University Place School District, retiring in 1983. Jim was a lifelong member of the Washington Golf Coaches Association and the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame. He received the Golf Coach of the Year award in 1979. Jim's leisure interests included fishing, hunting, horses, and the University of Washington Huskies. His wife of 55 years, Shirley; daughters, Cindy, Shery, and Marcy; four grandchildren; and several other family members survive Jim.

Patricia Voshniki Rector '50 passed away on July 1, 2002. She was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority and Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. Her husband of 52 years, Bruce Rector '50; daughters, Mary and Susan; and grandchildren, Dita and Christopher, survive her.

Earl William "Bill" Bierer '50 passed away Feb. 24, 2003, at age 83. He was an Air Force pilot whose career spanned 29 years. Bill received numerous awards, including two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He retired at the rank of colonel. Other interests included membership in the Elks and Lions. His wife of 58 years, Doris; his daughter, Joanne; son, John; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren survive him. Bill's brother, Bion Bierer '52, passed away on May 11, 2003.

Kenneth Hoggatt '51 died April 25, 2003, at 77. After graduating from Puget Sound, Kenneth relocated to the Portland, Ore., area, working for Tektronix for 23 years as a department manager. His first wife, Maxine Warner, preceeded him in death in 1992. Survivors include his second wife, Phyllis Ferrar; son, Todd; daughter, Susan Kusch; two stepdaughters; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

James Nordi '51, a lifelong Tacoma resident, died June 12, 2003. He attended Bellarmine Preparatory School prior to entering Puget Sound. James served in the Army during World War II and was recognized with several service medals. James was a trooper with the Washington State Patrol and later became a vehicle license department manager for the Pierce County Auditor's Office. He was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church and a member of the Tacoma Elks Lodge. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Santina; son, Larry; daughter, Nancy; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arthur Olsen '51 passed away April 8, 2003, in Olympia, Wash. He was born on May 11, 1926, in Montesano, Wash., and raised in Tacoma. He graduated from Stadium High School in 1944; then joined the Navy for three years prior to attending Puget Sound. After graduation, The Boeing Company hired Arthur where he worked for 35 years.

Bion Bierer '52 passed away May 11, 2003, in Knoxville, Tenn., at age 80. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was later active in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. After retirement from the Georgia Pacific Corporation, Bion became involved with several youth activities, including Junior Achievement. He was an avid rock collector and member of several gem and mineral societies. His wife of nearly 60 years, Bette; daughter, Barbara; son, Terry; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews survive Bion.

Donald Michell '58 died May 13, 2003, at age 67. He graduating from Tacoma's Lincoln High School in 1954. Donald was a member of the Air Force ROTC program while at Puget Sound and served his country following graduation at the rank of captain. He began his teaching career in the Puyallup School District in 1962, retiring in 1988 after teaching history, civics, and world problems. Donald was an avid gardener and traveler. He was preceded in death by two sons; and is survived by his wife of 25 years, Kathleen; two cousins; several friends; and former students.

John Lindal '39 born April 3, 1935, in Seattle, died in Tacoma June 29, 2003. A 64-year Tacoma resident, he graduated from Stadium High School. After attending Puget Sound, John joined the Air Force ROTC program, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel during his 23 years of service. Other interests included fishing, camping, and golf. His wife, Dolly; mother, Vivian; twin sister, Joan; son, John; daughter, Wendy; six grandchildren; three stepchildren; and two nephews survive John.

Daniel Snuffin '59, at age 67, died on May 19, 2003, after a long battle with lung disease. Born in Lincoln, Neb., he relocated with his family to north Tacoma as a young child. Dan graduated from Stadium High School before attending Puget Sound. He had a career in real
estate and recreational land development in the Gig Harbor and Bremerton areas. After retiring from real estate, Dan helped in his wife's catering business for many years. He enjoyed restoring his wooden cruising boat and spending time with friends. Dan enjoyed traveling and took extended trips to South and Central America. His wife of 35 years, Sharon; sons, Michael and Nicholas; daughter, Spring; grandson, Jonathan; and several nieces and nephews survive Dan.

John Triplett '59 died at home on May 24, 2003, at age 69. He served in the U.S. Navy after graduation from Puget Sound. John retired from United Pacific/Reliance Insurance Company. Survivors include his companion, Annette Jensen; son, Mark; daughter, Susan; grandson, Alan; his sister, Marilyn; and other family and friends.

Robert Smith '60, at age 83, died April 22, 2003. He was an Army veteran who served in the Korean War and World War II. A retired lieutenant colonel, he worked at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as an engineering physicist. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Sheila and Kerry; and one granddaughter.

Josephine Tallman '61 died April 9, 2003. She was 89. Josephine was a retired teacher in the Anaheim, Calif., area.

John Storino '62, at age 65, died May 15, 2003. Born and raised in Tacoma, he attended Bellarmine Preparatory School, graduating in 1956. After attaining his bachelor's degree from Puget Sound, John went on to receive two master's degrees from Washington State University, in teaching and political science. He served in the Army and went on to teach at Puellwapp High School for 30 years, retiring in 1992. John held memberships in the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, the Sons of Italy, National Education Association, Washington Education Association, and several sports teams. Survivors include his wife of over 40 years, Diana; daughter, Angelia and her family; and several other family and friends.

James Smith M.B.A. '64 born Oct. 29, 1919, in Berea, Ky., died June 17, 2003, in Gig Harbor, Wash. He earned his undergraduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University, where he met his wife of 60 years, Virginia. Jim retired as a commander in the Naval Reserve in 1962, and worked in the Finance and Administration Department at Puget Sound from June 1961 to Oct. 1981. Jim's wife; sons, Douglas and Michael; daughter, Judy; and four grandchildren survive him.

Barbara Erdahl Odegaard '65 died April 18, 2003, at age 60. She worked in customer service for U.S. Bank of Washington, and she enjoyed raising and showing miniature horses. Barbara's husband, Arnie; son, Kraig; daughter, Kristy; and three grandchildren survive her.

Gary Brown '66 passed away on April 6, 2003, after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was 58. Gary attended Clover Park High School, where he gained recognition as a football player. He went on to serve in the military and volunteered for Vietnam. After his tour of duty, he continued his studies, earning his degree in Colorado. Gary had a career with Kodak, based in Denver, and later a second career in production planning with a defense contractor. His mother; brother, Roger and his wife; one niece; and three nephews survive him.

Donald Vaswign '68 moved to Tacoma with his family at age 2. He died May 23, 2003, at age 58. Don attended Wilson High School and earned his M.B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran and received full military honors and internment. Don was a former owner in Harmony Foods in Santa Cruz, and also held positions as controller and vice president at National Semiconductor Corporation. He was an avid skier, enjoyed tennis, golf, scuba diving, stained glass, and home projects. His wife, Diane; mother, Daggy; son, Kristian; and daughter, Whitney Marie survive him.

Thomas Bergerson '71 died on June 11, 2003, from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was 54. Tom was a Stadium High School graduate, and a member of the Theta Chi fraternity while at Puget Sound. In 1975 he married Jane Strauss. They first lived in St. Helens, Ore., where their children were born, later moving to Nashville, Tenn., where Tom was an engineering manager for GAF Materials Corporation for 18 years. Tom and Jane had just returned to the Pacific Northwest in Aug. 2002. His wife, children, Chris and Sarah; two sisters; one brother; and other family members survive him.

Barbara Erdahl Odegaard '65 died April 18, 2003, at age 60. She worked in customer service for U.S. Bank of Washington, and she enjoyed raising and showing miniature horses. Barbara's husband, Arnie; son, Kraig; daughter, Kristy; and three grandchildren survive her.

Joyce Grefford '71 died of an internal infection on June 6, 2003, just hours before her 54th birthday. She was born in Seattle and was a lifelong resident, attending Queen Anne High School. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Puget Sound, Joyce went on to earn her M.B.A. from the University of Washington. She was employed with Seattle City Light as a systems analyst for 28 years, retiring in 2002. Joyce's husband of 17 years, Tom McArthur, and his family survive her.

John Miller B.A. '73, M.B.A. '74, born Sept. 7, 1927, died May 13, 1990. He was a 1950 West Point graduate and retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army in 1971 before attending Puget Sound. John was active in community theater and the Tacoma Opera for 20 years, and was a 50-year member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. John's wife of 49 years, Barbara; five children; five grandchildren; and other family members survive him.

Terry Reim '73 was born May 28, 1941, in Enid, Okla. He grew up on a wheat and cattle farm in Marshall, Okla., graduating with honors from the local high school. Terry attended Oklahoma State University and Elmhurst College in Chicago. He met and married his wife, Ruthann, in 1963. Terry served two years in the military, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. He and Ruthann fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and decided to make their home in University Place, where Terry became a business owner and active community leader. Terry's wife; daughter, Tracey; son, Brandon; one grandson; his parents; a sister; a brother; and other family and friends survive him.

Isidor Kirshrot M.B.A. '77 was born in Minden, Germany, on Feb. 11, 1919, and was a holocaust survivor. He arrived in the United States in 1940 via Poland and England and joined the U.S. Army in 1942. He retired as a colonel in 1974. After his military retirement, Isidor was an assistant professor at Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Wash. He was a member of the Tacoma Elks, the Retired Officers Association, the Military Order of the Worlds Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include his daughter, Charlotte; son, Herbert; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. His wife, Captain Lorena Kirshrot, preceded him in death.

Ed Hoffman '78 died March 30, 2003, at age 51. After graduating from Puget Sound, he moved to Portland, Ore., where he worked as a physical therapist and later as a physical medicine manager at Kaiser Permanent's Central Interstate Medical Office. He married his wife, Cindy Cooper, in 1982 and is survived by her; his children, Emily and Elliott; and brother, Steve.


Joseph Meyer '83 born in Tacoma on Oct. 5, 1956, passed away April 7, 2003. He was 46. Joseph was a graduate of Lincoln High School and went on to serve in the Air Force. He was stationed in Rapid City, S.D., when he met his wife, Sherry Wetch, and married her May 27, 1978. Joseph earned a biology degree from Puget Sound and was employed by St. Clare Hospital for more than 16 years. Survivors include his wife; son, Frances; grandson, Darius; and other family members.

Angela Tuggle '83 was born Jan. 31, 1961, in Japan, and died April 30, 2003, in Tacoma. She graduated from Mt. Tahoma High School and attended Puget Sound for two semesters beginning in the fall of 1979. Angela is survived by her parents; sisters; and grandmother.

William Young B.A. '83, M.B.A. '84 died June 7, 2003, after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He attended high school in Baldwinsville, N.Y., later graduating from LeMoyne College. Bill then joined the Air Force and became a navigator. He spent 23 years serving his country, retiring as a senior master navigator. He was later employed with the State of Washington for 15 years before his illness forced him to quit working. Bill's wife of 40 years, Diane; son, Michael; daughter, Patricia; two grandchildren; his mother; and nine brothers and sisters survive him.

Rebecca Newland '85 was born April 2, 1962, in Everett, Wash., and died March 31, 2003. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority while at Puget Sound, and was employed as a medical benefits administrator. Rebecca enjoyed traveling and spending time at her family's beach house on Whidbey Island. Her mother, Doris; sister, Lorraine; and brother, Paul, survive Rebecca. Her father preceded her in death.

Kristie Bartle Collins '95 passed away on May 3, 2003, after complications associated with a bone marrow transplant that took place Dec. 2002. She was the eldest of triplets born Feb. 11, 1954. Kristie was a 1972 graduate of Wilson High School in Tacoma before attending Puget Sound as a nontraditional student. Kris was employed as a services manager at Luck's Food Decorating in Tacoma. Survivors include her parents; husband, Paul; sons, Joe and Todd Bartle; and many other family members.
James Morris, professor emeritus of business, passed away in his sleep on July 9, 2003. He was 85.

Jim was born and raised in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School in 1936. He attended Stanford University, earning his undergraduate degree in 1940. Jim served in the Army Air Force during World War II and returned to Stanford to earn his M.B.A., leading to his 21-year career as a broker with Merrill Lynch in Oakland, Calif. In 1968, Jim and his family relocated back to Tacoma where Jim began his 12-year teaching career at Puget Sound, retiring in 1980.

Jim and his wife of 51 years, Babbie, both grew up in Tacoma, although they met while attending Stanford. Both are longtime friends of Puget Sound and have connections to the institution beyond Jim's teaching career. Babbie's stepfather, William Kliworth, was a trustee of the university from 1941 until his death in 1964. He donated funds for the campus chapel and it was named in his honor.

Shortly after Jim's retirement, on behalf of himself and Babbie, the Morris Library Fund for the School of Business was established. The fund provides faculty with resources to purchase books and periodicals, and funded a laptop computer for student use in classroom presentations. The Puget Sound tradition continues with one of the Morrises two children, Elizabeth Morris Hoover, who is a 1975 alumna.

In April 2001, Jim was presented the award of Distinguished Friend of the School of Business and Public Administration for his continued support of the university.

Jim's wife; daughter, Elizabeth Hoover and her husband, Tom; son, James Kliworth Morris; and four grandchildren survive him. A fund in Jim's honor has been established at the university. Contributions can be sent to: Stephen McGlone, director of gift planning, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1037.

Seferian in 1976.

Edward Seferian, professor emeritus of violin at the University of Puget Sound who was musical director of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra for 35 years, died at his Tacoma home June 7 after a lengthy illness. He was 72.

Ed joined the UPS faculty in 1959 and retired in 1999 after 40 years on the job. In his four decades at Puget Sound he built the University Symphony Orchestra into a highly respected undergraduate orchestra, taught generations of musicians, and earned a reputation as a demanding and prestigious music teacher, as well as a character and raconteur who loved sports cars and cigars.

"It's a personal loss to those of us who knew him well, worked with him, and made music together," said Tom Goleeke, professor of music and Seferian's longtime colleague. "It's a loss of part of our history and tradition and, for me personally, his friendship."

Goleeke, who retired this spring after 34 years teaching voice in the School of Music, included Seferian among what he calls the "old guard" of veteran professors who were with the school during years when it made great advances in stature and reputation.

Seferian, a violin virtuoso, was a child prodigy who began studying the instrument in 1935 at the age of four at the Cleveland Music School Settlement. He attended the Juilliard School of Music and studied violin under Ivan Galamian, considered one of the era's finest instructors, as well as Josef Gingold and Louis Persinger. This top-notch training, and a mother who strictly enforced his own practice time, made Seferian a demanding teacher in his own right.

After earning his bachelor of science in 1957 and his master of science in 1958 from Juilliard, Ed took a teaching position at the University of Louisville. The next year he was offered what he figured would be another one-year gig teaching violin at Puget Sound and leading the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra. He remained as the conductor, musical director, and chief fundraiser for the symphony until 1993.

"He studied with some of the very best in the history of the violin from a young age," noted Rhonda Marsh, an adjunct professor in Puget Sound's community music department, who studied with Seferian, played under him in the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, and often sent her own students to him for master classes. "He really knew what he wanted to get out of you musically."

One student with a close and lengthy relationship with Ed is Dr. Donald Kirkpatrick '82, who is now a physician in Longview. When Kirkpatrick was 12 years old his mother would drive him up to Tacoma from Longview for violin lessons with Seferian. Kirkpatrick eventually enrolled in Puget Sound and double-majored in chemistry and psychology.

"I was a musician long before I was a science major," Kirkpatrick said. His study with Seferian continued even after he graduated from Puget Sound. He would work in lessons when he was home on break from medical school at Washington
University in St. Louis, and even in recent years for a little guidance before a special performance.

Kirkpatrick last saw Ed about two months before his death. They had a nice visit and Ed, though ill, was jovial. As Kirkpatrick left he received a familiar admonition from the maestro.

“I stopped me as I was walking out the door and he said, ‘Don’t remember practice!’” It was Ed’s standard greeting for students.

Marsh, like many students, was at first intimidated by Seferian. “If I could have I would have taken tranquilizers,” she joked in recalling those first lessons. “He was so gruff! He was very intense in lessons, he knew what he wanted.”

Marsh relates a story that offers an early glimpse of the character so many remember so fondly. Seferian’s mother often insisted that he practice in the kitchen so she could keep an eye on him and make sure he was working. But Marsh said Seferian memorized music easily, and did not need the scores in front of him.

“He would practice for hours while reading comic books,” Marsh laughed. “His mother didn’t know this, but he’d have comic books on his music stand!”

Ed gained international acclaim in 10 summers performing at the annual Casals Festival in Puerto Rico with renowned cellist Pablo Casals. He was assistant concertmaster of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra for seven years under conductor Milton Katims, and played concerts and recitals all over the country.

During his 40 years of service to the university, Ed received a faculty recognition award by the alumni association, he was chairman of the Puget Sound Faculty Senate, was president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and was voted distinguished professor in 1989. He also received a distinguished service award from Friends of Tacoma Community College, a Washington String Teachers Association Award for Outstanding String Teaching in Higher Education for the state of Washington, and achievement in arts awards from the Tacoma Arts Commission and the Pierce County Arts Commission.

Ed is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jan, and three children. Memorial gifts can be made to the Edward Seferian Endowed Scholarship Fund. Send to: Stephen McGlone, director of gift planning, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1037.

Joe Peyton B.A. ’67, M.E.D. ’71, and professor emeritus of physical education, died at home on July 2, 2003, after surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor. He was 66.

Puget Sound has its share of legendary graduates and faculty, but Joe Peyton was one of its finest. He was simply an outstanding athlete, earning 11 varsity letters as a student from 1963-67 in three different sports. Even though he began his collegiate career as a 27-year-old freshman, Joe earned Associated Press All-American honors in football his senior year.

His 29-year coaching career from 1968-97 expanded Joe’s presence on campus. He coached more than 50 All-American athletes and dozens of academic All-Americans. Perhaps the most extraordinary factor that made Joe one of Puget Sound’s greatest assets was his ability to relate to people. His affection for the university campus, facilities, and particularly for the individuals who make Puget Sound a wonderful environment in which to learn and work, was obvious in his devotion of time and talent over 40 years.

Joe is the only member of the UPS Athletic Hall of Fame inducted as an athlete and coach. He was also a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame as a track coach. The playing field at Baker Stadium was dedicated in April of 2003 as Peyton Field in his honor.

Even after retirement, Joe’s Ford Ranger pickup could be seen on campus several mornings a week. He would have breakfast in Marshall Hall with current employees on break or other former faculty members. He always had a wave or smile for anyone who caught his eye. His huge presence will be missed, but not forgotten.

His daughters, Jocelyn and Julia; two grandchildren; his sisters; and wife of 17 years, Roberta Wilson, survive Joe. Roberta continues as a professor in the Exercise Science Department at Puget Sound. A fund in Joe’s honor has been established at the university. Contributions can be sent to: Stephen McGlone, director of gift planning, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1037.

Marjorie Jenkins Mann died at home on July 2, 2003. She was 93.

Marjorie moved with her family from Kansas to Bellingham, Wash., where she attended the Normal School, then went on to earn her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington. She taught at the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma and received a master’s degree from Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

Marjorie began working as the head of the women’s physical education department at Puget Sound in 1936. During her tenure, Marjorie visited the National Occupational Therapy headquarters in Cincinnati to request that an occupational therapist visit campus to assist students who had been afflicted with tuberculosis. Though the therapist only stayed in Tacoma for a short time, Marjorie, with a donation from the Tacoma Tuberculosis Association and community support, organized the College of Puget Sound School of Occupational Therapy, which was accredited in 1947.

Marjorie also worked the night shift during World War II as an aircraft spotter at the Crestview Observation Post at Browns Point, Wash.

Her husband of 55 years, Earl Mann, preceded Marjorie in death. Her son, Frazer and his daughter, Kitty; and her daughter, Mary Bees Johnson and husband Roger survive her.

In 2001, The Marjorie Mann Scholarship Fund was established. The scholarship gives first preference to students majoring in occupational therapy. Memorial contributions can be sent to: Stephen McGlone, director of gift planning, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1037.

Mann, from the 1944 Tamanawas.
As she does regularly, Thelma Graham Farrelly '31 tells a story to fifth graders at Tacoma's Washington-Hoyt Elementary. A retired teacher, Thelma attended Washington as a child.
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