The Harvest

PLUS  Cat Fox ’83, luthier  •  Ryan Payton ’03, video game designer  •  Jesse Powell ’99, painter
DOUBLE TAKE The week before students arrived, the university faculty and staff, about 450 of them, crammed into the concert hall for a pre-school-year celebration of the work they do for students and a progress update on The Campaign for University of Puget Sound. At a reception afterward in Katalin Quad, Jeff Strong '76, P '11, P '13 (a 32-year man on the staff); Serni Solidarios (34 years at the college) and Tasha Helton '14 (a mere but impactful six years) couldn't resist juxtaposing their live selves with the banner photos taken for the event. Duplicate Sernis! Yikes!
SMOKIN' Nothing like a little liquid nitrogen to speed up the process of making ice cream. At a barbecue for the science/math summer research students and faculty, that's Mary Packard '15 pouring the LN (minus 320 degrees Fahrenheit) from a Dewar flask while chem instructor Tim Hoyt (aka The Wizard) stirs the ice cream mix. The vapors were caused by water condensing from the air. Time required to whip together half a gallon: less than 10 minutes.
DASHING! On September 1 in the spanking new and really quite stunning grand hall of the LeMay museum (which houses the largest collection of cars, trucks, and motorcycles in the world), retiring chemistry prof Bill Dasher threw a party that was part thanks to his colleagues and former students for 32 great years at Puget Sound, and part announcement of a scholarship fund he is starting for veterans who attend Puget Sound. (Dasher is a Vietnam vet.)
EXTREME SCHOOL SPIRIT OK, sure, we like to see a little Logger identity at football games. And, yes, exercise is good. But ditching the megaphones and pom-poms for an actual log to rally the fans is not something our man Ross Mulhausen had seen in 23 years as campus photographer. James Ryan ’14, we salute you. And we wonder: Now that you’re clearly in shape for it, have you considered trying the caber toss in the Highland games?
On fire

The actual “fire” in “fireside dinners” went out a while ago. We stopped putting a match to some logs and kindling on these evenings back in 2005, I think it was, when a faulty fireplace flue caused the President’s House to fill up with smoke, and we all had to assemble outside in the yard for a few minutes until the smoke cleared and we figured out how to turn the alarm off. I admit, the smoke did lend a certain excitement. And I’m still not sure if the menu for the night was supposed to include “smoked short ribs.” But that’s how it turned out—pretty good, too.

Real fire or not, there are always fireworks for Mary and me on these evenings when we gather the first 16 energetic students who sign up to join us for a night of good food and smart conversation in the formal dining room of the Prez Rez (18 is the max we can squeeze around our table, and even then the chairs are packed so tight we have to sit and stand with Rubik’s Cube precision). Mary and I love these nights. As former college professors, we miss spending time around a table—seminar or dining—mixing it up with a group of bright young people on a subject that’s important and interesting and provocative. The students are our fix. They keep us going, charge our batteries, spark the fire in our bellies.

Early in September we hosted the first “fireside” of this academic year. The combined logic of email and in-person sign-up at the President’s Office (half of the guests from each) once again brought in a completely unique and yet typically fantastic mix of students—seven seniors, four juniors, four sophomores, and one lonely (and very gregarious) freshman. I understand we broke a record this time, filling the 16 available seats and the waitlist in 19 seconds after the email announcement went out the week before. Amazes me every time. But what really amazes me? Those students.

The topic for the evening was “change.” I reminded our guests at the start of the evening that Puget Sound had recently been honored as one of only 40 colleges in the nation to be included in Colleges That Change Lives. [See story, page 12.] I asked the students to test the book’s claim and share with us whether or not they felt their experience at Puget Sound had changed them, and, if so, how.

The results? At once totally unanimous and completely various. Case in point: By some mysterious stratagem, four members of the women’s basketball team managed to make it onto that night’s guest list (along with one member of the men’s team). They scattered themselves around the table like the old four corners offense. When each one took her turn to speak to the topic, she made it clear that the impact of belonging to a team of individuals who share a common goal had been powerful and crucial; and yet, basketball was not the most transformative thing at Puget Sound for any of them. What has turned out to be different for each—the unexpected awakening of intellectual curiosity about just about everything, said one; being the first in the family to go to a great college and travel
far away from home for another; the opportunity to become a member of not one group, but a whole range of intersecting circles of people interested in totally different kinds of things, none of which she had ever imagined she would be passionate about, affirmed a third.

Then there was Tony, who had just returned from spending the summer in Chile, where, under a university-sponsored research grant, he had been studying the effects of forest fires on a rare species of lizard in a remote part of Tierra del Fuego. A biology major with an environmental studies minor (and a Spanish minor, too), he explained in an animated way the elaborate implications of his project for global environmental policy. Chile and the work both had changed him forever, he said. He'd grown an impressive dark beard in the process, too, which made his face look a lot different from what was on his ID card. But none of that was the biggest change for him, he said: The most transformative effect Puget Sound had on Tony (and here he grew more quiet) was finding that the college is a place where he could be who he was and everyone would appreciate him for that. Now that was big.

We heard from Jason—a senior from Sacramento majoring in molecular and cellular biology with a neuroscience emphasis and a minor in religion. He explained why many of us hadn't seen much of him: He spent most of his life in the labs of Thompson and Harned halls. He tried to express how faculty mentoring had changed his life, not only in drawing him into the field of neuroscience but in making him feel like a colleague among his professors. He had done research with them; even more memorable, and somehow life-changing, was his presence at the chemistry department night at Chalet Bowl recently, where he actually danced with one of his teachers and sang bluegrass music with another. "I mean, I danced with Jo Crane!" he exclaimed.

Maddy's life was changed by a Puget Sound alumnus she met who gave her an internship at the Ojai Music Festival last year and got her some invaluable professional experience as a business and leadership major and music minor. She is now on course for a career in the music business. "What a network!"

Andy, a dual major in econ and BLP, had been hooked up through the program with an alumnus, a local businessman who served as his mentor in executive leadership. As a result, Andy has a job after graduation in a top national consulting firm. That changed everything.

Chad came to us from Pennsylvania. In an elevator one day in Washington, D.C., he met a woman who worked on Capitol Hill and who turned out to be a Puget Sound alumna. They got to talking, and all of a sudden Chad was a White House intern, working with Vice President Biden. He's majoring in politics and government now, as you might have guessed. Chad confirmed what we all know: that our affable VP could use a little discipline for some of his spontaneously expressed enthusiasm. "Joe will never change." At least that's how Chad saw it after his internship.

Alexandria, from SoCal, the lone freshman in the group, spoke last. After hearing the stories of her predecessors, she was on fire (figuratively, I mean) about what was before her. She allowed that already, in a few short weeks, she had found her life changing in ways she could never have imagined.

A college that changes lives? Bingo. Mary's and mine were changed again that night, too. After the warmth and crackle of the students' conversation left the house quiet again, we recalled with awe some of the details of those almost Ovidian tales of metamorphosis we had just heard. Plenty of fire in the fireside dinners, all right, even without a log in the old fireplace. Another night at the Prez Rez filled with light, a little bit of heat, and not a hint of smoke anywhere. Gives you hope, know what I mean?
They met in a business course; now they're in business

Our intern, Kari Vandraiss '13, drops in on computer-game start-up Camouflaj, and founders Ryan Payton '03 and Professor Jeff Matthews

When Ryan Payton registered for Jeff Matthews' international business course to fulfill a graduation requirement, who knew that the student and the professor would one day become partners in a game-changing venture funded largely during a last-minute whirlwind on the crowdsourcing website Kickstarter?

I met the odd-couple entrepreneurs at a Top Pot Doughnuts in Bellevue, Wash., a few blocks away from the offices of their new company, and I was immediately struck by the contrast between the two men. Payton, in a slightly too-large blue hoodie, baseball cap, and big, horn-rim glasses, fulfilled my admittedly stereotypical vision of a gamer. Matthews looked every bit the businessman.

Payton told me he entered Puget Sound intending to major in computer science, which he saw as a good way to break into the games industry as an engineer. After a few semesters of dismal grades, though, he reluctantly concluded that he wasn't as technically minded as he thought. But he had excelled in prerequisite Japanese courses.

"So I changed my major as a sophomore," Payton said, although he was still hoping to eventually wind up working on computer games.

After graduation he taught English in the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program and from there found work at video-game magazines in Japan, which led to a job as producer on "Metal Gear Solid 4" at Konami in Tokyo. He returned to the States when Microsoft recruited him to be creative director for "Halo 4."

Payton seemed almost surprised at how well things turned out. Still, he found himself wanting to pursue a creative endeavor of his own, without corporate confines, and who better to collaborate with than his old professor, a former banker with management consultancy experience?

As a current student, I am intrigued by Payton and Matthews' relationship as professor and student, and whether they could have imagined this outcome.

"At the beginning, we somehow struck a chord," said Payton. "I didn't really talk to most of my professors out of class. You probably don't want to write that. But for whatever reason I felt a connection."

And the connection has lasted for more than 10 years.

Said Matthews, who is the George F. Jewett Professor of Business and Leadership at Puget Sound, "One of the great parts of the story is, while I've been a business professor at the university for 12 years, Ryan was not a business major. It's really cool that as a FLIA major studying Japanese, he just took an international business course, and that was the connection."

With Payton's creativity and Matthews' business acumen, the boutique game studio Camouflaj was launched in fall 2011. Payton and fellow designer Ezra Hanson-White were the game designers, and Matthews was a business partner and investor. Among the 13 employees (all intentionally without specific job titles), Matthews proclaims himself "Biz Dude." The author of several books on business strategy, Matthews is a proponent of relationship-oriented leadership, a concept that both men agree on when it comes to working with employees and vendors, and how they think about customers.

The company's first game is called "République," and it is designed specifically for touch-based devices. The game will be supported by high-end visuals and audio, a feature not seen on games made for tablets and smartphones. The Los Angeles-based company Logan, which works on many of Apple's commercials, is in charge of visual direction.

The trailer for "République" goes like this:

"You receive a desperate phone call from Hope, a young woman trapped within a shadowy totalitarian state. Using a stolen phone, she calls and begs you to hack into the nation's surveillance system, assume control, and help her escape from the clutches of the omnipresent Overseer."

Payton said "République" facilitates a symbiotic relationship between Hope and the player. The internal design pillar is "Hope is Alive," meaning Hope is not a marionette for the player to manipulate but rather a smart, believable hero who engages the player's empathy.

Reading descriptions of the game, I noticed the nonsexualization of the main female character, and that shooting and violence are minimal—not exactly the norm in games today. There's a story. Intrigue. Strategy.

So is there a political agenda behind the work?

"People in my age group are becoming more and more nervous about constraints on the Internet and free use of information," Payton said. "I don't want to use 'République' as a political platform. It's a piece of software that people like to play because it's fun. But it also leaves you thinking, and few games today do that."
Throughout the interview Payton gesticulated heavily, almost as if his hands sped the process of turning his thoughts into words. He continued, the too-long sleeves of his shirt flapping about while his hands moved in the air, talking about his concept for the game, the "initial idea of what it would be like to be communicating with an A.I. [artificial intelligence] character, somebody that you care about, on the other side of an iOS device like an iPhone or an iPad, and starting to piece together all of these things that I’m interested in and that my friends and colleagues are interested in to meld into a game that says something meaningful."

Starting from scratch, without the corporate resources of a Microsoft, had its problems. Matthews and Payton knew the game would cost upward of $1 million to produce, and serious fundraising would be in order.

They turned to Kickstarter (a website dedicated to funding independent projects solely through individual backers) after seeing other gaming projects raise large amounts of money there. On Kickstarter a goal is set and a period for reaching that goal is established. If the goal amount is not reached all the funds are returned. For "République" the goal was $500,000 in one month.

Backers jumped aboard early, but then interest stalled. With the deadline coming up, Payton and staff released a new trailer for "République," demonstrating in more detail how the game might play. That did the trick. Wired.com wrote about the ensuing drama behind the fund quest: "The Twittersphere exploded with news of the impending climax of what was clearly shaping up to be a photo finish. 'République' was either going to just barely get across the finish line, or fall heartbreakingly short."

With only a few hours to spare, "République" exceeded its goal and raised $555,662 from 11,611 unique backers. (The people who donated the most can look forward to seeing their likenesses in the game).

Now it’s full speed ahead. "République" is scheduled to debut next summer, although Camouflaj wants to raise an additional million dollars to create a version of the game for PC and Mac desktops, with the appropriate super-high-quality presentation.

college rankings

Two nice notices

We’re not much into tooting our own horn around here, but we couldn’t help blushing just a little at comments about the university in two new books published for college seekers.

In September we learned that Puget Sound had been chosen to appear in the new edition of Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges. The guide identifies schools that deliver a superior education and encourages applicants to consider rankings less and the best “fit” more. Colleges That Change Lives was originally written by former New York Times education editor Loren Pope and published in 1996. For this fourth edition, writer Hilary Masell Oswald conducted all-new school tours and built on Pope’s original work to create a completely updated guide. Oswald interviewed Puget Sound students, faculty, staff, and alumni, along with other potential candidates for inclusion in the book, collecting data to assess the college, its academics, its curricular opportunities, and its outcomes.

Oswald praised Puget Sound for its dynamic curriculum, saying "the faculty here like to dream up new courses and expand offerings as their fields grow, change, and overlap." She comments that students enjoy a "rich and open community where they feel heard and respected." and she relates students’ views that Puget Sound "boosts their confidence, sharpens their skills, dissolves their assumptions, and gives them a community of scholars and friends." The beautiful campus comes up, too, a campus of "trees that would give shade to giants."

In addition to a place in the book, Puget Sound joined the nonprofit organization Colleges That Change Lives. Governed by a voluntary board of college counseling professionals, CTCL works to educate families about the importance of understanding each student’s individual needs as they conduct their college search. CTCL holds information events for students and families throughout the country and in Asia from spring through summer each year. The programs share research on effective education, followed by a college fair including representatives from member colleges.

Puget Sound once again has been named one of the country’s best institutions for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review. The 2013 edition of The Best 377 Colleges also features Puget Sound in three "Top 20" nationwide categories: Most Accessible Professors (#9); Best College Radio Station (#9); and Most Liberal Students (#18).

"Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges (and three colleges outside the United States) are profiled. "We commend the University of Puget Sound for its outstanding academics, which are the primary criteria for our selection of schools for the book," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s senior vice president and author of The Best 377 Colleges. "Our choices are based on institutional data we collect about schools, our visits to schools over the years, feedback we gather from students attending the schools, and the opinions of our staff and our 30-member National College Counselor Advisory Board."

In the book’s profile of Puget Sound, students who filled in the survey questionnaire are quoted extensively:

“It’s small, so students have greater access to professors, and many professors are willing to work outside of class with students,” and “All are genuinely passionate about their subjects and accessible for extra help or attention,” and “They also expect a high quality of work from all the students.”

“There are a considerable amount of leadership opportunities,” and “People love being outdoors, walking down to the waterfront … taking bike rides, going to Mount Rainier.”

“Everybody here is a unique and exciting person, and we are all passionate about our diverse areas of study,” and “I haven’t ever been in a place that is more accepting of all backgrounds.”
Stats

Hitting the books

Students may be using more and more digital media these days for research and classwork, but books—the kind printed on paper and stored in library stacks—are at least for now the most frequently used tools in Collins Library. And even with virtual access to the library 24/7, the library building itself is where most students access study resources:

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A splendid gift for athletics

A $1.1 million commitment from the Names Family Foundation will help Puget Sound build a new aquatics center, and recreation and fitness facilities for Puget Sound’s student athletes, campus members, and the Tacoma community.

The aquatics center will replace Wallace Pool, originally built in 1957. It will have a 25-yard, eight-lane swimming pool with space for water polo, scuba, and kayaking, and three warm-up lanes for instruction, rehabilitation, and therapy. In Pamplin Sports Center, plans include a modern fitness center, a rowing ergonomics room, an enhanced training room, a meeting room/classroom, and coaches’ offices. A new northwest entrance and reception area will complement the recently reconfigured north entrance of Memorial Fieldhouse. Timing for construction of the $17.5 million project will be determined as the capital campaign progresses.

Erin Shagren ’88, trustee and administrator of the Names Family Foundation, said the gift aligns with the foundation’s mission of enhancing health and fitness opportunities in Tacoma and Pierce County. “I’m really excited about the new athletics facility because Puget Sound has long been important to my family,” Shagren said. “My dad and mother (Tom Names ’59 and Anna “Meg” Horan Names ’56) met while studying at UPS; my father played basketball there. And I had three great-uncles who were Loggers.”

The pledge was part of The Campaign for University of Puget Sound, which aims to raise $125 million for student support, educational and campus resources, and facilities.

The Names Family Foundation was established in 1996 by Scott and Sis Names, who shared a passion for philanthropy and an interest in health and fitness. Scott Names passed away in 2004 at age 91. Sis Names continues to be an active foundation board member. Other Puget Sound projects supported by the Names Foundation have included the Names Family Foundation Endowed Fund for Athletics, Lower Baker Field renovations, Logger Club annual support, and the Baker field scoreboard.

collaborations

Fear not: When The Big One hits, your data will be safe

Puget Sound and Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., have formed an alliance to protect each other’s digital storage in the event of a disaster. The schools agreed to host backup computer files, which will allow them to quickly restore vital email and website functions, financial services, campus membership and identity data, course details, and other capacities key to academics, business, and safety.

The arrangement may be unique among small liberal arts colleges. Most schools rely on the so-called iron mountain means of data recovery. This involves storing magnetic tapes with a private company. In the event of a disaster it can take weeks to rebuild campus servers. Alternatively some institutions duplicate data on servers hosted by an off-campus vendor, but that can be expensive.

TRIPLE PLAY A new pool, and training and teaching space will add 39,000 square feet to the college’s sports facilities.
zeitgeist

beginnings

An e-ode to orientation

Ah, move-in day for first-year students: a crazy mash-up of anticipation; journeys epic or maybe brief; hellos and goodbyes; and the discovery, after the hatchback is crammed, that you forgot the skis. There's no way to capture the emotion of the experience ... or is there? We tried letting the people who lived it tell the tale by compiling their Facebook and Twitter posts using the neato social-media harvester Storify. Here, a sampling of what it gathered:

5 more days! #pugetsoundbound yfrog.com/mm9cnyj

Even from Arkansas I can feel the excitement building for the new year at @univpugetsound and another class of Loggers. #oncealoggerr

@univpugetsound Incoming Freshman: have a wonderful time at Orientation and enjoy your new HOME! Returning leaders: Go out there & rock it!

@univpugetsound @RosaDaleMoore Great hash tag! You will love the City of Destiny. :) #tactown

Oh crap I need to pack. #PugetSoundBound

Finally got a rain coat, probably should have gotten that earlier, but at least I have a legit jacket now. #PugetSoundBound

So I broke down as I drove home. How the hell am I gonna rebuild all these people I'm losing? Does college get fun soon? #PugetSoundBound

It's our last day at home with Jenna. Tomorrow we drive her to University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, by way of my brother Doug's in Olympia. I think Jenna chose very wisely.....

all packed and on my way to @univpugetsound #pugetsoundbound yfrog.com/004fanej

Safely flew in to Tacoma and cannot wait to be at @univpugetsound on friday!! #Finally #Loggers
Hey new loggers! Have a question about #PSorientation? Find us in the green shirts for help! @univpugetsound instagr.am/p/Obx9zCOXtC/

@univpugetsound 7:30 AM at Jones circle! Perspectives leaders have a Grammy worthy cheer lined up. We've been practicing.

Checked in at @univpugetsound and ready to go. 10 minutes til I can access my room. #monster in my veins. Its time to go.

I was so excited to move in that my dad and I got to campus an hour before Langlow House opened - longest hour of my life!

I wanna welcome all the freshman in the class of 2016 to the @univpugetsound #PugetSoundBound #LoggerNation

Ron Thom said "home" 57 times in his convocation speech at @univpugetsound. Wonder what the topic was?
Voices: Studying abroad on my own campus

This past spring we asked English profs to recommend a few seniors who could write about the things students were thinking as graduation approached. When the essays came in, none of the themes were the same. Some expressed anxiety. Some, grateful or wonder. Others a nagging sadness. All were well written, as we expected, but when it came time to begin working on the edition in which we’d planned to use the essays a late-breaking feature took the space that had been set aside, and they were reluctantly shelved. We have been for a while planning to establish a regular column for first-person writing in Arches. With the following, one of the graduation essays, we inaugurate the column we’re calling “Voices.”

by Sandra Rosa Bryant ’12

One of the first things I noticed upon entering the second semester of my senior year was that people asked different questions about the future depending on which senior students they were talking to. Generally, the questions were of two types: “What sort of work are you looking for?” or “What graduate schools are you interested in?” I was always approached with the latter. I don’t know what it is about me that leads people to think I’m the graduate school type (maybe it’s the glasses), but if I ever do go to graduate school it will not be in the near future.

I do not mean to say that I do not like school and learning and things like being able to discuss novels with my peers and professors, but I’m also a very big fan of sleep. As un-studious and anti-higher education as it may sound, I honestly do put sleep on a tier above most things, schooling included. I was tired throughout most of my college experience, so tired that I began to wonder if there was something wrong with me that was causing me to feel drained and weary nearly every day—some sort of newly acquired chemical imbalance or nutritional deficiency. I reflected back on my high school and middle school days and thought about how I felt during those times. I was never anywhere near as tired as I was in my college days, and yet during high school and middle school I would wake up at 5:30 a.m. every school day and often wouldn’t go to sleep until midnight or later.

It turns out there was something wrong, but I didn’t have the moment of epiphany until late in my junior year. I call the revelation of my fatigue-inducer an epiphany because my weariness was not caused by the sort of bodily disorders I had worried about. My fatigue was brought on by my surroundings and how out of place I felt in them.

My epiphany came as a result of a Fannie Lou Hamer event on campus. I knew of Hamer from my upbringing, and all throughout that day, as I thought about the upcoming event, Hamer’s most famous phrase looped around in my head continually. “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired.” Her words tugged at my heartstrings and made me stop and take a look at my situation. My predicament and Hamer’s were different, doubtless, but there was a common thread that linked the two of us and this sentiment together. We were both black women trying to move through a world that, more often than not, seemed to be littered with barriers and obstacles.

Being a black woman at the University of Puget Sound was an interesting experience. When asked about my time here, I can never hitch on that broad smile that so many of my peers wear and make proclamations about how wonderful life was. But at the same time I can never throw up my hands in frustration and lament my time here as worthless and wholly irksome. There is a marked middle road that I find myself lingering on when I appraise my feelings about the University of Puget Sound. I’ve enjoyed most of my classes, I’ve made friendships that I’m sure will stand the test of time, and I loved being a part of the clubs and organizations that I was involved with. But with that said, I did not enjoy the hyper-visibility, the feelings of being an outcast, and the expectations of my peers for me to break down and explain to them ideas about privilege, prejudice, and, essentially, how it feels to be black in America.

I’ve heard fellow black students talk about life at the university, and while there are stories of overt racism, there are also stories that reflect a very real but oftentimes overlooked and dichotomous problem that black students on this campus face. When our white peers ask us to explain to them about privilege, prejudice, and how it feels to be black in America, we are met with several nuanced dilemmas. First, we feel as if the weight of the world is on our shoulders. How do we explain to someone who has not gone through what we have gone through about what it feels like to be trod upon? How do we explain to them in a way that will make them not only understand, but also make them feel inspired to change the way we live and think? The pressure is heavy because we know our answer may very well be the only answer they will get, as many white students at the university will not be and have not been in areas where the black population is high. At times, answering these types of questions can seem like a once-in-a-lifetime event, the only chance we’ll get to spark a desire in someone to work toward bettering this world. Second, we wonder if we should even answer these questions at all. We did not come here to teach; we came here to learn. I cannot lie and say that I have not been tempted to carry around several books that focus on the black identity in America just so I can hand the stack over whenever a peer asks me to explain these things to them. Third, and perhaps most obvious, we are not spokespeople for all black people in America. Our opinions vary.

Everyone does not walk away from the university feeling the same way. Some individuals feel as if they are leaving behind the most wonderful years of their lives. Others feel as if they are leaving behind the most trying years of their lives. The sad thing is that it’s usually only the former group who get their stories told and broadcasted. The latter group walks away feeling silenced and beleaguered, wondering all the while if they really did make the right decision in choosing to attend the university.

I am happy to have graduated and I am happy for the chance to spend time away from the university, but I say that with the ever-present buzzing of voices in my thoughts. People who have been away from the university for more than a year all seem to share a similar sentiment. They miss it. I do not doubt that the time will come when I too will miss the University of Puget Sound, but I do not know when that time will come and I do not know what it is about the university that will be strong enough to turn my reminiscing and musing into longing.

Sandra Rosa Bryant majored in English, with a creative writing emphasis. She was the editor of Black Ice, a literary journal published last spring by the Black Student Union (soundideas.pugetsound.edu/black_ice). After graduation she moved to Detroit, where she is looking for writing- or bookstore-related work.
Ecological Restoration and Environmental Change: Renewing Damaged Ecosystems
STUART K. ALLISON ’81
252 pages; hardcover
Routledge
www.routledge.com

Climate change and its impacts on the environment are among the more pressing problems facing humanity today, and Stuart Allison’s Ecological Restoration and Environmental Change should be required reading for anyone aiming to work for solutions.

Allison’s field—restoration ecology—is a science with few easy answers and many delicate balances to strike: between best science and effective advocacy, between ecological needs and cultural needs, and between biodiversity and ecosystem function. Ecological restoration is easy to define; it’s the repair of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed by humans. It’s a thornier question to decide what the result of the restoration should be. Restoration ecologists must consider not just what an ecosystem was, but where it was heading naturally and what would make it best, before embarking on repairs that take time to bring about or correct.

Another balance to be considered in restoration ecology is one between the mental and academic side of the work and the physical labor that is involved in reshaping the land and what goes on there. Allison notes this is sometimes satisfying, but not always, the latter best illustrated by a passage from Chapter 1: “the exact chain of events that led to me lying under that particular autumn olive with a dead raccoon for a partner would be long and difficult to reconstruct.”

The book includes chapters about the history of restoration ecology, climate change, novel ecosystems, and a look to the future. Despite the challenges, Allison remains optimistic that ecological restoration done properly can inspire us all to work for positive change in the environment.

Allison is a professor of biology and director of the Green Oaks Biological Field Station at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

— Greg Scheiderer

Rivers of Ice: The Yakutat Bay Expedition of 1906
BILL ALLEY ’76
100 pages; paperback
Outskirts Press Inc.
Available at online and other booksellers

Bill Alley’s story about the scientific exploration of Yakutat Bay, Alaska, in 1906 reads like a proof of Murphy’s Law. Ralph Tarr, a professor of physical geography at Cornell University and a noted expert on glaciers, led the expedition. The U.S. Geological Survey and Philadelphia Geographic Society sponsored the effort to chart the area’s many glaciers and map changes that had happened since severe earthquakes there in 1899.

Rivers of Ice, told largely through excerpts of the diaries of Tarr, Alley’s grandfather Bill Thompson, and other members of the party, makes note of one challenge after another. The persistent ice was a given, and near-constant rain kept the explorers soaked. They dealt with biting insects, challenging terrain, boils, and a host of other maladies. In one particularly cruel blow the breakup of a glacial lake created a torrent that washed away most of the expedition’s supply of whiskey and chocolate. Yet they soldiered on.

Place names illustrate the mood of the party, which spent time at the likes of Dismal Gulch, Desolation Camp, Disenchantment Bay, and Hell Gorge. As if to tempt fate, they named their boat the Hesperus.

As is often the case with groups bound by adversity, there was a little humor. I particularly enjoyed wry commentary attributed to Oscar von Engeln, a student at the time of the exploration who later earned a Ph.D. and served on the faculty of Cornell. One photograph in the book shows an expedition tent bearing the banner of the Cornell Department of Physical Geography—the 1906 equivalent of holding up a copy of the campus magazine for a photograph from the field.

Alley dedicated Rivers of Ice to Grandpa Thompson, “primarily because it is so unlikely that he would ever surmise that it might happen.” Despite the challenges, the explorers made some valuable scientific observations and left behind an interesting historical tale. — GS

A Real Emotional Girl
TANYA CHERNOV ’03
336 pages; hardcover (eight pages of photos)
Skyhorse Publishing
www.skyhorsepublishing.com

A Real Emotional Girl, Tanya Chernov’s personal story of love and loss, unfolds largely against the backdrop of her college years. She struggles between the demands of her studies at Puget Sound and her family’s summer camp for girls in the north woods of Wisconsin, as her beloved father, Richard, is dying of cancer.

The memoir opens during the halcyon days of summer, with 16-year-old Tanya, her two older brothers, and her parents orienting 300 kids and staff at their camp. But a menacing scene foreshadows the dark days ahead when a bear, growling and clawing, chases a camp counselor 45 feet up a tree. The bear, scared by loud noises, flees to the ground, snarling, near her two cubs. As Tanya watches from nearby, a game warden shoots the beast. The men tie her carcass to a Jeep in which Tanya is made to ride; she is told to watch to make sure the bear doesn’t come untied as they pull the body down a dirt road.

Now dead, the bear seemed vulnerable, as delicate as a hallelujah whispered across a field of summer grass … I studied the whole body of the bear; the claws, the fur, the teeth, the teats. I could think only of how small she seemed now … death punctured my view and leached itself into my eyes.

Soon, death would hover over the Chernov family and remain for four years. As Richard Chernov fights for his life and the
family witnesses his painful decline, they work together to keep their camp business running. Tanya eventually graduates from college on time, although her father is not there to see. Over the course of the book, Chernov changes from a territorial girl who resents sharing her father with hundreds of other girls to a capable young woman buoyed by the lasting impact he had on so many lives.

Chernov may be a real emotional girl, but she shows she's got grit, humility, and humor, too. A Pushcart Poetry Prize nominee and poetry and translations editor for The Los Angeles Review, Chernov renders vivid imagery and emotional clarity that draw us inside the intimate life of a family navigating the uncharted waters of loss and grief. It took Chernov 10 years to write this book, an act of love, and a way to honor her father and to come to terms with her own grief while living within a death-averse culture. A Real Emotional Girl welcomes us on a moving journey useful to anyone who ever was or will be visited by life's inevitable losses. — Sandra Sarr

Care for Our World

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If you've ever been on a vacation with a couple of teenagers who would really rather be somewhere else, then you have a feel for the setup of Lucinda Wingard's fascinating novel The Turn-around Bird. Twin sisters Aimee and Zoe Thurman are dragged off to Timbuktu by their father, Kenneth, a history professor who wants a firsthand look at some ancient texts. They get a bit more than they bargained for when a genie zaps them back to West Africa in the 14th century, during the empire of Mansa Musa. They visit the legendary University of Sankore and rub elbows with some distant ancestors.

The Turn-around Bird is a marvelous travelogue with vivid descriptions of the harsh and desolate Sahara, the hustle and bustle of ancient Timbuktu, the opulent affairs at the court of Musa, and the culture clash of a couple of modern teenagers dropped into the excitement, and danger, of a mysterious world.

There's a West African saying: "Wisdom is knowing what to pick up from the past." The saying is symbolized by the "turn-around bird," a Sankofa, looking over its shoulder. Aimee's journey 700 years into the past teaches her invaluable and unforgettable lessons about wisdom, kindness, fairness, and opportunity.

The Turn-around Bird

LUCINDA SEYMOUR WINGARD '66

286 pages; paperback
Picaata Press
http://picaatapress.com

Wingard is an avid traveler whose first job out of college was with the Peace Corps, teaching literature to aspiring teachers in Nigeria. That experience, and the realization that much of everyday life there hadn't changed for centuries, clearly informs her narrative. Wingard teaches English as a second language, and has been a teacher of composition, history, literature, and journalism. She's also a first-rate griot—a Mali word for storyteller. — GS

Range of Motion

W. DALE NELSON '49
27 pages; paperback
Finishing Line Press
www.finishinglinepress.com

W. Dale Nelson is an award-winning journalist and a poet. That's a pretty rare combination, although Nelson himself wrote about other poet/reporters in his 2007 book Gin Before Breakfast (reviewed in Arches, autumn 2007). The title is a play on a warning from Archibald MacLeish, who urged poets to "avoid the practice of journalism as they would wet socks and gin before breakfast."

Pass the olives; Nelson has ignored this advice to our benefit. His latest book, Range of Motion, is a collection of two dozen of his poems, many of which have been published individually in journals or magazines, including The New Yorker, The Nation, and The Christian Science Monitor.

Here journalism and poetry coexist marvelously. Nelson's keen observations inform the work, and his moving descriptions tell us detailed stories, whether about the slow, painful recovery from a traffic accident, the simple pleasure of crossing a stone bridge, or the passing landscape as seen from a plane, train, canoe, or automobile. Several of the poems involve cars, from the taxi on the cover to the rumbling classics his grandmother viewed as the work of the devil.

Range of Motion is at once serious and whimsical, a joy to read and ponder.

Nelson worked for the Associated Press for 40 years, half of them in Washington, D.C. His other books include The Imprint of Alan Swallow and Who Speaks for the President? — GS
from the archives

The faces behind the buildings:

The Gail Pauline Day Memorial Chapel

When C.H. Jones Hall opened in 1924, almost every college activity took place in that building. The College of Puget Sound was hard-core Methodist in those days, and religious activities were important in everyday college life. Built into Jones Hall was a chapel, located in the southeast corner of the building, with entry from the second floor. The October 1924 issue of the quarterly college bulletin contains a photograph of the chapel with this caption: "This is our 'Little Church.' It is so constructed that every appointment is conducive to worship. Vesper services are held here Sunday afternoons. Other religious exercises, meditation, and prayer are in order here."

The chapel was dedicated on June 7, 1925, as part of a baccalaureate service two days before the entirety of Jones Hall was dedicated. The chapel was presented by Horace J. Whitacre, chair of the trustees' building committee, with these words: "...we present unto you this chapel, to be dedicated for meditation and prayer and for worship and service of Almighty God in this college."

For the next 25 years the chapel was known as The Little Chapel. It contained an oak reading desk and chair which, according to President Edward Todd, were "used by every president of this institution." President Todd also relates in his history of the college how Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour, during their travels in Europe, became enamored with Holman Hunt's 1854 painting "The Light of the World," which at the time hung in St Paul's Cathedral in London. The Seymours loved the painting so much they hired an artist to copy it. Eventually, admiring the College of Puget Sound's Little Chapel, the Seymours presented the oil painting to the college during the 1927-1928 academic year. "The Light of the World" has hung in the chapel ever since. This large painting was for many years an item of interest in the community and attracted many visitors, with its elaborate gold frame containing the words "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. — Revelation 3:20"

One of the students who used The Little Chapel was Gail Pauline Day, who graduated from the College of Puget Sound in 1937. In 1939, while engaged in graduate studies at Northwestern University, Gail Day's life ended tragically at the hands of a drunk driver. On June 7, 1950, with the support of Gail Day's parents, Edward Vernon Day and Grace Nolan Day, The Little Chapel was dedicated to the memory of Gail Day and became the Gail Pauline Day Memorial Chapel, or as it was commonly known, the Gail Day Chapel.

Five years earlier, Gail Day's sister, Doris Jean Day '41, was married in the chapel to her husband, Allan Norwood Sapp. Their son, Allan D. Sapp '78, today serves the college as a trustee. On April 27, 1951, SPURS, the longtime college sophomore women's service club, initiated Lucille Thompson as an honorary member of SPURS in the Gail Day Chapel. (Lucille, beloved by students, was wife of President R. Franklin Thompson.) These and hundreds of other marriages and ceremonies occurred in The Little Chapel and the Gail Day Chapel.

By the 1970s Jones Hall was bulging at the seams. Covetous eyes were cast increasingly on the precious space occupied by a chapel in what was becoming less an all-purpose building and more an administrative one. During the summer of 1977 the Gail Day Chapel was moved quickly, quietly, and with no fanfare whatsoever from Jones Hall to Kilworth Chapel. The university's first full-time chaplain, the Rev. K. James Davis, was shown the Gail Day Chapel in Jones Hall when he interviewed for the position in the spring of 1977. When he showed up for work in the fall, he was astonished at his inability to locate the chapel in Jones Hall. The space it occupied had been converted to offices for expanding university relations operations. Most of the university community understood the reason for the move, although some missed the old Gail Day Chapel enormously.

For a short while the Gail Day Chapel occupied a corner of the basement lounge in Kilworth Chapel. This was less than satisfactory, and the chapel soon moved to converted storage space behind the chancel. There it remained until 1989, when that space was needed for the pipe organ built and installed by Paul Fritts '73. The Gail Day Chapel then moved to its current location in the northwest corner of the second floor of Kilworth Chapel. Today the Gail Pauline Day Memorial Chapel is a nice space that remains "open to the campus community daily for meditation and prayer for persons of all religious convictions." The copy of Hunt's "The Light of the World" still hangs in the Gail Day Chapel, but without its elaborate gold frame. — John Finney '67
Brothers, and the Everlys have a problem with one of their guitars. Can we bring it by?” It sounded like a prank a friend might play.

“I thought, yeah sure, right,” Fox recalled, but she invited “Dan” to come on over.

Half an hour later an enormous truck with “The Everly Brothers” emblazoned on the side pulled up at the shop. It turned out that a roadie had tripped while carrying one of the trademark black Everly guitars.

“Instead of being a real man and taking the fall on his face, he tried to break the fall with an Everly Brothers guitar!” Fox laughed. The instrument had a big crack all along the ribs, and it looked like the jaws of a crocodile the way it gaped open around the sides. Fox was able to patch it up in time for the duo’s concert at the Paramount the next evening.

The punch line came when she delivered the bill for $500, which Fox thought of as a lot of money at the time. The road manager expressed surprise at the amount.

“Is that OK?” she recalled asking sheepishly.

“Honey,” replied the road manager, “this is the Everly Brothers.” Fox’s compensation for her good work included passes to the show.

The list of other well-known players with whom Fox has worked includes Rosanne Cash, Bill Frisell, Danny O’Keefe, Cris Williamson, John Gorka, and Del Rey. She says the better players are typically a joy to work with.

“They know what good work is, they know what a good setup is, and they’re really happy when they find people like me,” she said, adding that people she calls “the posers and the wannabes” can sometimes be difficult. “I guess they think if they got the perfect setup or the perfect guitar they’d sound like Eric Clapton.”

Sometimes the instrument itself is a celebrity. Fox’s website (www.catfox.com) features photos of a repair job she did on a real road-warrior guitar, heavily played, badly damaged, and falling apart. It would have been kindling, except for the fact that it was autographed by Johnny Cash, Clarence “Gatemouth” Brown, and Warren Zevon. It was once owned by Gregg Allman, and the collector who’d purchased it wanted it restored to playable condition—without compromising the autographed soundboard. It was a tall order, but Fox pulled it off.

Occasionally she sees rare instruments of immense value. About five years ago a customer who had been clearing out his mother’s home after her death found a mandolin under her bed. It turned out to be a rare Gibson F-5 model signed by Lloyd Loar, a legendary luthier with Gibson in the early 1920s who revolutionized the design of the instrument. He autographed the ones he thought were best. The asking price for an original Loar mandolin can top $200,000. Fox patched up a crack on the peghead of this one. She’s also worked on another Loar owned by a collector in the Skagit Valley.

Fox figures she has the perfect skill set for her work.

“You not only have to be good with woodworking, but you have to be good with people and be able to listen to them and try to decide what they’re saying to you in musician-speak,” she explained. “Decide what they actually want. And give it to them.”

Business is booming. Sound Guitar Repair has a two-month backlog of work. Fox speculates that the economy has something to do with it. People are having old instruments repaired rather than buying new ones. She sends them out the door as good as new—or even better. Between the business and getting her 16-year-old daughter where she needs to be, Fox takes pleasure in relaxing on her porch with a glass of wine and a good book or a crossword puzzle.

While she sometimes laments not sticking with Puget Sound, Fox said she really didn’t have anyone to ride her about staying in school or getting a “real job.” Her father passed away when she was 12, and her mother didn’t interfere.

“Some people are getting pressed by their parents to do one thing or the other; they feel like they’ll disappoint somebody if they don’t,” she said, “I didn’t really have anyone to disappoint.”

In Fox’s case, becoming a renowned luthier required having no strings attached. ♦

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The Harvest

Meet a few alumni who are taking fresh and local to heart
A GROWING CONCERN. Dan and Kim Hulse stand among rows of organic vegetables on their 40-acre farm in Orting, Wash. Their business delivering healthy produce direct to households, sort of like the millennial version of a home delivery, is increasing sales by about 25 percent each year.
FINDING THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS
At his 21 Acres Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living, Dale Nelson '85 teaches farmers and home-business owners how to bring specialty foods to market.
Farm Aid

You might say it's the sweet taste of success. Dale Nelson '85 has spent a lifetime finding new markets for food products and figuring out how to make stuff taste better. Now he's applying what he's learned to help farmers do the same.

by David Volk

Maybe it's because he's an early riser and therefore has extra hours to think, but Dale Nelson seems to have more good ideas in a day than most people have in a month. It's always been that way.

Consider his solution, as a kid, to the age-old question of how to earn spending money. Never mind the obvious, like mowing lawns or selling lemonade. Well, OK, he did those things, but he also tapped maple trees and collected sugaring sap for 5 cents an hour, sold his own Thousand Island dressing to neighbors (when he was in the second grade), and made and sold caramel corn (in the fifth grade).

As a student at Puget Sound, he bought an ice cream maker for 15 cents at a garage sale and promptly began selling ice cream and bonbons out of Todd Hall on Friday nights. When he went looking for a place to get a good haircut or had trouble finding out about buses to Seattle, he realized the need for an information source and coupon book for students. So he and other students started the Green and Gold Pages and sold the directory to people on campus. And the start of the specialty coffee craze inspired him to open one of the first espresso stands on campus.

After he entered the workforce, at General Mills, Nelson found little fixes that helped improve the bottom line in the giant company's restaurant division (think Olive Garden and Red Lobster)—simple things like sprinkling chocolate shavings on the plate next to a chocolate cream pie or bringing a dessert tray to tables dramatically increased sales.

Twenty years later, and the business grad who entered Puget Sound on a music scholarship (he's still a pretty good piano player) not only runs two successful specialty food brands, he has a big, new idea that could help small farms.

IN LITERATURE, THE IDEA GUY is often a suit-wearing, sharp-dressing, fast-talking go-getter with a can-do attitude. If Nelson's expertise as a food-flavoring consultant is any indication, he's got the can-do part down. The suit-wearing, not so much. At least not on this Saturday afternoon in mid-August as he gives us a tour of 21 Acres Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living in Woodinville, Wash., a not-for-profit where he teaches farmers and home-business owners how to bring specialty foods to market. For some, the sandals, shorts, and blue striped polo he's wearing may be the uniform of the American weekend, but Nelson is so relaxed it's easy to imagine this being his business attire, as well. It's also easy to picture it as the outfit he wore
back when he was selling salad dressing door to
door at age 8.

Given his focus on customer service, he likely
would have succeeded in any business, but food
made the most sense because he’d grown up in
the industry. Nelson’s father was a quality assurance
director at General Mills, and Dale spent
much of his youth hanging out in the Betty
Crockers kitchen, watching bakers and chemists formulate recipes. He also got to try pro-
ducts that didn’t quite make it to market, like a
banana-flavored cereal, a breakfast sausage with
eggs stuffed in the center, and milk that turned
color when it was poured onto cereal.

“It was not a pleasant color,” he says.

Even outside of work, he recalls, “My parents
were always cooking and having a good time
with food.”

But the food business was the last thing
on his mind when he started out as a biology/
pre-med major at Puget Sound. He just saw sell-
ing ice cream back then as a way to get to know
people and make them feel good—a personality
characteristic he attributes to his spot in the fam-
ily’s birth order.

“I’m the third kid. You’re supposed to make
people happy.”

At the time, bio majors were required to
spend four months each year taking general science
courses, a month studying unrelated sub-
jects (Winterim), and another four months on
their major. He never expected that a monthlong
cultural studies course in Austria would have
such a big influence on his life.

“It was amazing. The cheeses were fabulous.
All the breads were handmade. I didn’t even like
beer until then.

“I learned that ingredients are critical in
terms of quality,” he says. He also learned how to
make espresso, a skill he cashed in on by import-
ing two espresso machines from Italy, and selling
coffee during intermission at college plays.

As his years at Puget Sound progressed, he
became unhappy with changes in the medical
field (things like the growth of “factory”-style
care), so he went back to his culinary roots and a
degree in business with an emphasis on financial
management and small businesses.

DESPITE BEING OFFERED A PROMOTION at
General Mills, Nelson departed within a couple
of years, disillusioned by the corporate culture
and focus on the bottom line. He took a product
development job with the Edmonds Chocolate
Company in Edmonds, Wash., but the firm soon
closed. He launched Vitali Syrup Company
in 1989, with a Dodge Dart, $500 in spending
money, and an emphasis on quality ingredients.
He concocted 12 flavors, among them vanilla,
hazelnut, and a chocolate with finely ground
Dutch cocoa and real cocoa butter. He then fell
back on his early business model and went from
espresso stand to espresso stand offering flavor
samples and encouraging owners and employ-
ers to do side-by-side taste tests. It wasn’t a hard
sell, especially in the case of that chocolate. Most
stands cared about high-quality coffee, but they
were stuck using Hershey’s syrup. As he puts it, “I
was the Arabica of chocolate versus the Robusta
of Hershey’s.”

Soon, others noticed. Nordstrom’s coffee bars
wanted help with its caramel syrups. A Seattle’s
Best Coffee exec wanted chocolate ganache for
the company’s mochas. Millstone asked him to
develop coffee extract for its iced-coffee Java
Coolers. Other companies requested flavors such
as raspberry and mint. Preferring natural ingredi-
teons over chemicals, Nelson found himself
looking for the real thing from farms throughout
the region. Farmers appreciated the business, but
many worried about staying afloat.

“I was hearing all of these farmers’ struggles,
and I kept thinking, ‘How can I help?’” he recalls.

He was in a perfect position to do so. Two
years ago he created Farmhouse Kitchens as
a parent for Vitali Syrup and his other com-
panies, Parker Pickles (named after his son)
and Woodring Northwest, a maker of gourmet
preserves and toppings he had done consult-
ing work with and later bought. Farmhouse has
a big need for fresh ingredients, so Nelson is
constantly supporting local farmers by purchas-
ing what they grow. And Woodring’s specialty
products, such as bayberry, golden raspberry, and
black raspberry fruit spreads have encouraged
some farmers to plant commercially less-popular
crops. Nelson also has helped growers turn their
crops into value-added products. (When he
worked with a Yakima grower of peaches and
peppers, for example, he suggested making peach
chipotle salsa and showed the farmer how to
prepare it.) The only catch is, farmers who aren’t
Nelson’s suppliers haven’t had access to the level
of advice they need to enhance and expand what
they do.

Until now.

AS A RULE, TOUR GUIDES don’t typically start
out walking you through the bathroom, but 21
Acres is a different kind of place, and Nelson is a
different kind of businessman. He enjoys show-
ing off the composting toilets and the super-
efficient shower in the two-story facility built to
meet LEED Platinum standards. But his favorite
area is the commercial-style kitchen, where he
teaches most of his food-processing classes.
He happily pauses every few steps to show off
another gleaming piece of culinary gadgetry. If
you didn’t know any better you’d swear all the
stuff you’re seeing is new, but most of the appli-
cances are secondhand. It’s all part of the facility’s
emphasis on sustainability, reuse, and recycling.
21 Acres also has a farmers’ market that sells
sustainably grown produce from local farmers
and acts as an incubator for food-based startups.
Here, Nelson teaches farmers and other aspiring
specialty-food purveyors everything they need
to know about bringing a product to market
but were afraid to ask. The topics include recipe
development, food prep, quality control, and
distribution.

After years of advising his suppliers and con-
sulting with other producers, he sees 21 Acres
as just the start. If he has his way, there will be
five similar facilities throughout Washington so
farmers in far-flung locations won’t have to cross
the mountains to get help.
He understands that realizing his goal could mean a new generation of competitors for his food businesses. But he says he believes having more high-quality, regionally produced specialty food improves the market for everyone. It allows people to support local producers and eat better while making food more sustainable and earth-friendly.

"I don't want to change your life, but I do want people to step into that place where they'll think first about buying local," he says. "Why would someone want to sell something bad?"

Even if he does lose a small amount of business, Nelson isn't worried. He has plenty to do. In addition to sitting on the 21 Acres board, he's head of Food Concepts Inc., which DOES WHAT, and he continues to do lots of consulting work. Up until this summer he even went to farmers' markets several times a week to sell and encourage people to sample his products.

Woodring still has a booth at Seattle's Pike Place Market and other area markets, but Nelson finally broke down and took on employees to do that for him. He's shocked that it took four people to do what he'd been doing by himself.

He credits some of his success to the freedom he had to explore and try new things at Puget Sound. Considering that he used to show up at the old Thompson Hall fountain every few days at 3 p.m. to practice and teach juggling, his time at the college may have also taught him how to balance his existing responsibilities with whatever new ones he can dream up.

David Volk's writing has appeared in Seattle magazine, Alaska Airlines magazine, and many other periodicals. He is the author most recently of The Cheap Bastard's Guide to Seattle.
The morning sun rises over the hills that form the Orting Valley, warming the 40-acre farm that Dan and Kim Hulse bought three years ago. Dan finishes a conversation with a housepainter and walks with his coffee cup down a wide dirt path bordered by fields overflowing with late-summer crops.

"Hola!" calls a farmworker carrying a crate full of heirloom tomatoes, picked fresh and headed for customers' kitchens this morning. Dan waves to the man, who is part of a 30-person crew he and Kim employ during the peak season. Growing and then delivering good food to the table isn't just a business for the Hulses. It's a lifestyle that supports the health of their community. Last January the couple decided to leave Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood and move to the farm they'd bought in 2009.

"We wanted to introduce our kids to this way of life early on," says Dan, president and co-founder with Kim of Terra Organics, a community-supported agriculture (CSA) business delivering seasonal, organic produce to 1,000 subscribers in three counties throughout the Puget Sound region.

Before buying Tahoma Farms, Dan and Kim leased a 5-acre property in Enumclaw for three years. Kim put to work her expertise in sustainable farm production, shouldering the brunt of the physical labor. There were days she couldn't stand up straight because of so many seasons bent over, harvesting. That's when they temporarily stepped away from farming to focus on building their distribution business, Terra Organics, and to start a family. Now, despite the physical demands and uncertain income from season to season, they are living their dream.

"I still pinch myself," says Kim. "It's hard to believe we've come so far."

They project $2 million in revenues in 2012. Terra Organics has grown by 25 to 30 percent each year since its start in 2004.

Kim believes so strongly in the importance of their work that she says she'd feel guilty if they stopped. "It's really important to provide a reliable source of food. Dan and I have the ability to grow a wide variety of food for our community. A lot of people depend on it," says Kim, whose parents and grandparents (Dick '64 and Carol Strobel Colleran '64, and Bob '33 and Elsie Korpela Strobel '33) and a slew of other relatives, like her husband, are Puget Sound alumni.

Most of their customers are busy professionals who value the convenience of delivery and believe in the health and environmental benefits of organic foods over conventional. The company offers small boxes (for one or two people) or big ones (two to four people), and customers can customize orders based on preference of food and frequency of delivery. The Terra Organics website (www.terra-organics.com) even provides recipes for what to do with unusual items like celeriac, a winter vegetable also known as turnip-rooted celery.
LOGGER CONNECTIONS  Dan Hulse '02 is partnering with dining services at the college this fall and next spring in a farm-to-table program that aims to increase awareness of local agriculture. Three Puget Sound students have staffed the Tahoma Farms booth at farmers' markets in Tacoma and Seattle, and about a dozen UPS students have helped with the distribution of Terra Organics produce over the last few years out of a Tacoma warehouse.
This fall Terra Organics has teamed up with the university to feature veggies and fruits each month in the SUB. The farm-to-table program runs from September to November and February to April this academic year and aims to increase awareness of local agricultural richness and to educate the campus community about the pleasure of experiencing truly fresh products.

“The idea was to explore ways we could partner with farmers and source more local food in The Diner. It made perfect sense to reach out to Dan,” says Rachel Cardwell, Puget Sound’s community engagement manager.

In another cooperative effort, Tacoma General Hospital’s head chef, working with the Tacoma Farmers Markets, occasionally incorporates Tahoma Farms produce into foods the hospital serves patients.

And the Hulses spread the bounty in underserved communities. Distributing extra produce through the St. Leo’s Food Connection, they provide high-quality food to low-income urban people, donating an average of 300 pounds of produce a week throughout the year. They’ve also set up a program inviting subscribers to donate cash to purchase food for people in need during the holidays. Terra Organics then matches donations and distributes the food, more than 4,000 pounds last year alone. An Emergency Food Network crew comes out to Tahoma Farms to harvest produce that can’t be sold. The Orting Food Bank also receives donations of good produce that has small cosmetic flaws rendering it not up to commercial standards of quality but still perfectly good eating.

TO LEARN THE BUSINESS ASPECT of farming and sustainability, Dan spent a year studying at the Bainbridge Graduate Institute. There, he found that work could be objectively measured by looking at the “the triple bottom line,” ways in which a business does no harm to the environment, is socially equitable, and is profitable. He put his studies on hold when daughter Lyla was born and he and Kim bought Tahoma Farms.

The farm is part of the original 100-acre Ford Dairy. In 2009 the PCC Farmland Trust (established by PCC Natural Markets cooperative of Seattle) named it Orting Valley Farms and divided the property into three parcels. A dairy farm for 75 years, its former milking parlor now serves as Tahoma Farms’ sorting and washing area for produce brought in fresh from the fields.

The buying process took two years. At times the couple worried that all the pieces in the complex transaction that made the land affordable for them wouldn’t come together.

It worked out, and so far business is good. But it’s risky, too. So many resources are tied up in trucks and equipment. Each season brings challenges such as weather conditions, fuel prices, labor costs—and elk.

Dan never intended to build an eight-foot fence along the river and neighboring property. But when a herd of 30 elk started coming across the river each evening and bedding down in vegetable plots, he got tired of losing $10,000 to $15,000 a year in flattened produce.

Kim spends about 25 hours a week on farm business. She translates Dan’s marketing plans into production plans—things like seeding dates, maps, crop rotation, and harvest dates, each detail incrementally affecting their bottom line. By the time October arrives, their operation builds to a crescendo and planning begins for planting season starting in February.

“Working the land is how you obtain the knowledge you need,” Dan says. He’d like to spend less time behind a computer, maintaining his fleet of trucks, and commuting from the farm to the Tacoma warehouse and office.

“The people who work alongside us have a similar mind-set, and it’s reflected in their work. We are fortunate to have great people. I feel challenged to provide adequate financial compensation and rewards for my employees. I want to provide a better way of life for them.”

He and Kim are trying to afford health care benefits and retirement plans for employees. They strive to keep as many farmworkers as possible working year-round, and they continually plot the future of their business.

“We need to be deliberate and thoughtful about how we grow,” Dan says. “We’re looking at three scenarios. One: No changes. We continue with our current annual growth rate and programs. We are happy with how things are now, and we don’t want to burn out. Two: Accept an influx of capital and grow fast, buying and leasing large tracts of land. Three: Explore agritourism options like cooking and canning classes, kids’ days and a kids’ garden, adding cabins and yurts for people interested in spending a weekend on a working farm. Whatever direction we take, we need to be mindful about how we spend our time.”

THE COUPLE HAS COME A LONG WAY since the day they met in their early 20s. Back then Dan kept showing up to volunteer at Terry’s Berries in Puyallup, where Kim worked. He hung around so much they decided to hire him to work in the fields. Kim taught him how to drive tractors, transplant vegetables, and care for the seedlings in the greenhouse, all the while wondering, “Who is this person who’s interested in what I want to devote my life to?”

Dan is the son of an orphaned father who put himself through law school. He grew up in Woodside, Calif., in what used to be the farm-rich Santa Clara Valley. His family always had a huge garden and orchard with 20 varieties of fruit trees that Dan cared for “much to his displeasure” back then.

Now his own children feel so at home in the fields that they know the names of plants and bugs, and they routinely track the movement of farmworkers, tractors, and crops. Son Nolan’s first words were hola and agua.

Walking from the fields into the farm office, Dan sees Nolan toddle through the fenced yard, where their two pygmy goats live.

“Da-da!” Nolan says.

Dan scoops him up and puts him on his lap. The boy looks past a stack of files on the desk and points at a pint of tomatoes, red and orange. Dan thinks of his father again. Would he be surprised at his son’s chosen profession?

“Yes,” he says, “But he’d appreciate it.”

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Snapshots
From the regional clubs

SAN FRANCISCO  About 30 Loggers got together in August to cheer on the Giants at AT&T Park. Afterward they retired to TRES San Francisco restaurant and hoisted the alumni banner.

DENVER  In August, at The Irish Snug, local Loggers welcomed members of the Class of 2012 to alumni ranks.
One [of a Kind] Evenings

The Campaign for Puget Sound hit the road in September, with special events in Denver and San Francisco

More than 100 Loggers from the Bay Area gathered at The City Club of San Francisco on Saturday, Sept. 15 to celebrate campaign accomplishments to date. President Ron Thomas, Mary Thomas, board chair Rick Brooks '82, and trustee Jill Nishi ’89 joined alumni and parents to share stories over drinks and hors d’oeuvres, while photographer Ross Mulhausen snapped a few pics. The program included a violin duet by Associate Professor of Music Maria Sampen and Grace Youn ’13 (above), helping bring a little of the heart of Puget Sound to San Francisco.

On Saturday, Sept. 29 the party resumed in Denver at the Carriage House of the Governor’s Residence at Boettcher Mansion. Trustee Emeritus Marv Caruthers P’02 got the evening started, along with Denver Regional Alumni Club Co-coordinator Monica Clark Petersen ’01. Director of Capital Development Ally Bujacich shared a personal story of how the campaign is transforming campus, while Grace Youn ’13 provided the musical interlude once again, with an unbelievably virtuosic rendition of her arrangement of “Don’t Stop Believin’” (which you can see at www.youtube.com/user/graceyounviolin).

YOU LOOK FAMILIAR.... Among San Francisco and Denver attendees (this page, clockwise, from top left): Shelley Thompson ’92 and Tracy Fagen ’94, Jill Nishi ’89, Ted Meriam ’05, Louise Oncley ’62, and Vince and Julie Malta P’16.

Peers:
Jesse Powell ’99, painter of landscapes

Had things gone differently for Jesse Powell, he might be sending this dispatch not from the glorious seaside of Monterey, Calif., where he and his studio space reside, but the somewhat starker environs of his local firehouse.

“My plan was actually to go into firefighting,” he says. “I grew up in an artist family, so there was a sense of wanting to figure out what I really wanted to do. But when I got to UPS, that all changed. The professors there helped push me in a new direction.”

Those teachers included Jim Phalen, Melissa Weinman, and then-art department chair Ron Fields, who guided Jesse toward “a more traditional side of art. I knew I was drawn to landscapes, and I prefer to paint what I can stand in front of.”

Despite his genetic pedigree (his father is renowned painter John Powell), he admits the transition was anything but flawless. “I can definitely show you paintings I did as recently as 10 years ago, and you’d probably suggest I choose a different career,” he says, laughing.

Following graduation, Jesse faced the decision that many of us do: to grad school or not to grad school? Jesse did both: He spent six weeks in 2000 in the Republic of Georgia and Moscow learning Russian impressionism from graduates of the V. Surikov Moscow State Academy Art Institute, an adventure instrumental to Jesse honing his craft.

“Their core academic focus has been, for over 100 years, about connecting to the landscapes,” he says, although admits: “I left there still seeking inspiration for my own work.”

Back at home, Jesse opted to return to his beloved California, where in the last decade he’s managed to carve out a living as a painter. From his home studio on the beach near Monterey’s famed Cannery Row, he’s channeled the years he spent in workshops and learning the trade from successful artists (he’s made numerous trips to Arizona’s Scottsdale Artists’ School to work with painters such as Matt Smith and George Strickland) into a business that has a bustling client base and a busy exhibition roster at such esteemed venues as the Laguna Art Museum and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

He says these relationships have afforded him a crucial bootcamp-like glimpse into how real artists make a living. “Rain or shine, I have to show up and do the hard work.”

And although he sacrificed the thrills of his initial career choice of firefighting, Jesse’s cross-country travels have afforded him the occasional adrenaline moment—sort of. “I was painting in Idaho last year and saw a fly fisherman waving at me that there was a huge moose standing behind me,” he says. “But when I started taking photos of him, the moose got bored and walked away.” — Stacey Wilson ’96

At left: Spring Bloom, 40” x 48”, oil on linen. You can see more of Jesse’s work at www.jessepowellfineart.com.
1943  Jim Lea was interviewed for a KPLU "I Wonder Why ...?" story about the "Boeing Bust" and how it still resonates in the region's collective consciousness. When Boeing's Supersonnic Transport program crashed in 1971, like many others, Jim was laid off. This, after working for the company for 30 years. Unlike some, he found it an opportunity. During his layoff period he invented the self-inflatable Therm-a-Rest backpacking mattress, versions of which are still popular.

Jim went on to co-found Cascade Designs, an outdoor-equipment company based in Seattle.

1950  Richard Nickelson sends this update: "My sister, Ruth Nickelson Hendricks '54, and I graduated from Stadium High School and attended CPS. Ruth was a valedictorian. I married Suzanne Berven '53, a sorority sister of Ruth's. Ruth married Sall Hendricks '53 and went on to do graduate work and teach in small colleges in Western Washington. We thank UPS for giving us a good start in life." Richard graduated from the University of Hawaii and was chosen by Admiral Rickover of Washington, D.C., to attend The Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology (ORSRT) and later was hired by Detroit Edison to develop nuclear power reactors. Richard earned his M.S. degree from Cornell University under the famous professor and Nobel laureate Hans Bethe. He earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan. Richard taught at the University of Wisconsin and The Ohio State University, and also was employed by the Argonne National Laboratory; the Exxon Nuclear Co.; and by one of his former students, Hartmut Widger, for three years at a research laboratory in northern Italy. Suzanne joined him there. The two have lived on Lopez Island, Wash., for 29 years. Their youngest daughter, Ingrid and her two children recently moved to Lopez. Their eldest daughter, Ellen, and husband Don and their children live in Utah and raise horses. Their son, Paul; his wife, Kelli Cleave; and their son, Benjamin, live in Woodinville, Wash. And second daughter, Lisa; and husband, Jon Huffman; and their son, Eli, live in Redmond, Wash. Richard reports that all persons mentioned in his update are doing well.

1953  Doug McArthur has been active in the local sports scene in Tacoma since his days as athletic director at Puget Sound. This year, the Tacoma Athletic Commission instituted the new Doug McArthur Legacy Achievement Award, to be given to an athlete who "embodies true passion within his or her sport."

Ruggles Larson M.Ed. '71 was the first recipient of the award and noted for his more than 50-year involvement in volleyball, softball, pingpong, boxing, and road running. This summer, at age 78, Ruggles ran in his 34th Sound to Narrows race, with a 5K time of 39:40.

1954  Fred Holmes and wife Grace Foegg Holmes (a PLU grad) have published a lot of medical literature over the years, often as joint authors of papers on medical history. Both are medical doctors and emeritus professors at The University of Kansas Medical Center. The two conceived the plot for a novel more than 20 years ago and finally finished it this year. Their book, Tumbili (the Swahili word for monkey), is described as a medical mystery in the form of a romance. Fred tells us: "When we got the copyright we decided the author pseudonym Anne Miller Johnson, M.D., seemed appropriate." A review of their book will appear in the spring 2013 edition of Arches. Tumbili is available for Kindle on Amazon.com.

1955  Gilford Moss is living in Portland, Ore., and sends this update: "I retired from the federal Civil Service after 31 years." Gil welcomes contact from classmates at gpencer1949@gmail.com.

1964  Karla Anderson Epperson's work with the Peninsula Youth Orchestra was highlighted in a May 31 Kitsap Sun article. She has been with PYO for 10 of the organization's 14 years, conducting and teaching both first-year and intermediate orchestras. Karla started teaching orchestra and elementary strings at Olympia High School. She also founded the string program in the Bethel School District. Outside of her teaching duties with PYO, Karla works with two other local youth symphonies, plays cello in A Trio Classique, plays keyboard in a Tacoma concert band, and was a member of the Tacoma Symphony for many years, later serving on the symphony's board.

1967  Washington state Sen. Debbie Brewitt Regala was recognized as a Champion of Children by the Washington Children's Alliance on Aug. 8. As vice chair of the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee, Debbie has "worked to educate her caucus and her constituents about the importance of State Food Assistance to children and families, and helped prevent further cuts to programs for low-income families," the alliance said. The award came less than a week after she received a Silver Crayon Award from the Early Learning Action Alliance for "outstanding work in helping more children access early learning opportunities."

1968  Steven White was named regional director for Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers. DVIC's mission is to provide disabled U.S. veterans with opportunities...
Archie Blakely was featured in the Auburn Reporter in July. The article chronicled his longtime interests in mountain climbing and marathon running. Archie has climbed Mount Rainier 10 times. As a longtime campus manager for the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, he shared his love of climbing with many of the kids whose cases he managed. One of those kids introduced Archie to marathon running. Since taking up the sport he's run more than 100 marathons. Archie shared his love of running by helping the Auburn High School track and cross country coach for many years. When the coach retired in 1979, Archie coached the cross country and track and field teams until 1995. Archie then began substitute teaching for the Auburn School District, and in 2001 he became a para-educator at Auburn High, working with special-needs students. Outside of the classroom, Archie operates the clock and scoreboard at girls' basketball games and helps out at track and field meets in Auburn Stadium. While he doesn't do any mountaineering these days, he still gets out for an occasional run. Archie ran the 5K in Kent, Wash., on July 14.

Dorothy Lewis was invited to Barron's Winner's Circle Top Advisors Summit. She was one of 350 to attend the invitation-only event. Dorothy is president and CEO of Financial Insights Inc. in Tacoma.

Jim Meyerhoff received a National Federation of State High School Associations citation in 2012. He was one of 12 individuals nationwide to be honored this year. Jim has served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and association administrator for 42 years. He was assistant executive director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association for 11 years and helped the association develop the nation's first gender-equity policy. Jim currently is director of the WIAA State Wrestling Championships, director of the WIAA Coaches Schools, and WIAA District 3 Regional Facilitator for the WIAA Coaching Standards.

Mike Veseth's book Wine Wars took the silver medal in the Business & Economics category in ForeWord Reviews magazine's Book of the Year Awards. ForeWord is a review journal for librarians and booksellers. Mike also appeared in a segment of "Well Read," the books and authors program on Washington state public channel TWX, to discuss Wine Wars and what the globalization of the wine industry means for Washington state wines. Mike is featured in the film Boom Varietal: The Rise of Argentine Malbec, a documentary that has earned several film festival awards since its premiere last fall. Find out more at http://wineeconomist.com.

In more wine news, Dick Boushey was featured in Seattle magazine’s July edition in an article titled "Why 30-Year-Old Wines Are the New Rock Stars." Dick has an 80-acre vineyard in Grandview, Wash., in the lower Yakima Valley. His first grapes were Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, and he’s considered a pioneer in Washington Syrah varietals. He began planting grapes in the state in 1994.

Barry Mesher ’73, J.D. ’77 joined Sedgwick LLP’s Complex Litigation Division in the firm’s Seattle office. Formerly of Lane Powell PC, Barry focuses his practice on toxic, mass, and municipal torts; premises liability; insurance coverage; product liability; professional liability; and labor and employment law. He regularly serves in mass tort cases across the country, devising and executing comprehensive defense strategies.

Bob Duke M.Ed. ’75 returned to Tacoma’s Lowell Elementary School this fall as interim principal. He had filled the position last school year following the death of Lowell’s longtime former principal. Bob is a retired principal and worked at Baker Middle School from 1999 to 2002. Since 2003 he’s been a long-term replacement principal at several Tacoma public schools. Bob was a founding board member of the Kids at Hope Northwest Regional Training and Resource Center, and served as board chair of the center for seven years. He also is a member of the board for Communities in Schools Tacoma, and for the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals.

Michael Halverson was named controller for the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. He previously served as grants administrator with the council’s finance department. Michael retired from employment with the state of Alaska and the University of Alaska, including as manager of the Supplemental Benefits System and active employees health plan, and as internal auditor for the public employees and teachers retirement systems.

Len Heritage ’74, M.B.A. ’77, J.D. ’84 was awarded a Fulbright grant for 2012-13 at the American University of Kosovo. Len, a lecturer at the Milgard School of Business at the University of Washington Tacoma, and business department chair at Tacoma Community College, will be teaching financial and managerial accounting at AUJK. He left Aug. 24 for seven months.

Nan Seed Verkaik was included in a Santa Barbara Independent article looking back on the effects of Title IX on women’s education and athletics opportunities. She earned 20 varsity letters in five sports while at Puget Sound. After graduation Nan returned home to take a teaching and coaching job at her alma mater, Santa Barbara High School. According to the article, she feels the biggest impact of Title IX is the improvement in coaching. In 2004 Nan became the fourth athletic director, and first female director, in Santa Barbara High’s history. She left the position as of July 1, although she remains on staff as a physical education teacher.

Yakima magazine interviewed David Huycke in July. He’s a geology instructor at Yakima Valley Community College in Yakima, Wash. He began teaching there part time in 1991 and has taught full time since 1994. The Q&A-style interview included questions about inspirations behind his career and his specific fields of interest, geomagnetism, glaciation, and history. David has served on Yakima’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee and commits to work via bike or on foot whenever possible.
the aftermath. Kazuyo has seen the effects of war on her own family and has dedicated her life and academic career to the pursuit of peace.

Tony Herden joined the board of directors of Chattahoochee Bank of Georgia in Gainesville in June. He has been the CFO for Northeast Georgia Health System Inc. since 1995. Prior to his current position, Tony was CFO of Saint Joseph Health System of Atlanta. He’s active in his community and is a member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, for which he’ll serve as president in 2013. Tony also serves on the budget and allocation committee for the United Way of Hall County and is active in the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Program, among other activities. He and wife Cathy have two children.

Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell reappointed Barry Collier, president and CEO of Peter Pan Seafoods Inc., to the board of directors for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Barry has served on the board since 2004 and represents large seafood processors. He has been in his current position at Peter Pan since 1997; prior to that he was vice president of administrative operation for Peter Pan from 1989 to 1997.

Dick Bower, emergency manager for California State University, Monterey Bay, earned the credential of fire marshal from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. The designation has been a long-time goal for Dick, who, previous to his current position, served for nine years as the building and fire safety director and emergency management director for Gig Harbor, Wash. He started his position at CSUMB in January, with more than 27 years of public service experience, including as a firefighter and EMT.

Deanna Watson Oppenheimer ’80, ’11, ’14 was elected to the board of directors for NCR Corporation, effective Aug. 1. According to the press release, Deanna is the CEO at CameoWorks, where she advises global retail, technology, and financial services firms. She also is a nonexecutive director for Tesco PLC, the third largest retailer in the world. Deanna rejoined Puget Sound's board of trustees this fall.

Stuart Allison is the director of Green Oaks Biological Field Station and a professor in the Department of Biology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. His book Ecological Restoration and Environmental Change: Renewing Damaged Ecosystems was written during his Fulbright-funded sabbatical at Cranfield University in the U.K., and is reviewed on page 17 in this issue of Arches.

Charlie Jones M.B.A. ’82, dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Management at the Oregon Institute of Technology, added the role of director of the Oregon Renewable Energy Center to his duties, beginning July 1. OREC was established in 2001 to integrate renewable energy technologies into energy systems for practical use by businesses and consumers. Charlie joined the faculty at Oregon Tech in 1997, after 20 years in the industrial engineering field.

Duane Karna published The Use of the International Phonetic Alphabet in the Choral Rehearsal in September. He tells us: “I have been working on this book, off and on, for the past six years. Thomas Goleeke, professor emeritus of music at Puget Sound, wrote the foreword to the book, as well as the English dictionary chapter. The book is dedicated to my wife, Kathleen; and to my two children, Kathryn and Jacob; as well as to Professor Goleeke, who started me on this journey years ago.” Duane is an associate professor of music performance and director of choral activities in the School of Music at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He oversees a growing graduate program of Master of Music and Doctor of Arts students in choral conducting, in addition to the entire choral program at Ball State. He also is the director of music ministry at St. Francis of Assisi University Parish and Newman Center at BSU. Look for a review of Duane’s book in the spring 2013 issue of Arches.

Christopher Leach writes: “After nearly 30 years as a performer, conductor, and private cello teacher, I have recently opened the Northwest’s newest USDA-certified charcuterie, The Beautiful Pig. Located in my hometown of Longview, Wash., The Beautiful Pig is the culmination of seven years of study and recipe development for the production of European-style dry cured meats such as Italian-, French-, Spanish- and Polish-style salamis as well as prosciutto, coppa, lomo, and bresaola. I began USDA-inspected operations in April and began selling product on June 1 at retail locations from Olympia, Wash., to Portland, Ore.” Find out more at www.thebeautifulpig.com.

Bruce Sadler was one of 84 teachers selected through a national competition to participate in the Teachers for Global Classrooms Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Administered by IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board), the program gives middle- and high-school teachers from the U.S. the opportunity to participate in a program aimed at globalizing teaching and learning in their classrooms. Congratulations, Bruce!

Steve Swenson joined Seve Nutraceuticals as chief marketing officer and chief operating officer, effective Aug. 2. He has 10 years’ experience in consumer brand marketing, most recently as senior marketing director for Estroven at Amerifit.
Brands Inc., now i-Health Inc. Steve also formerly held marketing leadership roles at LEGO Systems Inc. and Stanley Black and Decker.

Tim Bradshaw '84, J.D. '88 was re-elected to the King County Superior Court. Since being elected in 2008 with an unprecedented vote total he has focused primarily on civil litigation and served on the Unified Family Court. Tim also is a volunteer judge for the annual youth and government moot court competition, and he is a frequent speaker on best trial practices.

The university's board of trustees appointed Dawn Umstot to Puget Sound's Business Leadership Council (BLC) this summer. Professor Emeritus John Dickson nominated her for the position. The BLC "works closely with directors of the School of Business and Leadership and the Business Leadership Program to provide a vital link for students and faculty between the classroom and the business world." Dawn brings 28 years of government and information technology expertise and leadership to her role on the BLC. She's in her 25th year working for Pierce County, currently as a manager in the information technology department. On a more personal note, Dawn's 17-year-old daughter started her senior year at Stadium High School in September and is active in U.S. Figure Skating competition. Dawn and husband Larry Gexelius '87 celebrated 18 years of marriage in April and continue to live in Tacoma's North End, passing campus on a regular basis (although the couple didn't meet at UPS). Dawn tells us she has taken up sailing in the past four years and was appointed chair of the Tacoma Yacht Club Sailboat Committee for 2011-13. She adds: "Each year my team puts on one of the largest local sailboat races in the area [the Winter Vashon sailboat race is on Dec. 1, this year], with 90-100 sailboats."

Karen Meyer Eisenbrey lives in Seattle with husband Keith Eisenbrey and sons John and Isaac. She is at work on her ninth novel and also living a long-deferred dream as drummer for garage-rock duo Your Mother Should Know. Karen says: "The band is beginning to play regularly in Seattle and has made a whopping $79 thus far. It's about the music and the fun, not the money!"

As a day job, Karen is the office manager at Prospect Congregational United Church of Christ on Capitol Hill. Listen to a sample of Your Mother Should Know at www.reverbnation.com/yourmothershou/dknow.

Louise Sutherland Tieman, consulting chief financial officer for VCFO Washington, joined the board of directors for the World Trade Center Tacoma in June. She has more than 25 years of senior-level financial and operational experience, consulting with companies in biotech, distribution, construction, retail, financial services, and nonprofit sectors, among others.

Sarah Rudolph Cole was appointed the John W. Bricker Professor of Law in the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, effective July 1. Sarah earned her law degree from The University of Chicago Law School and practiced labor and employment law with firms in Seattle and Chicago before joining the faculty at Creighton University School of Law. She is the director of the program on alternative dispute resolution at Ohio State, where she focuses her research on legal issues and policy that have arisen due to increased use of alternative dispute resolution. Sarah is the co-author of one of the leading dispute resolution casebooks in the country.

In June Raymond Connor M.B.A. '86 was named executive vice president of The Boeing Company and president and CEO of Boeing.

Peers:
Lisa Willingham Chissus '92, CEO of CFM Consolidated

We headed up to Fife, Wash., on June 18 to visit Lisa Chissus and her dad, Rainer Willingham '68, for a bon voyage party. They were heading out on a 50-day road trip—one day for each of the 50 years their third-generation, family-owned company has been in business.

CFM Consolidated is Cascade Plastics, Flex-a-lite, and MariSource, which manufacture automotive and plastic products: Cascade makes custom injection-molded plastic items for inventors and other manufacturers. Flex-a-lite was started by Lisa's grandfather, Eddy Davis, in 1963, when he figured out how to make a flexible and lightweight cooling fan for cars; it now builds high-performance radiators and other accessories for car enthusiasts. And MariSource sells incubation systems for salmon and trout hatcheries. All the manufacturing is done here in Western Washington, but customers are all over the world.

Lisa was heading out in a motor home towing a trailer that was part product showroom, part garage for a 2010 Camaro fitted out with Flex-a-lite cooling products. The plan was to visit car shows and product distributors throughout the Midwest.

Lisa took over as general manager of the company in 2001 and bought the company from her dad in 2005. It's one of only two woman-owned manufacturing companies in the state.

Lisa is a Puget Sound business and leadership grad. Her brother, Eddy Willingham, is a 1995 Puget Sound grad.
Tanya Saine Andrews ’93 was named one of the Business Examiner’s 2012 Women of Influence. Our 4-year-old son, Dorsey, is enjoying the cooler weather and more consistent attention from Grammy and PopPop in Walla Walla. I’m setting up my own architecture practice in Vancouver, Wash. My wife, Heather, also trained as an architect. She does LEED consulting and teaches continuing education courses for architects and LEED APs around the country.”

On Aug. 13, Amy Johnson became dean of students and associate vice president for student life at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash. She earned a Master of Science in education degree from The University of Pennsylvania and a Doctor of Education degree in higher education administration at The University of Pennsylvania. Amy previously was senior associate dean at the University of Southern California and an associate professor of education in the Rossier School of Education at USC. She has 14 years of management and professional experience in higher education and has held leadership positions with the Washington Health Care Authority.

Meaghan Sullivan was appointed vice president of national Channel Marketing for SAP AG. She is charged with increasing global indirect revenue through channel marketing practices. SAP is a software maker with employees in 130 countries. Previously Meaghan was vice president of channel strategy at Hewlett-Packard since 2008.

Tanya Saine Andrews was honored as an alumnus of distinction at the 10th annual Students and Alumni of Distinction banquet sponsored by the Peninsula school district and The Peninsula Gateway in May. Michael is a 1981 PHS graduate who has appeared in more than 70 major theatrical productions, 10 operas, and five musical murder mysteries. He began dance lessons in college, and that led to his interest in theater. He has served on the boards of the Lakewood Playhouse and Tacoma Little Theatre. Michael supports his theater interests with his day job as owner of Class Works in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Carla Line Pelster joined the board of directors for the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation in July. She is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and was among the first women in the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile career field.

Raymond Phlnney, associate professor and chair of Undergraduate Psychology at Wheaton College, studies a variety of issues concerning human visual perception. He co-authored an article titled “Relating Body and Soul: Insights from Development and Neurobiology” that appeared in Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith, the Journal of The American Scientific Affiliation, in June.

Amy Griffin Mumma was again chosen to be the chief judge for the International Wine Exposition and Competition, held in Shenzhen, China, in August. She is the only woman ever chosen to judge at the event. Amy is the director of the Institute of Wine, Beverages, and Gastronomy at Central Washington University. Recognized globally for her knowledge of wines, in 2010 Amy was selected as one of four wine professionals to tour and evaluate wines and the wine business of the Lombardy region in Italy. In 2005 she was the first to be named Professional Wine Woman, the top award given at the International Wine Women Awards in Paris, France.

Bob Kabacy was highlighted in a Daily Journal of Commerce article in August. He is an attorney with Keel, Allerman & Runstein L.L.P. in Portland, Ore. Bob specializes in probate law, trust administration, asset protection, and corporate transactions. He is a magician by hobby and often uses magic to demonstrate points when he makes presentations. He performs magic for charity events, birthday parties, and as the intermission entertainment for the band Cellar Rats at East Fork Cellars winery in Ridgefield, Wash.

Eric Grismstead is a certified business advisor at Western Washington University’s College of Business and Economics’ Small Business Development Center. He joined the SBDC in 2008 and has worked as a business strategist for WMU’s Center for Economic Vitality for the past three years. Eric has more than 20 years of business-development experience, including extensive e-commerce development.

Joel Kent was named to Oregon’s Super Lawyers list for 2012. The annual magazine names outstanding attorneys who have “attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.” Joel is the managing shareholder of the family law firm Stahancyk, Kent & Hook P.C. in its Bend, Ore., office. In 2011 the firm was named one of the Oregon Business magazine Top 100 Companies to Work For in Oregon.

Tanya Ostrogorsky was appointed assistant vice provost for assessment and evaluation in the Office of the Provost at Oregon Health & Science University. In her new role, Tanya will continue to develop and assess student-learning outcomes to improve OHSU’s academic and outreach programs. She also will be responsible for conducting student and faculty climate surveys. Tanya has worked in the program-evaluation field for more than 17 years. She joined the OHSU School of Nursing in 2006 and was responsible for management of academic policies, procedures, and program evaluation. She was assistant dean for evaluation science and has served on several OHSU and School of Nursing committees. Tanya led the course-evaluation redesign for the School of Nursing, and other accreditation-related reports and site visits. She earned her Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from Portland State University and also received Master of Science degrees in psychology and in administration of justice at PSU.

Don Scott tells us: “I am currently the assistant director of Advising and Retention at Brandman University’s campus in Palm Desert, Calif. Two of my colleagues and I were selected to present at October’s National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) conference in Nashville, Tenn. Our session, ‘Effectively Advising Adult Learners: A Student and Institutional Commitment,’ was one of three sessions sponsored by the Adult Learning Commission of NACADA.” Don has worked at Brandman, part of the Chapman University system, and has lived in Palm Springs with his partner, Felipe Primera, for the past eight years.

Nathan Campbell writes: "My wife and I recently returned to Washington after a 15-year detour through Austin and San Antonio, Texas. Our 4-year-old son, Dorsey, is enjoying the cooler weather and more consistent attention from Grammy and PopPop in Walla Walla. I’m setting up my own architecture practice in Vancouver, Wash. My wife, Heather, also trained as an architect. She does LEED consulting and teaches continuing education courses for architects and LEED APs around the country."

Tanya Saine Andrews was named one of the Business Examiner’s 2012 Women of Influence. The award recognizes outstanding female leaders in the South Puget Sound. Honorees are selected for their achievement in community, business, government, military, and nonprofit sectors. Tanya is executive director of the Children’s Museum of Tacoma.

Kameron Perez-Verdia was named Alaska director and regional director of strategic growth for the American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific. He brings 17 years of executive leadership experience to the position. In January Kameron was named one of Alaska’s "Top Forty Under 40" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce. He holds a certificate in strategic leadership for the 21st century from Harvard Kennedy School and earned
his M.B.A. from the University of Denver.

Annie LaCroix sends this news:
"After several years as a message therapist in Leavenworth, Wash., I was presented with the opportunity to open a massage school in Wenatchee, Wash. Columbia River Institute of Massage Therapy opened its doors on Sept. 5, 2011. It is a small school dedicated to training amazing massage therapists. When I am not working on curriculum I volunteer extensively with the American Massage Therapy Association. I live in the tiny town of Cashmere, Wash." Find out more at http://columbiariverinstitute.com.

Edith Parzefall writes: "I attended Puget Sound as a German exchange student in 1994. Since then I mostly daydream in English and write fiction in English. This year I finally reached the goal of getting my novels published. The first book in the Higher Ground series of dystopian, post-apocalyptic fantasy adventures is titled Wind Over Troubled Waters, which I co-wrote with British author Francene Stanley. The second book in the series, Knights in Dark Leather, is scheduled for release in November, contracted by Double Dragon Publishing. Two more books in the series will be released in 2013. Without the privilege of attending UPS, I couldn't have reached this goal. It is a dream come true." More about Edith at www.edith.parzefall.de.

Forrest Pierce, an associate professor of music composition at The University of Kansas, won the $12,000 Barlow Prize, given by the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition at Brigham Young University. He received top honors out of 266 international applicants. Forrest will compose a new work for a cappella choir that will premiere in 2014, sung by a consortium of three choirs: the BBC Singers of London, the Latvian Radio Choir, and Volti of San Francisco. He has composed more than 50 works for voice, including more than 25 for chorus, in the past 10 years. Read more about Forrest's career at www.forrestpierce.com.

Seema Sueko Ahmed Hirsch, co-founder and artistic director of award-winning Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company in San Diego, is a recipient of Theatre Communications Group's inaugural Leadership [University] program One-on-One Grant. The $75,000 award provides a 16-month, in-depth mentorship with Molly Smith, artistic director of Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in Washington, D.C. Funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the program supports early-career leaders in American theater.

Calvin Deleon Guerrero was appointed president of Mount Carmel School on Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands. He is an alumnus of Mount Carmel and returned after college to work at the school as a teacher, vice principal, and director of institutional development until 2003. Galvin then became a special assistant to the then-governor, assisting with education policy. He returned to Mount Carmel in 2005 as the school's principal before earning his master's degree in Catholic school administration at the University of San Francisco. In 2009 Galvin took a position at Northern Marianas College as director of institutional effectiveness and accreditation liaison officer.

Allanadia Weise Lapp was the subject of an Aug. 11 article in The Seattle Times. A Kent, Wash., native, Alli is the founder and executive director of House Majority PAC, aimed at winning back control for Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives. She began her political career as a volunteer for Adam Smith's senate re-election campaign in Washington state. Alli later served as a Smith aide and followed him to the U.S. House, eventually becoming his chief of staff. She also previously was the top aide for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee under then-chair Rahm Emanuel, President Obama's former chief of staff, now mayor of Chicago.

Jeff Hayden accepted the position of CEO at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts. Founded in 1946, Caramoor is located on a historic 90-acre property in Westchester County, N.Y. Before his new gig Jeff was for nine years executive director of the Ojai Music Festival in Ojai, Calif. While at Ojai Jeff rallied the community to raise more than $4 million to rebuild the Libbey Bowl, the festival's centerpiece amphitheater, among many other achievements.

Holly Hendrick, co-founder and board president of Fresh Food Revolution co-op in Longbranch, Wash., was the focus of a feature article in the Key Peninsula News in July about the co-op's development and success. More at www.freshfoodrevolution.org.

Rochele Robinson M.A.T.'97 is assistant city editor for the Miss A blog site in Los Angeles. After Rochelle completed her master's in teaching at Puget Sound, she went on to earn a Master of Arts in liberal arts at St. John's College Graduate Institute. She currently works as a librarian and advanced-reader teacher at a small private school in the San Fernando Valley. Rochelle also has completed a children's picture book and is developing a series of paintings and conceptual artworks, the first of which is on display at Henson Recording Studios. She has developed two blogs A Writer's Space (http://awritersspace.com) and Body & Skin by Rochelle (http://bodyandskinyochelle.wordpress.com). She also is developing a new business called Watercolor Weddings by Rochelle at www.watercolorweddingsbyrochelle.com.

Jason Silbaugh is the new head football coach at Bonney Lake High School in Bonney Lake, Wash. He had been the defensive coordinator for Lakes High School for eight years before being recruited to coach and teach social studies at Bonney Lake.

Emily Hemstreet Beltran began work as senior director of strategy and business development at Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America in July. She will be responsible for Allianz Life's market and business strategy, marketing planning, and the company's retirement strategy. Prior to her new position, Emily was director of executive projects for Allianz's CEO and president. She earned her master's in international economic policy at American University in Washington, D.C.

Chad Takesue was promoted to partner of Prudential Locations LLC, a real estate company in Honolulu. He started his career in real estate in 2002 and has been with Prudential Locations for seven years. Chad has earned several professional awards and recognitions; in 2010–11 he ranked within the top 3 percent of Prudential agents for sales nationwide. Chad also is active as an executive officer for the board of trustees of the Locations Foundation, donating his time and a percentage of income to fund community service projects. He earned his M.B.A. from the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa.

After six seasons as assistant basketball coach at Weber State University, Tim Gardner has accepted a position with Apex Systems Inc., an IT staffing firm based in Salt Lake City. Prior to his post at Weber, Tim was for seven years the head coach at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, Utah. He and wife Allison Miller Gardner have two children.

Jamie Richards Prescott M.A.T.'01 was appointed associate principal at Mercer Island High School on Mercer Island, Wash. She is a teacher and girls basketball coach at MIHS as well as an alumnus of the school. Jamie completed her administrative internship and was the school's dean of students during the last academic year. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington.

Shannon Dunn recently earned a Ph.D. in religion at The Florida State University. She began work as an assistant professor of religious studies at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., this fall.

Jon Galloway and Willi Evans Galloway, owners of Perch Furniture in Portland, Ore., were featured on the Portland Monthly magazine blog site, At Home, in June. Their business offers custom couches (and other pieces) in a range of styles, fabrics, and colors. Willi's new book Grow Cook Eat (Sasquatch Books, 2012), reviewed in the spring 2012 issue of Arches, also was mentioned in the blog post. See www.perchfurniture.com.

Tanya Chernov's memoir A Real Emotional Girl: A Memoir of Love and Loss, was published by Skyhorse Publishing in September. She wrote and edited the first draft of this book as...
an independent study project while a student at UPS. A review of her book appears in this issue of Arches.

Jena Wakeman Collins is a child life specialist. She helps children and families cope with challenging events—particularly those related to health care and hospitalization—through play, education, and support. She writes: “The profession is an integral part of a medical team that addresses the psycho-social end of care. It’s a profession I feel proud to be a member of.”

Daniel Thorner joined Yakima Urology Associates in August. He received his medical degree at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in 2007. Daniel then spent a year in a surgical internship at the University of Minnesota, followed by a urology residency at The State University of New York. His residency training included eight months at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he developed a Graduate School of Management. He moved back to San Francisco, where he'll be an associate in private banking at Credit Suisse beginning this fall. Congratulations, Aaron!

Andrew Miller ’04, M.A.T. ’05 currently travels internationally as an education consultant and expert helping schools, districts, and teachers implement quality instruction and education reforms. He is affiliated with the Buck Institute for Education and ASCD, and is a regular blogger for Edutopia. Andrew presents frequently at conferences and writes for a variety of sites and associations. When not traveling, Andrew still resides in Tacoma. He says: “I just can’t leave home!”

Eric Campbell joined his family’s 111-year-old, Chelan, Wash., business, Campbell’s Resort, two years ago. He is the first of the fifth generation of the family to join the business and serves as vice president of operations. In August he was named to The Wenatchee World’s “30 Under 35” leaders list. Prior to his return to the Chelan area, Eric spent five years in Seattle working in commercial real estate and the hospitality field. He’s now actively involved in community and statewide organizations, including as a member of the board of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, board treasurer of the Historic Downtown Chelan Association, chair of the hospitality and tourism program at Chelan High School, and board member of the Washington Lodging Association.

Elana Mainzer was named executive director of Room One, a nonprofit social services agency in Twisp, Wash., beginning May 29. After Puget Sound she earned a double master’s degree in social work and public health at the University of Washington, and most recently worked at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at the UW. Elana’s work experience includes directing a small nonprofit school for at-risk youth in Ecuador and community organizing with farmworkers in Montana. Find out more about her current endeavor at http://roomone.org.

Bridget Stoele sends this news: “I am now a licensed marriage and family therapist and registered art therapist in Palo Alto, Calif. I have a private practice specializing in treating teens on the autism spectrum, as well as depression, anxiety, and self-harm behaviors. I also work with two local agencies, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center Inc. and Children’s Health Council, to run groups and work with children in schools. I have two dogs (I’m totally obsessed with them), and although I wish I could keep playing soccer like I did at UPS, due to all the injuries I had in college I am now just a casual biker and hiker.” Bridget also has a developing photography business. “(Sorry. Couldn’t resist the pun.) See http://plusbophotography.com.

Caillt Quander joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP in the firm’s real estate department. Her law practice focuses on land use and general transactional issues. Caillt previously worked as an associate at Harris, Kastael, Jamison & Powers P.C. in Denver, where she focused on commercial and personal line insurance defense. She earned her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and was an articles editor for the University of Denver Water Law Review.

Tom Campbell joined his family’s fifth-generation resort on Lake Chelan, Wash. He shares the day-to-day operations of this 111-year-old Campbell’s Resort with his dad, brother Eric Campbell ’05, an aunt, and a cousin. See more at www.campbellsresort.com.

T’wina Franklin ’06, M.A.T. ’07 is a “mompreneur” and active Tacoma citizen. She is co-owner of Ladies First, an in-school program that helps young women make healthy decisions and promotes free thinking and cultural awareness. T’wina serves on the executive board of the Tacoma alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She began teaching middle school science in 2007 and by 2009 also was consulting on political campaigns. T’wina is a board member for the Evergreen Primary and Narrows View Intermediate Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA). Ladies First is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Ladies1stOrg.

Stephen Martin was named one of two 2012-13 Paul D. Coverstone Graduate Scholars for the Study of Aging by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He’ll receive $4,000 to continue his studies in gerontology. Steve won in the biological-biomedical sciences category. He is pursuing a doctorate in kinesiology and community health at Illinois’ College of Applied Health Sciences. Steve’s research focuses on the cognitive health and learning capabilities of the elderly.

Christopher Moore joined the law firm of Wilson and McComb in Boise, Idaho. His practice focuses on creditor’s rights, banking and finance, commercial litigation, and business and real estate law. Christopher earned his law degree from Willamette University College of Law, where he was editor in chief of Willamette Law Online.

Erik Tollefson sends this update: “I earned my Ph.D. in astrophysics this June at the University of California, Irvine. I was also awarded a Hubble Fellowship, which I am taking to Yale University to work as a postdoctoral researcher in astrophysics.” Congratulations, Erik!

Brenna Renn completed her master’s in clinical psychology this August at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, a requirement on the way to earning her Ph.D.

Nora Smith worked for several years at Camp Tawonga, a Jewish summer camp near Yosemite, Calif. She is now in her third year as an admissions associate at the Jewish Community High School of the Bay in San Francisco. Nora sent this update: “For two Olympics now, I’ve been highlighting the fashion hits and misses of the Games on my blog, Ode to Olympic Spanx (www.olympicspunx.blogspot.com). In the first week of the London 2012 Olympics more than 5,000 people visited the site.” She plans to learn some Russian from her students in advance of the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, and wants to someday be involved with the Olympics in an official capacity (if anyone knows somebody at NBC, hint hint). You can contact Nora at olympicspunx@gmail.com.

Tim Straubhal enjoyed a year abroad in 2009–10 teaching English to elementary and junior high school students in northern Japan. After two years teaching theater at the Northwest Children’s Theater in Portland, Ore., this summer Tim returned to teaching English as a second language with the Disney Company in Suzhou, China.

Effective July 1 Emma Donohew and Ruth Marston were appointed pastors by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church and assigned to congregations in Seattle and Olympia respectively. Ruth also served as interim social justice coordinator on campus.

Harry Stevens is a staff writer for 3BLMedia’s website justmeans, which posts ideas for people shaping corporate social responsibility, sustainability, and social enterprises. Find out more at www.justmeans.com.
Myla Burke completed a professional chef's course at the Escuela D Cocina Luis Irizar in San Sebastian, Spain. She currently works as a sous-chef at the Alameda restaurant in Hondarribia, Spain, a one-star Michelin restaurant on the northern border with France in Basque Country.

Lydia Kleine co-authored a study with four other U.S. and Canadian scientists that found seabirds off the Washington state and British Columbia coasts are ingesting plastic at rates "among the highest" in the world. The study was carried out in 2009-10 and involved the analysis of 67 Northern Fulmars that washed up dead on the shores between Long Beach, Wash., and Vancouver Island, B.C. The study was published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin in September.

Miles Murphy was hired as director of food safety at Boston & Sons Inc. The business in Yakima, Wash., has been in the family since 1912. He is responsible for managing the Safe Quality Food and Global G.A.P. programs for the company's orchards. These minimize detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reduce the use of chemical inputs, and ensure a responsible approach to worker health and safety. Prior to his current position, Miles worked at Ecolab Inc.

Starr Matsushita had an article accepted by Genetics magazine in March; it was the cover story in the September issue. Her research, based on her senior thesis, relates to the use of genetics to observe evidence of evolution in a flowering plant. Starr and her advisor, Professor Andreas Madlung, were authors of the article. In 2009 she received a summer research fellowship from the American Society of Plant Biologists, and in 2011 Starr earned an honorable mention from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship committee.

Rhiannon Guevin, Kat Deininger, and Patrick Schneider '13 staged an evening of opera in August to benefit the Sitka Fine Arts Camp in Sitka, Alaska. Kat was scheduled to visit Rhiannon, and they persuaded Patrick to take a break from fishing in Homer, Alaska, to join them. All vocal performance majors, the three teamed up for a program of favorite Italian art songs and opera pieces.

Yvonne Louie '12, M.A.T.'13 participated in the first Washington state Chinese Bridge competition, held at the University of Washington on May 5. The international competition tests non-native speakers' Chinese linguistic skills and cultural literacy.

Kaleb Shelton-Johnson received the Tacoma Athletic Commission's Dick Hannula Amateur Athlete of the Year Award, representing Tacoma's Lincoln High School and Puget Sound. Congratulations, Kaleb!

The Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association named Mandy Warner to the NCAA Division III All-America team. She is a Central Kitsap High School grad and was team captain at Puget Sound last season. Mandy was in the stroke seat of the women's varsity eight that went 6-0 last year and earned a bid to the NCAA National Championships.

Sarah Webb sends this update: "I am living abroad in rural India, teaching at a school for underprivileged, first-generation students. We are trying to raise money to install solar panels in the school, since we generally don't have electricity for the entirety of the school day. The classrooms get hot with the consistent 90-degree weather, with no access to fans. The kids have minimal technological exposure due to the lack of electricity." Find out more about the Vidya Vanam school at www.vidyavanam.org/index.html.

Peers:
The Loggers of Fortnight

Last summer we heard about the Fortnight carpentry camp at Smoke Farm in Arlington, Wash. There were so many Puget Sound grads and students working there that you might call it a Logger camp. Alas, it was too late to go up and check out the operation, so this summer, the camp's third in operation, we were determined to make the trip. Fortnight brings high school students from Seattle to the 365-acre farm for two weeks of working alongside craftspeople with experience in construction and the arts (the project this year: a lookout tower), with a little self-reflection and even group sea chanty singing thrown in. "We build—towers, stories, and communities—to find meaning," said director Adam Nishimura '07. Here, back row, from left: Alex Greene '11, Adam, Greg Kircher '97, M.A.T.'05, and Sarah Smith '08. Middle: May Ackerman '90 and Micah Stanovsky '10. Front row, from left: Tony Palomo '14, Camille Faulkner '11, and Anna Shephard '09. Not there for the pic: Mia Palomo '09.
Beverly Peters Miller '39 died on May 25. She was 94. Beverly graduated from Stadium High School and joined Lamb- 
da Sigma Chi sorority while at CPS. She developed lifelong friendships with Lambda sisters Mary Lou, Barbara, and Vivian, who survive her. Beverly married Bob Martin in 1940, and the two raised two daughters. In 1952 they bought a country store in Hoon, Ore., then moved to Portland in 1962 and back to Tacoma in 1969. Beverly managed the cashier depart- ments at I. Magnin & Company in Portland and The Bon Marché in Tacoma. Bob preceded Beverly in death in 1970. She married Marc Miller in June 1971, and the two celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year. Throughout their marriage, Bever and Marc traveled extensively, including to China. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles and gardening. Survivors are her husband, their son, Gregg; her two daughters and their husbands; two grandchildren; and other family members.

Helen Folsom Murphy '42, P'72 died on June 7 at the age of 92. She was born and raised in Tacoma and lived in the North End her whole life except for a brief period during World War II when she lived in La Jolla, Calif. Helen worked in the Tacoma shipyards during the war, but otherwise found her calling as the "consum-mate June Cleaver, mother, hostess, and neighborhood matriarch." After her husband, Donald Murphy '42, passed away in 1997, Helen served on the board of Donald B. Murphy Contractors Inc. Two children, including Michael Murphy '72; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren survive Helen.

Jennings Feliz '43 died at age 90. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Tacoma and studied pre-law at CPS before transferring to the University of Washington. During World War II, Jennings was wounded in Germany in 1945. He attended the Uni-

versity of Washington School of Law and was president of the Washington Law Review. Jennings graduated Order of the Coif, a law school honor society, in 1948. He clerked for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, and served as a deputy prosecutor for Pierce County, and chief counsel of the Washington state tax commission. Qualified as an attorney for the U.S. Su-

preme Court, Jennings began a private practice in Seattle. He enjoyed travel, fishing, pheasant hunting, golf, playing the harmonica, and reading. His wife of 66 years, two children, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends survive him.

Paul Heuston '43, P'76, '80 passed away on May 6. He was 91. Paul became an Eagle Scout in 1936, and he earned the Silver Beaver, Bronze Palm, and Distinguished Eagle Scout awards. He was on the board of the Boy Scouts of America Snake River Area Council for 25 years, serving as president from 1968 to 1971. He was a graduate of Stadium High School in Tacoma and went on from CPS to attend Jef-

ferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Paul served in the Navy aboard the USS Consol-a-tion, a hospital ship based in Norfolk, Va., for two years. He then completed his medical residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. After three years on staff at Lenox Hill, he returned to the Northwest and was a radiologist consultant for the Idaho State Tuber-

culosi s Hospital in Gooding. He practiced in Idaho from 1952 to 1996. He served on numerous medical boards and advisory councils, and in various community organizations throughout his life. Paul enjoyed the outdoors and was an accomplished mountaineer, hiker, and skier. He climbed Mount Rainier three times and traveled to Nepal in 1967 to attempt K2; the weather prevented him from reaching the summit. Paul skied until he was 80 years old and golfed until age 87. In later years he

and wife Beverley enjoyed an 8,000-mile tour through Brit-

ish Columbia; Yukon, Canada; and Alaska. His wife of 28 years, nine children including Raquel Heuston Guglielmetti '76 and Steve Heuston '80, 20 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive Paul.

Jean Murmen Lynn '43 died at the age of 89. Born in Ta-

coma she graduated from Sta-

dium High School, attended CPS, and went on to earn a degree in social work from Mills College. Jean worked for the American Red Cross at then-Madigan General Hospi-

tal. It was there she visited a former classmate, Ted Lynn, who was recovering from inju-

ries sustained during World War II. The two fell in love and were married in 1949. From that point on Jean was devoted to her family. She enjoyed their beach house on Fox Island, and fishing or hunting for agates on the beach. Her hus-

band and son Peter preceded her in death. Five children, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews survive Jean.

Walter Olsen '43 died on May 30, two weeks prior to his 92nd birthday. He was born and raised in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School. Walt enlisted in the Navy Reserve and trained as an aviator. During World War II he served in the South Pacific as a Marine Corps pilot. After the war he worked for Foss Maritime, beginning as a deckhand and later as dispatcher. Walt retired as the safety manager of marine operations after a 47-year career with Foss. He was active in the Tacoma Prop-

eroler Club and the Tacoma Elks. His second wife, Mary; her son; his four children; and a dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive Walter.

A. Lynn Axelson '44 died at home after a long battle with conges-

tive heart failure. He was 90. Lynn was born and raised on a small farm and attended high school in Washou-

gal, Wash. He earned a football scholarship to attend CPS, and was the first in his family to attend college. While at Puget Sound, Lynn met Mildred DeSpain '43. The two would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in July. Lynn started graduate school at the University of Washing-

-ton, but his studies were inter-

rupted to serve in the Navy during World War II. After the war Lynn found work with Sherwin-Williams Paint Com-

pany in Eureka, Calif., and was involved in the develop-

ment of the first latex paints. He enjoyed dancing, camping with his family and an RV club, gardening, making bread, remodeling, and telling stories. He is remembered for his ability to find humor in nearly everything. Lynn's wife, three daughters, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren survive him.

Carl Baird '44 died at the age of 90 in Ypsilanti, Mich. He was born in Nanking, China, to American missionary parents. Carl went on from Puget Sound to earn a master's at Yale Divinity School. He served as a United Church of Christ minister and was active in civil rights organizations. Carl married Betty Bostelle in 1950, and the two raised their family in Highland Park, Mich. In 1990 they moved to Ann Arbor, where Carl served on the city's human rights commission. Four children, four grandchildren, and many friends survive him.

A. Donald Danielson '51 died on May 19 at the age of 84. He was a lifelong Tacoma resident. Don graduated from Stadium High School and became a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at CPS. He played varsity basketball and received an inspirational award in 1951. Don served in the Army and was stationed at Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan. He played on the Army basketball team that won the Far East Command title game and then went on to compete in the All-Army basketball tournament. After military discharge in 1953, Don married Elizabeth Rusk '51, and they raised two children. In 1954 Don began his 36-year career with Tacoma's Boys and Girls Clubs. Don retired in 1990 as the club's development director. He also was a longtime member of the South Tacoma Kiwanis Club, serving as president in 1963. In retirement Don and Betty traveled extensively and enjoyed several winter months in Arizona each year. He especially liked golfing. His five children, daughter Joan DeSanto, son Kirk, grandchildren Karl and John, and a niece and nephew survive him.

Virginia "Ginger" Gund- 

strom Hedges '51, P'72, '73 passed away at the age of 82. She was born in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School in 1947. Ginger was involved in plays, choirs, synchronized swimming, and tap dance classes. At Puget Sound, only a few blocks from where she grew up, Ginger became a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the ski club, where she met her future husband, Joseph Hedges M.S.'49, on a ski outing. The couple married in 1949. Ginger is remembered as a stay-at-home mom who loved her children unconditionally. She was a Cub Scout leader and attended numerous sporting events and school functions. Ginger enjoyed crossword puzzles, playing bridge, camping, skiing, bowling, and golf, which she played into her late 70s. In retirement she and Joe traveled to France and Sweden, skied in the Alps, and visited Coo-

perstown, N.Y. Joe preceded her in death in 2007. Survivors are her three sons, Bill Hedges '72, Tom Hedges '73, and Pete Hedges, and their wives, children, and grandchildren. One sister, Betty French, also survives Ginger.

Barbara Bell Wolfe '51 passed away on May 28. She was 83. Barbara had suffered with diabetes and its complications for 30 years. She attended Saint Patrick School and Aquinas Academy in Tacoma before enrolling at CPS. Barbara earned a field hockey letter for three years,
was a member of Choral, and a member of and advisor to Chi Omega sorority. After she received her bachelor's degree in education, Barbara taught third grade at Geiger Elementary in Tacoma. She married Harold "Hap" Wolfe '55 at Saint Patrick Church in Tacoma in 1954. Barbara was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. The family moved from Tacoma to Auburn in 1959, then, in 1961, to Olympia, where she was a member of P.E.O. International, Olympia Yacht Club, St. Michael Parish, Children's Orthopedic Guild, and the American Diabetes Association. Barbara loved to travel; she and Hap went around the world in 1987. They also took many motor-home tours across the U.S. Her husband of 58 years, three sons, 10 grandsons, and one great-grandson survive Barbara.

Ed Wozeniak '53 passed away on May 31 at the age of 83. He was born in Enumclaw, Wash., and grew up working on his family's farm. Ed developed an early love of sports and was a hall-of-fame athlete at Enumclaw High School. After he served in the Army, Ed taught and coached at Sumner High School until taking a position at Bellevue High School. He taught history and coached basketball and golf there for 25 years. Ed's wife of 61 years, Marilyn Mann Wozeniak '53; three sons; and nine grandchildren survive him.

Willis "Bill" Peacock '54, P'79 died on March 16, one month past his 79th birthday. Bill came to Puget Sound from New Castle, Pa., by way of Allegheny College, where he'd spent his freshman year. He and his brother toured the Puget Sound campus, and Bill was offered a scholarship to play football, which he accepted. He pledged Sigma Nu fraternity. In his senior year, Bill became eminent commander and also president of the Interfraternity Council. He then attended the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland. Bill married Joanna Wilson '54 on April 9, 1954. The two raised three children. Bill was accepted into the U.S. Air Force his junior and senior years of medical school and interned at then-Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma. He later was stationed with the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas, for flight surgeon school. After completing training he was sent to Pope Air Force Base, now Fort Bragg, N.C. Two years later Bill was selected to serve with an all-branches secret military program in Salt Lake City, Utah. Following his military service, Bill was president of the Washington County Medical Society and president of then-Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Portland. In the years before his retirement he joined Kaiser Permanente. He married Roberta Peacock in 1994. She survives Bill. Other survivors are his first wife and their children, Mavis Peacock Guber '78, Willis Peacock Jr., and Mary Peacock.

Richard "Dan" Stewart '55 died on June 28 at the age of 82. He was born in Tacoma and spent summers on Vashon Island. Dan graduated from
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Stadium High School and attended Washington State University before coming to Puget Sound. His college years were interrupted by military service. Dan served in the U.S. Marine Corps, D Company, 7th Marines during the Korean War. He was a credit manager for Sears for 34 years in Tacoma; Lewiston, Idaho; and several locations in Oregon. Dan was a Mason and enjoyed years riding with the Shriners minibike team in Seattle. Dan had many interests: boating, fishing, photography, reading, and gardening. He also rescued and cared for several cats and dogs. In retirement he and his wife of 56 years, Dolores Crandall Stewart ’56, moved from their Bellevue, Wash., home of 25 years to their property on Fox Island, Wash. They bought an Airstream and caravaned with groups to various places in the U.S. and Canada for 15 years. A favorite trip was to Prince Edward Island, Canada, Dan’s father’s birthplace. Survivors are his wife, two children, and other family members.

Reino Moisio ’57, P’90 passed away on July 28. He was 77. Reino was born in Tacoma and in his youth enjoyed hiking, fishing, and swimming. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Lincoln High School, where he began singing and playing the bass guitar, acoustic guitar, and piano. While at CPS he met Mary Wilson ’58; they married in 1956. The two had five children. Reino earned his degree in music education and taught in the Tacoma Public Schools for 36 years. Known as Tacoma’s “Mr. Music,” Reino also had a music performance career outside of teaching. His Emmy-winning children’s television program ran locally for 20 years. He recorded a Christmas album with Anna Maria Alberghetti and was a featured performer with the Las Vegas stage production of Folies Bergère. Reino recorded an original song titled “World, Take My Son by the Hand” and an album titled Reino Sings: From Napoli to Nashville. He retired from teaching in 1993, although he remained active in music until his passing.

Richard Nelson ’59 passed away on June 5 after a long battle with cancer. He was 76. Richard was born in Seattle and grew up in Wenatchee and Brewster, Wash. After earning his degree at Puget Sound, he joined the Air Force and was a pilot for KC-135 Stratotankers and B-52s. He retired to Fort Worth, Texas, after 28 years of military service. Richard worked for Texaco for another 10 years. Throughout his life he enjoyed athletics, gardening, travel, and participating in social causes. One son preceded him in death. His wife of 48 years, one son, and four grandchildren survive him.

Evelyn Dillow Kretschmar ’62, M.A. ’68, P’70 died at home on Aug. 11 after a long battle with cancer. She was 94. Evelyn was a lecturer in comparative English literature. In retirement she and husband Oscar traveled to England, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, China, Japan, Egypt, and Greece. The two enjoyed golf at the Fircrest Golf Club in Fircrest, Wash., and at Alderbrook Golf and Yacht Club in Union, Wash., before their move to Tallahassee, Fla. Evelyn also was an avid bridge player. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Shilton, Wash., and the Fellowship Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee. Her husband and son Carl preceded her in death. Evelyn’s son David Kretschmar ’70, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive her.

Jack Paul ’64, M.Ed. ’74, P’89 passed away on June 30 from complications following a surgery. He was 70. Born in Cheyenne, Wyo., Jack moved to Tacoma in his youth. He graduated from Stadium High School, and at Puget Sound pledged Kappa Sigma fraternity. Jack was a teacher and administrator in the Tacoma schools for 35 years. In retirement he was a court liaison for at-risk youth at Remann Hall in Tacoma. Jack’s passions, outside his grandchildren, were golf and cooking. His three daughters, including Suzanne Paul ’89, four grandchildren, his mother and father, and four siblings survive him.

Richard Thureen ’66, M.F.A. ’72 died on May 3 at the age of 70. He was a 1960 Clover Park High School graduate and standout athlete. Rich was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Puget Sound. He later earned school administrative credentials at Pacific Lutheran University. Rich was a coach and taught fine arts for more than 20 years at Thomas Jefferson High School in Federal Way, Wash. In retirement he enjoyed playing the piano and accordion, showing collector cars, golfing, traveling, and making raku pottery. Throughout his life Rich enjoyed the water and was a certified scuba diver. He also spent several summers fishing in Alaska. Rich was passionate about his involvement with Flames of Fire Healing Ministry. His wife and three children survive him.

John Miller ’67 passed away at the age of 68 on June 20. He grew up in Tacoma’s North End and graduated from Stadium High School in 1962. John was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Puget Sound. After graduation he joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Ranger as a flight control officer. John fought his cancer for a short time, then owned North Bay Development Corp. for 32 years. He was a long-time and dedicated member of Master Builders Association of Pierce County. He was named Builder of the Year in 1987 and was inducted into the MBA of Pierce County Hall of Fame in 2002. John served on the board of directors of Thea Foss Development Authority for many years. He flew for LIGA International/Flying Doctors of Mercy and was a member of Baja Bush Pilots. Another passion of John’s was boating. He took trips each summer to the San Juan Islands, Gulf Islands, and Desolation Sound. He also raced his sailboat from Newport, Calif., to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and from Newport to Hawai’i. John hiked in the Grand Canyon and to Machu Picchu, Peru. His second wife, two daughters, five grandchildren, and other family members and numerous friends survive him.

Max Mitchell ’69 died on May 16, four days before his 65th birthday. He graduated from Tacoma’s Wilson High School in 1965. He attended Tacoma Community College and Western Washington University, and completed his bachelor’s degree at Puget Sound. Max’s passion was music. He played drums in local bands his entire life. Max also was a teacher for 40 years, including 18 years at Annie Wright Schools in Tacoma, and the past 15 years teaching social studies and special education at Challenger High School. Max was active in the Bethel Education Association and Local #117 of the American Federation of Musicians. Survivors include his sister and several nieces and nephews.

Daniel Kelley ’70 died at the age of 65 on Aug. 5. He was born in Tacoma and enjoyed a 40-year career in the construction industry. He was an avid reader, animal lover, and golf enthusiast. Dan golfed 18 holes and went for a swim on the day he died. He is remembered for the joy he brought to his family and friends. His wife, four children, two grandchildren, and many friends survive him.

Norvin “Glen” Taylor ’71 passed away suddenly on June 28. He was 66 years old. Survivors are his wife of 46 years, two sons, and five grandchildren.

Sandra Gore Atwood ’72 passed away on June 6 at the age of 62. She was raised in the Spokane, Wash., area and graduated as a National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of her high school class in 1968. Sandi was a Miss Spokane Valley princess. She went on to earn her master’s degree at Gonzaga University and taught English at University High School in Spokane Valley for 30 years. Sandi also coached tennis and was a cheerleader advisor. She was an avid reader and liked golf and travel. Sandi wintered in Yuma, Ariz., and had many good friends there. Her daughter and three granddaughters survive her.

Kenneth Walth ’74 died on April 24. He was 72. Ken was a 1958 Lincoln High School graduate and an Air Force veteran. Ken’s wife, two children, his mother, and numerous other family members survive him.

Debbie Young Brandjord ’75 died of cancer on June 1. She was 59. Debbie had lived in the Seattle area for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Delta Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta international women’s fraternity and enjoyed annual gatherings with her pledge-class sisters. Debbie worked in the Alaska tourism industry with Holland America Line, SunMakers Travel Group, Knightly Tours, and Alaska All Star Tours, among others. She was an avid reader of mystery and detective novels and was involved in a monthly book club. Debbie is remembered for her warm smile and personality. Survivors are her husband and two daughters.

Noble Johnson Jr. ’75 died on Memorial Day, May 28, at the age of 59. He grew up in the Tri-Cities, Wash., and graduated in 1971 from Pasco High School, where he was a state of Washington MVP basketball star. Noble continued to play basketball as a Logger and recreationally following college. He worked for H.D. Baker Co. in Tacoma for 11 years and coached basketball for the Boys & Girls Clubs. Noble returned to Pasco in 1987. He was a member of Morning Star
Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors are his first wife, three sons, one daughter, and other family members and friends.

James Knutsen '75 died on May 18 after a more than two-year battle with adenocarcinoma. He was 69 years old. Jim was a Puyallup High School graduate and earned his master's in human behavior at Pacific Lutheran University. He joined the Tacoma Police Department in 1967 and became assistant chief in 1982. Jim set a record for the most felony arrests in a single year and received 13 commendations. He also was given a Medal of Honor for wresting a gun away from a man who was attempting to shoot his partner. Jim was a graduate of the FBI Academy and the U.S. Secret Service dignitary protection school. He served as president of the Retired Tacoma Police Officers Association and was an avid golfer. His wife of 47 years, two children, four grandchildren, and other family members survive him.

Katherine Hinchman-Kolano '76 passed away on July 6 at the age of 58 from complications following pancreatic cancer surgery. She was born and raised in Junction City, Ore., and graduated from Junction City High School in 1972. Kathy earned her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy at UPS, her OT career began in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1977 before coming back to Tacoma in 1978, when she was employed at the Tacoma Comprehensive Mental Health Center. Kathy and Tom relocated to Hayward, Calif., in 1982, then to Bakersfield, Calif., in 1996, and to Germantown, Tenn., in 2002. Kathy and her family were members of Germantown United Methodist Church. She enjoyed running 5K races, watching sunsets, bike riding, walking, and traveling. Kathy worked as an occupational therapist for Baptist Rehabilitation-Germantown at Baptist Memorial Health Care. Kathy is remembered as a caring and outgoing person who greatly inspired and motivated all those around her. Survivors are her husband of 32 years and their daughter.

Dennis Hogan '76 died on July 31 at home in Kent, Wash. He was 58 years old. Dennis graduated from Kent-Meridian High School in 1972. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed spending time with friends and loved ones. He is remembered for his kindness and concern for others. Survivors include his wife, his mother, and three siblings.

Bert Warashina '76 died at the age of 58 in Colorado. He was born in Honolulu and earned his J.D. at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. He practiced in Honolulu. Four siblings survive Bert.

Joseph Carbone '77 died on June 6 at age 73. Joe was born in Aberdeen, Wash. Both sets of his grandparents emigrated to Aberdeen and Tacoma from the Cosenza region in Italy. In 1956 he graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory School, where he was an award-winning member of the debate team. Joe taught special education at Foss High School for many years and was a basketball referee and coach. He enjoyed gardening, biking, movies, and music. Joe also was known for his storytelling skills. His longtime partner, Nicola Tollefson; two children; two grandchildren; former wife; and many other family members and friends survive Joe.

Stephen Albers '78 died on July 27 after being critically injured in a bicycle accident the previous day. He was 60 years old. The accident occurred during the 152-mile RAMROD (Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day), a race that begins in Enumclaw, Wash., and winds through Eatonville and Ashford and over Cayuse Pass. Steve lost control of his bicycle and fell during a descent. No other bicycle or motor vehicle was involved in the crash. Steve was a Lakes High School graduate and attended Washington State University before earning his degree at Puget Sound. He founded Albers & Company insurance in 1985. Steve was active on the boards for the Pierce County Library System and Tacoma Goodwill. He also served on the board for United Way of Pierce County. Steve enjoyed golf, climbed Mount Rainier several times, and had been an avid cyclist for many years. His wife of 24 years, two children from a previous marriage, and one grandchild survive Steve.

Laurie Merta '78 passed away on June 23 while attending a work-related conference in Los Angeles. She was 56 years old. Laurie graduated from W.F. West High School in Chehalis, Wash. After college Laurie settle in University Place, Wash., and worked until 1990 for Washington’s Department of Corrections as a community corrections officer. She then took a position as an area representative for the Washington Federation of State Employees. At the time of her passing, Laurie was the director of field services at WFSE headquarters in Olympia. Members of her family and many close friends survive Laurie.

Suzanne Solem Wildenradt '79 passed away on July 8 at the age of 54. She attended St. Olaf College before transferring to Puget Sound. After college Suzanne moved to the Bay Area and worked in the research laboratories of Stanford University helping develop a chicken pox vaccine. In 1990 she married Carl Wildenradt. In the same year Suzanne enrolled at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacology degree, graduating with honors. Suzanne interned at the poison control center in San Francisco and after graduation worked at the center full time. Following the birth of her second child, she became a stay-at-home mom. Suzanne was involved in her daughters’ school and other activities and volunteered in their classrooms. She is remembered for her kindness, intelligence, and enthusiasm. Suzanne’s husband and two daughters survive her.

Jana Berry '86 died on June 7. She was 48 years old. Jana loved to read, cared for cats, and played handbells at church. She also enjoyed crafting gifts for family members and friends.

Rhonda Reid '93 passed away on May 21 at the age of 44. She was a resident of Puyallup, Wash.

Michael Heppner '11 died in his sleep on Aug. 11. He was 24 years old. Mike was remembered as a “curious explorer, extraordinary musician, questioning intellectual, whimsical wit, friend, brother, and son.” He leaves his parents and grandparents, his twin brother, two sisters, aunts and uncles, and an extensive circle of friends. Michael was remembered at a gathering in August. For more see www.facebook.com/NeighborsMusic.

Brent Visser '12 died on Aug. 3 at the age of 21. He grew up in the Wenatchee Valley area of Washington and began an accomplished acting career at an early age. By the time he graduated as a valedictorian from Wenatchee High School in 2009, he had performed in every district musical, was fluent in French, and received several awards and scholarships. Brent performed in many theater productions while at Puget Sound. He returned to Wenatchee in spring 2011 and began work as a private tutor, assisting with adult education classes at Wenatchee Valley College. Brent took a trip in June to France and Italy with his sister and former French teacher. His parents, sister, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins survive him.
Bart Hartzell '50 sends this update: "We had an enjoyable family reunion in Medellin, Colombia, in mid-June. Fifty years earlier, in December 1961, Luz and I were married in Medellin. For this trip, our daughter, Caroline Hartzell '85, rented a condo, and our granddaughter and son-in-law also joined us. It was a nice visit with Luz's sisters, brother, and nieces and nephews, plus we attended the wedding of Luz's nephew at the botanical garden. Medellin is now a bustling city of 2.6 million, compared to 500,000 in 1961. The economy in Colombia is apparently doing very well—lots of construction in Medellin, and the shopping malls are bustling with activity." In front of a Fernando Botero bronze sculpture in downtown Medellin, from left: friend David Solomon; Luz and her sister, Stella; granddaughter Meghan; and Bart.

After 40 plus years, your 1969 Homecoming King and Queen Kathy Caraher '70 and crooner Rick Stockstad '70, then and now.

Carolyn Burt '70, M.Ed.'88, owner of the Proctor Art Gallery, organized more than a dozen artists for the fourth annual Food Bank Art-a-Thon on July 21. The event, in partnership with the Proctor Farmers' Market, reached its fundraising goal of $1,000 to benefit the local FISH Food Bank. The food bank purchases fresh fruits and vegetables from the farmers market to distribute to area clients. Carolyn is a retired Tacoma teacher.

Alpha Phi sisters from the classes of 1970-'76 gathered at the Alpha Phi house during reunion weekend June 8-10. For many it had been 40 years since they were together. Vicki Coles '73 writes: "One of the best moments was when Rick Stockstad '70 'serenaded' our Saturday evening dinner with his accordion. Rick and the Phi Deltas used to serenade the sororities with his piano on wheels. The stay at the Alpha Phi house was special for many; the sorority moved to the house in 1972, so many sisters had never lived there. It was special for me since I was the house manager when we moved. I worked with our chapter advisor, the late Lita Johnson Chiarovano '50, to decorate and make it a sorority house rather than a fraternity house!" Front, from left: Tricia Casalou '74, Vicki Graber Ramoska '75, and Karen Lucke Getchell '76, P'03. Second row, seated, from left: Vicki Coles '73; Nancy Bradley Skulierud '72; Christine Aldkins '72; Reni Cogger Matlock '72; Joanne Bracken Saul '72; Heidi Barrett '75; Debi Howard Schmid '72, P'91; and Kathy Caraher '70. Third row, from left: Garri Ann Rowe Daily '72, Judy Stecher Harrod '72, Lauren Huff Kirby '75, Bridget Hill '75, Betsy Ellerbroek '71, Marianne Nelson Cartwright '72, Cheryl Beall Ford '72, Karen Zidell Berman '73, Christine Eckert Simon '74, and Cindy Heath Wilder '72. Back, from left: Cathy Graff '71; Kathy Koenig Cutler '74; Beth Fidlam Clark '72; Jennifer Clary Whisler '71, P'01; Connie Gilardi Carroll '75; Mary Nelson Wood '70, P'02; Anita Metcalf Harris '70; Karen Zylstra McMillan '73; Cheryl MacKenzie Gwinn '75; Kippy Messett '75; and Debbie Peterson Novick '75. Joining the fun, though not pictured, were: Debbie Peterson Bogrand '73, Betsy Mills Skevington '74, Susan Dill Fergusson '76, Geni Dahl Fawcett '75, and Sandy Coons '76.

Gray Neher '72 writes: "In May I was able to fly out from Colorado for a few days to watch my niece Rachel Ivesnic '12 graduate from UPS. You might remember the commencement exercise out at Baker—82 degrees, nothing but sunshine for several days. We laughed because all the undergrads were freaking out. I thought they were going to make like vampires and turn to ash. In any event, it was almost 40 years to the day since I graduated on the same field. While I have been up to the campus several times over the past few years (recently to watch Rachel play on the lacrosse team), commencement sure brought back a lot of memories—all of them good."
Katherine Werner Clano '76 and Bill Alley '76 had a good time catching up while dining at The Mauna Lani Bay on the Big Island's Kohala Coast. Katherine lives on Hawaii and is the executive director of North Hawaii Hospice. Bill was there for daughter Emma's graduation from Hawaii Preparatory Academy on May 25. Bill and Kathy hadn't seen each other since their UPS days. BTW, our good pal Bill has a new book out; see page 17.

On May 19 in Edmonds, Wash., several Gamma Phi Beta sisters reunited. Some hadn't seen each other in 30 years! Back, from left: Barb Headden Tall '79; Jody Bredeson Callan '79; Kathy Spence Schiller '80, P'99; Kim Waller Moore '80; Nancy Pittenger Arend '81; Debbie Paul '79; Jeanne Panchot Turner '80; Madeleine Wiley '78, M.B.A. '80, P'12,'15; and Beth Jensen Chew '79, J.D. '85. Middle, from left: Muff Eising Jacox '82, Carol Headden Reid '80, Sue McElroy Plunkett '79, Terri Murphy Gletzen '81, and Sarah Schad Giffin '81. Front, from left: Linda Lohrop Schott '75, Krista Pearson '80, Sheri Bollinger Simkins '81, and Marcy Jacobson Salemi '81. They have a Southern California gathering planned for this fall and hope to get together each year.

Kaaren Watson Winkler '88 graduated from The Evergreen State College on June 15 with a Master of Public Administration degree. She is director of member policy for the Washington Association of Realtors and a volunteer for the National Lung Cancer Partnership. She lives in Olympia with husband Bryan and their two sons, Bryce, 16, and Shane, 11.

Several UPS alums were in attendance at the wedding of Rachelle Blair '91 and Victor Huang on April 21 at The Museum of Flight in Seattle. From left: Gretchen Richter de Medeiros '92, Shannon Manning '91, Kira Williams Willson '88, Marc Sevler '91, Loren Willson '91, Julie Pyatt '90, the bride and groom, Matt Mandrones '92, Kendall Edwards '91, Lisa Matye Edwards '91, Chris Kramer '92, Tom Heallmann '90, and Arden Maynard Hellmann '90. Victor and Rachelle recently purchased a home in Seattle's U District.

In April The University of North Carolina at Pembroke awarded Roland Stout '76 tenure and promotion to full professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics. His physical chemistry course offers "writing in the discipline" credit for UNCP's Writing Intensive Program. Roland's article "It's a Shame to Put Such Wonderful Thoughts in Such Poor Language: A Chemist's Perspective on Writing in the Discipline" was published in Across the Disciplines: A Journal of Language, Learning, and Academic Writing. The article recalls writing challenges Roland faced at Puget Sound and how he now works to help his students integrate good writing with deeper mastery of their coursework. The article offers special thanks to Professor Emerita of English Florence Sandler and to Roland's wife, Linda Woodson Stout '76. (You can read the article here: http://wac.colostate.edu/atd/articles/stout2011/index.cfm.) Although Roland hasn't much picked up his trombone in recent years, he remains an avid musician and currently sings with the Moore County Choral Society in Southern Pines, N.C., as well as serving on the group's finance committee.

In July a few Class of '92 Beta Theta Pi members (along with one '91 alum) celebrated 20 years as Logger grads by dropping in on various former "crime scenes" such as Magoo's and The Spar, along with a few new hot spots they discovered in Tacoma. Pictured outside their old fraternity house on Union Ave., from left: Kendal McDevitt '91, Nick Thompson, Dave Swartley, Matt Allen, Bill Seymour, Jon Walton, Tim Schwarz, and P.J. Franklin. As we've learned from previous reports, ya never know where these guys will turn up next—maybe in your town!
Paul Freed ’93 sends this update: “I feel blessed in celebrating a few key milestones this summer—a 15th-anniversary trip to Paris in June with Rachel, 11th anniversary in July with our Seattle executive search firm Herd Freed Hartz (which has grown to be the largest in the Northwest), and enjoying being a new daddy with the adoption of Samantha Grace Freed, born July 7, 2012.”

Long time coming! Kim Farnes ’97 and husband Carl Scanson are Peace Corps volunteers in Telavi, Georgia. It was Kim’s dream to serve in the Peace Corps since first hearing about the program in school in 1979. Life took its twists and turns over the next 30-plus years, and now Kim is an English teacher in a Georgian school of 300 students, ranging from grades 1 to 12. Carl is working with a NGO there to build a media cafe. The cafe will have Wi-Fi and two TVs so people can meet and find out about world events. They also have written a grant to see if they can turn the cafe into a job-training site. Georgia’s unemployment rate is nearly 18 percent. Kim tells us: “The school already was in poor condition when I arrived; very few supplies like pens, chalk, books—and chairs that fell apart when you sat on them. Then Telavi was hit with its first-ever tornado two weeks ago. It tore the roof off the school, broke out the windows, sucked out desks. Icve and rain came in where the roof was missing and destroyed the floors! It was so sad to see these kids who started out so little have even less. We have connected with the Red Cross, which is here now helping to put things back together. The people of Telavi are incredibly resilient. I read before we came to Georgia that the word ‘guest’ translates to ‘gift from God,’ and that is how they treat visitors. It is so welcoming and wonderful! We are happy to be able to do what we can to make things better for everyone here.”

Anne LaVasseur-Mullen M.A.T.’93 teaches high school art, fashion, and jewelry making at Kea’au High, a public school on the east side of the Big Island of Hawai’i. She writes: “In one year my fashion students start with beginning sewing and take the steps through designing, making, and modeling their own ‘little black dress’ (or shirt) for our year-end show, which they also produce. Pictured are the 2012 participants in the seventh annual event held this year before an enthusiastic audience of 400 invited guests. The show also featured three students who produced their own designer collections. I am working to revive the Hawai’i garment industry one youth at a time!” Anne is the redhead surrounded by tuxedo-clad escorts.

Lael Carlson ‘02 sends this good news: “After spending several years working at a local public relations firm, I decided to go back to school. In May 2011, I graduated from Seattle University School of Law. I now work for the Kitsap County Prosecutor’s Office as a deputy prosecuting attorney.” Congratulations, Lael!

Daniel Gullak ’13 spent this past summer at the Georgia Institute of Technology calculating distances between quantum mechanical states in the research lab of Ken Brown ’98. Dan was part of the National Science Foundation- and 3M-sponsored Georgia Tech Research Experience for Undergraduates program. Ken is an assistant professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech. More about the program at www.chemistry.gatech.edu/undergraduate/summer/index.php.
The physical therapy Class of 2002 celebrated its 10-year reunion in July with two days of festivities. A picnic hosted at the home of Erika Sparks Martinson ’99, D.P.T.’02 included many graduates and their families. Back, from left: Brett Martinson; Aaron Feaver; Dana Feaver D.P.T.’02; Kendra Goepferd Paker ’99, D.P.T.’02; Aaron Paker ’98, M.A.T.’99; Jim Walsh D.P.T.’02; Mary Weaver Harnish ’99, D.P.T.’02; Chad Harnish; Michael Kelly D.P.T.’02; Melissa Johnson ’96, D.P.T.’02; Zach Hawthorne D.P.T.’02; Stephanie Hawthorne; Troy Rucker; Brian Dasso; Michelle Agulling Navaja D.P.T.’02; and Gabe Navaja. Front, from left: Erika, Shannon Zook, Kim Miyake Zook D.P.T.’02, Rob Nikolaisen, Courtney Horwath Nikolaisen D.P.T.’02, Mike Bedard, Lisa Montgomery Bedard D.P.T.’02, Becky Thordill Rucker D.P.T.’02, Michelle Freitas-Dasso D.P.T.’02, and dog Fenix. Present, though not pictured: Jill Tomlinson-Ghent ’99, D.P.T.’02; Lora Clothier D.P.T.’02, Troy Lindstrom ’99, D.P.T.’02; Greg Harada D.P.T.’02, and Jeremy Angaran D.P.T.’02. Special note: Fenix was a guide-dog puppy-in-training while he attended more than a year of D.P.T. lectures and gatherings with the 2002 class. He worked in California for many years and returned to his puppy raiser, Erika, to enjoy his retirement.

Whitney Holmer ’99 and Anne Cain were married on May 20 at Gedney Farm in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. Several Puget Sound alumni were in attendance. From left: Adam Hersh ’99; groomsmen Seth English-Young ’99, Chris Harder ’99, Dan Fazio ’99; the bride and groom; best man Elliot Stockstad ’98, M.Ed.’04; West Mathison ’00; Wayland Cossey ’99; and Courtney Hill Cossey ’01. Also in attendance, though not pictured: Rick Stockstad ’70, Tom Herrin ’99, Donny Hull ’99, and Mari Larriva Hull ’99. Whitney is in his final year of emergency medicine residency at Boston Medical Center, and Anne is an oncology nurse.

London calling! Here, from left: Kirsten Benites ’03, Katarina Jones ’08, and Jessica Bruce ’08. Kirsten’s husband, Richard Lynas, was selected to be a torchbearer during the torch relay for the London 2012 Olympics. Kat and Jessica came out to support him, and this picture was taken after his run on July 24. Richard was selected to carry the torch for his work with orphaned, disabled, and disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe. He first volunteered in an orphanage in Romania in 1991, and has been working with children there ever since. Kirsten works for Kantar Media, producing the official television viewing statistics for the U.K. Jessica and Kat originally moved to England to attend graduate school, although at different times and in different programs. Jessica is now an economic consultant at Deloitte, and Kat is an environmental consultant for Carbon Clear Limited. They all live in London.

Erica Esselstrom ’02 and Scott Esher were married Aug. 6, 2011, in Kilworth Memorial Chapel on campus. Matron of honor Kathy Heimann Manson ’02, M.A.T.’03; bridesmaid Michelle Baillie Bauer ’02; and Ty Koch ’02; Melissa Krick Koch ’02; Joy Manning Plain ’02; Kristen Proehl ’02; and Cindy Hammel ’02 were in attendance. Erica and Scott live in Issaquah, Wash. Scott is a Navy veteran and now works as a mechanical engineer at McKinstry in Seattle. Erica has been working as a family physician with underserved patients at Community Health Care in Tacoma since September 2009. In 2006 she graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Erica tells us: “The most rewarding part of my job is delivering a baby and then having the opportunity to watch that child grow up while providing health care to the child’s entire family.”
For the love of the game! Avid football fans Kirsten Schleiwitz '03 and Graham Macaree were married in the Pickering Barn in Issaquah, Wash., on Jan. 30, 2011. The wedding was planned so as not to interfere with the Aston Villa vs. Chelsea football match the following day. From left: Kirsten Benites '03, the groom and bride, Nicole Rogers '03, and Professor Emeritus Dave Balsam. Kirsten currently is living in Den Haag, The Netherlands, working as a legal assistant for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She’ll return to Portland, Ore., (and Graham!) this fall to finish law school at Lewis & Clark.

Politics and government Professor Patrick O’Neill sent this great update: "Peter Russell ’12 was on study abroad in Cairo in spring 2011, right when the Arab Spring broke out. Shortly after arriving he was evacuated and moved to Puget Sound’s study abroad program in Morocco. Given the ideal timing, he applied for, and got, a Summer Research Award in 2011 to research the revolution in Tunisia, where it all started. Peter was one of the first scholars on the ground in Tunisia—he had amazing access, in part because he was one of the only Westerners there. Last year he applied for a Critical Languages Scholarship from the state department to study intensive Arabic, and got it. He was in Tunisia this summer on the CLS when I was heading to Israel; I suggested he come over so we could do some traveling together. At the same time, Maddie Waddell ’13 was in Israel and the West Bank on a Birthright Israel trip, as well as an Arabic language and internship program in Bethlehem. The three of us had a chance to get together in Jerusalem and also travel in the West Bank together. Maddie is now heading to Cairo for study abroad—the same program that Peter had to leave during the revolution." Pictured: Peter, Prof. O’Neill, and Maddie.

A small group of friends and family helped Erica Presley ’03, D.P.T. ’05 and Michael Gandolfo celebrate their marriage on April 1. Most of the day was rainy and blustery, but the sun did come out long enough to snap this photo with Puget Sound alumni. From left: Jimmy Cranstrom and wife Rayne Flye ’03, Cat Rapp ’03, the groom and bride, Erin Heath ’04, and Lindsey Bonner ’03 and husband John Desens. Since graduating in 2005, Erica has been working in acute care at the Salem Hospital in Oregon. In 2009 she competed in (and finished!) the Ford Ironman Triathlon in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. When not working or training for races, Erica enjoys traveling.

Several alumni and current students who have participated on and/or coached for the Puget Sound cross country and track and field teams, were in Eugene, Ore., at the end of June to watch the U.S. Olympic Trials for track and field. After the day’s competition on June 23, during which they witnessed a new world record in the decathlon, the group met at the home of Robert Snowden ’12 and his family for a cookout. Robert tells us: "The trials were an exciting spectacle for us track aficionados!" Back, from left: Jimmy O’Dea ’04, Frank Prince ’06, and Bryan Soto ’14. Middle, from left: Taylor Hallvik ’05, Sara Burnet Hallvik ’05, Andrea Leiken ’12, Aspen Mayberry ’14, Alicia Burns ’14, and Meg Gilbertson ’14. Front, from left: Robert; Stephanie Gammon ’14; Francis Reynolds ’10, M.A.T. ’11; and Emily Collins D.P.T. ’12. Stephanie, Francis, and Emily have been recent assistant coaches for Puget Sound.

It was the second summit of Mount Rainier for Emily Moss Fortner ’05, D.P.T. ’08 and husband Jeff in July.
After meeting 11 years ago on the Puget Sound campus, Sievkheng Ly '04 and Jeff Pral tied the knot on Dec. 17, 2011, in Kilworth Memorial Chapel. After a beautiful sendoff of sparklers and rose petals, the couple headed to UW Tacoma (the groom’s alma mater) for a reception catered by Tacoma’s Indochine restaurant. The two then happily jetted to the Cook Islands for their honeymoon and had a second wedding in traditional Cambodian style in Phnom Penh with Sievkheng’s family and Pacific Rim friends who were unable to attend the Tacoma wedding. Alumni in attendance at their first wedding in Tacoma: bridesmaid and fellow 2002-03 Pac-Rimmer Summer Shimabukuro Miles '03; bridesmaid Heidi Abarro '04, D.P.T.'06; fellow 2002-03 Pac-Rimmer Carley Sasaki '02; fellow 2002-03 Pac-Rimmer Heather Juan '04, M.O.T.'06; and Stephanie Schuster '08.

Sievkheng is a project manager at The Boeing Company, and Jeff also works for Boeing in business development and strategy. The couple live and play near their old stomping grounds where they first met in Tacoma.

Lindsey O’Rear ‘05 and Zachary Boehme were married on July 21 at Sugar Pine Point State Park on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, Calif. Lindsey was joined by fellow Logger Gamma Phi Betas. From left: Michelle Bassett ’05, M.Ed.’08; Nicole Thompson ’05; maid of honor Katie O’Rear ’08; the bride; Rachel Murphy Jensen ’05; bridesmaid Carolyn Stanley ’05; and Bridget Stolee ’05, who also photographed the event (http://jplusbphotography.com).

At a pre-wedding party for Jessica Gates ‘04 and Jonathan Howland ‘03, June 21–24 at Lake Kachess near Easton, Wash., from left: Andrew Strobel ’05, Melissa Case ’05, Jessica, Peter Campbell ’06, Josh Anderson ’06, Rachel Safran ’06, and Jonathan. All are former members of the Debate Team.

Jocelyn Skillman ’08 instructed these Loggers to say, “Arrrcheese!” when taking this photo for Arches. The mini reunion at Gas Works Park in Seattle on July 8 welcomed visitors Sarah “Raz” Finnell ’05 who lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Andrea Magee ‘04, who has been living in San Diego. Andrea stopped in Seattle on her way to Baltimore to start a nursing program. Seen here, back, from left: Wilder Nutting-Heath ’06, Nik Perleros ’04, Susan Graf Perleros ’03, Adam Davis ’06, Tim Linnemann ’06, Virginia Philbrook ’05, and Wes Andrews ’04. Middle from left: Lisa Confehr ’03, Erin Culbertson ’05, Sarah, and Jocelyn. Seated in front: Andrea.

Former Dijon students came to Tacoma from Seattle and various locales in Oregon to take Professor Michel Rocchi ’71, M.A. ’72 out for dinner on Aug. 12. Here at Pour at Four, a wine bar in Proctor: Tasha Adams ’10, Prof. Rocchi, Jackie Roth ’10, Hilary Jacobsen ’10, and Alaina Osborn ’10, M.O.T.’12.
Melissa Burkett '06 and Anthony Hicks were married at the Bellevue Club in Bellevue, Wash., on Nov. 12, 2011. Many Puget Sound alumni were in attendance. From left: Marilee Randall O'Connor '06, Casey Dillon Bradfield '06, Vanessa Hyndman '05, the bride and groom, Kyle Burkett '04, Jennifer Workman Burkett '04, Brett Stratton '06, and Chelsea Hayden '06.

Heather Gillooly '07 and Ross Logan '07 were married on May 5 at TreeHouse Point in Issaquah, Wash. The two met the summer before their senior year at Puget Sound. Sharing their big day, top, from left: Zareen Charna '07, Alexandra Bronson '07, Robert Chambers '04, Michelle Ayers Chambers '07, Ian Shantz '07, Jens Durrer '05, Jessica Sattell '07, Alexander Larson '07, Keith Gordon '07, David Schillmoeller '07, Derek Scheurer '07, the groom and bride, Adam Nishimura '07, David Haakenson '07, M.A.T.'08; and Kristin Jurist Haakenson '06.

Ashley Robertson '06 and Devon Zeller '06 were married on Sept. 5, 2010, at the Sanctuary in Sedalia, Colo., with fellow Loggers in attendance. Ashley and Devon met in an economics class in the fall of 2002. The couple reside in Kenmore, Wash. Devon is in architectural sales, while Ashley is finishing her M.B.A. at Seattle University. Here, from left: Christopher Murphy '06, Nick Maiuri '06, Melissa Hartford, Forrest Hartford '04, Emily Waldron '09, table-topper Melinda Bradley '06, the groom and bride, Austin Kuehn '07, Helen Shepard '07, and Michael Hanley '06.

Erin Watt '08, M.A.T.'09 and Joe Engler '08 were wed on June 26, 2011, at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash. Puget Sound alumni in attendance, back from left: Zeb McCall '08; Jill Lyon '08, M.A.T.'09; Kelsey McKee '08, Mira Copeland '06; Ben Engler '06; and Derek Robbins '08. Middle, from left: Nicole Juliano McCall '08, Carrie Carr Reese '08, Sonia Ivanic '08, and the bride and groom. Front, from left: Will Holden '08, Andy Lum '08, Dirk Karn '08, and Pat Sullivan.
Franny Chiles '08 and Steven Canfield '08 were married on June 9 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. The couple met and started dating during the first semester of their freshman year at UPS. Many Puget Sound alumni friends and family attended their wedding. Back, from left: William Canfield '76, P'08, Roger Canfield '77, Rick Canfield '80, Josh Smythe '08, Katrina Lange '11; the groom and bride; Natalie Fish '08, Peter Shinn '08, Ben Thompson '08, Alyssa Libonati Gibson '07, Maggie Weed '08, and Shannon Albert '04. Kneeling, from left: Kramer Canfield '15, Jeff Feldman '08, Adam Larsen '08, and Cameron Gibson '07. In attendance, although not pictured: Susan McCarthy Canfield '77 and Kristin Olson '08. Franny is the knowledge and program manager at the Environmental Grantmakers Association, and Steven is a software engineer at Google. The couple live in New York City.

Kaleb Shelton '12 and Jazmin Johnson were married on July 16, 2011, on the beach in Gearhart, Ore. The couple have taken the combined last name Shelton-Johnson. Current and former Logger basketball players were in attendance. From left: Matt Geverola '12, David Aberg '13, Austin Boyce '10, Robert Krauel '09, the groom and bride, Jason Foster '09, Conner Gehringer '10, Aaron Edwards '12, Phillip Thomas '12, Rigg Yarbro '13, and Edric Egberuare '12. Participating in the ceremony, although not pictured: Ryan Rogers '13 and Aubrey Shelton '05, M.A.T. '06.

Stan Lin '04 and his wife, Lauren Hauck Lin '04, were the best man and a bridesmaid at the wedding, April 14, of Stanford Chen, Stan's best friend at NYU College of Dentistry, and Yeeun An. At the wedding the group also ran into classmate Shannon Albert '04, who was the guest of one of the groom's friends. From left: Stan, Kristie Baillargeon '04, Anne Singleton Sarsfield '03, Trevor Kagochi '05 and fiancée Julia Matias, Aaron Fung '04, Shannon, Lauren, and Eric Mwiti '04.

Another Logger convergence—this time in Oxford, Ohio. It all started one Saturday afternoon in summer 2011. Alex Gardner '11 writes: "I was ‘uptown’ to do some work. I overheard a barista in the local Starbucks talking to a client about Seattle and how beautiful it is. The barista told him she had attended the University of Puget Sound years ago. I turned around, stunned that I had heard this, and said I had just graduated from Puget Sound. Since then we’ve had some fun reminiscing about our old school. Kevin Bohm '12 just joined Beta’s staff this past June, and so our Logger contingent in Oxford continues to grow." Here, from left: Kevin, Mary K. Roeder Allen '76, and Alex. Kevin and Alex work at Beta Theta Pi Foundation and Administrative Office in Oxford, although Alex is on assignment in Waco, Texas, for the next year. He’s there as an on-site coordinator charged with developing a new Beta Theta Pi chapter at Baylor University. Kevin currently is traveling as a leadership consultant to Beta chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region, visiting with executive board leaders, chapter advisors, and university professionals to help each chapter better live Beta’s mission, vision, and core values.
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