The young men and the sea

71 days
3,800 miles
3 world records
and the adventure of a lifetime
on the cover
After a grueling 69 days at sea, OAR Northwest—Jordan Hanssen '04, Greg Spooner '01, Brad Vickers '05, and Dylan LeValley '05—won the Shepherd Ocean Fours Rowing Race, then put their backs into it for another two days to become the first Americans to row the North Atlantic from mainland U.S. to mainland U.K. See page 24 for the soggy, exhilarating, humbling, and ultimately triumphant tale of their adventure. Photo by Erinn J. Hale.

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His name in lights, 88-year-old Joe Harned '51 throws out the first pitch on July 31 during the annual UPS night at the Tacoma Rainiers for Puget Sound employees and their families. For more on Joe, see page 18. Photo by Ross Mulhausen.

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Masterpiece

Bob Dylan always goes with me to Italy. No matter where I travel in that beautiful land that produced the world’s greatest paintings and pasta, I can’t help hearing Dylan’s distinctive voice singing phrases from “When I Paint My Masterpiece.” This summer Mary and I were lucky enough to spend a week walking around some of those Italian streets “filled with rub­­b­­le” he sings about, where “ancient footprints are everywhere.” We were, once again, awed and inspired by the masterpieces of art and architecture that have survived the centuries of war and struggle and change that have taken place between the days of the Renaissance and today. All the while, I heard Dylan promising in the chorus that “Someday, everything is gonna be different/When I paint my masterpiece.”

On the way home we stopped in London for a few days to visit friends and catch a little more culture. (We also caught a dose of World Cup fever in Italy, and the infection only deepened in Beckham-crazed London.) At the British Museum we took in a few familiar masterpieces and were also fortunate enough to see an amazing exhibition of “The Drawings of Michelangelo.” Having been wowed by the miracle of the Sistine Chapel ceiling a number of times before, by the majesty of St. Peter’s itself, and the stunning beauty of Michelangelo’s Pieta and David sculptures, it was remarkable to see an entire exhibition of the master’s masterpieces long before they became, well, masterpieces. These were drawings the artist never intended anyone to see. They were early rehearsals for the big show. They were a mixture of vague sketches, scribbles, notes, memos, cartoons, ideas, plans, jokes, and strokes of the pen that sometimes seemed random.

At one place in the exhibit, where a striking section of the Sistine Chapel was reproduced, you could play with images of the exhibition’s drawings on a computer with a huge plasma screen. The program let you take one of those seemingly random drawings—a few thin lines sketching out a hand, or a portion of a face, or the back of an arm—and see how those lines went on to become an important part of the spectacular painting of the Sistine Chapel, perhaps the greatest artistic masterpiece in human history. When I selected one set of sketches on the computer screen and watched them turn out to be the famously meeting hands of Adam and God at the moment of man’s creation up there on the ceiling, I felt for a moment as if I were present at that moment of creation itself. Ancient footprints everywhere.

Every once in a while I feel that way on campus, right here in Tacoma. These last three years we have been sketching out plans for new buildings like the new science center, a master plan for developing the campus over the next 20 years, and a strategic plan for university-wide innovation and engagement over the next decade. Sometimes those plans just look like marks on a page. But some days I can see the sketches becoming the masterpiece on the ceiling. On those days everything seems smooth as a rhapsody, as Bob put it. So if you hear me humming a few bars of Dylan next time you see me walking around campus, you’ll know what I’m thinking.

Ronald R. Thomas
First Fulbright for research

I was excited to read about Linh Vuong’s research project “Into the Wind” [“The Graduates,” summer 2006]. While Ms. Vuong’s receipt of both a Watson and a Fulbright is impressive, she is not the first UPS student to receive a Fulbright research fellowship, as the article stated.

In 1992 I won a UPS Cunningham Fellowship, a travel-research award that was offered to one graduating senior at UPS each year. (Cunningham grants were discontinued when UPS was selected to offer Watson fellowships.) My Cunningham was to study the history of Japanese immigration to Brazil. That same year I also was awarded a Fulbright research fellowship for travel to Japan to study the dekasegi phenomenon (contemporary immigration of second- and third-generation Japanese-Brazilians from Brazil to Japan).

Due to restrictions on both fellowships, I was required to choose between the Cunningham and the Fulbright. Having just returned from Pac Rim, my desire to go to Brazil outweighed my desire to return to Asia, and I accepted the Cunningham. However, the Fulbright commission encouraged me to reapply for the following school year. I did and, happily, was awarded the Fulbright again in 1993. Thanks to these fellowships I was able to conduct two full years of postgraduate research abroad.

With this correction I do offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Vuong. My years of postgraduate travel and research were an unbelievably enriching and important addition to my university education.

Gretchen Richter
de Medeiros ’92
Fall City, Washington

Limiting carbon emissions

The spring 2006 issue of Arches included an interview with Eric Carlson ’92 about Carbonfund.org. As an energy worker and researcher for many years I read the article with a great deal of interest and endorsement of the strategic intent cited. The issue of climate control is neither easy nor convenient. It has many facets and aspects that are extremely complex. I cite two from the interview:

The plug-in hybrid vehicles mentioned certainly reduce and possibly obviate the need for gasoline vehicles. However, most of the electricity charging the batteries in hybrids is generated by carbon-based fuel. How much more or less carbon is released from this becomes a very detailed technical analysis.

The second concern relates to windmills in remote places. Wind power generation certainly can be climate-friendly. But it has NIMBY [not in my backyard], bird-kill, aesthetic, and long-distance transmission problems, and the inability to offer large base-load (24/7) supply without hydro, nuclear, or fossil backup.

I thoroughly support reduced use of carbon-based fuels, but I doubt whether the world can completely avoid their use.

Walter B. Loewenstein ’49
Palo Alto, California

Brothers in pranks

I was updating my Web site the other day, and, after posting “One of the Best Practical Jokes Ever” (http://engineer-exchange.com), I happened to run across “Chime and Chime Again” [spring 2006]. This article interested me because I was one of the “engineers” of the original carillon prank in 1966. Jeff Strong ’76 and I seem to have a lot in common!

Rockwell Smith ’69
Boise, Idaho

The graduates

Thank you for the profiles of a few of the 2006 graduates [summer 2006]. I especially related to the profile of T’wina Franklin. When I was at Puget Sound I was a single mother of a toddler, working almost full time, with a full class-load. I had one professor who allowed me to bring my daughter to class on two occasions when it was impossible to find anyone to watch her. I will never forget my professor’s understanding (she had raised her son on her own). My daughter is now a high school graduate and will be starting college herself this year. Sadly, she will not be attending UPS, but she has never questioned going to college because she knows how important it is and what it meant to us as a family.

Jane Taylor Sobottka ’94
DuPont, Washington

25 Things We Love About Tacoma” was a terrific stroll down memory lane for me. Please let Bob and Meta Gibbs know that at least one other person remembers a pair of popcorn wagons from the ‘40s. I’m quite certain that they were parked on Puyallup Avenue, headed north as the road curved toward River Road. Our family always stopped at the first wagon because they used more butter on their popcorn.

Marlene Prosser Critch
Oro Valley, Arizona

Still more on ‘25 Things’

Accolades for Arches

The editors note with a blush that Arches was the winner of several awards recently. In the Council for Advancement and Support of Education’s national Circle of Excellence awards, Arches took a silver medal in “Best Articles of the Year” for “Hope Against Hope,” by Justin Garland ’03 and a gold medal in “Periodicals Management,” an acknowledgement that Arches delivers a lot for little cost. Arches also won a first place award from the Western Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for page design.

The editors welcome letters about articles in arches. Write arches, Office of Communications, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma, WA 98416-1041, or arches@ups.edu. Submissions may be edited for content, style, or length. Please include a daytime phone number or e-mail address.
News, trends, history, and phenomena from the campus

It's not a yard sale, it's just the stuff every freshman needs, unloaded from station wagons and trunks and trailers into a communal staging area before the trip upstairs to dorm rooms. For more on the well-provisioned Class of 2010, see the story on the right.
The Class of 2010, 680 strong, arrived, laptops and longboards in hand, for orientation on Aug. 18. Nearly 75 percent are from outside Washington, converging on Tacoma from 37 states. As a group, females outnumber males by a few. The youngest is 17; the oldest 20. There are two sets of twins and one set of triplets. And they're a bright bunch (you were expecting otherwise?) with average SAT scores of 1,250 and average GPAs of 3.55. Twenty-one percent are in the top 5 percent of their high school class and almost 40 percent are in the top 10 percent. But that doesn't mean this class is a bunch of stodgy intellectuals. Among them also can be found:

- a belly dancer
- a former Daffodil queen and princess
- a sailor who has traveled around the world and composed a piece that was performed by the Seattle Chamber Players in Benaroya Hall
- a Midwesterner who proposed the name “Puget Sound” for his garage band
- a rower who won the Groton Cup in the Women’s Henley Regatta
- a bingo caller at a Presbyterian Home
- a stilt walker who performs marimba in a Zimbabwean music group
- an all-league quarterback and all-league pitcher
- a rugby player and Eagle Scout who donated his hair to Locks of Love
- a young woman who has run camps for children in the Ukraine and who cleans model homes to support herself
- a synchronized swim team member who wrote her application essay on Jethro Tull
- a student whose family lives in a one-room cabin without electricity or plumbing in the middle of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
surf city

Two Web sites caught our fancy as the fall term began:

http://upsopolitics.blogspot.com

This Web log, created by Puget Sound Associate Professor of Politics and Government Patrick O’Neil, was set up to bring current students and P&G alumni together. (A weekly e-mail message summarizing contents goes out to everyone who provides an address.) Its content is a free-ranging combination of news items of interest to P&G students, introductions of new faculty members in the department, the occasional offbeat campus photograph, random thoughts, and even “profiles” of alumni, including one on Derek Young ’96, who created a Web site of his own on all things Tacoma.

www.Exit133.com

Which brings us to Exit133.com. If you live or work in T-town and care even a little bit about what goes on around here, this site is for you. Derek Young’s blog, which takes its name from the downtown Tacoma exit on I-5, is part news digest, part social observer, and part town meeting, with a heavy emphasis on the uses and abuses of property as the city continues to ride a wave of revitalization. The site is getting a lot of buzz.

Stats

What I did on my summer vacation

Director of Career and Employment Services Kim McDowell ’91, P’08 gave us this information about the 150 students who worked on campus this summer:

• Jobs included groundskeeper, library circulation assistant, lifeguard, Diversions Café manager, orientation coordinator, chemistry stockroom clerk, research assistant, phonathon caller, summer conference aide, campus-visit assistant, irrigation assistant, custodial assistant, chapel assistant, Office of Information Services programmer.

• Other students participated in summer academic internships locally and across the country with Russell Investment Group, El Entertainment Networks, Seattle Metropolitan Magazine, and others.

• About 1,200 students work on campus each year, providing the work equivalent of nearly 25 percent of non-faculty university employees.

• Last year students earned more than $3 million through part-time and summer employment programs administered by Career and Employment Services.

Sports shorts

High ranks in preseason polls

After earning a second-place finish in the Northwest Conference and a trip to the NCAA tournament in 2005, the Puget Sound volleyball squad is the one to beat in the NWC, according to a preseason poll of conference coaches. Outside hitter Jamie Eggers is the lone returning senior on the squad, but 2005 NWC Coach of the Year Mark Massey will bring back a number of players who earned significant match experience last year, including All-NWC Honorable Mention hono­ree Monica Groves ’08.

The men’s and women’s soccer teams also were picked to finish well this season: The coaches’ poll predicted that the women will win their fifth straight Northwest Conference title; the men were chosen to finish third. The Logger women advanced to within a game of the NCAA Division III Final Four last year, after winning the conference. The Loggers return two First-Team All-NWC selections in Janee Leven ’09 and Adrienne Folsom ’08. Six-time NWC Coach of the Year Randy Hanson returns after a year away, in which Dan Keene, now the Loggers’ top assistant, was named NWC Coach of the Year. The men will look to Byron Conforti ’07 and Greg Swanson ’08 to lead the offense, while Pete Van Sant ’07 takes over for All-America goalkeeper Brian Lawson ’06. Reece Olney returns for his 13th season in charge of the Logger men’s soccer team. — Chris Thompson

Puget sound
Logger/Club

Give ’em a yell—and maybe write ’em a check

The Logger Club is getting a makeover. The 39-year-old association that supports Puget Sound intercollegiate athletics—headed at present by Steve Lust ’83 and Ken McGill ’61—has a new member-benefits structure and a new logo, and it is looking to expand its ranks.

Puget Sound sports teams have had great success during the last few years, says Director of Athletics Amy Hackett, with several NCAA tournament appearances, conference titles, and All-America selec­tions. Hackett says those accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without alumni assistance. Contributions from the 500-or-so members of the Logger Club provide direct support to teams for equipment and facilities enhancements, and help with the extra expense of traveling when teams qualify for postseason play.

Logger Club members receive benefits ranging from preferred seating at events to a newsletter to Logger gear, depending on giving level. For more information, see www.ups.edu/loggerclub.xml.
At Doyle’s, everybody really does know your name

Russ Heaton ’97 had been dreaming about opening a bar in Tacoma for more than a decade. With experience as both a bartender and a beer and wine distributor, he had seen what worked, and he’d researched the demographics and potential growth in a handful of Tacoma neighborhoods. He even had a business partner in David Shelnut.

“We just didn’t have a spot, the wherewithal, or the opportunity—until now,” says Heaton. In April he and Shelnut opened Doyle’s Public House at 208 Saint Helens Ave.

Exposed brick walls, sturdy beams, and an enormous custom-made bar set the scene in this airy pub. The guys, with support from Heaton’s parents, Robert—a graduate of the Puget Sound law school—and Linda, did much of the renovation themselves. They credit David’s wife, Marissa Dijulio Shelnut ’00, with selecting the pub’s color scheme and providing the artistic details.

“Our goal was to create a European-style pub that people could walk to. We also wanted to be sure that activity there wasn’t driven by television but by real conversation,” he says. “We want this to be a place where anybody can come in to talk with a friend or someone they’ve just met at the bar.”

At lunchtime the pub’s Guinness stew and bangers and mash are popular with both business people and those who live in the area’s nearby retirement communities. As night draws, the crowd gets considerably hipper. The 20- and 30-something patrons show their appreciation for Doyle’s Euro taps (each served in a pint glass with the beer brand’s logo stenciled on it) and Jameson whiskey.

The business has grown faster than Heaton imagined it would. “We figured Dave and I would be the only two employees for quite a while,” he says. Instead, within just four months of opening, the duo is overseeing a staff of 15 part-time employees.

“Managing personnel has definitely been our biggest challenge to date,” says Heaton. “We know what we expect but it’s been interesting to learn how to verbalize that to other people.

“It hasn’t been easy and we’re putting in some long hours, but we’re really pleased with the way we just sort of fit into the neighborhood,” says Heaton. “Doyle’s [the name was inspired by baseball pitcher Doyle Alexander—long story] is becoming exactly what we envisioned, and I think it’s just what Tacoma needed.”

— Mary Boone

FILLING THE BILL. A mural of the classic Guinness toucan helps give Heaton (left) and Shelnut the European look they want for Doyle’s.
Babes are being baptized. Citizens are getting their day in court. Churchgoers are accessing lessons in scripture and leadership. And Esperanza Gurza is there, helping to make these things happen.

Gurza retired in 1990, after 21 years of teaching in Puget Sound's foreign languages department. But that ending was just the beginning for this longtime Spanish professor, who has found a new career in volunteerism.

Over the years, she's given hundreds of hours of her time to Sacred Heart Church—a Catholic congregation with a large Hispanic membership—often providing written or verbal translation services to congregants who couldn't otherwise afford them. She's accompanied fellow church members to hearings at the courthouse and to complete paperwork at the Washington State Department of Licensing. Gurza helps prepare Spanish-speaking members for sacraments, including marriage and baptism, and serves as an advocate for marriage annulment. And, most recently, she's become part of a regional committee working to translate Seattle University's three-year Scripture and Leadership Training (SALT) program into Spanish.

"That's my pet project right now," she says. "I just love the fact that it's a lesson in theology every time we have a committee meeting."

In addition to her church work, Gurza has been involved with Tacoma Urban League and Associated Ministries, serving on the boards of directors for both organizations. She also learned the art of doll making, from costuming and shoemaking to painting delicate facial features. She's completed 17 of the porcelain beauties, most of which were inspired by her travels.

Gurza came to the States when she was in her early 20s; her intent was to stay a year or two. Her brother, a physician in the Tacoma area, encouraged her to learn English. She enrolled at the Tacoma Vocational School and got a job at the Tacoma Public Library, where she learned the intricacies of the English language by working the front desk.

While at the library, Gurza was introduced to a patron named Jacquie Martin, who was teaching at Puget Sound. Gurza's new friend helped her apply for and win a partial college scholarship.

"Tuition was $250 a semester, but I was making 25 cents an hour at the library, and I was sending some of that money back to my mother in Mexico," remembers Gurza. "I could not have afforded school without that scholarship."

She earned her bachelor's degree at Puget Sound in 1961 and went on to the University of Oregon, where she earned her master's degree in Romance languages. Gurza began teaching public school but was lured away from Washington state for four-and-a-half years in the 1960s, when she and Jacquie Martin started the foreign language program at Claremont Colleges' new Pitzer College. She came back to Tacoma in 1969 and began teaching at Puget Sound that year.

Gurza still regularly visits her native Mexico and enjoys coming back to campus for Jacobsen Series concerts and scholarship luncheons with her housemate and fellow Puget Sound retiree, Jacquie Martin.

"It was a terrific career, and I miss the students and my colleagues at the university, but I manage to keep fairly busy," says Gurza. "For me, life is about learning and doing. And I'm pleased to say I'm still doing plenty of that."

It's a busy existence, but Gurza is proud that her post-professorial years have been filled with a healthy combination of learning, service, and fun.

"Too many people think life ends at retirement," she says. "Not me. I am not sitting around waiting for death; death is going to have to work hard to catch me." — Mary Boone

Interested alumni can contact Professor Gurza at egurza@ups.edu.
Out of their element

Anthropology students describe the challenges of living and learning in other cultures

By refusing to take part, he risked losing the trust of his informants and being perceived as "a wimp, a teetotaler," or, worse, a narc.

As it turned out, the community itself was deeply immersed in the Mexican drug trade and had made a big score just prior to his arrival. Many of the locals were too busy celebrating and counting their money to bother with fishing, only complicating Hoffman's research. The whole experience, he says, forced him "to drop my preconceived notions about right and wrong behavior."

Graham Jones also struggled with issues of trust and peer pressure, though of a legal variety. Studying French magicians in Paris, Jones began attending several magic club meetings as a way to infiltrate "the most secret society in the world," as one person described it. Soon, the magicians insisted that Jones start practicing magic, too. "You need to start performing more, and making use of what you learn," one magician told him point-blank. "We're not sharing all this with you just for fun."

To help earn his informants' confidence, Jones scoured his native New York for items his French friends could use in their magic tricks. "I learned to see the material excesses of consumer society," he says, "as I thought a magician might: an inexhaustible and scarcely tapped source of artistic raw material. ... So far, I have conveyed goods ranging from hundreds of paper lunch bags, jumbo ziplock baggies, Listerine breath strips, yards of reflective contact paper, Sharpie markers, 'Iraq's Most Wanted' playing cards, and three collapsible laundry hampers."

Conversely, Gardner, researching the Indian guest-worker community in Bahrain, raised suspicions not because of his lack of participation but his nationality. Widely seen as the Middle East's most culturally accommodating country, Bahrain was nevertheless "vaguely hostile," says Gardner, due to U.S. foreign policy and the pending war in Iraq. In fact, he was repeatedly asked when President Bush planned to start the invasion, "as if we Americans were keeping some common
Eventually, the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain began a voluntary evacuation for all non-essential personnel, including Fulbrighters like Gardner. For a while, whenever he drove, he kept a close watch on his rearview mirror, “ever-vigilant for a motorcycle-terrorist making his approach.”

For other students, though, the struggles were more maternal. Kate Goldade, a student at the University of Arizona, took her husband and 3-month-old daughter, Sonia, with her to Costa Rica to study Nicaraguan migrant women. Just as many of her colleagues had predicted, Sonia’s presence helped Goldade establish a bond with her informants, all of whom were mothers, too.

But Goldade soon found herself racked with guilt for having brought her daughter to a foreign place at such a young age, with spotty access to health care, and with malaria and tuberculosis distant yet distinct threats.

Coincidentally, many of the Nicaraguan mothers she was studying were caught in the same excruciating position. One woman, with little else to do with her 3- and 7-year-old children each day, had them trail behind her while she picked coffee. “Having Sonia brings me a deeper understanding of working motherhood,” Goldade says, “the situation many of my informants face.”

Elly Teman, of Hebrew University, also bonded deeply with her informants—in this case, Israeli surrogate mothers, each contracted to bear a child for a couple, usually in exchange for money. Teman learned that surrogate and intended mothers often become very close to one another, and that intimacy soon seeped into Teman’s studies. “I feel the need to prove to them that I don’t only think of them as research subjects,” she writes, “and to show them that I care about them because of who they are.”

Teman was especially sympathetic to the surrogates, who eventually had to surrender the babies growing inside them, and noted the similarities to ethnographers conducting fieldwork. “In many ways, anthropology itself serves as a variation on surrogacy. Because you get into a relationship with the field for a specific purpose, and you know that it is temporary, that eventually it will end.” — Andy Boynton

Other recent releases

**We Are the Cat: Life Through the Eyes of the Royal Feline**
Terry Bain ’89
In his 2004 book You Are a Dog, Bain charmed readers with musings about day-to-day life from the point of view of man’s best friend. This sequel continues in the same vein, only this time the narrator is Bain’s cat, Swiper—a detached, high-minded feline taken with tuna from a can and naps on the computer monitor, yet often perplexed by humans. (“We suggest he stop writing this ridiculous book and come let us out before it is too late. We have to go out. Does he not know this?”) As anyone who lives with one knows, cats are not exactly forthcoming with their motivations in life, but Bain gives it his best shot, even explaining the meaning behind meowing. (“At the door, it means In or Out, or, at the very least, Open. Near the food dish, it means Fill. In your lap, it most certainly means Scratch behind ears.”) — AB

**The Fly Fisher’s Craft**
Darrel Martin ’63
All anglers eventually wonder how people ever managed to go fishing without graphite rods, synthetic lines, and nylon leaders. But up until the past few decades, gear included hand-wrought steel hooks, carefully selected furs and feathers, gut leaders, furled horsehair lines, and wooden loop-rods lashed together. In The Fly-Fisher’s Craft, noted angling author Darrel Martin ’63 brings decades of research, hundreds of color photographs, and years of experimentation to bear on the evolution of fly fishing contrivances. Martin shows where technologies were first documented, why they came to be, and details how even today we can burnish our own handmade hooks and fashion a functioning rod from readily available wood. He also documents the art and evolution of fly tying, from the earliest known methods and materials to some of today’s most modern patterns.

**Pearson Field: Pioneering Aviation in Vancouver and Portland**
Bill Alley ’76
Located in Vancouver, Wash., along the Columbia River, Pearson Field was established at the dawn of aviation and today is one of the country’s oldest operating airfields. In its early days, stunt pilots and wing walkers held huge crowds of onlookers spellbound, and the open spaces at Pearson Field were especially attractive to daredevils testing their experimental aircraft. Alley, manager and curator at the Pearson Air Museum, has collected more than 200 photos documenting the history of the facility. Standouts include Lincoln Beachey delivering a letter to the commandant at Fort Vancouver in his Baldwin airship and the Land of the Soviets, a Russian monoplane that made an emergency stop at Pearson during its landmark flight from Moscow to New York in 1929. Another picture shows Silas Christofferson taking off from the roof of the Multnomah Hotel in his primitive aircraft while 50,000 spectators watched, “many undoubtedly expecting to witness a disaster.” — AB
Eureka!

Harned Hall, the university’s new science building, is open for discovery
Where the study of science is tangible

A Puget Sound education is not something you receive, it’s something you do. And learning by doing just got a lot more interesting on campus. When the fall term opened, so did the doors to Harned Hall, where the study of science is integrated into the very walls. At every turn in the new building, visitors encounter exhibits, puzzles, and spaces that bring elements of the physical world to life. Each brick in the courtyard helps prove a mathematical theory. Each decorative mosaic demonstrates nature’s order.

Welcome to a facility made for the contemporary teaching of science, where there are fewer lectures and more hands-on learning, smaller classes, more complex equipment, and more opportunities for independent research.

Thompson Hall, the university's main science facility, was state-of-the-art in 1966. But 40-year-old mechanical infrastructures no longer serve students adequately and do not meet modern code requirements. Now students of biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, and physics will find common spaces where they can interact with other students, faculty, and staff, and a much improved environment technologically, including wireless Internet access.

To provide maximum flexibility and interaction, new laboratories minimize fixed barriers. They feature seating space for small, group discussion and informal meetings before and after laboratories and classes. Novel modular bench designs and ceiling access to utilities make it easy to rearrange labs. Ventilation hoods and reagent shelves are located along the perimeters to maximize visual contact between teachers and students.

Utilities such as electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, and fire suppression are designed to exceed requirements. The science center has its own generator to support ventilation in the event of a power failure. Plus, the servers, software, and pipes that bring electronic and computing tools to classrooms and labs exceed current needs in order to meet future requirements. Harned Hall meets the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver Rating, using sustainable materials and thermal mass and ventilation strategies instead of air conditioning.

The building is named for H.C. “Joe” Harned '51. (See page 18 for more on Joe.) More than 600 other individuals and foundations contributed to the project, including The Kresge Foundation and The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

Harned Hall completes the first phase of the university's science center project. The next phase includes renovations to Thompson Hall, including a new home for the Slater Museum of Natural History. Thompson renovations began in May and are scheduled to conclude in 2008.

SCIENCE ON DISPLAY Harned Hall is a place where science is not only researched and taught, it is a part of the building's architecture. The exterior facade is decorated with stone medallions. Two examples are shown on the facing page: a representation of the element tin (1) and a spirograph pattern created when charting the relative motion of the Earth and Venus (6). Mounted on the interior wall of the east-facing colonnade are two, two-story-high mosaics constructed of 4-inch-square tiles. One depicts the orbits of the planets around the sun, inscribed over an aerial view of Puget Sound (5). The other is an artistic representation of a logarithmic spiral known as the golden rectangle (4). The skeleton of a 27-foot-long juvenile gray whale hangs in the building's entry hall (3). A Foucault pendulum demonstrating the rotation of the earth is located in the center of the spiral staircase in the main lobby. Hung from the ceiling of the third floor, the cable pendulum is suspended over a base of inlaid wood in the penrose pattern (7), designed by Professor of Physics Alan Thorndike. An analemma, also in the main lobby, plots the path of the sun throughout the year. The analemma was conceived by Professors Alan Thorndike and Jim Evans. A 10,000-square-foot, multilevel courtyard joins Harned and Thompson halls. It contains a research garden, water feature, study and gathering spaces, and a glass gazebo in the shape of a crystal (2). One of the largest Science on Display installations lies in the brick pattern of the courtyard, which depicts Sierpinski's Carpet (8). The pattern begins with one square, divided into nine congruent squares in a 3-by-3 grid. The center square is then removed. The procedure is applied to the eight remaining squares and repeated infinitely. The resulting design was first described by Waclaw Sierpinski, a Polish mathematician. Sierpinski's Carpet is a fractal—a shape that appears similar at all scales of magnification.
How do you move an electron microscope into a new building? Veerrrry carefully

The university's electron microscope was old. So old that the manufacturer would soon stop servicing it—a bad thing for such a delicate instrument. But Professor of Biology Wayne Rickoll, who as we shall see is a lover of good deals and a man not afraid to tinker with machinery worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, had an idea. He'd heard that Cal State East Bay had a cream-puff transmission electron microscope they no longer needed and were selling dirt cheap.

"It was the deal of a lifetime," said Rickoll, who flew down to California a year ago to kick the tires on the used scope.

"Sold!" said the professor. He promptly hired a company that specializes in moving big, heavy, sensitive equipment, and arranged to have the microscope stored until Harned Hall was finished.

Spring of 2006 rolled around and Rickoll gathered up a little help to truck the scope, carefully, down to a still not-completely-finished Harned Hall, uncrated it and—panic!—in the previous moving someone had removed a few screws, bending the alignment of the massive stack of electromagnetic lenses, which focuses the electron beam. Plus, the scope's lenses need to be cooled to a constant temperature with a stream of water, but the chiller apparatus in Harned Hall was not meant for cooling an electron microscope.

Enter some very accommodating guys from the university’s facilities staff—Jay Becker, Craig Benjamin, Robert Ebert, and Jack Young—who, Rickoll said with admiration and gratitude, figured out a way to adapt the building's plumbing.

Now all that was left was to align the beam. This Rickoll attempted himself. "I've always been at a place where the scopes were up and running," he said. "This was my first time setting one up. I just got up there and started turning knobs, a little each day and testing." Danged if his patient experimentation didn't work. In August an engineer from Zeiss of Germany fine-tuned the instrument.

Rickoll said the whole process was a terrific example of teamwork and also credits his student research assistant Pat Moyle '06 and science support engineer Al Vallecorsa.

— Chuck Luce

A GARDEN FOR RESEARCH
Around Harned Hall, even the landscaping becomes a teaching tool. In early designs for the building, landscapers chose courtyard plants based mostly on how well they enhanced architectural features. But Puget Sound Associate Professor of Biology Betsy Kirkpatrick saw an opportunity to go even further and include native plants, both for their ecological benefits and as a live exhibit for her botany students. "It’s a nice opportunity to appreciate what grows here," she says.

The plant list for the Harned Hall courtyard consists of trees, shrubs, and ground covers such as vine maple, Pacific dogwood, red-flowering currant, snowberry, sword and lady ferns, false lily of the valley, and Western honeysuckle. Unlike exotic plants, these plants have evolved with the Pacific Northwest’s wet winters and dry summers, and developed the defenses that keep native pests at bay. This means that once established, the plants do fine with little or no watering and no pesticides.

The lesson of an environmentally friendly garden goes beyond student learning to anyone visiting Harned Hall. "When community members come to the coffee shop," Kirkpatrick says, "they can learn about native plants, too."

— Julie Monahan
DEDICATING HARNED HALL
You’re invited to dedication activities, planned to take place during Homecoming weekend.
Among events:

Edward O. Wilson: “Future of Life/The Creation”
Tues., Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.,
Schneebeck Concert Hall
Hailed as one of America’s most influential people by Time magazine, Wilson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning scientist and Harvard University professor emeritus, will lead off dedication events with a lecture and book signing. Wilson is the author of The Future of Life (2002), about saving the Earth’s biological heritage. A reception and signing of his newest book, The Creation: A Meeting of Science and Religion (2006), will follow in Wyatt Hall’s Pierce Atrium. The lecture is sponsored by the Swope Endowed Lectureship on Ethics, Religion, Faith and Values, and is free and open to the public.

Harned Hall Dedication Ceremony and Tours
Fri., Sept. 29, 2 p.m.,
Brown Family Courtyard
The building’s dedication will take place in the 10,000-square-foot, multilevel courtyard and include a formal presentation by President Thomas and Joe Harned ’51; the debut of an original musical composition for the occasion by Associate Professor Rob Hutchinson; tours of the building and scientific displays; presentations of student research; and the opportunity to view science laboratory classes in session. The event is free and open to the public.

More information:
www.ups.edu/sciencecenter

The data

Size: 51,000 square feet, joined with Thompson Hall on all three levels
Bricks: 64,788
Steel: 676,000 pounds
Glass: 9,625 square feet of windows
Cost: $25 million, part of the $63 million Science Center project.
Occupants: Laboratory spaces and support areas for biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, and physics.
Architects: SRG Partnership of Portland and Seattle
Contractors: Sellen Construction, Seattle
Not just a regular Joe
by Mary Boone

The man whose name is on Harned Hall has never been one to let a little hard work get in the way of making things better.

GETTING H.C. “JOE” HARNED ’51 TO SIT down for this interview wasn’t easy; at age 89, he’s got a schedule that would exhaust most folks half his age. He postponed our meeting once because he’d been asked to toss out the first pitch at a Tacoma Rainiers game and needed to warm up his arm—by hurling apples at deer who dared to enter his garden.

Harned says that the 100-by-20-foot garden at his Puyallup, Wash., home is his therapy; he does all the work by hand. “It keeps me in shape,” he says, flexing well-defined biceps to prove his point. “I have a Rototiller, but I just start it up once in a while to make sure it still works.”

When we finally did catch up with him, Harned had just returned from an Alaska fishing trip; he and his pals had trekked to a spot so remote it took three planes to get back home. He apologized for being so elusive and repeated by offering this writer a king salmon fillet and six enormous tomatoes from his garden. The man has as much charm as he does energy—and he has a lot of energy, always has.

Harned, the third of five boys, was born and raised in southwest Pennsylvania’s Turkeyfoot Valley. An economically depressed logging region, people there looked to baseball for diversion and inspiration, and the Harneds were no exception. Family legend has it that when Joe was born—in the midst of the 1917 playoffs—his mother took one look at him and declared: “Looks like a homer to me.” And so the baby became Homer Cameron Harned.

“That was a time and a place when all the boys had names like John or James, so I stuck out like a sore thumb,” says Harned. He went by the unusual moniker until the 1930s, when his military buddies nicknamed him “Joe.”

“I’ve been ‘Joe’ since the Navy. I think it suits me better,” he says.

As Harned recalls his childhood, it’s easy to see how his name wasn’t the only uncommon thing about him.

“My family was poor, everybody was, but I don’t think I realized then just how impoverished we were,” he says. “I was thrifty before I knew what thrifty was.”

Early on, Harned understood he’d have to pay for any “extras” he wanted: ice skates, a shotgun, ammunition, baseball gloves. As a 6- or 7-year-old, he started his own business, selling seeds. He’d take orders from neighbors, send away for the seeds, package and deliver orders, and net a small profit for his efforts.

When the circus came to town, he sold popcorn. Using a burlap bag as a net, he seized minnows to sell to bass fishermen. He hunted to help put meat on the table and got up early to pick wild strawberries or blackberries.

“I’d pick berries for a couple hours and I was happy if I could sell them for 10 cents a quart,” he says. “I worked hard but, even then, I knew hard work was the only way to get what I wanted out of life.”

Harned left his hometown of Ursina, Pa., in 1934, when he was just 17.

“There just wasn’t much there for me,” he says. “My parents knew it and I knew it, so I went to Roanoke, Va., where the weather was a little more favorable.”

Harned took a job making deliveries for a florist, and later he worked at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Salem, Va. Eventually he began attending classes at Roanoke College.

“College was important, but I had to keep working,” he says. “I switched jobs a lot, always looking for ways to make more money.”

He moved to Baltimore to become a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad—it was an opportunity to triple the salary he was earning in Virginia.

“I worked eight hours on and eight hours off and I took all the hours I could get,” Harned says. “They had me so ragged I could barely stand.”

After three years with the railroad, Harned enlisted in the U.S. Navy before he could be drafted. “I’d never been on a ship, but I knew my two years of college qualified me for pilot training, and I had it in my mind that was what I was going to do.”

Harned began boot camp expecting to get a call to go to pilot school. Instead, he found himself on an aircraft carrier headed from Norfolk, Va., to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal. Though commanders shared little intelligence with the crew, it didn’t take long before Harned realized his military career would involve the battles children now study in history class.

“We didn’t know it at the time, but the United States had broken the Japanese code and my carrier and four or five destroyers and cruisers were headed to Midway to try to stop

Quick Study: At home in Puyallup, Harned, whose interests have him always on the run, stood still just long enough for a photo.
“My family was poor, everybody was, but I don’t think I realized then just how impoverished we were,” Harned says. “I was thrifty before I knew what thrifty was.”
Defining moments

With its 10-year strategic plan, the university has a new story to tell

by Ron Thomas

All of us have faced times of great challenge and opportunity, when choices are presented and decisions are made that reveal our innermost character and our fundamental values. These are the critical moments that determine destiny. A man landing on the moon defined a generation; the fall of the Berlin Wall defined another. Our personal lives are marked by defining moments, too: the choice of a college, a life partner, a career, or where to live, for example.

The same can be said of organizations, and I believe that Puget Sound is facing a defining moment in its history. Why is this so?

First, there are external reasons. This is the information age, we are told: I read recently a new study by the World Bank called "Where Is the Wealth of Nations?" claiming that sustainable national wealth is no longer measured in property or natural resources or other tangible assets, but in intangible assets—human capital, information, aspiration, cultural capital, and the knowledge to use them. These are precisely the forms of value in which we trade at a place like Puget Sound. Our core mission is to be the producer and guardian of human and cultural capital, to understand and develop core guiding values. All that is on the positive side of this defining moment.
On the negative side, we hear voices from everywhere affirm that American higher education is the greatest in the world and that it is currently in a state of crisis. This year alone the government cut $12.7 billion in financial aid from the federal budget, the largest cut in history, narrowing college accessibility to a smaller portion of the population. This at a time when the value of education makes more of a difference in the success of a person’s life than ever—some say more than a million dollars of income, on average, earned over the course of a lifetime. Meanwhile nations like China and India, emerging economic powers, are vastly increasing their investment in higher education. Perhaps they understand better than we do, at least in their public policy, where the wealth of nations lies in the future.

Internally, there are other reasons for this time to be a defining moment for Puget Sound. Within this larger context, Puget Sound is at a crossroads when we must again define ourselves. We have faced such moments before:

- In 1888, when our founders envisioned a college that would become the best in the new Northwest Territory and one of the finest in the country—as fine as the great universities of Boston and Chicago, they said.
- When, after a period of financial crisis in the early 20th century, we reorganized and came to our current campus site in 1923, with President Todd’s idea of establishing on this marshy bramble patch in the North End of town a memorable and inspiring residential campus in the Gothic style, like the great old universities of Cambridge and Oxford.
- And again, after World War II with the influx of GIs returning from the war, as President Thompson grew the College of Puget Sound into a comprehensive university, with new programs, professional schools, branch campuses, and new buildings and expanded influence in the city and region.
- And then in the 1970s, under the leadership of President Phibbs and later President Pierce, when we refocused the university as a liberal arts college in the first order of academic excellence, trimming back on the expansions in graduate programs and eliminating branch campuses, establishing a Phi Beta Kappa chapter as a seal of commitment to academic excellence, producing our first two Rhodes Scholars, creating pioneering interdisciplinary study programs like International Political Economy and Asian Studies, among the first undergraduate colleges in the country to do so, and reshaping the School of Business into an interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum, the School of Business and Leadership.

Every quarter century, we seem to face a defining moment.

We are at another such moment right now as we approach our 125th birthday. What are the choices before us at this moment? What is the great opportunity that presents itself now? What are the risks we must avoid, and the chances we must take to advance the university once more?

This is a moment in which our goal is not to write a new story about ourselves, but to gather our accumulated assets from earlier times and, together, to strike out in a direction uniquely our own. In each of our previous crossroad moments, we showed innovation and inventiveness and originality. But in each of them, we also had a model to which we aspired—our founders’ dream was to be a great college like those in the East; it was Todd’s dream to have a beautiful Tudor-Gothic campus like Oxford and Cambridge; Thompson dreamed of expanding our programs to be more like a comprehensive university; most recently, our dream has been to be a great liberal arts college like those outstanding residential colleges in New England and the Midwest. All were desirable aspirations.

Now our defining moment offers us the chance to deploy the strengths we have gathered and do something different: to emphasize how our unique history and the values that drive us now—the intangible cultural assets of the Puget Sound experience—are somehow distinctive from everybody else. They express an identity uniquely our own. Our goal is not to be as good as someone else but to be the best versions of ourselves we can be, to be a place like no other, a residential college with the opportunities of a great university, an innovative and inspiring university that is engaged with the world and is an investment for a lifetime. Not to aspire to a standard, but to be the standard.

How will we do that? We will do it with a clear vision for who we are and who we will become and the right plan to get us there. Our strategic plan is such a plan, and it rests on four key concepts:


These are the defining terms of this defining moment.

Innovate

We are different from other colleges and universities because we have always had a tradition of innovation. We are a fine liberal arts college, but we also have a School of Business and Leadership, one of only two or three in the country. We have a School of Music with eight performing ensembles. Again, one of only two or three. No other college has this. And none can combine them with a School of Education that is training teachers and principals and counselors while it speaks to the great issues of education in this age of information that our nation is facing.

No one has a Center for Health Sciences, as we are now planning to complement these distinctions—one that will combine psychology and exercise science at the undergraduate level with physical therapy and occupational therapy at the graduate level and a neuroscience curriculum integrating these disciplines. We will maintain our focus on the core mission of the liberal arts and integrate that with these clinical strengths not usually affiliated with the liberal arts.

No other college will have a Center for Strategic Issues, like the one we are planning, that will deploy faculty and student research and teaching on issues in the South Sound region that have national and even global significance—issues like energy conservation and water quality, homelessness, educational access, and the achievement gap. These are pilot projects in our Civic Scholarship Initiative that faculty and students are now pursuing in partnership with Pierce County, the city of Tacoma, and the state of Washington.

The truly great innovators at Puget Sound are our faculty and students, and this plan for innovation includes additional faculty and substantial financial aid to attract the best and brightest students.

Inspire

We have one of the most inspiring campuses in the country. We think so, of course, but so does everyone who visits our campus. Last year we completed a 20-year master plan for the campus. It is called the Tapestry of Learning,
but to be the best versions of ourselves we can be.

and our first projects call for completing a spectacular new science building, Harned Hall (see page 12) and renovating Thompson Hall. It will be one of the finest undergraduate science education facilities in the nation.

We will also unite the north and south ends of campus with a dramatic landscape element called Commencement Walk, invoking the ritual march from Jones Hall to the fieldhouse taken by every Puget Sound graduate on Commencement day. Commencement Walk will be bordered by a beautiful new Health Sciences Center. It will be marked by a newly exposed stand of giant fir trees at the south end of campus. And it will culminate in an expanded athletics and recreation complex. The facilities services offices and shops will be relocated to the periphery of campus, and the temporary buildings they now occupy at the heart of the campus along with the departments of occupational therapy and physical therapy will be replaced by an expansive green space. This is an inspired plan, and it promises an inspirational result.

Engage
We have some of the most engaged and accomplished alumni in the world. Thirty-thousand strong, we are CEOs of some of the largest and most successful companies in the world, professors and artists, public servants and engineers, inventors and high-tech entrepreneurs. Our alumni go on to the finest graduate, professional, and medical schools in the country and become leaders in the fields of business and finance, law, education, and medicine.

We want to better engage our amazing alumni with the university, from their first contact as prospective students through graduation and throughout a lifetime of membership in the Puget Sound family. We want to engage this human capital in a mutually satisfying relationship, in which we take pride in our alumni and they are increasingly proud of our alma mater.

This is our greatest untapped resource, and to truly fulfill our mission, we owe it to our graduates to continue to provide points of contact back to the university family. We intend to do that by developing a network of connecting points, like alumni college programs, revitalizing a stand-alone homecoming program and career network, renewing local alumni clubs and the National Alumni Board, broadening affiliation-group and Greek reunions, reinventing the Business Leadership Council, and more.

All great universities have great volunteer networks—it is the one thing we have not yet done. Relationship-based, engagement-centered, volunteer-driven, it will take time and it will take effort; it will take energy and discipline. It will be our great flywheel project, and we shall do it.

Invest
A vision like this has costs in time and treasure. We are right now planning a major comprehensive campaign that will fund the dream for our defining moment. Our plan is not simply to ask for gifts but to build a culture of commitment to the university and its future of making a difference in the world. Our people, our location, our tradition of innovation, and our commitment to making a difference in the world—these are the assets we will deploy to make the difference for Puget Sound, as well.

Investing in the innovative and independent-minded people who are drawn to an inspiring campus and driven to engage each other and the world in a way that makes a difference and serves a purpose: That's our plan. We will no longer reach for the mark set by others, but set the mark ourselves. I hope you will join us and be a defining part of this defining moment for Puget Sound.

Goals for the Defining Moments strategic plan

I. Enhance and distinguish the Puget Sound experience
   • Develop resources for embracing curricular innovation focused on environmental, international, and civic concerns
   • Create new faculty lines to enhance faculty recruitment and retention, strengthen targeted programs at the intersection of disciplines, and generate opportunities for faculty research and student mentoring
   • Strengthen and promote academic achievements and partnerships in the arts and music, education, health sciences, and business and leadership that engage regional issues for their national significance and recognition

II. Build an inspiring physical environment for learning
   • Complete the Science Center and natural history museum
   • Build a Center for Health Sciences as a distinctive academic and clinical asset uniting psychology, exercise science, and physical and occupational therapy
   • Create Commencement Walk to integrate the north and south sectors of campus and establish a new grand campus entrance and approach
   • Expand and improve recreation facilities to promote health and fitness for the campus community

III. Forge lifelong relationships
   • Reorient the alumni office from a program-based operation to a strategic center for cultivating mutually beneficial relationships
   • Develop and manage a network of volunteer opportunities to generate an array of connections and services for alumni, parents, and friends
   • Enhance external and internal campus programs and communications to reflect and promote our mission, vision, values, and strategic goals

IV. Strengthen our financial position
   • Meet student financial need through increased annual giving and endowment
   • Strategically deploy the university’s endowment asset allocation, spending policy, and leverage capacity
   • Implement an inspiring and successful comprehensive campaign to support the advancement of the university for many years to come

For more on the Defining Moments strategic plan, see www.ups.edu/strategicplan.xml
For more on the Tapestry of Learning campus master plan, see www2.ups.edu/mp/project_overview.htm
The crossing

by Andy Dappen

Greg Spencer '97, Dylan LeValley '97, Todd Vickers '97, and Jordan Haugen '97 cross the finish line at Bishop Rock, the southwestern-most point in the U.K., winning the Shepherd Ocean Pioneers Rowing Race.
After 18 months of preparation and 10 weeks at sea, after terrifying storms and heartbreaking sunsets, after misery and euphoria, four Puget Sound alumni rowed their 29-foot fiberglass boat up to a pier in the U.K. and into the record books.

August 21, 2006

We saw the lighthouse first. Then, after more rowing, the cliffs. In their own time, fields, houses, trees, and even people appeared. We treated each new sighting like it was the most exciting happening in months. As we approached the harbor, a sport boat rushed out to meet us; then a camera boat; then locals in their own boats; then tour boats, whale boats, and the pilot boat with the harbor master. Later, when we rounded the breakwater, we could see the whole town of Falmouth. A crowd was cheering. Cannon fired from the castle. Big ships were blowing horns. There were 200 people and close to 50 friends and family members at the dock and pretty soon we were staggering on land, hugging, crying—and eating, eating everything in sight.

It was more than the end of a historic 3,290 mile row across the North Atlantic, a body of water known for 30-foot waves, hurricane-force winds, and for sinking the Titanic. It was the end of 71 days divided into interminable two-hour shifts of rowing, sleeping, rowing, sleeping. It was the end of settling into bedding that was always wet, of rowing through rain squalls that felt like blasts from a BB machine gun, or of waiting out storms while lying like sardines in a sealed chamber the size of a refrigerator. But for all these hardships, the crew says the challenges of preparing for the journey easily eclipsed the difficulty of the row itself.

The seeds of this epic journey germinated in November 2004, when Jordan Hanssen ’04, one of the Loggers who helped Puget Sound clinch four consecutive Northwest Conference rowing championships, saw a poster in Seattle announcing a rowing race from New York to the United Kingdom. He was smitten by the notion and, although family and friends worried whether this scheme would provide an express ride to Davey Jones’ locker, he viewed the race as the adventure of a lifetime.

Hanssen was soon on the phone with former UPS teammate Brad Vickers ’05, asking if Vickers was up for something big. Even in the rowing community, rowing an ocean teeters on the edge of insanity, but Vickers didn’t...
Ocean-rowing history 101

Rowing an ocean sounds suicidal to the uninitiated, but a surprising number of adventurers have taken to the sea in rowboats. To date, 276 expeditions have attempted ocean crossings, and nearly two thirds of them have succeeded. The other third safely aborted partway through their crossing. Surprisingly only six lives have been lost during the sport’s 110-year history.

Two Norwegians, George Harboe and Gabriel Samuelsen, kicked off this adventure sport in 1896 when they piloted an open rowboat across the North Atlantic as a publicity stunt. Reportedly, they rowed from Manhattan to the Isle of Scilly (U.K.) in 55.5 days—a time that has not been bested. They then spent an additional five days rowing to France.

The next successful ocean row was not completed until 70 years later, when two Brits, John Ridgway and Chay Blyth, rowed from Cape Cod to Ireland. In 1971, Swedish solo rower Anders Svedlund devoted 64 days to crossing the Indian Ocean. In 1972, British gluttons for pain John Fairfax and Sylvia Cook claimed the first Pacific crossing, spending a staggering 361 days rowing the 8,041 miles between San Francisco and Australia.

The distinction of the longest row, in miles, goes to Jim Shekhdar of Great Britain, who rowed 10,652 miles and was at sea 273 days, rowing solo from Peru to Australia.

Interesting combinations of related people have also rowed an ocean together—husbands and wives, cousins, twin brothers, uncle and nephew, mother and daughter, father and son, and mother and son. Rowers from Zimbabwe, Turkey, Italy, Guatemala, Barbados, Hungary, and China all have completed ocean rows.

The modern era of ocean rowing began in 1982 as rowers embraced newer boats designed to increase safety, newer technologies that increased the odds of successful emergency rescues, and newer equipment that improved living conditions at sea. In the next 14 years, another 29 expeditions took to the oars as adventurers crossed new stretches of water, vied for gender distinction, or made crossings in the name of their country.

The advent of formalized ocean-rowing races using “class,” or same-design, boats bolstered interest and participation in the sport. In 1997, 29 boats manned by two-person teams raced between the Canary Islands and Barbados. These races on the mid-Atlantic have continued on a two-year cycle and the sponsoring group—Woodvale Events—started organizing even more ambitious races. They’ve added a race across the Indian Ocean. And this year’s race across the colder, rougher North Atlantic was the first-ever Ocean-Four (four-person) race.

Not only did the UPS crew win the North Atlantic race from the U.S. to U.K., they have earned several slots in the record books. They are the first Americans to row from the U.S. to Europe and the first American winners of an ocean-rowing race. They have also logged the longest recorded row of the North Atlantic: The point-to-point distance of their journey was 3,290 statute miles, but with vagaries of winds and storms, the Logger crew rowed roughly 3,800 miles. — AD

These guys must be crazy

The $40,000 of personal seed money only covered a fraction of their expenses. The foam-core composite rowing boats made by Woodvale are the stock craft used for ocean races. A bare-bones boat, painted only in primer and featuring a few waterproof hatches sealing off the sleeping quarters and a quiver of tie-down cleats, costs $30,000. Delivering the boat to the West Coast would run another $6,000, and a trailer for the craft would cost $4,000.

The boat would then need to be outfitted to the standards mandated by the race organizers, using a fathom-long equipment list: strobe lights on the deck to make the small boat visible, a sea anchor to ride out storms, an active radar to see oncoming traffic, a radar reflector to

dismiss his former teammate. He said they needed to meet. “We got together and spent 10 hours discussing every part of the project,” recalls Vickers. “At that point we committed to rowing an ocean together. When, where, how—these questions were still unanswered.”

Not for long, though. The two soon decided the North Atlantic race that Hansen had read about, which was scheduled for the summer of 2006, was the right venue. It was the first-ever four-person rowing race, and Hansen and Vickers believed four people would be more capable of conquering the staggering number of chores involved in preparing for the journey. Plus, more people would make a long crossing in a small boat more interesting.

“We knew we wanted former UPS rowers,” says Vickers. “This would be a stressful race, and we want to do it with people we really knew and trusted.”

The two started recruiting teammates and found that UPS offered a fertile field of similarly off-kilter dreamers. Among them was Greg Spooner ’01, who had served as the men’s novice rowing coach for a year after graduating.

Meanwhile Dylan LeValley ’05, a multi-year varsity rower for the Loggers, was cursed with the genes of his father, a man who for many years organized eco-tours to far corners of the Western Hemisphere and Africa. LeValley was also cursed by his mother when he told her what he was contemplating. “That’s the worst idea I’ve ever heard from you,” she told him. But wanderlust trumped maternal apprehension. Along with the other three UPS rowers, LeValley took out a loan for $10,000 and added it to the coffers of a venture the four were calling OAR (Ocean Adventure Racing) Northwest.
make the boat visible to big ships, rowing gates and seats, solar panels and batteries, life jackets, survival suits, safety tethers, distress signals, flares, waterproof storage containers, medical supplies, compasses, ocean charts, tools, boat repair items, spare electronic parts, an emergency-position beacon, a tracking beacon, life raft, fog horn, sextant, GPS unit, VHF radio, satellite phone, laptop computer, stove, fuel, personal gear, bedding, and service manuals for everything. There would need to be an emergency supply of water and stills to desalinate the three to eight quarts of water each rower would drink each day. And there would need to be food. Lots of food. Enough to supply each rower with 5,500 calories a day for 100 days. With all these provisions, the 800-pound boat would plump up to 3,000 pounds.

Next they would need $40,000 for the race-entry fee. And funds for training, shipping the boat east, flying back East, flying home after the race, and shipping the boat home. There would be the cost of marketing their adventure to attract financial support, and the cost of living while they prepared for, marketed, and financed their dream. The total cost of the Atlantic race would exceed a quarter-million dollars.

The four attacked the task like they were launching a business. They rented a house together in Seattle to shave living costs, establish a headquarters, warehouse equipment, sustain communication, and build team unity. They cold called potential sponsors, financial supporters, and sources of information. They built a Web site, crafted marketing materials, attracted reams of media coverage, and established themselves as a nonprofit organization.

They also created a higher purpose for their journey. The team formalized a relationship with the American Lung Association of Washington in the summer of 2005 so that half of all donations went to the charity and half went to financing the row. (See Strong Lungs Pull for Failing Ones, page 29.)

Getting to the starting line

The team members drew different lessons from the 18-month preparation. Brad Vickers saw it as education: "I can't imagine we would have learned this much had we gone back to school." LeValley noted the single-minded focus required to pull off big dreams: "There's nothing we did that anyone willing to ignore their friends and family, operate on no sleep, and abuse their health couldn't accomplish.

And Hanssen came to appreciate the "it-takes-a-village" support required to tackle monster projects: "Four people don't row across the Atlantic."

The support the four garnered was diverse and widespread. Acquaintances and family donated time, expertise, money, Web services, photographic services, weather forecasting services, and moral support. Some 50 businesses listed on the OAR Northwest Web site gave money, equipment, food, expertise, or some mixture of each.

LeValley joked about how their ability to, uh, abuse people's generosity also helped. For days at a time, for example, they would take over the shop of Emerald Harbor Marine and ask questions about outfitting their boat with water makers, a solar charging system, and navigation and communication systems. "The owner would tell us, 'I don't want to help you, but if I don't, you're gonna kill yourselves.'"

They didn't kill themselves. The four-some meticulously outfitted and row-tested the James Robert Hanssen (named for Jordan Hanssen's dad, who died of a massive asthma attack in 1985) in the Pacific before she was shipped to New York. On training rows they became physically and mentally prepared for the labor and life ahead. Living together on land, they learned how to support and compensate for one another, as well as how to communicate and vent. Through experience and research, they knew what they were up against, and they developed daily routines and racing tactics to ensure not only that they would become the first Americans to cross the North Atlantic, but that they would defeat the other three boats in the race.

Dave Spooner, Greg's father, says that despite their victory and the success of their historic row, the greatest pride he felt was in the guys' ability to get to the starting line. "At hundreds of places along the way this thing could have crumbled and fallen apart. They took what they learned from UPS, the determination and cohesion from their crew experience, and applied it to this."

The elder Spooner expressed tremendous admiration for the team's accomplishment. A few days after the racers arrived in Falmouth, he said, "I was on the rowboat helping to retrieve equipment we'd be taking home. I immediately found out that moving in that tiny living compartment, finding anything, doing something functional—it's almost impossible. What life and conditions were like out on the sea in that compartment is inconceivable to me."

“We’ve spent most of the last two to three days battling our way due east, watching the lead over the fleet continue to shrink, as south winds and choppy south seas impede our usual good progress.”
Seventy-one days at the oars

Everything about rowing an ocean is inconceivable to those of us who are land-bound. What follows are excerpts from diary entries that Hanssen, Vickers, Spooner, and LeValley posted on their Web site—a site that saw more than 60,000 people per day tracking the progress of the JR Hanssen.

June 11, 2006
Our second night at sea. Condolences to Team Sevenoaks, who broke their rudder and dropped out of the race. Much of what happens on the ocean is out of our control, and their early departure takes nothing from the tremendous accomplishment of reaching the start. Pulling away from New York last night was so emotional for all of us. As we watched the sun set over the city, we realized that when we wake up there would be nothing. We can finally begin to take stock in ourselves and our undertaking. A tropical storm is brewing in the Gulf, and forecasters have it headed our way.

June 12
This is the first time I have been well enough to concentrate on writing in the cabin. It seems to take Brad and me about three days to get over seasickness. Last night we saw our first sunset out of sight of land. It lit the whole sky orange and the moon rose behind us with a deep yellow-red hue. — Jordan

June 14
Two hours on (rowing) and two hours off (resting) seems to work fine most of the day, but when evening rolls around there is that one brutal night shift that redefines pain. The hardest part is working in your mind’s haze. Your mind may be wandering, but the pain is very real. — Jordan

June 15
We made it through a horrendous night. The wind [from tropical storm Alberto] was making noises I didn’t even know wind could make. — Jordan

June 17
We had a moment of perfection last night. The stars were out, with no moon or clouds. There was no horizon and the water melted with the sky. With each stroke our oars lit up the water with the brightest phosphorescence. With every wave our boat lifted up, and the ocean around it lit up like a bright green Milky Way. It was rowing among the stars. — Jordan

June 18
It’s not the adjustment to the living requirements that is so profound but the adjustment to movement. Our top speed rowing is about three knots, or just over what you could walk at a fast pace. It took us 12 hours of rowing yesterday to make any headway at all, and that is a long time to row without going anywhere. It’s humbling to live at this pace. — Brad

June 22
We’ve spent most of the last two to three days battling our way due east, watching the lead over the fleet continue to shrink, as south winds and choppy south seas impede our usual good progress. Many a text message has come in wondering why we forge our own path toward Portugal. The sole purpose is to get to the Gulf Stream. The current is fast, and it is well worth the lightning storms, awkward waves, backward currents and torrential rain. Yesterday afternoon we adjusted course to the NE, and it was finally our chance to cash in on the miserable rowing from before. Since then, we’ve been surfing the waves that thwarted our progress. — Greg

June 23
A pod of right whales surfaced off the starboard side of our boat last evening. They moved effortlessly past us, their undulating movements making our rowing seem uncivilized in comparison. No acknowledgment, no curiosity on their part. They had much more important business to attend to. We, on the other hand, stood silent, mouths agape searching for words. — Jordan

June 24
Last night we had no moon. We took a brief rest, shut down the neon of our instruments, and I got to bask, for the first time, without any other light, among the stars. If I looked straight up to the night sky, I almost felt like I was in space, floating. — Jordan

“We made it through a horrendous night. The wind [from tropical storm Alberto] was making noises I didn’t even know wind could make.”
June 29
We knew there would be miserable times out here (e.g., Alberto). But we also envisioned 150-mile days surfing the Gulf Stream with 10-foot seas and 20-knot winds driving us directly toward Falmouth. The reality is that nothing out here is easy. We’ve had 10 days of beam seas and headwinds. Today is our first day of tailwinds since day two, but we are in an area of backward current. When it’s calm, it’s hot enough to leave us begging for a tree to hide under. Fortunately, there has not been a day without the positive as well. There is always something amazing around us—even on the painful days, we can watch the dolphins or turtles. — Dylan

July 5
Rain began with a prelude of small drops and some lightning in the distance. In 10 minutes thick drops drove the waves into submission. It stung, oppressive, overwhelming. The lightning, now overhead, exploded around us. Our eyes seared and were then submerged back into darkness. The rain continued throughout today. I believe this is one of the most stunning experiences out here. What you don’t see at night is the impact of the rain drops on the water. One drop hitting the water, multiplied by billions, calms the sea. — Greg

July 10
Our night shifts are long if you don’t talk your way through them, and we all have fallen asleep while rowing at some point during the crossing. Dylan came up with this game where we ask an in-depth question on the first shift and respond to it on the second. These questions lead to further conversation and, all of a sudden, the 10-minute warning call is being made to the two sleeping rowers in the stern cabin. Some of the questions we have discussed: If you could no longer live in the U.S., what country would you live in and why? If you could be the CEO of any company, which company and what changes would you implement? Describe the greatest baseball game ever. Describe your dream home. Even after spending a year living and working together on the project, we continue to come up with new topics of conversation. — Brad

July 12
Today we had the most amazing wildlife experience of the trip. Greg and Jordan sighted some dolphin-like animals in the distance, but as they approached we realized they were much larger (up to 30 feet), had large, curved dorsal fins, and...
“We learned there was nothing glamorous about being in the middle of the ocean in a rowboat.”

were flat-faced [pilot whales]. They proceeded to come up to the boat, around 40 of them, and played at the surface right next to the boat for 15 minutes! Why did they choose us? What made the J.R. Hanssen so interesting? We wouldn’t have witnessed this without the miserable days rowing against relentless current. Worth every stroke.

— Dylan and Greg

July 14
An oncoming storm made for a rough start to the shift, as Dylan and I were greeted with rain, wind, and instantly cold extremities. These conditions make it easy to miss home.

The current has shifted against us. Our speed a few hours earlier was over three knots per hour; now it’s less than one. I can view the sea with anger and frustration or I can accept the sea on her terms. Our little sliver of fiberglass civilization is blessed to be this far along [more than halfway]. We do not have the strength to fight the sea, so we submit. Record or not, win or not, both of which we want dearly, do not matter to the ocean. She decides when we cross. — Jordan

July 17
This morning the clouds broke. For the first time in 36 hours I was warm and drying out.

Surrounded by dark clouds threatening my respite, I cradled this moment. — Jordan

July 21
With just under 1,000 miles to go, visions of dry land motivate us to keep bending the oars. It’s the in-between stuff that is the difficult part of living in cramped quarters with three other dudes. Bathing, laundry, tooth brushing, and facilities (i.e., the bucket) take on a whole new significance. Your body begins to break down or fall apart without keeping up on the basics. Your teeth will ache, your jack will itch, your clothes will smell, and the cramp of all intestinal cramps will never leave you.

— Greg

July 26
It is hard because we are tired. It is hard because we miss those we love. It is hard because being on a boat with four guys is difficult. It is easy to get caught up in home, but we must feast instead upon the present and remember each dolphin we see jump, each man-of-war that floats idly by—happenings, which on day 47, seem commonplace. We must remember the camaraderie that only comes through working toward a single goal, as well as the 40 shades of blue, phosphorescence that trails the boat, and stars I have never seen and will not see on land.

— Jordan

July 27
A 700-mile celebration meal is just around the corner. (We’re eating fancy every 100 miles until the finish.) Human life is picking up. Airplanes that were so far in the distance now appear to fly low over us, initiating descents into their respective airports. Shipping traffic is on the rise. There still may be three weeks left on our journey, but we can taste and feel it—civilization.

— Greg

OAR Northwest, by the numbers
- Cost of the expedition: roughly $300,000
- Remaining debt: substantial; still being calculated at press time
- Cost of stripped boat: $30,000
- Additional cost of outfitting boat: $50,000
- Maximum winds experienced: 50 mph
- Point-to-point distance traveled: 3,290 statute miles
- Actual distance rowed: 3,800 miles
- Energy consumed per day: 5,500 to 6,000 calories
- Body weight lost: Vickers, 25 pounds; LeValley, 32 pounds; Hansen, 35 pounds; Spooner, 48 pounds.

Finally, after 10 weeks at sea, with the smells of land in the air, they stopped rowing and drifted, taking stock of the experience.

“We learned there was nothing glamorous about being in the middle of the ocean in a rowboat,” said LeValley. “You’re always hungry. If you’re not wet, you’re probably too hot. Still, years from now I doubt we’ll think much about the discomfort. The stars, the sunsets, the dolphins, and what we accomplished—those things, I suspect, will stick with us.”

 Wenatchee-based Andy Dappen wrote about renegade wine-grape grower Warren Moyles ’54 in the summer 2006 edition of Arches.
Abandoning containment, Anne Harvey Hirondelle '66 sets a new course for her ceramic work. For more on Anne, turn the page or see the Francine Seders Gallery Web site at www.sedersgallery.com.
Anne Harvey Hirondelle '66

Uncontained

Her head spinning from her first year at law school, Anne Hirondelle tossed torts in favor of throwing pots. With an undergraduate degree in English and a master's in counseling psychology, she had worked for five years as director for the feminist-based University of Washington YWCA in Seattle, when she decided to enter law school. Anne felt it would help her work with women's issues, but she soon found that law wasn't for her.

"After that first year I just wanted to relax, so I decided to take a pottery class," she said. That was in 1973. She never looked back, opting instead to enroll in classes at the Factory of Visual Art in Seattle and later in the B.F.A. program at the University of Washington. During that same period Anne adopted the last name Hirondelle, the French word for the swallow, because the image of strong wings gave her courage to set out on a new path.

Initially Anne wanted to be a production potter. She and husband Bob Schwiesow, who were married by revered Puget Sound Professor of Religion Bob Albertson '44 in Kilworth Chapel in 1967, moved to Port Townsend, Wash., 10 years later and set up a small studio in a once dilapidated cottage (now a showplace). Her kiln was housed in a adjacent storage shed.

Anne soon realized that while production fulfilled her need for function, it didn't satisfy her need for discovery. "As an artist you're compelled to create. You can't help yourself," she says. Anne's first series of work was with glazed stoneware: thrown pieces with extruded parts and handles, drawing inspiration from a vessel's functional form for containment. Various oxide combinations created her signature soda-ash glazes that glow with a finish like molten metal. (See photo above.)

A self-described "intense plodder," Anne is in her studio five days a week. "I got a big dose of discipline somewhere along the way," she says. In trying to "discover the next thing," Anne began a new series she calls "Go," as in letting go. Abandoning containment for openness, she created pieces that are more free in form. "The unglazed white stoneware with painted interiors enables me to address more formal, sculptural ideas," says Anne, who led a workshop on campus last spring. "I'm continuing my exploration of form by bringing the inside out, channeling light, and seeing all the way through."

— Cathy Tollefson '83

Anne's work has appeared in solo and group exhibitions throughout the country and is in many private and public collections, including The White House Collection of American Crafts. She received a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in 1988 and has been a featured artist in periodicals such as American Craft and Smithsonian magazine. Anne's garden and art can be seen in Artists in Their Gardens, Sasquatch Books, 2001.
Samuel Pugh '28 celebrated his 102nd birthday.


Barbara Hodges McKeithan writes from Tillamook, Ore.: "Our 80-year-old house needed more repair than I could do, so I sold it last fall. I kept the adjacent lot and purchased a manufactured home. Trust me, it is easier to move from L.A. to N.Y. than to move next door! I'm still very busy with church and volunteering (e.g., serving the 'old people' dinner at the senior center)."
Doug Campbell served two years active duty in Army Special Forces and four years in the reserve. He founded Florida Building Services, Inc., later entering commercial real estate. Doug now has his own company, Campbell Real Estate Advisory Group, Inc., specializing in large corporate real estate initiatives. Doug writes: “I was married to Sherry Adams [attended UPS 1964–65] and had four boys. I then married Shannon O’Brien twenty years ago and lost her to cancer 18 months ago. I enjoy scuba diving, skiing, visiting Washington state—especially Orcas Island.”

Donald Bosnick was appointed to serve on the board of directors for Nevada Star Resources Corp., a mineral exploration company. He owns and operates Bosnick Roofing, Inc., in Tacoma.

Jim Rook and wife Robin moved to Singapore last year. He took a new position with Caterpillar Asia Pacific as a product support manager. This is their third time living in Asia.

Kenneth Spitzer writes: “After more than 38 years of military and federal service, I retired in January as the regional director (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska) for the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Federal Protective Service. I served in several locations during my career.” Kenneth and wife Brenda are happily retired and living in northeast Tacoma.

Walter Nolte B.A.’72, M.A.’75, president of Casper College in Wyoming, was named a member of the General Construction Co. of Poulosbo, received a 2006 Excellence in Construction Award from the Associated General Contractors of Washington. The award was given for a project that included an addition to an existing structure and service pier upgrades at Naval Submarine Base Bangor. Wade also was elected to the Board of Directors of Kitsap Bank in March and joined the UPS Board of Trustees in May.

William Franklin writes: “Adjusting to working in the same job after reaching retirement age and to public bus travel. With God’s help, adjusting to each day.” He works as a computer operator lead for the city of Austin, Texas.

Russell Lau and wife Connie were featured in the Feb. 19 edition of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. The article focused on their ability to maintain a humble outlook even though both hold chief executive officer positions and have two children still at home. Russell works for Finance Factors, Ltd., and Connie is the first woman president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Industries Inc.

Dick LeFave M.B.A.’75 writes: “I was appointed to the CIO position for Sprint Communication after the merger of Nextel and Sprint in 2005.” He also completed The Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program in 2004.

John Steiner M.B.A.’75 retired from the FBI in December 2005 after 30 years of service. He writes: “I’m windsurfing as often as I can get away from Pittsburgh. I’m also learning to golf—windsurfing is easier!”

Alexander Korelin M.B.A.’78, founder and president of A.B. Korelin and Associates, Inc., a consulting firm that has worked with public companies since 1982, was appointed to the High Ridge Resources, Inc., board of directors, effective April 19.

Duke Phillips is the ranch manager for Chico Basin Ranch, an 87,000-acre working cattle ranch, located 35 miles southeast of Colorado Springs, Colo. He won the bid for a 25-year lease of the ranch from the state of Colorado in 1999. For more, see www.chicobasinaranch.com.

Richard Stratton was in software publishing for 15 years and decided he wanted something more “hands-on.” This spring he launched Advanced Coating Solutions LLC (www.coatingsolution.com) and works with leading boat builders in the Puget Sound region.

Marc DiConti writes: “On March 10 my wife, Jan, and I were blessed to have our first grandchild, Camryn Sylvester, join the family. She is only the fourth girl born in four generations and brings great joy to us, her four uncles, and our daughter and son-in-law. We all acknowledge Camryn’s birth as God’s gift of love to our family. I have yet to meet her in person as I am currently deployed overseas with my marine unit.” Marc is a full-time Navy chaplain with the rank of lieutenant commander.

David Larson B.A.’80, J.D.’84 was selected as the district #5 representative of the Federal Way Board of Education on May 24. He is a practicing attorney with extensive background in mediation.

Byron Olson M.B.A.’82 serves as the CEO for Metro Parks Tacoma. He was selected to be in the inaugural class Executive Development Program for Local Government Leaders by the Cascade Public Management Program at the University of Washington. Byron also was named to Tacoma’s Chamber 2006 Leadership Class.

John Hall is the president and CEO of Rainier Pacific Financial Group Inc., and Rainier Pacific Bank. The 1979 Stadium High School graduate and Tacoma Community College basketball scholarship winner, received the community college’s first Distinguished Alumnus Award when TCC celebrated its 40th anniversary in June.

Jeffrey Austin assumed command of Training Squadron 86 on June 2 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla. After earning his commission via Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1986, he went on to earn his M.S. in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

American Association of Community Colleges board of directors during the association’s 86th annual convention in Long Beach, Calif., on April 22.

Wade Perrow, founder and CEO of Wade Perrow Construction LLC of Gig Harbor, Wash., in a joint venture with

Ray Butkus M.B.A.’76 was named president and CEO of Automated Resources Group, a leading supplier of database marketing solutions. He has more than 20 years of direct marketing experience, most recently as president of Donnelly Marketing and The Donnelly Group of InfoUSA.

Noel Naumann was named manager of the Management Services Office at Tacoma Public Utilities effective April 1. He has been with TPU for 25 years, previously serving as a management analyst with the same office.

Pat Furman retired as a Miller Brewing Company distributor and is now sole proprietor of longtime Purdy, Wash., establishment, Floatation Device Pub and Grill. The float is located off Hwy 16 in Purdy. Hey Pat, how about that beer?

Bill Moore sold his dot-com business, allrecipes.com, for a reported $66 million to Reader’s Digest Association, Inc. The News Tribune reported in April. He will remain as company president and CEO.

Duke Phillips ’78 manages the 87,000-acre Chico Basin Ranch.
R. Kent Torrey ‘83

Call him the CEO (cheese-eating oenophile)

Kent Torrey is mad for mozzarella. He has a passion for picodon and adores appenzeller. He is, in short, a man pleased by cheese. Good thing, since Torrey has been the Big Cheese at one of the country’s most respected cheese and wine purveyors, The Cheese Shop in Carmel, Calif., for the past eight years.

Kent, who grew up in a family devoted to good food and wine, says his real introduction to fine cheeses came at Puget Sound. He and his roommate, Joe Davis ‘83, hosted what he says were “the best off-campus parties in town.”

After graduation, Kent moved to California’s Monterey Peninsula and worked in a couple of wine shops before heading to Europe on a wine- and food-tasting adventure. When he returned, he hired on at The Cheese Shop. His first day on the job was July 4, 1986, the store’s second busiest day of the year.

“I got my butt whopped,” he says. “That night I took home some cheese books, and a couple cheeses and a couple of bottles of wine. The subject was so intense and so in-depth that I started to wonder if I’d ever learn it, but I did and I still do. The learning is ongoing. And the more I’ve learned the more I realize that this isn’t just about cheese. It’s about history and economics and geography. Every subject people know can be related to food and drink. I find that fascinating.”

Kent bought The Cheese Shop in 1998 and has continued to build on its reputation for both quality products and service. He’s become a regular presenter at food festivals and shows across the country. The shop has been featured on a handful of network travel and food shows and ships to customers in all 50 states and 20 countries.

“And one sea,” adds Kent, noting that a customer had him ship eight pounds of cheese to her son on the USS Roosevelt when it was stationed in the Red Sea.

“It was pretty aromatic by the time it got there, so the contents weren’t much of a secret,” he says. “The poor guy probably only got to eat a half-pound of the cheese himself because everybody knew what he had.” — Mary Boone

The Cheese Shop is in the Carmel Plaza at Ocean and Junipero; Kent’s virtual store is at www.cheeseshopcarmel.com.
Ethan, 11, back to Fairbanks, Alaska, and took the position of executive director for a small nonprofit, Hospice of the Tanana Valley. A couple of years ago I started my M.B.A. in human resources with the University of Phoenix.

Steven Webb was named deputy superintendent of the Vancouver, Wash., School District beginning July 1. He previously served as superintendent of California’s Apple Valley Unified School District, also as deputy superintendent and assistant superintendent for secondary learning and technology in the Lake Stevens School District in Snohomish County, Wash., and was principal at Lake Stevens High.

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Frances Taytroe Acheson and Alazex Acheson ’89 send this update: “Most of our life revolves around our daughter, Cravitha, 15. She insists on attending UPS after high school. She has been invited to join the National Honor Society, plays several musical instruments, and hopes to become a junior high school band teacher. Cravitha earned her Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest recognition in girl scouting. She also is a member of the Keith Highlanders Pipe Band.”

Stewart Boedeker and his wife, Athena Pappas, released the first pinot noir from Boedeker Cellars last fall. Ten years in the making, both are excited to focus all their energy on crafting world-class wines. They split their time between their houses in Portland and Carlton, Ore. For more on their wines see www.boedekercellars.com. Hey Stewart, sorry I couldn’t make the celebration in July!

Greg Butler writes: “Life is good here in Seattle. Over the past few years things seem to have finally fallen into place. I found a great girl that could put up with me for more than a couple months. We

children and live in North Bend, Wash.

Marylou Hill Ferry is looking for other alumni in the Claremont, Calif., area where she and husband Richard have built an Italian-style villa complete with olive trees and grapes. She hopes to take time to breathe this year after battling thyroid cancer in 2005 that is now clear. Contact Marylou at marylou.ferry@verizon.net.

Kati Edler Harken writes: “I’m just coming off a year as chair of the 3,300-plus member South Metro Denver REALTOR® Association. After more than 10 years in the real estate business, it is nice to be able to give back. I have been happily married for over 10 years, have three great dogs and continue to play volleyball, softball, golf, and hike many of our beautiful 14,000-foot peaks during the summer. I’m still a sports nut and am absolutely spoiled in a city of great sports teams. I look forward to getting back to Tacoma and seeing all the new, exciting additions around the campus and many great friends!”

Jim Roth was appointed the new branch manager of Columbia Bank’s Fife, Wash., branch. He previously served as vice president and commercial banking officer at the bank’s Lakewood office.

Kathy Kaminoff Weymiller B.M.’86, J.D. ’93 and husband Pete proudly announce the adoption of their daughter, Elena, from Chelyabinsk, Russia. Kathy writes: “It took two trips and lots of paperwork, but she is worth it!”

Marsha Hiller opened her own private practice physical therapy clinic, Rainbow Rehab PLLC. Her clinic is located in Lakewood, Wash. Martha has many years of experience working for major hospitals in the area.

David Eames-Harlan writes: “My first year in graduate school has been hectic since I’m still working full time for IBM—but it also has been successful. My 10-minute play By Design won the 10-minute play award at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in April. It was judged the best of more than 400 entries in the competition nationwide. I was a bit shocked when they read my name as the award winner. Fellow UPS alums Kate de Gutes ’87 and Judy Simonsen ’87 witnessed the event in the audience with my wife Sally [Eames-Harlan]. Ironically we were also there to hear Polly Karl from The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis announce a grant to the UPS theatre department. So we cheered for that as well.”

Brenda Steppert Zinkan has worked at Microsoft since interning there as a college student, mostly in human resources. In April she was named the software company’s director of people and organizational capability. Brenda’s new position includes executive coaching, organizational design, and talent searching. She and her husband have two

were married in July 2004. After fighting the idea of getting into real estate for years, I finally got my license. In my first year I was rookie of the year in my office for Coldwell Banker. Last but not least, I was the co-head coach for the division II high school lacrosse state champions at Eastlake High School. I’ve been coaching for the past two years and am really having fun.”

Rick Mueller, now in his sixth season as the director of player personnel for the New Orleans Saints football team, is responsible for helping shape the club’s last five drafts and free-agent classes. Previously he worked for the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he served as director of college scouting.

Kevin Smith was appointed vice principal of Enumclaw High School in April. He has served as the high school’s activity director since 2000 and has had an active social studies and history teacher there for 13 years.

Michael Wansnick is a software engineer at the University of Washington in Seattle. He and wife Cathy live in Redmond with their 2-year-old daughter, Eleanor.

Sandra Lockner Dahlberg is an associate professor of English at the University of Houston-Downtown. She co-edited a book titled Reclaiming Class: Poverty and the Promise of Higher Edu-

cation (Temple University Press, 2003). Sandra will be on campus Nov. 2 to share a national touring exhibit. The installation, including 50 photographs and essays, attempts to reshape the cultural understanding of poverty and higher education in the United States.

Alan Horton writes: “After 15 years working in theater and the performing arts, most recently as a conductor and performing arts producer in Arizona, I decided to make a big shift. I now oversee the communications and development efforts for Oregon Trout, a rapidly growing Portland-based nonprofit focusing on river and stream health statewide. I am absolutely thrilled by the challenges of my new field and look forward to enjoying my second career in conservation every bit as much as the performing arts.”

Erik Johnson was promoted to vice president of operational finance for Quiksilver, Inc. He spent last year traveling to France to finance the acquisition of Rossignol. He and wife Kimberly Rountree Johnson ’92 had their third child, Lindsey Beth, on Sept. 6, 2005. She joins big brothers Riley, 6 1/2, and Kent, 4. Kimberly works part time in sales with TriMedia USA, the U.S. manufacturer of 3dim. You can contact the Johnsons at KARJohnson1@cox.net.

Analtha Moroffko writes: “I have six grandkids, loving life, and really miss UPS. Getting more and more into the Spanish language and love working to organize working people so they can have better wages, benefits, and working conditions.” She is the union organizing director for UFCW Local 81 in Auburn, Wash.

David Nelson and Bess Windecker-Nelson announce the birth of their third child, Mikaela Anne, born May 8. She joins siblings Jacob, 8, and Alisen, 5.

Christine Alsop Schonwald announces the opening of her new firm, Law Office of Christine A. Schonwald, in Seattle. Her practice emphasizes estate planning and probate, as well as immigration law. She would love to

R. Ann Halvarson Kjera ’85 says: After 12 years of living in the middle of the ocean it was time to move.
A few questions for
Cherri Mills '64, educational associate, Legoland, Calif.

Cherri Mills '64 was an elementary school teacher in Tacoma and Escondido, Calif., for 31 years. When she retired in 1997 she thought her teaching days were over, but then her ideas about education began to interlock in different ways. She signed on as an educational associate at Legoland California, a theme park that's as much a giant venue for interactive learning as it is place to ride roller coasters and see Lego replicas of the White House, Empire State Building, and Golden Gate Bridge. In 2004 Cherri was named a Legoland Model Citizen of the Year, a big deal in the "country just for kids."

Why did you decide to leave the classroom?
I wanted to spend more time caring for my parents.

And what drew you to Legoland?
I love teaching and really missed it. It's in my blood. My grandmother and great-grandmother were teachers. My grandmother taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Flossmoor, Ill., in 1905. Her mother had been a second-grade teacher in Vermont, and her father was a professor at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. I enjoyed teaching students in all subject areas, and the people at Legoland were interested in that.

What's your job there?
During the school year I teach hands-on science classes to students from preschool to high school. In the summer I work with the YMCA Lego Explore camps.

How does hands-on learning contribute to the educational environment?
It really brings science to life. When the students come into our area we give them materials that are visual. We help them move step by step through the building process until they get it. An example is "Fantastic Gears," a project that shows how gears work by building a replica of a Legoland ride. After the kids are done we recommend that they enjoy particular rides or attractions that tie in with the lesson, so they can have hands-on, eyes-on, body-on, and mind-on experiences.

How were you selected for the Model Citizen of the Year award?
I was nominated by other model citizens in our area. The criteria were Legoland values, such as attitude, service to others, responsibility, and honesty, integrity, and fairness.

What constitutes the award?
Air travel to Legoland Windsor, Legoland Billund, or Legoland Deustchland, accommodations, and $1,000 in spending money. I went to Billund, Denmark, with my brother. We met wonderful people from all over the world. They were very helpful, friendly, kind, and their hospitality was outstanding. We met people from Luxembourg, England, Norway, Denmark, and a wonderful family who had a farm just 20 minutes outside of Billund and 20 minutes from the German border.

Is "Model" Citizen a Lego pun?
Yes. It has a triple meaning. The distinction as a citizen of Legoland. The reference to Lego models. And we call Model Citizen's MCs, which relates to hosting responsibilities. My car's license plate says MC SMILE.
Gretchen Grey-Hatton and Grant Hatton write: “Our son, Charlie, was born February 2006 and joins sister Claire, 4.” Gretchen plans to take a year off from teaching AP English, while Grant’s work with KIC International Corp., a truck-trailer axle manufacturer based in Vancouver, Wash., continues to grow and change. Kahleia Crane Murdoch started a new company called Cocoon Baby. After working in the professional world before having children, Kahleia and her business partner were disheartened by the lack of cool, practical baby accessories on the market. As a result they created their own company and now produce fashionable baby accessories for busy moms. You can view their products and order online at www.cocoonbaby.ca. Kahleia, husband Cameron, and their 2-year-old daughter, Leighton, live in Calgary, Alberta.

David Wright accepted the position of chaplain and associate director of Student Services for Spirituality, Service, and Social Justice on campus, effective Aug. 1. He received a Master of Divinity from the Divinity School at Duke University in 1999, and is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. David had been serving as associate pastor at Bothell United Methodist Church in Bothell, Wash. He and wife Peggy Hannon live in Tacoma.

Tovah Super Schwartz was honored as one of the 2006 40 Under Forty, named in the June 26 issue of the Business Examiner. The designation recognizes outstanding leaders in the South Sound under the age of 40. An independent panel of judges selected the recipients based on accomplishments they made in their businesses, industries, and communities.

Travis Cook sends this update: “In 1999 I spent a year abroad in Mozambique as a volunteer. I was employed with the Katchikan Daily News as a writer and editor for a year and a half, then I left Alaska for Phoenix in order to attend flight school while my wife studied graphic design at The Art Institute of Phoenix.”

Lindsay Herman completed her M.B.A. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in June, and began work in August with McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, in Philadelphia.

Amanda Wiehe writes: “I am currently working on my master’s in early childhood education at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. It was tough going back to school—especially writing my first 30-page research paper in almost 10 years! Being back in academia reminds me of my days at good ol’ Puget Sound. I’m currently on the creative drama faculty at the New York State Theatre Institute and working toward my goal of founding a preschool with a curriculum based in the creative arts.”

Corrine Selix Henderson received her M.B.A. from the University of Washington while working full time at Amazon.com. She is their human resources program manager focusing on employee and leadership development. Corrine and Jason Henderson ‘01 celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary this summer.

Michael LeFevre worked for the university’s Office of Admission for three years after graduation. He writes: “I took some time off to travel throughout the world, and this is why I am a wonderful person.”

Jamie Hopkins Forbes and Brad Forbes ’00 welcomed son Aidan into their lives July 31, 2005. Jamie writes: “He arrived almost a month early, weighing in at 5 pounds and 13 ounces. He was such a surprise that his dad was gone camping for the weekend! While I was still on maternity leave, I found out my job had been transferred to the Russell Investment Group. I started my new job in the fall. We are loving our new family life together.” They also enjoyed a three-week-long vacation to Africa in August to visit Jamie’s parents, who live there.

As of June 2006, Kathy Guerra B.A. ’01, M.A.T.’02 is assigned to Singapore as the assistant cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy there. She works as a foreign service officer for the State Department.

Helen Hoppock (a.k.a. Helena de Natalio) was so enamored with South American crafts while in the Peace Corps in Paraguay that she moved to Buenos
Christine Burton ‘06

Roller Dame

Christine Burton has always been into trying new things. Just ask her parents. "I told them about starting a roller derby team in Tacoma," says Christine of the 25-member, all-female Dockyard Derby Dames. "And they said, 'Is this going to be like the mud-wrestling thing?'"

Well, not quite. Created in 1935 in Chicago and later the favorite pastime of socially awkward teens in the '70s and '80s, roller derby is back in serious fashion. Currently there are 135 active, all-female leagues in the United States, due largely to a resurgence among ladies like Christine who prefer their recreation to be equal parts childhood nostalgia, feminist statement, Xanadu, and professional wrestling.

"I do want people to know up front that this not recreation," says Christine, 26, a native of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. "It's dramatic, intense, and not for the faint of heart. It can be fun, but it's all about the competition and empowering the women who do it. And trying to knock people down is fun, too."

For the newbies among us, here's how it works: On a 10-foot-wide flat track, two teams of five skate two 20-minute periods, with the clock running continuously. Each team consists of a jammer, three blockers, and one pivot person, who try to accumulate as many points as possible during the "bout." Scoring occurs when the team's designated jammer escapes the pack, laps around, and passes members of the opposing team.

Last winter Christine proved a quick study in the world of roller derby after joining forces with other would-be roller gals she found on the UPS Online Journal Blog. In true liberal arts fashion, Christine turned her new hobby into a compelling case study for her senior managerial accounting class ("I am secretly a math geek," Christine admits). Since graduating with a business degree last May, she has devoted nearly all her time to getting Tacoma's derby community, uh, rolling. "It's the best business experience I've ever had," she says. "Maybe someday I'll actually get paid." — Stacey Wilson '96

For more on the Derby Dames see their very cool Web site at www.dockyardderbydames.org
Aires in 2005 and began her own line of accessories. She employs local artisans to create versatile belts and bags that she designs. Five percent of her proceeds go to Ashoka, a global nonprofit dedicated to social entrepreneurship. See her line at www.helenadenatolio.com.

Adam Sedgley spent two years teaching English in Japan and three months chasing frogs and snakes in Amazonian Peru. He writes: "I have finally found my dream job working for Seattle Audubon Society, where I work on BirdNote, a nascent radio series heard on KPLU 88.5FM in Western Washington and KOHO 101.1FM east of the Cascades."

Tracy Bott had worked for the FBI in Seattle for the past four years. In February she applied and was accepted for a position as a legal operations assistant at the FBI’s U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia. She moved this summer and will be there a minimum of three years. Since graduation she has traveled to Greece and volunteered for the Passport In Time program in Randle, Wash. Tracy hopes to continue her world travels and would like to earn a master’s degree in anthropology.

Dana Boyle began her position as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Portland, Ore., in February. She also is in her third year as an assistant cross country and track coach with the University of Portland.

Kate Erlsksson and Brian Welderman were married on April 22 at the Boise Art Museum in Boise, Idaho. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Boise where Brian is a teacher at the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Andrew Gersh B.A.’02, M.A.T.’04 writes: “After working in public education in the States for a year and finding the politics pretty dissatisfying, I thought a change of location might help. I explored some options and found the school I am working at in the Marshall Islands to have everything a teaching job should have: teacher autonomy, no one trying to cut the arts out of the curriculum, a surf break behind the school, etc. I am happy to say that I’ll be teaching here for a second year.”

Eric Stutzman married Susanna Edminster on Aug. 20, 2005. Eric has been with his employer, Guy Carpenter, as an actuarial analyst since graduation. Susanna is a PLU graduate and teaches third grade in the Lake Washington school district.

Jessica Yearwood earned her doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin on May 19. She began an emergency medicine residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital this summer.

Jennifer Eldum writes: “In December I finished over two years working as an English teacher in Pervomaisk, Ukraine, as a Peace Corps volunteer. I spent a few months home before returning to Pervomaisk, my boyfriend, and my dog. I am now teaching a little, restig a little, and reading a lot before entering Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, for a master’s in political science on a fellowship.”

Heidi Herter is working toward her master’s in fisheries, studying early life history of Dungeness crabs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Juneau Center.

Cheryl Mayumi Inouye B.A.’03, M.A.T.’05 is in her first year of teaching at Ilima Intermediate School in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. She teaches 8th grade social studies and English.

Ian McFarland sends this update: “I’m traveling the world, playing percussion and singing backup vocals for my band, the Los El Mariachis.”

Megan Petty writes from N.Y.C.: “I’m currently living in New York, working as a paralegal and pursuing fashion styling on the side. I recently won a fashion styling contest that is enabling me to accessorize a group called Teens in Fashion for NYC Fall Fashion Week 2006!” Check out Megan’s handbook at www.pressbook.com/Megan-Petty.

Casey Unverzagt graduated in May with a doctorate in physical therapy from Slippery Rock University. In June he and his wife returned to White Salmon, Wash., where he is pursuing a 12-month postgraduate sports residency.

Sara Berman is sailing with boyfriend J.P. Chabot from Baltimore through the Panama Canal, then to Ecuador, on to the Galapagos Islands, and then to wherever the next stop is.

Ethan Chung writes: “I recently joined Premier Media Group in Tacoma as its assistant editor. PMG publishes South Sound Home and Garden, NKBA’s Kitchen Bath Magazine, MBA’s Remodel, and coming soon, 425. I write and edit copy, keep contacts with PR firms and community members, and organize events. Our magazines have won several international design awards, and we are looking forward to expanding into new territories.”

Asia Wright just finished her first year of law school at California Western School of Law in San Diego and is in the process of joining the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. She explains: “I’m joining the Auxiliary so I can get seamanship training and certification. Once I graduate from law school I can become an environmental officer onboard cruise ships or go into maritime law.”

Tara Yanak is living in Tokyo with her boyfriend of four years and plans to move back to the U.S. in January 2007.

Alicia Case decided to try life as an “East-coaster” and spent last summer at her father’s house in northern Virginia, job searching. She now works for the Carnegie Institution of Washington’s Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, a nonprofit scientific research institution in D.C. She writes: “For a job that started out as an administrative assistant/writing position, it’s turned into something pretty open ended. I never thought in a million years I’d be working for a bunch of super intelligent scientists, but it’s really given me an interesting perspective—not to mention great creative writing material!” You can reach her at aliciacase@gmail.com.

Erin Culbertson accepted the newly created position of research associate in Puget Sound’s Office of University Relations Research. After graduation Erin was hired as a development assistant by Women’s Funding Alliance, a Seattle nonprofit supporting education and other initiatives for women and girls. Within seven months she was promoted to the position of development coordinator.

Dorothy Schaefer writes from Long Beach, Calif.: “I just finished my first year teaching sixth grade math and science in South Central L.A. for Teach for America and looking forward to year two.”

Alexander Israel is attending graduate school at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles.

In memoriam

Wilbur Goss ’32 died suddenly on May 8. He was 94. As a student at Puget Sound, Wilbur was a member of The Trail staff and Sigma Mu Chi fraternity. In 1932 he served as student body president. Wilbur was a longtime college physics teacher and later researcher with Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. His work earned him the U.S. Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Award, the Franklin Institute’s Potts Medal, and the Presidential Certificate of Merit. Wilbur also received an honorary Doctor of Physics at the university’s 2006 commencement ceremonies. Survivors are his son, Barry Goss ’63, and wife Norris; daughter Barbara Levi and husband Ilan; and daughter Carolyn Willis and husband Ron.

June Shinkle Gasparovich ’36 died April 22 at the age of 91. She retired in 1983 after teaching in Seattle-area schools for 28 years. June supported several charitable groups, her favorites being the Northwest Center for the Retarded and Children’s Hospital. She attended Queen Anne Methodist Church and was a member of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Pioneers of Washington, Seattle Retired Teachers Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma, among others. June’s husband, Tony, preceded her in death. Survivors include many members of her extended family.

Eldon Anderson ’37 passed away on May 22 after a brief illness. He was 91. Eldon attended Pacific Lutheran University before earning his bachelor’s degree in chemistry at Puget Sound. He went on to have a 46-year career as a chemist for ITT Rayonier Pulp and Paper Company in Port Angeles and Hoquiam, Wash. Eldon was later transferred to New York, where he served as a national quality control expert for the company. He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, and he loved to golf and travel. His wife of 62 years, Marjory, preceded him in death in 2004. Eldon is survived by three children; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lloyd Baker ’40 passed away on May 15, one day prior to his 88th birthday. He was born and raised in Tacoma and was a graduate of Stadium High School. Lloyd met his wife of 61 years, Harriet Peterson, while attending Stadium. She preceded him in death. During World War II he worked as a damage control engineer for Todd Pacific Shipyards. Af-
terward he returned to school to earn his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law. Lloyd was then appointed assistant attorney general and served in that position until 1960. He was later appointed director of the Public Employees Retirement System. He left state service in 1977. Lloyd returned to private practice for another 20 years and was awarded the Washington State Bar Association’s 50-Year Award of Honor in 1999. He was involved in several civic organizations, including the Elks and Lions clubs and volunteered in local elementary schools. An avid Husky football fan, he was a season ticket holder for 40 years. Lloyd is survived by four children; and nine grandchildren.

Robert Ingersoll ‘40 passed away on April 29 at the age of 87. He served in the Navy during both World War II and the Korean conflict. Bob worked for the U.S. Postal Service for most of his career, retiring as a clerk in 1984. He was a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, and Affiliated Shrine. Survivors are his wife, Verba; three children; and six grandchildren.

Don Rasmussen ‘41 died on April 27. He was 87. Don was born in Tacoma and served in the Army during World War II. In 1943 he married Dale Mulligan and later worked for his father-in-law’s Studebaker dealership in Tacoma. Don moved with his family to Portland, Ore., where he and other partners opened another auto dealership, incorporating a Mercedes-Benz franchise and other luxury-brand cars over the years. From the late ’60s to the present, the business grew from 40 employees to 350. He also was an art enthusiast and supported several art education efforts. His first wife preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons; two daughters; two stepdaughters; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Carl Engfer ‘42 died May 6 at the age of 88. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II as a bombardier in Europe and in the Air Force during the Korean War as a navigator. His decorations include Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and two Purple Hearts. Carl retired from military service and worked for the U.S. Postal Service for another 30 years. He was an avid reader and book collector. Survivors are his wife, Pat; one daughter; and two grandchildren.

Ruth Todd Rockwood ‘42 passed away on May 27. She was 85. Ruth attended Stadium High School and went on to earn her master’s in counseling at Syracuse University. She worked as a high school counselor and college advisor for Lakes High School, retiring in 1982. Ruth loved to travel and took several student groups on People to People trips to Europe. She played the bass violin with the UPS symphony and enjoyed climbing trips with The Mountaineers. Ruth was an active volunteer and lifelong member of P.E.O. society for women and Alpha Delta Kappa. Her daughter, Peggy, and several extended family members survive her.

Gene Webber ‘45 died March 21 at the age of 80. He was born and raised in Tacoma and joined the Navy in 1943. He went on to earn his B.A. from the University of Washington and married Lois Okerberg on Oct. 31, 1946. Gene spent most of his working career in sales and marketing and was general manager of General Steel Wares in Montreal, Canada. He later operated a furniture manufacturing business and a retail television outlet, retiring in 1992. Gene kept active with golf and other activities and enjoyed socializing with friends and family. Survivors are his wife; two sons; and two grandchildren.

Robert Ingersoll ‘40 passed away on April 22 at the age of 76. He was born and raised in Tacoma and graduated from Lincoln High School. Andrew had a 35-year career with Dow Chemical Company’s pharmaceutical division. Survivors are his wife of 52 years, Reba Jo; children Andrea and Kevin; and grandson Charles.

Vella Boyles ‘58 passed away on April 9 after a brief illness. She was 94. Vella grew up in Portland, Ore., and came to Tacoma in 1934. In 1936 she met and, one year later, married Ronald Boyles ‘58. After raising their three children, Vella went back to school to become a teacher. She taught at Hunt Junior High and Stadium High schools for 20 years. Vella enjoyed traveling and playing bridge. Her son, Steve, and husband preceded her in death. One daughter; and one son survive her.

Cora Nettie Radmaker Lowther ‘61 passed away May 13 at the age of 93. She grew up in Lost Valley, Wash., a community of mostly German immigrants from Romania. Nettie graduated from Boisfort High School and earned her teaching certificate from Ellensburg Normal School. She went on to earn her master’s degree from Washington State University. Nettie began a long career as an educator in Tumwater, Wash. She concluded her teaching career at Horace Mann Elementary School in Tacoma. Survivors are her husband, Professor Emeritus of Geology Stewart Lowther, their daughter, Carol; and grandson Paul.

John Hann ‘62 passed away after a yearlong struggle with brain cancer on Oct. 4, 2005. He was 68. John’s physics career took him from aerospace work on the Lunar Equipment Module to many patents received in research and development of motor designs with the General Electric Company. His wife, Nancy Dow Hann ‘62; one son; one daughter; and three brothers survive him.

Elizabeth Blaschik Linstad ‘62 died at home March 24. She was 86. Betty graduated from the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing in New London, Conn., in 1940, and went on to join the Army in 1942. As a commissioned second lieutenant, she aided front line troops in Italy and France. While in the service she met and married Captain Howard Linstad. The couple settled in Tacoma after Howard’s discharge from the Army, and Betty continued her education at Puget Sound. After her husband’s death Betty moved to Olympia, Wash., where she enjoyed her garden. Two sons; and two grandsons survive Betty.

Edwin “Harvey” Headland M.B.A. ‘63 died April 8 at the age of 94. He earned an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy that began his nearly 30-year military career. During World War II, he took part in the Navy operation that captured the first German U-boat. Harvey’s destroyer was the first ship in when Gen. Douglas MacArthur launched the amphibious assault on Inchon during the Korean conflict. He retired from the Navy in 1961. Harvey later worked, through the University of Maryland, as a military instructor at bases around the world, including Ethiopia, Iceland, and Japan. He met his wife, Margaret McGinnis, in Tacoma, and the two were married in 1941. They maintained a house in Tacoma over the years and in 1980 moved here full time. They were members of the Tacoma Country and Golf Club and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. Margaret preceded Harvey in death. One brother; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews survive him.

Robert Thompson ‘66 passed away peacefully at home on June 4, his family by his side. He was 63. Robert was born in Seattle and graduated from Cleveland High School. He then served in the Marine Corps before coming to Puget Sound, where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Robert was employed as a carpenter for most of his life. Survivors include one daughter;
one granddaughter; and other extended family members.

James Corbin '67 died in a climbing accident on Granite Mountain, near Snoqualmie Pass in Washington state, on May 12. He was 61. Jim graduated from Auburn High School in 1963 and after college joined the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer. He served two tours in Vietnam, retiring as a captain following a 30-year military career. Jim later worked in the insurance field, first with Aetna. He was vice president with Physicians Insurance at the time of his death. He was a volunteer ranger at Mount Rainier National Park and enjoyed good food, good wine, poetry, and classical music. His wife, Patty; daughters Nancy and Erika; and other family members survive Jim, including his sister, Crystal Corbin Mohlan '73.

Elaine Hodge Motteler B.A. '68, M.Ed. '72 passed away May 20 after a long illness. She was 74. Elaine was a 55-year Parkland, Wash., resident and taught elementary school in Parkland for nearly 30 years. She married Howard Mot­teler M.Ed. '62 in 1951 and is preceded in death by him. She was a member of the Tacoma Writers Club and volunteered at the Washington State History Museum. Elaine is survived by her four children; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Karlinsky M.F.A. '70 passed away at home on March 31 after battling cancer. He was 64. Robert was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was an accomplished artist and teacher. His wife, Suzanne; five children; and 16 grandchildren survive him.

Curtis Gaskins '71 died on April 13 at the age of 61. He served in the Army and was a decorated helicopter pilot commander. Curtis served in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and 24 air medals. He went on to work in the pharmaceutical industry for 25 years and later as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley. Curtis had been a resident of Naperville, Ill., since 1984, and was an active member of the Community United Methodist Church there. His wife, Peggy; three daughters; and six grandchildren survive him.

John Sabol '72 died on April 18. He was 58. John graduated from the McCann School of Business and Technology in Mahanoy City, Pa., and later served in the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Portland, Ore., in 1976, and had a 30-year career as a sales executive for IBM. His wife of 39 years, Mary Jadosh, survives him; along with their two children.

Mary Carr '73 passed away May 26 at the age of 87. She was a 43-year resident of Tacoma. After raising nine children, she went back to school to complete her GED, later graduating from Tacoma Community College and Puget Sound. Mary went on to teach in the Head Start Program and kindergarten for 13 years. Her husband and daughter, Donna, preceded her in death. Three sons; five daughters; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren survive Mary.

Cynthia Nelson Peterson '73 passed away on June 1 after a 25-year battle with cancer. She was 55. Cindy graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle. She met and married her husband, Daniel Peterson '73, while at UPS. Cindy worked as an elementary school secretary for the West Valley school district in Yakima, Wash., for 15 years. She also was actively involved with Relay for Life and Reach and Recovery programs. Her husband; daughter Jennifer Peterson '02; and son Jeffrey survive her.

Mina Burt Garrison '74 died at home April 30 at the age of 86. She had battled cancer for many years. Mina was a 1937 Stadium High School graduate and was married to newspaperman Edward Garrison, who died in 1970. After Ed’s death, Mina went back to school and completed her undergraduate degree at UPS. She later served as president of the Washington Medical Technicians Association and worked for Madigan Army Hospital clinical research for 12 years. She traveled extensively throughout China and taught conversational English there, and took trips all over Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mexico, among other countries. Mina volunteered as a reading tutor for FISH food bank and was an active member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She is survived by four children; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jon Warner '78 passed away on March 28. He was 50. Jon worked as a sales executive for Graybar Electric Company for 25 years, and was an avid camper, skier, and hiker. He also was actively involved in his children’s lives and their various activities. His wife of 23 years, Sandi Sheppard Warner '79; his son Robert; and daughter Marne survive him; along with many other extended family members.

Joseph Connolly '82 died on April 23 at the age of 67. Joe enlisted in the Air Force in 1955 and served for 28 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He completed his degree while in the service. After retiring from the military, Joe went to work as a stock and bond broker for Harper, Mclean and Company in Tacoma. In 1985 he took the contracts manager position with the Department of Information Services with the state of Washington and finally retired in 1996. Joe did volunteer work with military families and enjoyed boating. His wife, Cindy; four children; and four grandchildren survive Joe.

Douglas Andrews B.A. '85, J.D. '89 passed away on May 24 in Gig Harbor, Wash. He was 43. Doug grew up in Hoquiam, Wash., and graduated from high school there in 1981. He practiced law in both Hawai‘i and Washington. His mother; one brother; three sisters; and several nieces and nephews survive Doug.

Eric Blomberg '88 died unexpectedly at his home in Kent, Wash., on May 20. He was 40. Eric graduated from Capital High School in Olympia, Wash. After graduating from UPS he began his career as an information systems analyst. Eric previously worked for the Oregon State Department of Forestry, Weyerhaeuser Co., and Lion Inc., formerly Tuttle Inc. Most recently he was working at Infospace. When not working, Eric enjoyed golf, soccer, and volleyball. He also could be found at his much-loved grand piano. After taking piano lessons briefly in his youth, he began playing again in college, focusing mainly on classical music. Eric also taught himself bass guitar and played both instruments on “These December Days,” a CD of Christmas music he co-produced and released in December 2005. Survivors are his parents, Walt Blomberg B.A. '60, M.B.A. '61 and Do­lores Blomberg; his brother, Andrew Blomberg '85; sister-in-law Barbara; and four nieces.
On April 29, 2006, former members of the Campus Trio celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary of Virginia “Ginny” Kilde Lease ‘47 and her husband, Ernie. Seated, from left: Mary Jean “Midge” Heidinger Slott ’47, Neva Iverson Sullivan ’49, and Frances Swenson Anderson ’49. Standing, from left: Ginny and Betty Heidinger Smith ’46. The Campus Trio was a singing group that accompanied Doc T. around the state of Washington, promoting the college at various events. The group also entertained the troops during World War II at the local USO club. Their accompanist, Jean Thurber Soder ’46, passed away Nov. 25, 2005.

Scott Strode ’59 in Kosovo, where he directed David Holman’s Peacemaker, a play for child audiences, at the National Theatre Pristina. The play was translated into Albanian. Scott worked from both an English and Albanian script during rehearsals. He continues as chair of the Department of Communication Studies and director of theater at Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind.

While on a cruise and tour of Greece and Turkey in March, a chance grouping of tablemates found they had a lot in common—their connection to UPS! From left: Alex Bennett ’63, Shawndi Wright Stahl B.S. ’96, M.P.T. ’01, and Dorothy Ghylin-Bennett ’67. Here are brief updates on the three: Alex and Dorothy live in Bremerton, Wash., where Alex retired after 34 years as an educator. He was the math department chair and athletic director at Bremerton High School. Dorothy retired after 30 years as a teacher and counselor. They continue to work independently; Alex has his own promotional printing business and Dorothy a consulting and training firm. They belong to a ballroom dance club, make wine, and enjoy travel. This spring and summer included trips to Mexico, Maui, and Tuscany. They have a condo in Maui and plan to retire there. After earning her master’s, Shawndi moved to Bend, Ore., where she is a physical therapist specializing in neurological rehabilitation at the local hospital. She loves rock climbing, and her husband, Ted, is a rock-climbing guide and high school special education teacher. They were married on Sept. 11, 2004, at Smith Rock State Park, where they climb. Their guests were good sports and hiked a dusty trail to take part in the ceremony, along with the couple’s two dogs, Mattie and Albert. Shawndi writes: “I hope all of my fellow alumni are happy, healthy, and enjoying life. Feel free to drop me a line at shawndi4@verizon.net.”

Lyle Nalli ’82 writes from Long Beach, Calif.: “I received a letter from United States Masters Swimming recognizing me as an All-American for my accomplishment of being the national long-distance champion in the five-mile ocean swim for the 45-49 age group. This is such an honor and brings back memories of UPS, including my teammates, Coach Duncan, dual meets, road trips, and nationals. Oh, and the mileage we racked up training year-round. I never thought I would be an All-American again. I just had to write in and tell you back at home. Swimmingly yours, Lyle.”

A holiday gathering of the Aliment family, from left: Randy Aliment B.A. ’77, J.D. ’80, Karen Aliment Gentsch ’82, proud dad Lindy Aliment ’52, and Steven Aliment ’79.
Steve Harvey '84 sends greetings to old friends and Pacific Rim alumni. He writes: "I completed a Ph.D. in international health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in January. My wife, Lisa Hack, and I live in Silver Spring, Md., with our two daughters, Margo, 8, and Daniela, 6. For the last five years I’ve been doing maternal health- and malaria-related research in Latin America and Africa. We lived in Peru for two years while I was completing my doctoral work on cultural aspects of malaria prevention in the Peruvian Amazon. More recently we spent last summer in Ecuador where I’ve been running several maternal health projects. I plan to be in Tacoma for Homecoming in September to participate in history department activities for Suzanne Barnett, who is retiring. Meanwhile, I’d love to hear from old friends, especially if you’re in or coming through the D.C. area." You can reach Steve at s_a_harvey@yahoo.com. Pictured after Steve’s graduation ceremony on May 25, from left: Lisa, Margo, Steve, Daniela, Steve's sister, Barbara Harvey, and his brother, Rick.

John Mullinax '93, Jimmy Leu '92, and Dan Morseburg '90 attended a wedding in Taipei, Taiwan, on Jan. 4. Jimmy works for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) in Taipei as a vice president and relationship manager for their multinational clients. Dan adds: "Jimmy served as an excellent tour guide, taking us to the best restaurants and sights in the city." John lives in Michigan and works for Ford Motor Company, and Dan works for Microsoft and lives in Kirkland, Wash.

Lisa Bondi Herzinger '97 writes: "My husband, Eddie, and I welcomed our first child, Logan Edward, into the world on Aug. 10, 2005. We are happily living and playing in the town of Langley on Whidbey Island, Wash., and can’t imagine being happier!"

Keith Beeman '92 and Wendy Lincoln Beeman '92 (second and third from left behind the banner) reached the 12,276-foot summit of Mt. Adams, the third tallest volcano in the Cascade Range, as part of the 2006 Climb to Fight Breast Cancer. The fundraiser for Seattle-based Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center helped finance breast cancer pilot studies being conducted at the center. The Beemans pledged to raise $3,000 on the July 21-23 climb.

Natalie Tanner '97 and Graham Dent '00 were married on Oct. 15, 2005, at Willows Lodge in Woodinville, Wash. Here, from left: Mark Lundquist, Christine Winokur, Ryan Sullivan, Jamie Tilotta '97, Charlie Dent, Jenny Love Jackson '97, the bride and groom, Amy Sommer Huff '97, David Rhoades '00, Courtney Jenkins, Ben Elliott '00, Aimee Wood, and Sean Thurston '00. The couple live in Seattle, where Natalie works for a public relations firm and Graham is employed with a real estate investment company.

Submitting photos for the Scrapbook
If it’s an important event in your life, it’s important to your UPS friends—send a picture to Arches! High-resolution digital photos or prints preferred. Kindly include a note identifying alumni in the snapshot. Also, please, for baby pictures, include alumni parents in the photo. Send to Arches, attn: Cathy Tollefson, University of Puget Sound, Office of Communications, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma WA 98416-1041 or e-mail to arches@ups.edu. Newly married alumni: kindly let the university know about name changes and new addresses at www.ups.edu/content/update.shtml
After earning their master's degrees at the University of Colorado and moving to Anchorage, Alaska, to work as environmental engineers, Gretchen Watson B.S.'99, M.S.'02 and Ben Heavner '99 were married at Lake Quinault Lodge on Nov. 12, 2005. UPS alumni attending the wedding included, back from left: Ryan Spence '99, Brian Peterson '98, Aaron Rivers '98, Wendy Hodges '98, Tamara Johnstone-Yellin '99, Audrey Weaver Haydu '99, Gavin Tierney '98, and Micah Whitman '99. Front, from left: Corinne Miller '02, Christy Mather Rivers '99, the bride and groom, and Jason Johnstone-Yellin '01. The couple reports being excited and nervous about plans to return to school this fall to work on their Ph.Ds at Cornell University.

Lindsay O'Neal B.S.'04, M.A.T.'05 and Craig Cootsoma '00 were married July 15, at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Wash. The happy couple was thinking ahead and took this great photo in their refurbished 1959 Austin Healy Frogeye Sprite for their thank you card. Other Puget Sound alumni in the wedding party included: Cara Gudger '04, sisters of the bride Morgan O'Neal '06 and Shannon O'Neal '08, and Chrisjay Fontillas '00.

Michaela Klink '99 married Mike Caughlan of Portland, Ore., on Nov. 12, 2005, at the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. The couple met four years ago while Michaela was living in Seattle. Several UPS alumni were in attendance for the nuptials including Anne Schulte '99, bridesmaids Jacynth LeMaistre '99, and Jessica Waters '99. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawai'i and plan to live in Oakland, Calif., where Michaela works in marketing for Lonely Planet travel guides and Mike is a chocolate broker.

Ashley Vroman '01 and Daniel Lee of Nottingham, England, were married Aug. 6, 2005, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Ashley writes: "Dan and I met when I spent my junior year studying abroad. We began dating in London in 1999 and have been inseparable ever since. Thank God for UPS's great study abroad program! Billie Bay sore '01 was at the wedding and helped us dance the night away." Ashley just finished her first year of law school in Washington D.C., and Daniel is an urban planner in Alexandria, Va., where the couple reside.

Michele Gilbney '01, Erica Dobney '01, Jason Shamai '01, and Jolie Harris '02 reminisce about Wyatt Hall's Chihuly window display while pictured here in front of a jellyfish-inspired Chihuly at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. Michele and Jason are working on personal creative-writing projects, while Michele waits to go back to school for a Master in Library and Information Science degree this fall. Jason just returned from a stint living in Mexico City. Erica is teaching kindergarten and first grade in Oakland after getting her master's at the University of California, Berkeley. And, Jolie received her master's from the University of Maryland and works for Mills College in Oakland as a student life coordinator.
Matt Johnson '00 and Venicia Allen-Rovin were married on June 11, 2005, in Haleiwa, Hawai'i on the North Shore of Oahu. UPS alumni in attendance include, from left: Sean Thurston '00, Ted Sanders '98, Matt Miller '98, the bride and groom, Gretchen Goodman Pawling '99, and Scott Pawling '98. The couple live in Seattle with their insane Siamese cat, Miso.

Tara Logan '02 married William Olney on July 29, 2005, in Cannon Beach, Ore. Many Puget Sound alumni were there to celebrate. Clockwise, from back, left: Sherwin Baghai '02, Tyson Logan '99, Elizabeth Ralston Logan '00, Evie Schell '02, the bride and groom, Jordan New '02, Andrea Tull '02, Michael Charno '02, Hillary Schenk '02, Lisa Ridenour '02, Michele Caputo '02, Shannon Belding '02, Jennifer Johansson '02, Christian Norman '02, and Cat Kurz '04.

Courtney Hill '01 and Wayland Cossey '99 were married on Feb. 19, in Snohomish, Wash. Several UPS alumni were in attendance. They are: Raif Jo­chim '01, Dave Pitt '99, Katie Corliss Pitt '98, Sally Neace Drescher '98, Erin Vranas '01, West Mathison '00, Whitney Holmer '99, Elliot Stockstad B.A. '98, M.Ed. '04, Sara Matlock '01, Jenny Zalewski Stepp '01, Vivian Liao '01, Janelle Martin '01, Erica Roberts '99, Jessica Schuur Smith '01, Tom Herrin '99, Rhett Bernstein '99, Dede King Knapp '01, Craig Knapp B.A. '00, M.A.T. '01, Ben Meisel '99, Rosie Wong Meisel '00, Si France '99, and Lindsay Hall '02. The couple settled in Brier, Wash., where Wayland works in business sales for T-Mobile and Courtney works as a high school career counselor in Edmonds, Wash.

Candice and Scott Miller '01 and Michael Smith '02 hiked in Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park near Big Sur, Calif., in April. Scott and Candice live in Los Angeles. Michael traveled all across the U.S. this spring visiting monasteries, Catholic worker communities, national parks, and friends. He will be attending the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley this fall, entering the Master of Divinity program.

Christine Prezeln '03 and David Sieburg were married on April 2, 2005, in Santa Barbara, Calif. The couple live in Moreno Valley, Calif., where David works as a producer for the Armed Forces Network and Christine teaches preschool at the Riverside Community College Child Development Center. The bridal party included Jennifer Bloomgarden '03, Anne Traeger '03, Brooke Boyden '03, and Heather Mahoney '03. Other alumni in attendance were Jarrett Lanfear '01 and Adam Beasley '04.
Alice Cook B.A.’04, M.A.T.’05 and Prairie Cutting ’04 enjoyed a day on the Caribbean coast in Limón, Honduras, in April. Alice teaches high school math at the Discovery School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Prairie is working with Portland, Ore.,-based pediatrician, Beth Blodgett, to found Amigas del Señor, a Methodist monastery for women near Limón.

Amanda Karr B.A.’05, M.A.T.’07 and Matt Gylling ’04 were married at Kilworth Memorial Chapel on Oct. 22, 2005. The newlyweds honeymooned for nine days in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and earned their scuba diving certification while they were there. Several alumni were on hand to help celebrate their day, from left: Stephanie Pederson ’05, Ian Courtnage ’05, Tiffany Lordan ’04, Kristin Wohl ’05, Tiffany Barrans ’04, Alana Hagney ’05, Sarah Parker ’04, the groom and bride, Michele Rennie B.S.’05, M.A.T.’06, Megan Margeson ’05, Robin Francis ’05, Stephanie Ferris ’05, Morgan Stone ’05, and Andrew Sloan ’05. The couple make their first home together in Tacoma with their black lab puppy, Ace. Matt works as a personal trainer, and Amanda is enrolled in the master’s program at UPS to become a second grade teacher.

All in the family: Sara Aaker Findlay ’85 and Patrick Findlay ’84 will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary in October. They have two children: Mackenzie, 14, and Spencer, 11. One of their favorite things is to spend time with their college roommates JoAnn Burgess Hannon ’85 and Jeff Hannon ’82. The Hannons have been married more than 20 years and have a 14-year-old daughter, Alisa. Sara and JoAnn met 25 years ago as roommates while freshmen at UPS. They continued to room together throughout their four years, while Patrick and Jeff also spent four years together as roommates on and off campus in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Sara writes: “What a blessing it was to meet both your best friends and your spouses at college.” The families live in the Renton area and their kids attend Bellevue Christian School together. Patrick is an account executive at Internetwork Experts and Jeff is an account executive at AT&T. From left: Jeff, JoAnn, Alisa, Mackenzie, Patrick, Sara, and Spencer.

Rebecca Rothwell ’02 and George Schroeder were married May 13, 2005, in Olympia, Wash. Rebecca works for Providence St. Peter Hospital, and George is a pilot with NetJets. The couple live in Olympia, where George is adjusting nicely to life with Rebecca’s four teenage sons.

Teko III, a 52-foot Passagemaker, anchored off the Rock of Gibraltar. Owners Professor Emeritus Denis Umstot of the School of Business and Leadership and wife Mary have logged more than 38,000 nautical miles since purchasing the Teko in 1997. Their adventures are chronicled on their Web site at www.teka3.com.
Calendar

To register for alumni events, go to www.up.edu/alumni and click on the “Alumni Events” tab, or call the alumni office at 253-879-3451 or 800-339-3312.

SEPTEMBER

National Alumni Board
Autumn Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 28
Campus

All alumni and others
Hamed Hall Dedication
Fri., Sept. 29
Hamed Hall courtyard, campus
See page 17 for details.

Events

Homecoming Weekend
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 29-30
There’s A LOT going on:

All-Alumni Luncheon
Fri., Sept. 29, noon
Jump-start Homecoming Weekend with a luncheon to honor fellow alumni and reconnect with friends in Wheelock Student Center’s Rasmussen Rotunda.

Faculty/Alumni Reception
Fri., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.
President Thomas hosts this popular reception at the president’s house. Catch up with favorite professors from years past.

History and Asian Studies Reunion
Science and Math Reunion
Fri., Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for the history and Asian studies reunion and celebrate the career of retiring Professor of History Suzanne Barnett.
Mix and mingle with classmates and professors at the sciences and mathematics reunion dinner.

Breakfast with the President
Sat., Sept. 30, 10 a.m.
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so start it off right with this chance to engage President Thomas firsthand.

Logger Pre-game Tailgate
Sat., Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m.
Mouth-watering Porter’s BBQ and fun for the family. Sign up for tours of Greek houses at the Greek Life tent.

Homecoming Game
Loggers vs. PLU
Sat., Sept. 30, 1:30 p.m.
Peyton Field
Rivals for eons, the Loggers and Lutes go head-to-head in a gridiron battle for the ages. We bested them at their Homecoming last year; now it’s time to beat them on our own field!

50th Reunion
Reception and Dinner
Sat., Sept. 30, 5 p.m.
Join President Thomas for a champagne toast to honor the Class of 1956.

Class Reunions
Sat., Sept. 30
All alumni with graduation years ending in “1” and “6” are invited to the Taste of Puget Sound reception and dinner. Enjoy flavors of the Pacific Northwest and mingle with friends and classmates. Class reunion dinners will follow the reception.

Rumors and inuendo

GREEK REUNION About 60 UPS Greek alumni from the 1950s and 1960s returned to campus for a pleasant afternoon of reminiscing on June 3. Among them were house representatives (back row, from left): Howard Zidell ’70 (Beta Theta Pi), Fred Langton ’61 (Sigma Alpha Epsilon), Bobbi Bliss Kneeshaw ’69 (Gamma Phi Beta), Nancy Parker Reid ’68 (Kappa Alpha Theta), Sandra Arnold Ladd ’62 (Delta Delta Delta), Jim Driskell ’59, P’89, ’93 (Kappa Sigma), Mike Lantz ’68 (Sigma Nu), Clay Loges ’68 (Phi Gamma Delta). And (front row): Ed Balarezo ’51 (Sigma Chi), Linda Federico Pearn Madden ’66 (Alpha Phi), Domenick Federico ’67 (Phi Delta Theta), and Dorothy Ghylin-Bennett ’67 (Phi Beta Phi). See www.upsgreeks.com for photos of old friends and all things involving Puget Sound Greeks.

Lately we’re noticing some odd goings-on around campus involving The Hatchet, that icon of campus high jinks that was stolen from its display case in Wheelock Student Center six years ago. There’s a rumor that a history of The Hatchet will be posted in the SUB during Homecoming, and Hatchet cards were distributed to freshmen.

Something, we think, is up.
Tacoma's 90-year-old First United Methodist Church, for years a performance venue for Puget Sound's Adelphian Concert Choir and the joyous scene of many, many alumni weddings, will be demolished in October. The building needed a new roof, furnace, and earthquake retrofitting, and its location on the perfect site for desperately needed emergency department expansions for two adjacent hospitals made its sale practical, if lamentable. The congregation will build a new sanctuary at South Seventh Street and Tacoma Avenue. About 100 UPS freshmen in the Urban Plunge orientation program helped pack things up for the move. The jaw-dropping stained glass dome, beneath which an upward gazing parishoner could be forgiven for briefly allowing thoughts to drift during Sunday services, will be preserved, its new use yet to be determined.
HOMECOMING
A Puget Sound formula for fun!

Friday, Sept. 29 + Saturday, Sept. 30

Harned Hall Dedication Ceremony + Homecoming Game: Loggers vs. Lutes + Class Reunions + Lots more!
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