Justice for all?

A battle that pits presidential power against constitutional liberty is headed back to the courts, and Charles Sipos ‘94 is in the thick of it.

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It's winter again. The days grow short, the light more faint, clouds gather, and darkness comes in like a rising tide. It rains.

We have a special relationship with the rain in the Pacific Northwest. We expect it. We simultaneously appreciate it, take pride in it, and apologize for it. We are a little anxious when it’s not raining. We reassure ourselves: it's coming, and it will last for a long time. As it rains, we reassess our image of the world. How well do we understand what is happening? How well can we fathom the secret of its operations. This past fall has been a time when our campus has been the server, you can recognize the mind of nature and fathom the secret of its operations.

If clouds are nature's face, rain is its most effusive expression.

Clouds were invented, they say, by an English scientist of the early 19th century. Or at least he is credited with making them something more than vapor for us, conferring upon them a name, or names. Luke Howard, sometimes called the father of meteorology, gave us the Latin terms we use for classifying clouds—cumulus, stratus, cirrus. A member of the Royal Academy, author of numerous scientific papers, advocate for bringing the Linnean discipline of precise classification to natural phenomena as elusive and ephemeral as clouds, Howard also inspired with his scientific research painters of landscape like Constable, poets of nature like Shelley, and philosophers of the sublime like Goethe.

It's easy to see why: Howard had a touch of the artist himself. When describing those vaporous appearances as "distinct modifications, produced by the general causes which affect all the variations of the atmosphere," he also claimed they were "as good visible indicators of the operation of these causes, as is the countenance of the state of a person's mind or body." A cloud, in other words, is the face of the atmosphere. In that face, if you are a trained observer, you can recognize the mind of nature and fathom the secret of its operations.

If clouds are nature's face, rain is its most effusive expression. For us, rain is nature's winter conversation, its message. This past fall has been a time when our campus has been the recipient of many eloquent messages—E.O. Wilson's description of the natural order teeming with life and facing catastrophic threats, Lucius Turner Outlaw's critique of American philosophy and its complicity with racial superiority, Cornel West's account of the imperialist impulses that sometimes overshadow American democracy, to name a few. Now it is time for winter conversations on campus with another group of distinguished visitors, among them composer Philip Glass in February.

The rain will visit us, too; it will linger and deliver its message. We are all ears.

Ronald R. Thomas
Across the Atlantic by rowboat

Congratulations on a great article on O.A.R. Northwest. I followed the rowers’ whole journey across the Atlantic using the satellite tracking on the Web. It is astounding what they accomplished, and I am so grateful they made it without mishap. Andy Dappen wrote the best account I’ve seen on the perils of the adventure.

As an educator I am mindful of a few lines written by Vatchel Lindsay long ago:

Let not young souls be smothered out before
They do quaint deeds and fully flaunt their pride.

Kay Gott Chaffey
Medford, Oregon

My family and I really enjoyed “The Crossing” in the autumn edition. We would like to have seen a full-length shot of the boat and more detail about the kinds of food they ate and any escort for their safety. What an undertaking and experience for them. Praise God for their protection, strength, health, and ability to accomplish a feat few of us would ever consider.

Marsha Lynn Mann Wilbur ’70
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

As to a photo showing the full length of the boat (all 29 feet of it), above, at right, is the Arches cover shot from the autumn issue, uncropped. At www.oarnorthwest.com you can find out more about the race, including information on the race organizers’ chase boat. The site also posts the guys’ sea log, which describes the challenges of preparing enough food to replace 5,500 calories a day.

After our article on the O.A.R. Northwest adventure was published, we heard about the behind-the-scenes involvement of a number of UPS alumni. Among them Jim Scruggs ’68, a banker and former president of the board of the American Lung Association of Washington, who made many introductions on behalf of the rowers, and David Robertson ’72, whose Gig Harbor Boat Works, a manufacturer of traditional rowing and sailing craft, volunteered to design and build the sliding seats for the J.R. Hanssen.

An update on Jonee

After we published “Jonee’s Story” (summer 2006), an article about Jonee Winnick ’07, who sent her new husband, Wayne, off to Iraq in June, many readers asked how the couple are doing. Jonee gave us this update:

“Wayne’s assignment has him working with Iraqis daily as a military advisor. He likes getting to know the people there more personally, despite the language barrier, for which he must enlist the help of interpreters. He is learning a little Kurdish.

“We are fortunate to have much better communication this tour than the last one. Last time I received one five-minute phone call from Wayne the entire year. This time I hear from him about once a week. We also are able to use online instant messaging pretty much everyday. I am so grateful to be hearing so frequently that he is OK, and I also get to nag him and make sure he is eating and sleeping, which is something I like to do! He came back very skinny the last time, and I do not want that to happen again.

“At Wayne’s request, my mother recently sent him a package with math textbooks up through calculus. Though his study of engineering at UW has been put off for a year, he still wants very badly to start learning and has determined to teach himself a little calculus in his free time. It will be interesting to see if he has the time and can actually succeed at that goal.

“The struggle on my end has been concentrating on school while having a husband far away who is available only randomly. It is tough (and sometimes feels unfair) to choose between talking with him and studying for the next day’s classes. It is hard having an element of my life that worries me constantly and that I cannot schedule with the rest of my life, especially when school is very demanding of nearly all my time. It is also tough trying to relate to other students. I have found that my situation makes others uncomfortable for a variety of reasons; basically most people do not know what to say. So I have to keep my feelings and details of that part of my life to myself for the most part.

“I hope things continue to go as smoothly as they have thus far, although I would like the time to start passing at better than a snail’s pace!”

The editors welcome letters about articles in Arches. Write Arches, Office of Communications, University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma, WA 98416-1041, or arches@ups.edu. Submissions may be edited for content, style, or length. Please include a daytime phone number or e-mail address.
QUESTION EVERYTHING  Kicking off the Race and Pedagogy conference with a lecture on Sept. 14, Princeton Professor of Religion Cornel West said the U.S. needs a wave of courageous, compassionate citizens to shake the country back to life, and he urged students to step up. “America is in an ice age,” he said, “when it is fashionable to be indifferent. … Everybody is preoccupied with wealth. How will it define you in the face of death? Who are you enabling, inspiring, ennobling among the people around you?”
For three days in September, the university hosted a national conference on Race and Pedagogy, the central concern of which was how to facilitate the productive engagement of race as an inescapable feature of teaching and learning: How can we improve the racial-cultural experiences of all students and prepare them for leadership in a diverse world, where race continues to matter?

To explore this question, the conference was organized around three intersecting themes. The first, “Race, Knowledge, and Disciplinarity,” explored the ways in which specific academic disciplines negotiate race and the ways in which race enables and constrains knowledge. The second, “Racial Dynamics and Racial Performances in the Classroom (and Beyond),” investigated the ways in which students and teachers behave and how such behaviors embody race. “Race, Pedagogy, and Community,” the third theme, examined the relationship between schools and communities, in particular the role of communities in shaping educational curricula.

Rooted in organized, ongoing campus discussions on teaching and race since 2002, the conference grew out of two years of sustained planning by faculty, staff, students, and community partners. It brought together local, national, and international scholars, students, and activists to confront inequality and discrimination in education and to seek solutions.

Beginning with the 2006 Susan Resneck Pierce Lecture on Public Affairs and the Arts by Princeton Professor Cornel West, the kick-off lecture for the conference, the participants shared in three plenary sessions and more than 60 panel, poster, and performance sessions.

Plenary sessions were led by Lucius Turner Outlaw, professor of philosophy and African American and diaspora studies, and associate provost, at Vanderbilt University; Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College; and Robert P. Moses, civil rights activist and founder/president of the Algebra Project.

The conference drew more than 2,000 participants from 39 states, as well as Canada and Great Britain. Attendees represented more than 100 institutions, including liberal arts colleges, primary and secondary schools, community colleges, regional state institutions, research universities, and a range of civic and government organizations.

More than 75 community partners were involved in planning the conference. These partners met with UPS faculty on a biweekly basis for almost a year of seminars, workshops, and planning sessions, with an emphasis on the community focus of the conference. In addition to planning and organization, several of these partners, as well as other local and state leaders, served as chairs, presenters, and performers, representing institutions including the Washington state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Foresight Consultants, Pierce County Community Services, Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma school district, MultiCare Health System, YWCA Pierce County, The Evergreen State College-Tacoma, Washington State Fair Housing, the Washington Education Foundation, The Boeing Company, and Centro Latino.

The conference generated significant reflection, interest, excitement, and a sense of renewal and ferment around questions related to race and education. President Thomas expressed pride in the quality, scope, and vision of the conference, and in the commitment of faculty, staff, students, and community constituencies in exemplifying a civically engaged campus and community. “We saw a model of Puget Sound functioning as an intellectual asset for the region on issues of national significance,” he said. “These are the partnerships with the community on matters of mutual interest that are fundamental to the realization of the university’s mission.”

The media also praised the partnership between college and community. Writing on Sept. 6, prior to the event, the Tacoma News Tribune described the conference as an “urgent dialogue on race” premised on a “disconnect between many minority students and academics ... one of the greatest problems facing the South Sound, the state, and the nation” and “a catastrophic waste of human capital.”

“UPS Can Take Pride in Conference on Race” is the way the News Tribune headlined opinion writer Sam Chandler’s article following the event. “The Race and Pedagogy National Conference was a tremendous statement, especially in these times when the need for personal refinement and clarity of our thinking, learning, and moral compass is paramount.” Chandler concluded his assessment of the conference with thanks to the “UPS community for being courageous, deliberate, timely, and prescient.”

The conference has already translated into pedagogical practices in the classroom at Puget Sound and beyond, as we continue to address the challenge of preparing students who are critically engaged, aware, imaginative, accountable, and able to function both as national and international citizens in a world of differences and disparities. Faculty, staff, and student conversations on race are ongoing following the conference, and the university’s work with Race and Pedagogy partners from the South Sound community continues. A featured aspect of this is the university’s participation in a collaborative, grant-funded pilot project that has brought together K–12 and higher education, government, and private volunteer organizations in an experimental effort to facilitate achievement in a cohort of public school students in Tacoma. Further substantive and programmatic follow-up is still to come, as President Thomas has called for a task force to formulate a proposal for an ongoing race and pedagogy initiative—an urgent and focused articulation of the university’s liberal arts commitment.

— Grace Livingston and Dexter Gordon

Grace Livingston co-chaired the R&P conference program and is an assistant professor of African American studies and education at Puget Sound. Dexter Gordon chaired the R&P conference and is director of African American studies and a professor of communication studies.
The Logger women's cross country team wrapped up the 2006 fall season on Nov. 18, when they finished 27th at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships at Voice of America Park in Mason, Ohio. Ali Garel '09, Brittany Hodgson '08, Emma Kelsey '10, Kathleen McGinnis '10, Liana Roberts '08, Emily Timmer '09, and Liana Wilcox '08 represented the Loggers at the national meet. Puget Sound's Mike Orechia was named NWC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Football The Loggers ended the 2006 season with a record of 7-3, including 3-3 in the NWC. Running back Rory Lee '07 wrapped up an outstanding career, setting seven school records, including rushing yards in a season (1,278) and in a career (4,047). As a team, the Loggers set a new record for points in a game with their 70-14 win over Lewis and Clark. The 2006 squad also set new marks for points in a season (327), yards gained (4,860), and yards rushing (2,674).

Men's Soccer The Puget Sound men's soccer team won their third NWC title and advanced to the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship. Despite a first-round loss to the University of California, Santa Cruz, the Loggers picked up a number of individual awards after finishing the year 13-2-2 (10-2-2 in the NWC). Goalkeeper Pete Van Sant '08 was named NWC Defensive Player of the Year and was joined on the First Team All-NWC by Cole Peterson '10 and Scott Blanchet '08. Mark Conrad '08 and Byron Conforti '07 picked up Second-Team All-NWC honors, while Andrew Hewitt '08, Taylor Hyde '09, and Greg Swanson '08 all were named Honorable Mention All-NWC. Van Sant and Blanchet also were named to the 2006 NSCAA/adidas NCAA Division III All-Far West Region First Team.

Women's Soccer The women's soccer team made it five-straight conference titles this season, as they continued their dominance in the NWC. At the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship, the Loggers played the Hardin-Simmons Cowgirls to a 2-2 draw in the first round, then lost the game in a shootout, 6-5. Junior Adrienne Folsom and senior Katie Wullbrandt earned NWC Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year honors, respectively, while Randy Hanson was voted NWC Coach of the Year. Folsom and Wullbrandt were joined on the First Team All-NWC by Cole Peterson '10 and Scott Blanchet '08. Mark Conrad '08 and Byron Conforti '07 picked up Second-Team All-NWC honors, while Andrew Hewitt '08, Taylor Hyde '09, and Greg Swanson '08 all were named Honorable Mention All-NWC. Adrienne Folsom also was named to the NSCAA/adidas NCAA Division III All-West Region First Team.

Volleyball The Logger volleyball team finished the 2006 season with an overall record of 16-7 and third place in the conference (11-5). Rachel Gross '07 and Monica Groves '08 were named First-Team All-NWC selections, while Jamie Eggers '08 earned Second-Team honors in her final collegiate season. Groves went on to earn All-West Region and Third-Team All-America titles, while Gross was named Honorable Mention All-West Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. — Chris Thompson

HOMETOWN GAL Tacoma native Emily Timmer '09 (#77, above) finished second at the Northwest Conference Championships, fourth at the NCAA Regionals, and 81st at the NCAA Nationals.

Autumn update
Two titles and a pair of runner-up finishes in the Northwest Conference

All-Sports Trophy As the fall sports season came to a close, Puget Sound took a commanding lead in the race for the Northwest Conference McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy. The Loggers picked up 18 points in both men's and women's soccer, after winning the Northwest Conference title in both sports. Puget Sound earned 16 points in both men's and women's cross country, with second-place finishes at the NWC Championships. The Loggers added their final points with a third-place finish in volleyball (14 points) and a fourth-place finish in football (12 points), for a total of 94 points. Whitworth is second in the standings, with 76 points, while Linfield comes in third, with 72. Willamette is fourth, with 68, followed by Pacific Lutheran (61), Whitman (48), George Fox (45), Pacific (26), and Lewis and Clark (24).
research

The gerrymander factor

Can computer-drawn voter-districts end manipulation of precincts for political gain?

Gerrymandering, the practice of stringing together voter precincts in convoluted ways to create a district that favors an incumbent political party, is nearly as old as voting in America. (The term traces to 1812, when then Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry made a salamander-shaped district to perpetuate a hold on government by his Democratic-Republicans.) But just because an idea is long-tolerated in politics doesn't make it good for democracy. Gerrymandering weakens the value of one-voter, one-vote, suppresses voter turnout because election outcomes are predictable, and reduces the incentive of parties to govern according to the will of their constituents.

But Puget Sound computer science professor Randy Bentson and Walker Lindley '08 may have a solution. The teacher-student team is closing in on a way to draw fair, evenly packed voter precincts by using a technique called a genetic algorithm. Here's how it works.

Fairly drawn voter districts should have two characteristics: equal apportionment and compactness. Equal apportionment means that the number of voters in each district should be about the same. That's easy to figure out by simply counting. Compactness relates to consistent physical shape, and that is much harder to measure. Bentson and Lindley found a formula for this, though, which they call the Gerrymander Factor, or GF. Using this measure, oddly shaped districts like Governor Gerry's salamander get a high number, more than 80. Nice, evenly shaped ones—a circle is the theoretical optimum—get a much lower number. (A circle is 12.56.) But you can't make a good map from a grid of circles because, when placed side-by-side, circles only touch at one point, leaving gaps. Polygons, which can be pieced together like tile, with all boundaries touching, are the best that can be hoped for.

So how do you figure out the best shapes for the polygons? Using a search technique first devised in the mid-1970s by John Holland, one of the pioneers in computer science, our professor and student assigned values to the boundaries of a set of test precincts, encoding the data in a series of 0s and 1s like a DNA sequence. The technique is called a genetic algorithm because it works a lot like a population of living things evolving over millions of generations of natural selection—it tries out possibilities over and over, keeping and combining good "fitness" values and allowing not-so-good ones to go extinct. The longer the program runs, the better the solution becomes, and sure enough, the test data Bentson and Lindley ran on a computer for several days produced districts with very low GFs.

Now they're ready to try it on the voter precincts of King County. This presents a new set of challenges, since physical features such as lakes and rivers interfere with the tiling of precincts. But the researchers have come up with a way to compensate: By assigning artificial zones with no population to bodies of water, precincts can be tied together across such obstructions.

Bentson says there are other problems to work out, too, but stay tuned. Sometime soon, computers may offer a way to draw voter districts that removes the opportunity for human mischief—if only the politicians adopt it. — Chuck Luce

CRUSADERS FOR FAIRNESS IN VOTING  Assistant Professor of Math and Computer Science Randy Bentson knows a little bit about computers and voting—he helped design the operating system for an electronic voting machine back when he worked in the private sector. Walker Lindley '08 was born in Texas, a state that got a lot of attention for redistricting shenanigans a few years ago.
Clark teaches a freshman-level course in geology, and he’s also the department technician, which makes him equal parts curator, librarian, inventory manager, lab tech, and handyman. He keeps track of the department’s approximately 10,000 maps and 3,000 rock samples used in classes, prepares and catalogs thousands of “thin sections” of rocks onto glass slides for examination under microscopes, and repairs compasses and instruments used in field exercises. Combining his practical talents with his knowledge of local geology, Clark came up with a project that would help students understand how scientists, who only get to observe rocks in the field when they are exposed above ground, figure out what lies miles beneath our feet and how those formations got there.

The rock “outcrops” Clark is building all over campus, which look decorative or natural to a passerby, demonstrate formations deposited 15 to 90 million years ago. The type of rocks (such as sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic), the order that they’re layered on top of each other, and whether they’ve been turned on their side or even upside down, tell scientists much about the history of the planet. Clark’s specialty is the 50-million-year-old southern part of the Olympics, where “pillows” (rounded rocks made underwater) arc found next to five- or six-sided “columns” (rocks formed as hot molten material was pushed up out of the ground).

Students use the campus outcrops to practice identification and to look for evidence of faults and igneous intrusions. Upper-level students notice details, such as impressions left by rippling water or glaciers, and other clues that might indicate the rocks were once in a shallow lake bed, or buried deep under the ocean, or heaved upward over millions of years.

Taken together, the 40 or so displays represent a microcosm of Washington’s geology. Clark collected specimens from all over the state and placed the outcrops to show formations typical of different areas. The outcrops correlating to the Olympic Peninsula indicate more intense folding than outcrops placed near the eastern parts of campus, representing the geologically more stable Palouse.

Clark says he wanted something better than slides or pictures in books to help geology students grasp the concepts they learned in the classroom. “And this is a timesaver. Now we don’t have to take all day on a field trip. We can just walk out here and they can see what I’m talking about.”

In planning the outcrops, Clark worked with campus groundskeepers to choose places that wouldn’t be conspicuous or interfere with campus maintenance. For the prototype outcrop, he dug the rocks into the ground on a slope, but someone stepped on the protruding rocks and knocked them down. Now he’s setting them in concrete, buried unobtrusively under dirt. With about a quarter of the outcrops in place, Clark estimates he’s used more than 4 tons of rock and concrete so far.

This idea has been done before at other universities but not to this extent. Puget Sound’s outcrop project is much larger and more comprehensive than any that Clark knows about. When it’s finished, he plans to submit a paper to the Journal of Geoscience Education. And students will get a laboratory where they can practice field geology without leaving the campus. — Ivey Slowosky
the faculty

Toy story
For these occupational therapy students, play is serious business

Research shows that when very young children play, there’s a lot more going on than just having fun: Movement and play are important in building preliteracy and other developmental skills. But what happens if a child isn’t able to play in traditional ways because of health problems, limited mobility, or sensory impairments?

Yvonne Swinth ’85 and students in her occupational therapy pediatric classes are in their third year of working with a Washington state-based organization called Good to Grow and an Olympia toy retailer to help evaluate toys for children with special needs.

“There are toys made just for kids with disabilities,” explains Swinth, “but they cost three or four times as much as regular toys. That’s prohibitive for many families, especially those with other children. This program helps parents and others select appropriate toys that all children in the family can play with.”

The testing provides information on how accessible a toy is, if it can be used in a variety of settings and from a range of body positions, how parents and children like it, and different ways kids can play with the toy.

“We also are working with manufacturers on how to adapt toys for children with disabilities, and with retailers so that they can assist parents looking for appropriate toys,” Swinth says.

With help from Swinth, Good to Grow developed a CD/ROM for retailers that shows them how to talk with parents of children with disabilities about selecting toys, and they hope to create a toy lending library once the university’s new health sciences building, now in the planning stages, is completed.


— Gayle McIntosh
Surf city

A Watson, vicariously
www.chasingtheflame.com

You can follow Watson Fellowship winner Greg Groggel ’06 (Groggel was one of two Watson and seven Fulbright fellows in his class, we note proudly) as he nation-hops from Mexico to Germany to Russia to Australia to China to South Korea, examining how hosting the Olympic Games affected cities in those countries. “Is the host city forever enlightened, awash in its newly found peace and prosperity, or is it left shell-shocked, wading through debt and cultural exploitation,” he wonders. The site has a photo gallery and a thorough and entertaining blog.

Real-time sports stats
www.ups.edu/athletics.xml

So you’re stuck working late at the office and can’t make the Loggers’ home basketball game? Now there’s an alternative on the Web that’s almost as good as being there. The sports information office has begun offering a live stats interface that brings you all the action in real-time for football, volleyball, softball, and basketball, as well as selected men’s and women’s soccer games. Cool, huh? Just point your browser to the athletics home page and click on LIVE STATS. But how do they do it? Live stats are generated directly from the statistics computer courtside or in the press box. As the stats are entered, the information is sent to the university’s Web server, which generates the pages. Live stats are not yet available for all soccer games or baseball games because the baseball field and East Field don’t yet have Internet access.

A spiffer Arches
www.ups.edu/arches

The Arches Web site got a brush-up recently, with a more informative front page, new features, such as downloadable PDF versions of the page layouts from the paper version of the magazine, and an improved search function.

Lost It’s a mystery how a masked booby like this one wound up in Oregon. (Speculation is it hitched a ride on a ship and jumped off in Portland.) The birds had never before been seen north of northern California.

Slater Museum

Booby prize

A string of unusual events lands a rare specimen in the Slater’s bird collection

The collections of the university’s James R. Slater Museum of Natural History grow by 1–2 percent a year, sometimes in unexpected ways. On Aug. 15, a motorist saw what he thought was an injured or sick bald eagle on the Oregon side of the I-5 bridge across the Columbia River. He reported it to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which sent an agent to pick it up. The bird was at first identified as a cormorant, and taken to the Portland Audubon Society Wildlife Care Center, where it was correctly identified as a booby, a tropical seabird not normally seen in the Pacific Northwest. Since a blue-footed booby recently had been photographed in Washington, the Audubon staff thought this might be that bird or another of the same species.

The bird unfortunately died during an attempt at rehabilitation, and its body was frozen. Gary Shugart, collection manager at the museum, read about the booby on Tweeters, the local birding listserv, and immediately called to ask if the specimen might be donated to the museum. The director of the wildlife care center, Bob Sallinger, agreed, and Dennis Paulson, director emeritus of the museum, picked up the specimen.

On closer examination back in the museum, Paulson realized it was not a blue-footed booby but an immature masked booby, a much rarer species on the Pacific Coast of North America and never before been seen north of northern California. The nearest breeding colonies are off the west coast of Mexico, but the species occurs throughout the tropical Pacific and Caribbean. Tissue samples were taken from the specimen, which might help determine the colony it originated from.

The Slater Museum Web site (www.ups.edu/slatermuseum.xml) has more information on the newly acquired booby in a posting they titled “A Tale of Two Boobies.” (Who says scientists can’t be funny?)

The museum, by the way, is getting a new home as part of the $63 million science center project. It’s due to open by the beginning of fall term, 2007.
The ‘secret’ history of African-American entrepreneurs

We learn what we don’t know through research and study. But how do we learn what we don’t know we don’t know? How do we unlock a well-kept secret?

Take the tradition of African-American business leadership, for example. With only five male CEOs and no women CEOs in Fortune 500 companies, we easily could assume that the field of black business leaders is emerging just now from decades of discrimination. But we’d be wrong. Black business leadership in America spans four centuries and includes successful entrepreneurs, men and women.

“I have an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in American history, and I wondered why I was never taught this,” says Jeffrey Matthews, associate professor and director of the Business Leadership Program. “Then I had an ah-ha moment. This was a fascinating area of undiscovered history.”

Matthews now is helping to fill the void with the cross-disciplinary course he developed, “Black Business Leadership: Past and Present.” Students draw connections and contrasts between critical issues facing black business leaders, both historic and contemporary, and analyze the influence of racism and prejudice on the evolution of American black capitalism.

Last spring, eight visiting African-American entrepreneurs and executives—ranging from Deborah Tuggle, owner of two Friday’s Cookies in Tacoma, to Buster Brown ’72, M.B.A.’74, CFO at Vulcan Inc.—shared their stories with the class and answered the students’ questions. Did they experience racism in high school or college? In the workplace? Did they feel isolated at large corporations as the only minority in their department?

“Their responses varied, which is a good lesson in understanding that there is not one black business culture,” Matthews explains. “Historically, we saw this in the 1920s and ’30s among African-American intellectuals such as E. Franklin Frazier. They were downplaying the uniqueness of black business history because they didn’t want to raise a separate black consciousness when their main social agenda was integration, not segregation.”

Matthews is working on a book he’s tentatively calling Earvin “Magic” Johnson and the Secret History of Black Business Leadership (due out in 2009). He says Johnson’s international reputation and strong business track record in urban markets serves as both example and magnet to attract interest to the larger history of black business leadership.

That makes sense to Najja Bullock ’06, who took the course last spring. “Athletes like Magic Johnson and music artists like Jay-Z have the capital to go in new directions,” he says. “They are role models who emphasize the importance of business in uplifting black communities. Civil rights will still play a big role, of course, but economic liberation is just as important.”

Once the secret is out, Matthews says everyone benefits from the achievements of black business leaders.

“Considering that most entrepreneurs aren’t ultimately successful,” he explains, “the fact that black businesspersons made it in spite of the discrimination, in spite of their lack of access to capital and exclusion from the good-old-boy network, makes their success even more remarkable.” — Lynda McDaniel
THE SCIENTIST WHO SPEAKS LIKE A POET With a global mass extinction already under way, by the end of the century humans will be living in what might be called "the Eremozoic Era—the Age of Loneliness," Wilson said.

lectures

A plea for the salvation of life on Earth

At this fall’s Swope Lecture, Edward O. Wilson, the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning biologist and oft acknowledged successor to Darwin, called on practitioners of science and faith to unite in an effort of religious intensity to save the Creation

Dear Pastor:
We have not met, yet I feel I know you well enough to call you friend. First of all, we grew up in the same faith. As a boy, I too answered the altar call; I went under the water. Although I no longer belong to that faith, I am confident that if we met and spoke privately of our deepest beliefs, it would be in a spirit of mutual respect and good will. I know we share many precepts of moral behavior. Perhaps it matters that we are both Americans and, insofar as it might still affect civility and good manners, we are both Southerners.

I write to you now for your counsel and help. Of course, in doing so, I see no way to avoid the fundamental differences in our respective worldviews. You are a literalist interpreter of Christian Holy Scripture. You reject the conclusion of science that mankind evolved from lower forms. You believe that each person's soul is immortal, making this planet a way station to a second, eternal life. Salvation is assured those who are redeemed in Christ.

I am a secular humanist. I think existence is what we make of it as individuals. There is no guarantee of life after death, and heaven and
hell are what we create for ourselves, on this planet. There is no other home. Humanity originated here by evolution from lower forms over millions of years. And, yes, I will speak plain, our ancestors were apelike animals. The human species has adapted physically and mentally to life on Earth and no place else. Ethics is the code of behavior we share on the basis of reason, law, honor, and an inborn sense of decency, even as some ascribe it to God’s will.

For you, the glory of an unseen divinity; for me, the glory of the universe revealed at last. For you, the belief in God made flesh to save mankind; for me, the belief in Prometheus fire seized to set men free. You have found your final truth; I am still searching. I may be wrong; you may be wrong. We may both be partly right. …

Let us see, then, if we can, and you are willing, to meet on the near side of metaphysics in order to deal with the real world we share. …

Pastor, we need your help. The Creation—living Nature—is in deep trouble.

So began E.O. Wilson on Sept. 26, reading from the first chapter of the most recent of his 21 books, The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth, which takes the form of a long letter to a Baptist minister. Wilson has written previously about the convergence of physical laws and spiritual ideas, but with The Creation he homes in on the joined capacity of science and religion—“the two most powerful forces in the world today”—to compel change before it is too late.

To a packed house in the university concert hall, the man who has been a Harvard professor for 50 years made his case: The “depth and complexity of living nature still exceeds human imagination,” he said. About 1.5 million species of plants and animals are known to science. But estimates put the remaining uncataloged species—in the tropical rain forests, below the polar ice caps, deep in the earth—at 10 times that number. And that’s not even counting the 100-million-or-so species of bacteria, fungi, and other microbes. Each of these evolved independently for a special purpose, helping nature achieve what he called “sustainability through complexity.” We don’t even yet know how important the interconnectivity of all life is.

But the prognosis for this wild diversity is not good. Taking the tone of a biblical narrative, Wilson said the human species has brought upon the Earth plagues of habitat loss, invasive species, pollution, human overpopulation, and overharvesting. “Think of a HIPPO,” said Wilson, who, ever the teacher, offered the acronym to help the audience remember the five plagues—the order of the letters corresponding to their rank in destructiveness.

“We are the giant meteorite of our time,” he warned. The effects of climate change alone make us “the first species in the history of life to become a geophysical force.

When a species dies out—and, at the present pace, 50 percent of plants and animals will be extinct or nearly so by the end of the century—we lose a part of the Creation forever.

Which is a moral tragedy, of course, and something religious groups and all people should care about on ethical grounds, Wilson said, but it is also an economic and scientific tragedy, considering the undiscovered medical and agricultural knowledge that is lost forever with each vanished species. How many organisms such as the Pacific yew, the tree that is the source of the anticancer agent taxol, will be eradicated before we have the chance to find them?

The fate of the Creation is the fate of humanity, and the world needs evangelists for nature, Wilson said. There’s still hope if we act with an effort of religious intensity in several areas of concentration:

1. Help the poor. About 5 percent of the Earth’s land is burned every year, this mostly in undeveloped countries for subsistence-farming. “The great challenge of the 21st century is to raise people everywhere to a decent standard of living, while preserving as much of the rest of life as possible,” he said. “The natural environment can’t survive the press of land-hungry people [upwards of 1 billion of them] who don’t have anywhere else to go to survive.”

2. Stabilize human population growth. Already there are encouraging signs. In nations where women have life-options beyond child-rearing, the birth rate is creeping downward. In some countries it is now less than 1.5 children per family. As undeveloped countries catch up in economic development, Wilson predicted, birth rates there also will decline. Worldwide human population will top out at about 9 billion and then recede.

3. Preserve what’s left of the Creation. Contain the growth of human settlements and identify and protect biological “hot spots,” the places of greatest biodiversity. Groups such as Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, and the World Wildlife Fund already are at work. The cost for all this would not be excessive on a global scale, a one-time outlay of about $30 billion, according to estimates. And Wilson is optimistic that some species on the brink of extinction can be rescued. He pointed to successful interventions with California condors, American bison, and others. With a wink he mentioned recent sightings of the Ivory-billed woodpecker, long thought to be extinct. “Stay tuned,” he said.

4. Learn about the Creation. Since 2002, Wilson has been promoting the idea of building an “encyclopedia of life,” a massive online database with a peer-reviewed page for every living thing. “Only with such encyclopedic knowledge can ecology mature as a science and acquire predictive power species by species, thence ecosystem by ecosystem,” he said.

As an observer of nature who is also a gifted essayist, Wilson has been compared to Ralph Waldo Emerson. It was Emerson who once wrote to a friend: “Heaven walks among us ordinarily muffled in such triple or tenfold disguises that … no one suspects the days to be gods.” E.O. Wilson may at last be closing the void between practitioners of the spiritual and the empirical, for the good of the planet.

— Chuck Luce
living on campus

The university has 15 theme houses—residences in which students who share an interest live together and offer educational programming related to the theme of their house. Here’s one of them:

MEET THE MEN OF ROBOT HOUSE

Take me to your leader Stephen Somerville ’07, Aaron Herres ’07, Benjamin Ahlvin ’08, and Ken Verhulst ’07 (L-R, above) are some of the brains behind Robot House. They are joined by juniors Peter McDonough, Allen Chen, and Eric Styner.

It came from Planet X The house robot was constructed from scratch, mostly by Herres, McDonough, and Ahlvin, who were working on the project for their digital electronics course. The robot apparently likes to be in the spotlight; it’s designed to seek out the brightest light in a room and make a beeline for it.

Rage against the machine The robot’s name, Lucy, is short for Lucifer. Ahlvin said the name was chosen partly because Lucy is a light-sensing robot, and lucifer is the Latin word for “light-bearer.” But they also named it Lucifer because the robot can be so frustrating to work on. The three had a problem building a chassis that was sturdy enough, for example, and they had little experience designing circuits.

Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto Ahlvin says that living in Robot House helped him get a UPS summer research grant to program a robot. He found out about the opportunity from his faculty advisor, who knew that he was interested in robots because he lived in Robot House.

Appliance of science Robot House’s first educational event of the year was a trip to Harned Hall for the Summer Research Symposium, where summer research students displayed their work, including the robot Ahlvin programmed. Last year the house also spent an evening watching Blade Runner and discussing how robots fit into human society. This year Robot House plans more movie events and a trip to the Science Fiction Museum in Seattle.

— Lan Nguyen ’08

construction

The campus goes dark

Not all campus construction is as visible as putting up brilliant new buildings like Harned Hall. Sometimes the work is a little less glamorous—but just as complicated. During winter break the 50-year-old switching equipment that supplies electricity to nearly the entire campus will be replaced, a task that’s a lot easier said than done. The project will take 10 days, and planning for it has been going on since spring 2006. Among the many things Facilities Services workers are helping university staff contend with:

Laboratories — making sure research equipment and animals are protected in science labs, a huge challenge since construction on phase two of the Science Center is in full swing.

Food — Food Services is running down its inventory, storing off site, and relying on “just in time” shipping when the project is over.

Mail — it still comes in during the break. Two special days will be set aside for sorting mail and receiving critical mailings, such as grades and end-of-year financial gifts.

Music — it’s cold out there, and climate control must be maintained in the music building to preserve delicate instruments.

Computer systems — all of the university’s network servers must be kept up and running.

Security — all buildings will be locked with special locks to prevent unescorted access, since there will be no lighting and fire alarm systems will be off.

SALAD DAYS In an online contest sponsored by the youth branch of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA2), students voted for the most vegetarian-friendly college or university in the United States. Puget Sound came in third. “With offerings like vegan cheeseburgers, vegan biscuits and gravy, vegan field roast sloppy joes, and many other meat-, dairy-, and egg-free selections to choose from,” said PETA, “the University of Puget Sound is a virtual vegan paradise.” The winner was Indiana University in Bloomington, Ill.; Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., was second. These days nearly one-quarter of all college students ask for vegan options in school cafeterias.
ON THE WATERFRONT  Well, almost. From its downtown storefront a few blocks up the bluff from the Thea Foss Waterway, the Grand is as much about teaching as entertainment.

**things we love about tacoma**

**The Grand Cinema**

*There’s no place like home*

Housed in the historic Merlino Art Center—next to Kickstand Café, a tai chi studio, and the mind-bending Two Vaults art gallery—the Grand Cinema feels right at home with its eclectic neighbors.

The 10-year-old movie theater specializes in independent, offbeat films you won't find at your local multiplex. It's a popular stop on Puget Sound's Saturday-night student shuttle and a mecca for Tacoma film fanatics, recently hosting the First Annual Tacoma Film Festival, featuring local and emerging filmmakers.

Inside the Grand, the décor is pleasant, tidy, and no-frills, with a humble concessions stand behind the ticket counter. "We want it to be small and comfortable," says Mary Holste, the Grand's interim managing director, "a non-intimidating place where people meet."

Contributing to that community feel are a variety of events, including the Grand’s annual Academy Awards party and the 72-Hour Film Competition, in which locals write, shoot, and edit films over a weekend, then roll the results. The Grand also hosts film discussions after Saturday matinees and offers courses on the art of moviemaking. "We want people to learn how to view film," Holste says, "not just come see a movie and go home."

A big hit among Puget Sound students has been the Grand’s Late-Night Series, featuring a cult classic shown once a month on Saturdays starting at 11:47 p.m. Recent screenings have included *Friday the 13th*, *Office Space*, and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*.

A nonprofit, the Grand boasts more than 700 members who pay a yearly fee and receive movie discounts, a quarterly newsletter, and other benefits. It relies on a staff of around 200 volunteers—ranging from teenagers to folks in their mid-80s—to take tickets, work the concessions stand, and help run the theater. Many of the volunteers are Puget Sound students or otherwise affiliated with the school. (Professor of Foreign Languages and Literature Michel Rocchi is president of the Grand's board of directors.)

Looking ahead, the Grand is hiring an executive director to run and market the theater and assist the board with strategic planning. On the agenda is a capital campaign to secure a permanent location—a topic of ongoing debate. ("It's an old building," Holste says of Merlino.) But, as the saying goes, home is where you make it.

— Andy Boynton
Hipsters of the world, give up

Scott Bateman's Sketchbook of Secrets and Shame
Scott Bateman '86
176 pages, Word Riot Press,
www.wordriot.org

Featuring 300 of Bateman’s provocative, single-panel cartoons, Sketchbook puts a pin in pop culture's balloon. The author, who runs a Web site called batemania.com, is a cartoonist, animator, and illustrator and is syndicated in nearly 400 newspapers. His cartoons—sporting a single, stunned-looking person (or occasional panda bear), accompanied by a wicked one-liner—zing politicians, celebrities, and other sitting ducks.

Among Sketchbook’s many targets are HMOs ("Would you like to supersize your pap smear?"), health-obsessed urban hipsters ("I eat only free-range dog"), and cable programming ("I’m building a time machine just so I can go forward 10 years and see VH-1’s ‘I Love the ’00s!’").

Punctuating the cartoons are essays from various writers, artists, and comedians, including one by UPS Professor of English Hans Ostrom, who writes about keeping current. ("When it comes to being hip, life has not just hip-checked me but blasted me into the boards.") Bateman recently completed a project called Bateman365 (soon to be available on DVD), in which he made an animated film every day for a year. — Andy Boynton
I was thinking about killing myself, and then this Celine Dion song came on the radio, now I'm absolutely determined to kill myself.

According to string theory, my bunions are pure energy.

I don't know my mom's birthday, but I remember Venus Flytrap's real name on "WKRP."

I refuse to use singular. I can not, in good conscience, support a company that has such a retarded spelling.

I'm worried that I'm becoming cynical about my sarcasm.

Other recent releases

Alaska Stories: A Memoir
Margaret Riddle Kingrey '75
316 pages, Infinity Publishing,
www.infinitypublishing.com

In this autobiography, Kingrey describes her life-changing decision to move to Alaska in the mid-1980s—"a journey," she says, "into the wilderness of my soul." She'd been a middle-aged, divorced single mom, living a block from UPS and feeling frustrated by her career prospects, when Alaska beckoned. She relocated to Anchorage and quickly fell for the area's wildlife and natural beauty. In Alaska's open spaces, she discovered herself. ("I was alone with no relationship to anyone, yet in relationship to everything.") Soon thereafter, she met Everett, a fellow churchgoer and hiking enthusiast. Kingrey now lives in Massachusetts and has worked for 30 years as an occupational therapist. — AB

Lizzie's Extraordinary Adventure
Betsy Huhn Clark '51
Aardvark Global Publishing Company,
www.aardvarkglobalpublishing.com

"We're on our way to Sturgeon Bay/Hooray, Hooray/Hooray!" That's what Clark and her sisters sing in this illustrated children's book, which chronicles her family's summer trips to Door County, Wis., in the 1930s. Lizzie, the family's Model T, sits in the garage longing for some excitement, when suddenly Daddy arrives to load suitcases and turn her crank. References to canning jars, pump houses, and Burma Shave ads recall a bygone era and lend a poignancy that thoughtful parents will appreciate. Clark, a retired elementary school teacher and librarian, has published numerous poems and short stories; this is her first children's book. — AB

What's for Dinner?: A Full Year of Tasty Dinner Menus
Evelyn Hopkins Zanner '40
116 pages, Ferncliff Publishing
Available through the UPS Bookstore.
http://bookstore.ups.edu, click on "Alumni Corner" or 253-879-3270

Out of dinner ideas? This clever, spiral-bound book—designed to look and function like a monthly calendar—serves up dinner menus for every day of the year, accompanied by recipes, biweekly grocery lists, and suggested staples to have on hand. There's even room in the schedule for leftovers. "You froze extra split pea soup on June 3rd," Zanner reminds us two months later. "Take the soup out in the morning to thaw." With instant potatoes and packaged hollandaise mixes on the menu, one is reminded that the emphasis here is on easy, not Escoffier. But the book deserves kudos for ingenuity: a fold-out stand in the back allows you to prop it up on your kitchen counter while you're fixing the food. — AB
good teachers/
good friends

Roberta Wilson

professor emerita of exercise science, 1977-2006

Roberta Wilson’s husband, longtime Puget Sound track coach Joe Peyton ’67, passed away three and a half years ago. When she talks about him, though, it’s as if she just lost him. She recalls the friendship of Puget Sound colleagues who sat vigil at their home during Joe’s last days and nights. She remembers how more than 200 students and alumni—many of them athletes—worked their way through tightened military security to visit Joe at Madigan Medical Center during the days immediately following his diagnosis with brain cancer.

His was a large presence.

"He saw the bright side of every situation," she says. "He knew everyone. Everywhere we went, whether we were walking along Ruston Way or across the country in Washington, D.C., we ran into people Joe knew. And if Joe knew you, you were a friend. His circle was enormous."

After he died in July 2003, Roberta returned to Puget Sound to teach students about physiology and nutrition. She had dinner with old friends. She jogged the routes she’d run for years. Everything was the same, but nothing was the same.

"A few months after Joe’s death, I was in my car when Lee Ann Womack’s song ‘I Hope You Dance’ came on. We’d played it at Joe’s funeral, and the lyrics really hit me."

Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me you’ll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance.

“I just sat there and bawled for the longest time. And then I walked into the house and..."
picked up the mail and found letters from Habitat for Humanity, the Peace Corps, UNICEF, and Doctors Without Borders. And that's when it hit me: maybe working with one of these groups was my 'dancing.'"

Roberta began researching her options. She'd been intrigued by the Peace Corps since she was a kid. She drove to Seattle to attend an information session for potential Peace Corps volunteers over age 50.

"The more I learned, the more it seemed like a great way for me to give back and stretch and grow, all at the same time," Roberta says. She filled out applications and went through interviews. Yes, Peace Corps officials decided, she'd make a terrific volunteer.

So, after 29 years on the faculty, she retired in December 2005. Big changes lie ahead, but change is something Roberta grew accustomed to during her career.

Fresh out of UCLA, Roberta headed to Rockford (Illinois) College. She taught there four years before being drawn to Puget Sound.

"Rockford is one of those places that's incredibly hot and humid in the summer and bitter cold in the winter," she says. "When I got to Tacoma, I thought, 'Where has this place been all my life?' It was beautiful, the weather was moderate, people were kind, and I immediately felt at home here."

During those early days at Puget Sound, Roberta worked in the physical education department (the predecessor to exercise science). The department was divided, with men's PE in Memorial Fieldhouse and women's physical education in Warner Gym.

"We were a little like second-class citizens," she says. "I coached volleyball, and I always joked that I needed miners' caps for my players because the lighting in Warner was so horrible. The gym had open rafters and the ball was forever getting hit up there. It was a less-than-ideal place to play."

In 1980 women's physical education moved to the fieldhouse with the rest of the department.

"There was still resistance from some of the men's coaches, but that began to wear away over time," she says. "Things weren't exactly equitable, but space and budgets were much, much improved."

During the next two decades, the department focus changed from a teaching-track program to preparing students for graduate studies in the health sciences. Puget Sound was evolving from a regional college to one with a world-class curriculum and faculty. Roberta responded to those changes by beginning her doctoral studies in 1982 at the University of Southern California.

"I knew I didn't want to coach forever, and I loved physiology, so it made sense to pursue that," she says. Roberta moved to Los Angeles for the first 15 months of her academic program, taking classes and conducting research; she returned to Puget Sound to teach and received her doctorate in 1989.

"The students and my colleagues—especially faculty members Heidi Orloff and Tom Wells—made my time at Puget Sound really enjoyable," she says. "Were there times when we wanted to pull our hair out? Did we work ourselves silly? Yes. Yes. But, overall, the good far, far outweighed any bad. I had a really terrific career. I feel so fortunate for that."

Orloff says she wasn't surprised when Roberta called and told her she was thinking about joining the Peace Corps. "It's a Roberta-thing," she says. "She's got the kind of heart that drives her to try to make things better for other people. For her, this is about giving back, but it's also about learning and growing. How cool is that?"

Roberta told her Peace Corps recruiter she needed 18 months after retirement before heading out to an assignment. She's spending the time traveling, running, doing yoga, meditating, and otherwise regaining her energy.

"Reading and studying what I want to read and study has been amazing," she says. "I'm reading things that are more spiritual and metaphysical. I'm not proud to admit I'd never read the Bible before, but that's something I'm starting to do now. I have Atlases out and I'm finding these cities that are mentioned, and I wake up every day anxious to learn something new."

She's also eating lunch. With friends. In restaurants and coffee shops.

"I tell people that and they're, like, 'So?' But at UPS, our staff was stretched so thin that, if we actually ate lunch, we did it at our desks while reading or talking on the phone. I don't think I could do it everyday, but I'm learning that lunch with friends can be pretty enjoyable."

Meanwhile, her recruiter has sent her three initial Peace Corps assignments to consider: one working with AIDS education in Africa, another teaching science in Africa, and a third creating graduate-level curriculum in health education in the Pacific Islands. She may ask to be nominated for one of these, or she may wait. She's not certain.

What she does know, is that this new path is the right path.

"I've had an absolutely blessed life. I know this will stretch me in ways I can't even imagine, but that's exhilarating to me.

"Everybody is excited that I'm doing this," she says. "And in my heart I know Joe is up there saying, 'You go girl!' He'd be happy for me. He'd be really happy I found a way to 'dance.'"—Mary Boone

Alumni can e-mail Roberta at rwilson@ups.edu.
Going places
You’ve heard the Steve Miller song:

“I’ve been from Phoenix, Arizona, all the way to Tacoma, Philadelphia, Atlanta, L.A. …”

This UPS admission counselor lives it.

For Melanie Reed ’96, the arc of an academic year is familiar and quick: In autumn, hit the road for weeks at a stretch to help high school students figure out if the University of Puget Sound is the right school for them. In early winter, screen applications. (Puget Sound’s admission counselors read 5,200 of them last year.) In spring, advise families about financing and enrollment.

All the seasons of her work are busy—the work is fast paced and varied; one of the least boredom-inducing jobs on the planet, Reed says—but the travel is positively Odyssean, both for the miles logged and the stories of the journey. She’s been to Oregon, Montana, Hawai‘i, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, and a lot of states in between. Over the course of 11 years, Reed has talked with students in the middle of Manhattan, at picnic tables on Kauai, and in the halls of her own high school, Marysville-Pilchuck, in Washington state.

Here, a few notes from her part of this fall’s UPS road show.

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Friday, September 8
Jones Hall, Puget Sound Campus, Tacoma

And so it begins. Another year.

Returning to the road brings memories of past travels: Middle-America Dairy Queens. Oversleeping and missing a flight to Hawai’i. The runaway brass luggage rack that konked me in the head. The time, post-migraine, I threw up while driving a rental car on the curvy road from Kahalui to Kaanapali. “Guest Appreciation Day” at a Wisconsin hotel, with free beer and meatballs for all. Catching an R.E.M. concert in Texas. The tiny upcountry inn on the Big Island, where only three guests could be on the telephone at a time. Mars Cheese Castle, south of Milwaukee, with its clever blend of outer space and medieval themes. Touring the Spam Museum with a 70-year-old “Spambassador.” The Ashland, Ore., High School college counselor who scored me a ticket to Tom Stoppard’s Arcadia. Ernest Hemingway’s high school. Fall leaves so bright they hurt my eyes.

Tomorrow I leave for Minnesota. A big stack of Puget Sound publications blocks my office door. On my to-do list: set “away” messages, pack cell charger, read latest online airport security restrictions, schedule off-campus interviews, edit presentation.

Sunday, September 10
The Mississippi River Room, Marquette Hotel, Minneapolis

Christine Manganaro ’03, once an admission tour guide, now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota, arrives to help make a presentation. I was Christine’s admission counselor when she applied. Now she will speak to the crowd about the benefits of a small, private college. The questions from families are informed and enthusiastic. A number of students have already seen the school and others have trips planned. After an evening addressing issues like campus diversity, access to college, affirmative action legislation, early application plans, changes to the S.A.T., and the rising cost of higher education, one mom thanks Christine and me for giving an upbeat, “myth-busting” tone to a process that’s sometimes bewildering to high school students.

Monday, September 11
Marquette Hotel lobby

Tonight I interviewed two different Minnesotans. Both already love Puget Sound and plan to apply early decision. One spent the first year of his life on an Indian reservation in Washington state and said, “It’s time to go home.”

Tuesday, September 12
Orono High School, Orono, Minn.

A typical “road” day. I’ll visit four schools and afterward interview more students in the hotel. After 10 years at this I’ve developed an internal homing device for finding high schools: stadium lights and flag poles are good tip-offs. And, at least for a few minutes each day, I assess the strength of a high school on its ability to provide easy-to-find visitor parking.

I pull into Orono High with time to kill (not always the case). This morning is misty, yet the day promises late-summer heat. Canada Geese fly overhead. I slap a hastily scribbled sign “VISITOR—UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND—DO NOT TOW—THANKS!” on my dash and lug college materials into the school. Six students arrive for my talk, including the younger sister of a current student, who loves it in Tacoma.

Wednesday, September 20
After my meeting at the University School of Milwaukee

My boyfriend is a commercial fisherman. He calls from the flying bridge of a 58-foot purse seiner in Alaska. We discuss the similarities between admission counseling and fishing: Being away from home for weeks. How conditions that are out of your control can affect outcomes. The dichotomies: Teamwork and independence are critical. Experimentation and history. Luck and deliberateness.

Admission counseling is perfect for someone who craves equal amounts of human contact and alone time. There’s really no in-between. You’re either by yourself in a hotel room catching up on the day’s paperwork, or you’re inundated with students at a college fair. The job has taught me how to eat alone and see movies alone, and how to ask questions and travel graciously. It’s also taught me the importance of coming home.

Friday, September 22
In a parking lot at Clark and Belden streets, Chicago

Last night I woke up in my Skokie, Ill., hotel room and had no idea where I was. I finally remembered that earlier I’d sat on a panel with other admission deans and directors from the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and Stanford at Francis W. Parker School and answered questions from families anxious about the application process.

I spend a lot of time in the car, driving from high school to high school, fishing for toll change with one hand and groping for coffee with the other. I divide my dimes and nickels into separate cup holders and feel like a complete toll pro at the freeway plazas. Only
while driving a rental car on the curvy road from Kahului to Kaanapali.

“Spambassador.” Ernest Hemingway’s high school.

a few days into travel and the passenger seat is dumping ground for Luna Bar wrappers, annotated maps, Sarah Vowell’s Partly Cloudy Patriot, and student inquiry cards. This week the seat also holds chips and nacho cheese dip: the all-time great road meal.

Monday, October 16
Meridian High School parking lot, Bellingham, Wash.
I have a half-hour break between school meetings. Drowsy from driving, I catch some shut-eye. I kick back the driver’s seat and snooze for about 28 of the 30 minutes I have free. If, next fall, you scan the nation’s high school parking lots, chances are you’ll see sleepy admission counselors catching naps between visits.

Tuesday, October 17
Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor, Wash.
Today I listen to the Office of Admission’s annual “Travel CD.” Colleague Zach Street polled admission counselors about their favorite contributions from the travel CDs we made during the past six years. He compiled a “Greatest Hits,” for which the top vote-getter was submitted by Britten Snider ’00 (“Movin’ Right Along” from The Muppet Movie).

In other years we’ve had photo contests, bad-postcard contests, and challenges to bring home the kitschiest artifact from one’s territory. Among these last, the entries were often scatological: Elvis sunglasses with sideburns (from Nevada); plastic cow-pie Frisbee (from Montana); bear-bell and moose-turd swizzle sticks (from Alaska); a Meramec Caverns serving tray (from Missouri); and a Can-of-Spam bank (from Minnesota—guess who’s contribution that was).

Wednesday, October 18
Somewhere near Lake Stevens, Wash.
I’m lost. Way lost. When this happens I play a game I call “I’m not late yet.” That is, until two minutes after the start time of my presentation, when I really am late. I find the career center and talk to 11 students, about half of whom are awake at 7:37 a.m.

Thursday, October 19
Evening, Marysville-Pilchuck High School
Fifteen years after I graduated from my own high school, I return to present on applying to private colleges. Despite the years, I’m sure I’ll refer to my high school counselors as “Mr. Stokes,” “Mr. Thomas,” and “Mr. Thordason.”

Thursday, October 26
Central High School, Duluth, Minn.
What a week! After representing Puget Sound at the largest college fair in the country (23,000 attendees!), I wake in Duluth, scrape my rental-car windshield, and watch the day bloom pink and gold over Lake Superior. Duluth makes me nostalgic for Tacoma. Both cities have an appealing mix of natural beauty, history, and industry. This morning I interviewed one student before my regular admission presentation at Marshall School and another student afterward. The second drove an hour and a half from her family farm in the Iron Range to meet me. She commercial fishes Bristol Bay in the summertime and wants to study engineering in college. After a final Duluth meeting, I’ll drive three hours to my last Midwest meeting of the season at St. John’s Preparatory School in Collegeville, an appropriate town name for the year’s fall-travel finale.

Thursday, October 26
Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
6:22 p.m. (CST): I undergo airport security with the entire University of Minnesota women’s soccer team. Halfway through the security line I spot the big pile of liquids-too-large-to-fit-in-a-one-quart-Ziploc-bag. Heaped on a metal table are family-sized bottles of lotion and Listerine, impossibly big for travel. Aerosols of any kind are not allowed, forcing one passenger to abandon a huge can of AquaNet. After I quip to the TSA employee that the AquaNet has been in someone’s bag since 1982, I overhear the TSA worker repeating my joke over and over to passengers in line. It’s time to leave. They’re stealing my material.

Friday, October 27
Home
12:30 a.m. (PST): Finally home to a pile of junk mail and an empty refrigerator. Some of my admission colleagues are “out” until Thanksgiving. One I won’t see until November.

Travel reminds me how representing the University of Puget Sound is a real extension of a liberal arts education. Admission counseling requires fluency with different topics of conversation, ability to address various audiences, and willingness to adapt to unexpected situations. Touring for work is its own continuing education, exposing you to different communities and viewpoints, biases and beliefs. If you happen to hit the Spam Museum along the way, so much the better. If you guide excited students toward a great college, better still.

Melanie Reed, who is in the first generation of her family to go to college, was an English major at Puget Sound. She is working on an M.A. through Middlebury College’s Bread Loaf School of English.
In his 16 years as university photographer, Ross Mulhausen has made photos of three university presidents, every professor who has stood behind a lectern, undergrads at their fluorescent best, and more football games than you can shake a pom-pom at. He's been hoisted up in cranes, flown around in helicopters, and led through dripping forests and Commencement Bay muck. If you're a student preparing for a semester of study abroad, he'll even snap a passport photo, a task for which he's rigged a nifty Polaroid setup. And sometimes—rarely—he gets to wander around on his own and point his lens at things on campus that catch his fancy. In November, as the days grew short and the matchless Northwest summer began fading to dark, Ross was attracted by campus lights and soft evening hues.
A few questions for

Mary Thomas

The job—and it is a job—of spouse of a university president is one of those demanding, high-profile, but poorly defined vocations for which no one ever actually applies.

When Ron Thomas became president of the University of Puget Sound in 2003, his wife, Mary, admits “first lady” was a position that took some getting used to. She’d spent the previous 14 years as a dean and faculty member at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

“I’d been wrapped up in my own career for a very long time,” she says. “When we came here, I had to make some real adjustments. Some of them sound like such simple things, but they signified a huge life change for me.”

Her days, which had formerly been scheduled by an assistant and governed by her BlackBerry, were suddenly less structured. When people asked what she did, she found herself at a loss for words. She was working—as most university presidents’ spouses do—to raise money, manage the presidential home, host social events, and serve on a multitude of volunteer boards, but she held no formal position, had no job title, and received no compensation.

“For years, students hadn’t called me anything other than ‘Dean Thomas,’” she says. “When we got here, I had to stop myself every time someone called me ‘Mrs. Thomas’ or ‘Mary.’ It was almost like I went through this identity crisis and had to figure out again who I was.”
But these days, Mary Thomas knows exactly who she is, and she seems quite comfortable in her role. She’s a gracious host and eloquent representative of the university. She’s also a thoughtful, honest, and intelligent sounding board for her husband.

“I like to think I’m an important part of the team,” she says.

The other Thomas agrees: “Team’ is a good way of describing our relationship,” he says. “We are quite different, and we complement each other so well. I couldn’t play in this league without her.”

The daughter of Philippine immigrants, Mary Thomas grew up in Seattle and attended Holy Names Academy there. A lover of languages, she headed east to Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in classical Greek. She earned her master’s and doctorate degrees in comparative literature from Princeton.

She taught at the University of Southern California and University of California, Santa Cruz, before taking her first administration position in 1982, coordinating Stanford University’s Western Culture program. In 1989 she left California for a deanship at Trinity.

Arches writer Mary Boone recently sat down with Mary Thomas to ask her what it’s like being back on the West Coast and how she feels about being a part of Puget Sound’s “Team Thomas.”

Arches: Tell us how you and Ron met.
MT: We met at Trinity College. I joined the administration there in 1989, as an associate dean. He came a year later, and we had our first date in December of that academic year. Of course, I thought he was extraordinarily handsome. He was the hip English professor-type, and the students loved him. Our personalities just meshed; I feel lucky that we met.

Arches: You and Ron were both administrators at Trinity. Did you ever consider pursuing a university presidency?
MT: I loved being dean of students, but I had absolutely no aspirations to become a university president. Ron’s such a great people person that he’s a much better fit for that role. When he decided that was a path he wanted to pursue, we talked about the implications it would have for me. I knew if he realized his dream, it would be very difficult for me to continue my career. I was at peace with that. I am at peace with that. I may not have an official title, but I know he considers me a valuable part of the Puget Sound team. We both love this university, and I do everything I can to support him and his vision for it.

Arches: What attracted the two of you to Puget Sound?
MT: There were certain places I knew I wouldn’t go, parts of the country where I didn’t want to move. When he told me he had been recruited for this job, I was as excited as he was. I told him, "Now, that you can do. I can live there."

I don’t remember much about Tacoma from my youth, but that’s fine because, from what I understand, Tacoma today is much different than it was 30 years ago. We really appreciate the city’s culture and charm and accessibility. It’s become a really vibrant area.

As far as the university itself goes, I love that it’s a small school that provides a high-quality, hand-crafted education. I think the faculty and staff are outstanding, and I’m proud that, as small as Puget Sound is, it plays an important part in the greater Tacoma area.

Arches: You serve on the boards of the Museum of Glass, Northwest Sinfonietta, and Tacoma Public Library Foundation. How did
you decide these were the three organizations to which you wanted to devote your time and energy?

**MT:** I didn’t rush into anything. I really thought about the causes I wanted to support, and I made my decisions with the realization that I wasn’t simply representing myself but rather the university as well.

The Museum of Glass is such a vital part of the renaissance of the city of Tacoma that I wanted to be part of that. Northwest Sinfonietta was founded by [UPS adjunct music professor] Christophe Chagnard, so that connection made it a natural. And the library was an obvious choice because, as a student and teacher, I hope the book will never be threatened. I want to do what I can to make books available to all residents, to make the library an exciting place to be.

All three boards are really pleasurable, but I won’t lie: they’ve brought with them a good deal of work and have forced me to tap into previously unknown skills. I chaired the search committee for the new director at the Museum of Glass; that really intensified my relationship with board members and staff there. On the other hand, the administrator side of my personality thrives on discussing processes and growth strategies.

**Arches:** Considering your home is located right on campus, do you ever feel like you live in a “glass house?”

**MT:** It’s not like that, really. People are very respectful and protective of our privacy. I can see the campus from our windows, but I never feel like we’re on stage. It’s actually a little secluded. We’ve had a few students knock on the door and ask to see the house, but I think that was driven by curiosity rather than the desire to intrude.

**Arches:** You attend a lot of dinners and receptions on behalf of the university. How demanding is the social aspect of your role as first lady?

**MT:** It’s busy but not much different than when we were at Trinity and Ron was acting president and I was dean of students. It’s not unusual for us to spend four of five weeknights entertaining at the house or attending dinners in the community.

I believe that’s an obligation we have—to reach out to students, staff, and faculty, as well as to like-minded organizations. It’s an obligation, but it’s also a pleasure. Of course, we’ve only been here three years. I’m not sure this is a pace we can maintain for the long run. Check back with me in a couple years and see if I’m still smiling when I talk about it.

**Arches:** You’re often spotted attending Puget Sound athletic events. Is that an obligation?

**MT:** I love going to women’s soccer games and football, because those are sports I really enjoy; they’re exciting for me. Ron adores athletics, so he drops in on basketball games and swim meets. We also enjoy the concerts and plays, but if we went to everything our lives would be completely consumed. We try to do as much as we can, and I think people appreciate it when we show up at those events, but I also think they understand everyone has limits.

**Arches:** Is it possible to get away from the demands of Ron’s job?

**MT:** We love to travel, but his schedule doesn’t allow for much of that—unless we can take an extra day or two for ourselves when he goes to a meeting. In June we were able to go to Venice to celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. That was fabulous.

The two of us love to go to Primo Grill for dinner; Sea Grill, Asado, and Pacific Grill are other favorites. If we have a night without an event and we don’t feel like cooking, those are the kinds of places we sneak off to.

**Arches:** Is there anything you can tell us about President Thomas that we might not know?

**MT:** No. The person he is in public is the same person he is behind closed doors. He’s gregarious, and he absolutely loves meeting people and hearing their stories.

**Arches:** What about you? What would our readers be surprised to learn about you? Do you have vices you’re willing to confess?

**MT:** I’m pretty boring, really. Even my bad habits aren’t worth writing about. It may be surprising to people to learn that I love to cook and think about food. I have every Gourmet magazine dating back to 1978. OK, as I say that, I realize it’s a little strange. Let’s just say I thoroughly enjoy good food and wine.

**Arches:** You’re an experienced administrator. Any chance you’ll someday take an official position at Puget Sound?

There were certain places I knew I wouldn’t go, parts of the country where I didn’t want to move. When he told me he had been recruited for this job, I was as excited as he was. I told him, “Now, that you can do. I can live there.”
Last June, in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, the Supreme Court ruled that the president could not deny rights to Guantánamo detainees and try them in military tribunals. Charles Sipos ’94 was on the team that argued and won the case. Now an act of Congress may suspend habeas corpus for terror suspects, and Sipos is buried in paper again, preparing for round two.

by Stacey Wilson
Charles Sipos comes off a bit guard when it comes to discussing details about 
*Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, the landmark case that challenged President Bush's 
power to try suspected terrorists. "I try not to say too much beyond the basic facts of the case, because when I start talking about the legal issues, I can get really worked up," says Sipos. "After spending nearly three years of my life on this, I think it's fair to say I feel pretty passionately about it."

It's a blustery November morning outside the downtown Seattle offices of Perkins Coie, one of the Northwest's oldest law firms. Sipos, a fifth-year associate, is taking a rare moment away from his law briefs to chat in one of the firm's conference rooms overlooking Elliott Bay. Dressed in a casual-Friday argyle sweater and jeans, his boyish appearance belies maturity and depth, qualities that put him on a team trying a case of immense civil and legal significance. "It has exceeded any realistic expectation about the type of law you could imagine practicing as a young lawyer," says Sipos. "I have a hard time thinking that there will be a case I'll work on that will surpass this one in terms of the overall experience."

Since 2004, Sipos and two Perkins Coie colleagues, Harry Schneider and Joe McMillan, have been defending Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a suspected al-Qaida member captured in Afghanistan just after 9/11. The firm sued the government—including our commander in chief—challenging the assertion that suspected terrorists should not be afforded the protections outlined for prisoners in the Geneva Conventions and instead should be tried in military tribunals.

Last June, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hamdan, relying on U.S. military law,
along with Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, which provides a minimum level of protection for anyone captured in an armed conflict—even in a nebulous and unprecedented "war on terror." The decision was a huge win for Sipos and his colleagues, since it proclaimed that any trials of so-called enemy combatants captured in a wartime conflict must take place in a "regularly constituted court affording all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples."

But the controversy didn't end there. In September, President Bush did what the Supreme Court said in Hamdan he had to do: Go to Congress to get authorization for the commissions. The result was the introduction of the Military Commission Act of 2006 (MCA), a law that gives the president power to detain, interrogate, and try suspected terrorists held at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, or anyone else deemed an "unlawful enemy combatant."

The MCA could give the president, as The New York Times commented in an editorial on Sept. 28, "the power to jail pretty much anyone for as long as he wants without charging them, to unilaterally reinterpret the Geneva Conventions, to authorize what normal people see as torture, and to deny justice to hundreds of men captured in error."

The act passed both houses of Congress and was signed into law on Oct. 17.

"This was not a welcome development," says Sipos.

As of early November, Sipos and his colleagues were preparing to challenge the MCA because, among other problems, it may strip the federal courts of jurisdiction to hear lawsuits challenging the trial and detention of enemy combatants. In doing so, it may result in a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus: a constitutional provision that affords basic rights to people who have been detained by the United States, such as Hamdan, to challenge their imprisonment in court.

"I wholeheartedly disagree that the war on terror can't be fought with laws that fall within constitutional limits," says Sipos. "For me this is what the Hamdan case represents and will represent when we look back. I appreciate that it's a difficult question to figure out exactly where those limits are, but it is a question worthy of vigorous debate, whatever your opinions may be, and one that our courts unquestionably have a role in. It's our obligation as citizens of this country to engage it, and my obligation as an attorney to remain vigilant about attacks on the courts' constitutional functions."

"But like I said," says Sipos, pausing to collect himself, "it's something I feel pretty strongly about."

If Sipos' career as an attorney has been fast and furious, his decision to practice law was a bit less dramatic. Raised in a military family whose Air Force father was stationed all over the country, Sipos graduated from high school in Lompoc, Calif., and was drawn to the Northwest for college because it was one of the few places he hadn't lived.

At UPS Sipos chose a major in communication and ended up just one credit shy of a second major in politics and government. He admits he didn't give the law serious consideration as a career until his senior year. "I had Professor David Sousa for several classes, and a lot of them dealt with legal issues and machinations of government," he says. "He really challenged me and made me think critically about the law. For the first time, I was excited about what I was learning. I think it just took me longer than most people to get there."

After graduating in May 1994, he was hired by Perkins Coie, Seattle's largest law firm, as a document clerk in the litigation department, which at the time was "the lowest level job you could have at the firm," says Sipos. "But actually, carrying briefcases for those lawyers was a great introduction to this business."

A year later, Sipos moved to Korea for a job at a law firm in Seoul and later traveled throughout Asia with then girlfriend and now wife, Nicole Martin '94. (The two were married in 1999 and have a son, Henry, who was born in April 2006.) Sipos and Martin returned to Seattle in the fall of 1996, and he resumed working at Perkins, but this time as a paralegal.

In the fall of 1999 he applied to law schools and the following summer moved with Martin to Tennessee, where the two attended graduate school at Vanderbilt University: he at the law school, she in a master of education program. "We went there because it was a good school for both of our fields," he says, "but also to experience a new place together, away from the Northwest. A chapter in life all to ourselves."

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While at Vanderbilt, Sipos says he took "pretty much every constitutional law course the school had to offer." He was enthralled with the examination of the separation of powers and structural constitutional issues. "But it wasn't something I had too much expectation of being able to carry over into practice," he says. "At least not on a day-to-day level." Sipos continued doing contract work for Perkins throughout law school and ultimately scored a much-coveted summer associate position for three months in 2001, where, he says, "I got some really interesting pro bono work and also made up my mind that Seattle, and Perkins in particular, is where I wanted to practice." Sipos soon received a formal offer from Perkins and, after receiving his J.D. in
Representing a suspected terrorist during wartime called into question the loyalties of Sipos and his law firm.

where he and hundreds of other “persons of interest” were being held in the immediate wake of 9/11. Although a small number of those men, including Hamdan, would eventually be charged with crimes, the rest were sent to Guantanamo for indefinite detention as enemy combatants, jailed for the indeterminate duration of the war on terror.

It’s widely known that Hamdan’s capture in Afghanistan was part of military activity there sanctioned by Congress in the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), a law passed shortly after 9/11 that mobilized military forces to combat and capture those responsible for the terrorist attacks. However, the AUMF was not a formal declaration of war, and it did not speak to how those captured would be tried. The same month as Hamdan’s capture, the president issued a military order, relying in part on the AUMF, declaring that anyone detained as an enemy combatant could be tried by a military commission.

But the problem, Sipos says, was that the war on terror is unlike prior conflicts and the AUMF was insufficient. It’s unclear when the “war” started and when it will end. “And the military commissions convened by past presidents during wartime had very narrowly confined jurisdictions,” he says. “Usually they tried only accepted war crimes that took place on the battlefield or immediately after battle. Hamdan’s situation just didn’t fit either the history of commissions or the congressional statute that limits their jurisdiction.”

Hamdan admitted only that he worked for hire as Osama bin Laden’s driver and has denied ever joining al-Qaida or engaging in jihadist training. But with little else to support it beyond the admission to being bin Laden’s chauffeur, President Bush issued an RTB, in the Seattle offices of Perkins Coie. (Katyal was familiar with the firm because one of his former students, David East, worked there.) Filed in Seattle because Swift lived there before joining the military, the case was transferred to federal court in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2004. But the Perkins lawyers stayed on board.

Harry Schneider, Perkins Coie’s senior partner on the case, tapped colleagues Joe McMillan, 46, and David East, 30 (who’s now with the firm McNaul Ebel), and Sipos to join him. “I decided at the very outset that this case needed to be staffed with the best possible team I could assemble,” says Schneider. “Charles had worked on cases for me before he went to law school, so I had a long track record with him that convinced me he had the ideal combination of intellectual talent, appetite for hard work, and teamwork skills necessary for a case that had the potential to go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.”

The main challenges raised by the suit, filed in the United States District Court in Seattle on April 6, 2004, were whether military commissions as outlined by President Bush complied with military law, the Geneva Conventions, and constitutional checks on the separation of powers. “Really what we were saying,” Sipos explains, “is that the president was trying to exceed the powers afforded to him by Congress and the Constitution. This was wrong.”

Over the next two and a half years, the lawyers at Perkins logged thousands of pro bono hours on the Hamdan case, services that Sipos estimates to be worth “well over $1 million, if the firm were getting paid.”

Concurrent with his work on Hamdan, Sipos also continued intellectual property litigation, his primary practice area, although he admits Hamdan is “really what I’m most excited to go to work for every day.”

Of course, Sipos says, the level of public scrutiny meant increased pressure to perform. “It’s not as though I came to the case with a lot of experience litigating the legality of military commissions,” he says. “On the other hand,
commissions had been a dead letter for the past 50 years, so there wasn’t really anyone else who did either.”

Getting past the notion of representing a suspected terrorist at Guantánamo and the anti-patriotic stigma associated with it, another aspect of Hamdan called into question Sipos’ and his firm’s loyalties during wartime. Last March, a U.S. military official at Guantánamo said it seemed more than odd that a corporate law firm, whose clients include a major defense contractor like Boeing, was working for free for a suspected terrorist.

“Yes, we did hear that comment: ‘Oh isn’t it ironic that law firms representing defense contractors are now working pro bono to defend terrorists,’” says Sipos, who co-wrote an editorial with McMillan for The Seattle Times, criticizing the commissions authorized by the MCA last fall. “But I think that’s a bankrupt argument on a lot of levels. Overall, the response from our clients and the community has been very favorable, and I’m certainly not aware of any internal controversy at Perkins about us taking the case.”

Katyal charged Sipos with the research and briefing on why the rules of evidence used in

the commission failed to comply with military law. Katyal says Sipos' work was so good that he ultimate turned over to him a huge area of law: whether President Bush's military commissions complied with the Uniform Code of Military Justice. "Charles became my most trusted advisor on this area of law, eclipsing the views of individuals who had dedicated their lives to military law," says Katyal. "He had a level of precision about his work that was unmatched."

Hamdan's legal team won at the district-court level in D.C., but that decision was reversed by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. morning, driving to the courthouse with Joe. It was surreal."

The 185-page ruling, with the majority opinion written by Justice Stevens, sided 5-3 with Hamdan and agreed with Katyal's argument that the proceedings for the commissions did not comply with military law and were in violation of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions: If Hamdan were to be tried, it must be in a court that provided him "judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples."

It's rare for the Supreme Court to hear cases challenging the president's power to convene commissions. "And it's even rarer for the court to tell the president that he's acting outside the authority that's been granted to him by Congress," says Sipos. "I believe the Hamdan opinion will be read by future courts to require that whatever regime is put in place to deal with enemy combatants in the war on terror, it must comply with constitutional restraints."

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The team then prepared the case for review by the Supreme Court, which Katyal argued on March 28, 2006. Sipos, McMillan, and Schneider were at the Supreme Court for the argument, having spent nearly two weeks in D.C. acting as "mock" justices in a series of moot courts aimed at sharpening Katyal's presentation. (Katyal and Swift had made numerous visits to Hamdan at Guantánamo and kept him apprised, via a translator, of the prior, lower-court decisions.)

On Wednesday, June 28, 2006, after waiting 12 weeks for the court's decision, Sipos and McMillan got the call. "We found out the Hamdan decision was going to be passed down the following day," he says. "So we took the red-eye to D.C. in our suits that night. And I've never felt such pride as I did the following morning, driving to the courthouse with Joe. It was surreal."

As for Hamdan, news reports have suggested the government may recharge and try him (along with the nine others previously charged under the president's now defunct military order) under the MCA. Those trials might take place as early as summer 2007. As the federal civil case moves forward, Sipos awaits government approval of the necessary security clearance papers so he can visit his client for the first time, ideally before the new year. Although it's really just a regular client meeting, Sipos admits it will be rather unusual seeing Hamdan since the meeting has been three years in the making.

In the meantime, he's heartened by the response and reaction his firm's work on Hamdan has garnered in Seattle and beyond. "There was a mention of the case in the paper one Sunday," he says. "And we got 100 e-mails over the weekend from people all over the U.S. commending the firm, Professor Katyal, and Commander Swift for taking the case. It was very heartening to see that there are people out there who recognize that this story is more important than, say, Paris Hilton's DUI."

He says this kind of support has helped him avoid the trap of hopelessness, apathy, or cynicism that these difficult times can foster. "We need to remember that the U.S. is the envy of the world in terms of the fairness and rigor with which people are defended here," he says. "Even if we'd lost Hamdan at the Supreme Court, I could still walk away from the case feeling like we were correct to take on an issue as important as the erosion of constitutional liberty, particularly during a time when people might be more tolerant of it because it's been packaged for them as something that's 'necessary to meet the objective.'"

He pauses again, smiling. "Like I said, I do feel pretty passionately about it."

Stacey Wilson, a 1996 Puget Sound graduate, is a correspondent for People and frequent contributor to Portland Monthly magazine.
The painting method Jim Waterman '71 uses is reminiscent of raku-fired glazes on ceramics. "I like the element of surprise in the technique because I never really know how it's going to turn out," he says. For more on Jim and his work, turn the page.
Jim Waterman '71, painter

A dozen koi peek bashfully from under waterlilies on a sunny Northwest fall morning, gurgling fountains, and maple trees turning luminescent yellow—the oasis-like setting is Jim and Niki Waterman's backyard. Driving down busy North 30th Street in Tacoma, no one would ever suspect it's there. The couple's efforts were featured in the summer issue of South Sound Home and Garden. "I finally realized a few years ago that gardening isn't just about plants," Jim says, "It's a component of design and art." That thinking carries over to his day job as the floral designer/buyer at Washington Floral Service, Inc., a position he's held for more than 15 years.

As a North End kid who used the Puget Sound campus as his playground—sometimes sneaking in through the second story windows of the fieldhouse to catch a good concert—Jim never considered attending college anywhere else. "I don't know what I would have done if UPS hadn't accepted me," he says. Jim wanted to study with legendary ceramist F. Carlton Ball, but was discouraged by the number of people interested in the field. "There were so many people in my first class, I figured the world didn't need another potter," he says. So he switched to fine art instead.

Jim began to show his art locally while still in college, but his big break came in 1982 when he was encouraged to approach the Foster White Gallery in Seattle (www.fosterwhite.com). "When they accepted my work, it was right up there at the top—a moment in your life you always remember—like getting married and having your kids," he says. Foster White has represented him ever since and nearly sold out his September exhibit.

Even though Jim didn't end up in ceramics, part of his painting method is reminiscent of raku-fired glazes. "I like the element of surprise in the technique because I never really know how it's going to turn out," he says. Jim prefers to work on standard hardboard instead of canvas because it allows him the flexibility to experiment with his background techniques—using solvents, sand paper, and even bubble wrap to create the distressed, corrosive look that is classic Waterman.

Jim chooses his subject matter from what he believes others might "overlook as ordinary." Large filing boxes contain hundreds of pages pulled from magazines and books that help provide ideas—the shape of a pot, the lift of a flower, or a reflection. Jim refers to this part of the process as visual collage. Once he's chosen his subject, he draws the image on a board. He covers the sketch with a masking fluid, similar to rubber cement, to protect the design. Then Jim plays with layers of paint and other techniques to create the desired background effect. He then rubs the masking off to expose the original design, which he paints in elaborate detail. The result is simple, clean, and evokes a feeling of ikebana, the Japanese art of arranging cut flowers. Morris Graves' influence also is observable in Jim's paintings, and, in fact, he once shared exhibit space with the famous Northwest painter.

Jim also is represented by Northwest by Northwest Gallery in Cannon Beach, Ore., www.nwbynwgallery.com. — Cathy Tollefson '83
lish and journalism teacher, newspaper reporter, and public relations man for three Tacoma school district superintendents. He edits Happenings for the Pierce County School Retirees Association, sings in the Normanna Male Chorus, and gets in two or three rounds of golf each week.

**50** Bart Hartzell and wife Luz were in England for three weeks this fall, visiting their daughter Caroline Hartzell ’85. Caroline is an associate professor of political science and coordinator of globalization studies at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. She was visiting London with students from Gettysburg. Bart writes: “Caroline was teaching students at Lancaster University who are studying for their master’s in political science. We had a nice visit with her, son-in-law David Lewis, and our granddaughter Meghann. We also revisited sights in London, such as Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Covent Gardens, Hyde Park, and Kew Gardens.”

**52** Lon Hoover was awarded the 2006 Distinguished Service Award by the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians. The award is presented to a Michigan family physician who exemplifies the highest quality of dedication to the profession. Lon spent nearly 20 years in private practice as a family physician in Tacoma before leaving to work both in teaching and practice at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**56** Charles Arnold is a retired public health physician and psychiatrist. He is now active in leadership roles in his local Episcopal Church in Topsham, Maine. Charles and wife Sarah enjoy cruising in their sailboat in the summer and skiing in Maine (and sometimes Switzerland) in the winter. He also takes pleasure in playing, attending theater performances in Maine and New York, attending Boston Symphony concerts, and visiting children and playing with grandchildren as often as possible.

**57** Ron Brown is still going strong after coaching more than 45 seasons at Centralia High School in Centralia, Wash. In college Ron played for two years for the University of Washington before transferring to CPS. “At (Puget Sound), I decided I wanted to teach,” Ron told The Olympian.

**59** Donna Bell Cross and her husband have landed in an apartment in Benson, Ariz., after 10 years of living full time in their RV. Donna writes: “We love Arizona and the mountains surrounding Benson, which is only 20 minutes away from the notorious town of Tombstone. Come visit the Grand Canyon state!”

**61** Tom Barnard was named to the Best Lawyers in America list for the 10th time. This year 30 lawyers from the Cleveland firm Ulmer and Berne, in which Tom is a partner, were named to the list. Tom is the co-chair of the firm’s employment and labor group.

**62** Jerry Thorpe was elected treasurer of the American Contact Bridge League Educational Foundation board of trustees. The league is a charitable arm of the ACBL. Jerry also has finished his third year as a realtor for the Harold A. Allen Co., in Lakewood, Wash.

**63** Mary Brown and husband Dan have been practicing physicians in Bend, Ore., for 31 years. Mary recently was elected to the board of directors for the American Academy of Pediatrics. She writes: “Dan retired seven years ago and now is an alpaca grower. I continue to practice medicine to rest up from ranching. (Actually, what I love to do!)”

**64** The Aug. 12, 2006, edition of The Japan Times reported that John Delp was a “pioneering travel agent with nearly 40 years’ activity in Japan” and noted his participation in “the world’s longest mail run” in the Australian outback in June 1998, a two-day trip via aircraft. John received his introduction to the travel field as a student at UPS, working part time at a local agency. His book East is West chronicles his life and interesting travels. John lives in Tokyo.

**66** Bill Fromhold B.A.’66, M.B.A.’70, three-term Democratic state representative from Washington’s 49th Legislative District, was re-elected on Nov. 7 to a fourth term. The 49th District lies entirely within the city of Vancouver, Wash. His current committee assignments are as vice chair for both appropriations and higher education.

**67** Charles Burgamy retired from state service and the Coast Guard. He spends time traveling around the United States and overseas.

**68** Clay Loges is serving on the Business Leadership Council for the Puget Sound School of Business and Leadership. Clay also has been busy launching a new business venture that's been in development for the past few years, Yodio, an audio publishing site. Clay says the inspiration for Yodio was to establish an easy way for people around the world to create audio tours for fellow travelers. "Travel is close to my heart, so I encourage alumni to visit the site (it's free), make an interesting audio, and share it with others," says Clay. See www.yodio.com.

**69** Rick Perkins retired from Electronic Data Systems in 2004. He writes: “We visited our son and family in Japan this past spring, and we went to a family reunion in Minnesota this summer.”

**71** Cathy Smeltzer retired from the Puyallup school district after 34 years as an elementary music teacher. She writes: “Now I give private piano lessons and enjoy my grandchildren, flowers, reading, and the gym. Life is great!”


**73** Peggy Reinhart Patterson B.A.’73, M.Ed.’74, and her husband, Edwin, own Hoodsport Winery. The winery has announced the release of a series of wines celebrating the whales of the Pacific Northwest. The labels feature bright colors and an adaptation of a Native American artwork Orca whale, created by Clarence Mills, a member of the Haida nation of British Columbia. The new labels are the first Northwest wines to use what is referred to in industry publications as the “Critter Phenomenon.” According to recent surveys, Americans buy twice the number of wines with colorful animals on their labels as they do other new brands. Hoodsport pledged to donate a portion of the proceeds from every bottle sold to help save the whales in Puget Sound.

**74** Barbara Bartlett Swenson M.Ed.’74, M.B.A.’83 is following her passion for Tuscan cooking, after retiring from the medical and information-technology fields. She started Taste, Beauty, and Grace Personal Chefs. Her company specializes in cooking for parties, catering, and "personal chefing." Write Barb at tastebeautygrace@msn.com.

**75** Gregory Wong B.A.’74, M.B.A.’75 celebrated his 30th year as an agent at New York Life Insurance Co. He is a certified financial planner, certified human factors professional, and a chartered life underwriter, as well as a registered
representative of NYLife Securities in the company’s downtown Tacoma office.

Bob Moniz is Washington state president of LEOFF I, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Pension System Coalition.

Marty Conger was named chief financial officer at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. His duties began in July.

Stephen Nelson retired after 21 years directing and teaching the orchestras at Sprague High School in Salem, Ore. Under his leadership, Sprague High’s orchestra won 19 state championships, three international competitions in education program for the Ocean View Foundation and each spring bands birds. [See Arches, winter 2006]

Twelve years ago, Charles Kile began Night on the Town, an idea that has grown to include nine events over a four-day period at Christmastime, involving singles from 30 Raleigh, N.C.-area churches who get together to help the needy, share a meal, play board games, shoot pool, and hike. See http://nightontheown2002.tripod.com, or contact Charles at nightontheown2002@yahoo.com for more information.

Matthew Mercer writes: “I’m working on my second master’s degree—this time in human resources management at the University of Phoenix in Tacoma. I currently supervise community college students working toward their associate's degree in human services.” Matthew earned his first master’s degree in psychology in 1996 from Antioch University in Seattle.

Larry Yok M.B.A.’80 is Highline Community College’s new vice president for administration. Previously, Larry was director of human resources at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle. He also is an adjunct faculty member at San Francisco State University’s College of Extended Learning.

Chuck Reinfinger and Tracy Tucker Reinfinger ‘81 have been crafting award-winning wines since 1997 at their Reinfinger Winery in Walla Walla, Wash. In 2003, Chuck and Tracy partnered with Tracy’s two brothers and their wives to expand operations. Reinfinger was named one of the Top 100 Wineries of the Year (artisan category) in Wine and Spirits magazine’s special Buying Guide issue in both 2005 and 2006. For more information, see www.reinfingerwinery.com.

Bill Gaines M.B.A.’84 was appointed superintendent of Tacoma Power in September. He assumed his duties on Oct. 16. Bill most recently was the power supply and environmental affairs officer at Seattle City Light. Prior to that he worked at Puget Sound Energy for 27 years, including seven years as an executive officer of the company. Bill also serves on the boards of Energy Northwest and the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC), and on the executive committees of the Public Power Council and the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP).

Wendy Rolfe Evered ‘85 writes: “I am now living in Princeton, N.J., with my family. This September I shot a feature film titled Running Funny. I co-starred with Louis Zorich and a terrific cast of five. On Dec. 14, I performed in a staged reading produced by the Princeton Arts Council. We read my husband Charles’ play Adopt a Sailor. Since I am an artist in residence at the U.C. Riverside, Palm Desert campus, I go there a few times a year to participate in readings of new works. Last spring we were delighted to have Gena Rowlands visit. That was a highlight for me—she gave me great advice about how to raise kids and have acting jobs at the same time! I hope to catch the Adelphian concert at Carnegie Hall in February 2007 and to say hello to Duane Karna ’82—and any other Adelphian alums that may attend. All the best!”

The Puyallup, Wash., school district chose Julie Christian Loewen’s suggestion for naming its newest junior high. “Glacier View” Junior High School will open its doors in fall 2008. The Glacier View Wilderness Area is visible from the building site. Julie also named the district’s newest high school in 1998: “Emerald Ridge” High School. She writes: “Both of the names are actual locations on our most distinguished landmark—Mount Rainier. The schools will establish Puyallup’s first K-12 campus.” Julie’s daughter began attending Emerald Ridge this fall, and her son will follow next year. Julie also was assigned to work in the
Patrick Gabrish sends this update from Portland, Ore.: "I'm still in the food business, but left PepsiCo nearly three years ago to develop organic, natural, and sustainable food service products for Pacific Natural Foods in Portland. It is very rewarding to work with a local NW company to create and market Earth- and people-friendly products. My wife, Patty, and I are both involved with school and activities (and transportation) for our four children ranging in age from 4 to 12."

Paul Goetzinger was promoted to instructional coordinator at Tacoma Community College, Center for Academic Support and Achievement. He transferred to TCC in 2004, after working for Tutorial Services at Highline Community College since 1999.

Diana Cuomo is an attorney for the California State Attorney General's office in Sacramento. A Sept. 26 article in the Lodi News-Sentinel indicated she is one of the lawyers assigned to a case that will determine whether California's lethal injection death penalty is constitutional.

Laura Garmann Kinney writes: "I just started a position with MultiCare Health System as an on-staff organizational effectiveness consultant. It is the first time I have lived in Tacoma since I left UPS in 1989. I have lived in Moscow and Boise, Idaho; Tawas City, Mich.; Florence, Ore.; and Newport and Issaquah, Wash. I worked as a fisheries biologist in Alaska, and then as a quality management system consultant for the automotive industry when I lived in Michigan. I am excited to use my skills to improve health-care organizations and thrilled to be back in Tacoma! I have reconnected with my Kappa roommate, Lee Hansmann Napier '90, and I also stay in contact with Mark Eaton '88 and Michele Moyer Eaton '88. I had dinner with Greg Milosevich earlier this year, when he was in town on business. I would love to hear from my lab partner, Liz Chilton. If anyone knows how to contact her, please let me know at Laura_Kinney@msn.com!"

Melinda Levey Madamba sends this update: "I just moved back to the Pacific Northwest after 17 years in Hawaii! This is all new to my husband, Jose, and our children, Megan, 12, and Jonathan, 7, as they were all born and raised on Maui. We purchased a house in Bremerton and are looking forward to making it home." After nine years in accounting, Melinda decided to be a stay-at-home mom for a couple of years and then went back to school in 1994 to earn her master's in education from the University of Phoenix. She most recently taught fifth grade.

Stephanie Hargrave had her first solo art show in October at the Patricia Rovzar Gallery in Kirkland, Wash. The exhibit is a collection of her encaustic paintings, a method in which colors in wax are fused (or inlaid) onto a surface. Stephanie has been honing her skills at the Pratt Fine Arts Center for the past six years. She and her mom also have a business venture in West Seattle. Their new- and used-clothing shop, Smallclothes, features gifts, new organic cotton clothing, and high-end resale items.

Matthew Aujla co-founded Peak CCI International, Ltd., last year (www.peekcci.com). "The main objective of Peak is to build, enhance, and analyze large, offshore proprietary databases for clients." He resides in Singapore.

Don Bartkowiak moved to Nelson, New Zealand, this summer after 13 years in Westminster, Colo. His blog site chronicles his life experiences so far at www.dna-nz.blogspot.com. Don writes: "Any friends who I've lost touch with, please feel free to e-mail me at donbark@hotmail.com."

Alex Burlingame sends this update: "After three years working in San Francisco and 13 years removed from Washington, we are heading back to Seattle. We had our second child and now have two energetic girls, Oliva, 6, and Ella Alexa, 19 months." Alex is married to Nancy Morlang Burlingame and has worked for Morgan Stanley for more than 10 years. He prepared for the Honolulu Marathon that took place Dec. 10 and also is in training for a 2007 climb of Mount Kilimanjaro with classmate Cooper Conrad '95. Alex adds: "I wonder if the spice island of Zanzibar will be able to handle us after our climb."

Kameron Holloway began work as executive director of the Family and Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) in Dillon, Colo., on Sept. 5. FIRC is a nonprofit agency that provides family and immigration services. He previously managed Urban Peak, which serves homeless and at-risk youth. Kameron is studying for his M.B.A. at the University of Denver.

Stephanie Schleicher writes: "After a 10-year courtship, Craig [Tyler] and I exchanged wedding vows in 2001. Our latest and most exciting news is that we just welcomed our son, Bennett Quinn Tyler, to the world on March 21, 2006."

Darby Stanchfield is in prime time! She plays the role of reoccurring character Dr. April Green on the nighttime drama "Jericho" that airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on CBS. Darby earned her master's in fine arts from the American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.) in San Francisco.

After 35 years, lost and found

In July a good gentleman named George Green wrote us: "I found a ring at Santa Cruz beach in the '70s. Men's ring, University of Puget Sound, Class of 1970. The initials in the ring are "T.E.H. Is there any way to find the owner?" Well, we tried, to no avail. If you lost this ring or know the Alpha Kappa Psi brother who lost it, please contact Mr. Green at lcwalt@juno.com."
Ruff cuts  A day at the dog park

Sometime photographer Mike Scharer '82, a dog enthusiast from way back, hones his skills at a local dog park. "Most photographers get to say, 'Smile!' he laughs. "I'm out there yelling, "Hey, no humping!" Mike lives in West Seattle and has two daughters; Pyper, 16, and Hadley, 12. He also shares his home with his Doberman puppy, Ryder, and the cat that keeps them all in line, Ellie. See more of Mike's photography, not just dogs, at www.d2xd.com.
Anne Gish '04, backstage manager

‘One big, happy freak-show family’

If you haven’t yet experienced Seattle’s dinner-theater-doused-in-absinthe adventure known as Teatro ZinZanni, no one is more qualified than Anne Gish to tempt your sense of adventure. Who better than one of the show’s backstage managers—and proud keeper of the contortionist’s candy stash—to serve up the inside scoop on the zaniest way to spend 100 bucks this side of Vegas?

“It’s fairly commonplace to see naked men and people riding unicycles around the tent before the show,” says Anne, 24, who honed her theater-geek tendencies at UPS running productions ranging from senior one-acts to Tartuffe.

“What happens backstage at Teatro ZinZanni is just about as crazy as what happens during the show,” she admits, chuckling, “though it’s all become just part of my job, so I barely notice it anymore!”

Few of us are charmed enough to claim burlesque-ian nudity and circus stunts as part and parcel to a day at the office. But for Anne, Teatro ZinZanni, a show originally conceived in Seattle and intended to run in 1998 as a limited engagement, was the logical next venue for the Minneapolis native to prove her mettle as the lady behind the curtain.

Having grown weary of the piecemeal income proffered by Seattle’s fringe-theater scene, (“I made about $50 each on some of those small shows,” she says, wincing), Anne pursued a ZinZanni backstage-manager job advertised online last February. After a three-month, part-time stint, she was officially hired in May.

Six months into her post, Anne checks off the list of her daily duties under the enormous, can’t-miss-it white tent located at 6th Avenue and Battery in downtown Seattle: ready props and costumes for the mostly European cast and crew of 40, rig trapeze artists for safe flight, and feed the female contortionist lollipops to “make sure she’s happy in her box before she goes onstage.”

If these Wednesday through Sunday workday responsibilities have become a tad quotidien, Anne’s eyes light up when she mentions perks like picking up Russian from the trapeze duo, partaking in vodka pickle nights (“that’s the Russian version of tequila and lime,” she says), and breaking bread with the crew every night after the show. “The crew dinner is my favorite part of the day,” says Anne smiling. “Those meals really help us feel like a family. One big, happy freak-show family.”

— Stacey Wilson '96

purchased a small farm and house built in 1915, in Port Orchard, Wash. We also built a large art studio where we both work.” Christopher was on September’s Open Studio Tour, showcasing 24 artists in the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula area. See www.mathiepottery.com.

Anna Todd writes: “I am in my ninth year at Todd Construction, which is an accomplishment for someone who never thought they would be in construction! My daughter is 10 years old and entering fifth grade—which means she’s verging on being smarter than her mother. I had the wonderful opportunity to visit some UPS alums in Europe last year:

Jen Fischer, Michael Lee, and Kent Yamada ’95. I’m hoping to do even more traveling next year. I would love to hear from old friends!” You can contact Anna at atodd@toddconstruction.com.


Mariner Kemper was featured in the Kansas City Star and on MSNBC.com in an article on the nation’s youngest CEOs. Mariner, whose family bought ownership of the predecessor bank to UMB Financial five generations ago, was on the company payroll at 16, verifying employment for credit card applications. After graduating from UPS and working his way up to president of UMB Bank in Colorado in 1997, he became chief executive of that bank, and later took over as UMB Financial’s head in 2004.

Jonathan Wolfer was appointed principal at Bromwell Elementary School in Denver. He and his wife, Beth, have two children, Ryan, 5, and Joshua, 2.

95 Eric Akines’ Seattle store, Polite Society, a clothing, accessories, and home furnishings boutique, was featured in the October issue of Seattle Metropolitan magazine.

Kirsten Axelsen married David Carmel on Sept. 16 at David’s mother’s weekend home in Brant Lake, N.Y. Kirsten is the director of global market analytics and an economist at Pfizer Inc., researching the impact of government health care policy on patients and pharmaceutical companies.

Jon Haralson finished his M.B.A. at the University of Portland in December 2005 and was promoted to supply chain manager at Boeing in Portland, Ore. Jon and his wife, Jennifer Green Haralson, have a 3-year-old daughter, Brynn.

Jolene Jang, UPS’ own “Fun Specialist,” was presented with the Asian-American Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the N.W. Asian Weekly Foundation for “Most Creative Marketing” at their Oct. 14 award banquet.

Gina Covey Jay writes from Fairbanks, Alaska: “My husband, Steve, and I recently bought a house and are making it business, Harbor Wholesale Grocery Inc., in Tumwater, Wash. They are the fourth generation to run the distribution service company. Harbor distributes 10,000-plus products to convenience stores and small grocery stores throughout the Northwest. When not running the family business, Gina enjoys volunteering as a Big Brother, swimming on the local master’s team, and skiing.

Allison Weston Fialdin writes: “Brian and I were married in June 2003, bought our first house near Mill Creek, Wash., in 2004, and had our first child, Aidan Alfred, on Feb. 2, 2005. I work as an RN in labor and delivery at the University of Washington Medical Center, and my husband is an ICU RN, also at UWMC and a volunteer firefighter in south Seattle.”

Sara Nelson received her master’s degree in social work and graduate cert

Laura Snyder CRAford writes: “Kent [Craford] and I were married in 2001; several UPS alumni were present. Our daughter, Lillian, just turned 1! We live in Portland, Ore., on a floating house—the only way to go in our opinion. I had the pleasure of spending time with Melissa Johnson, Mira Anderson Griffith, and Jenny Jisa Harris this summer. We were celebrating the birth of Jenny’s daughter, Lauren. [see Scrapbook, page 54]. I also want to welcome Elena Grouse (dad Eric Grouse) and Mitchell Good (mom Meredith Boyden Good), both new babies of Class of ’98 alumni! We had a fabulous camping trip with Josh Fulgham and his wife, Lael, Jennifer Williams Way and husband Jason with their son, Quinn, 2, and Erich Von Tagen ’97.”

Zoe Delignans B.A. ’98, M.A.T. ’99 was named interim principal at Syre Elementary School in Shoreline, Wash., for the 2006–07 school year. She has been a teacher at the school since 2001 and was the principal for Parkwood Elementary for six months last year during an extended leave of its principal.

Jan Steensland Grygiel, husband Matt, and their daughter, Nora, 3, have moved from Portland, Ore., to the Tri-Cities, Wash. She writes: “Drop me an e-mail at jangrygieIl@yahoo.com if you’re in the area and want to go wine tasting.”

Matthew Moranbaugh spent 11 weeks in Nicaragua in 2005, volunteering with a number of relief and Christian mission organizations. He primarily assisted in the development of a school. The project combined the resources of his local church with those of a church in Nicaragua. Matt also worked with nutrition programs, orphans, and a center devoted to helping victims of child abuse. He aided local efforts as a construction laborer, gardener, teacher, and host to short-term teams from the U.S. Matt received his certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Washington in June 2006 and works for The Boeing Company as a procurement cost analyst.

Bert Wing married Marc Berger on Aug. 12, at the New York Country Club in New Hempstead, N.Y. She is an associate at the New York law office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison. Her husband is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Katie Caufield and Ken Murawski were married at Lionscrest Manor in Lyons, Colo., on May 18. She earned her master’s in social work and works as a public health social worker for Seattle and King County. He is earning his M.B.A. from the University of Colorado and is employed as a sales engineer with Cuno, Inc., a subsidiary of 3M.

Ashley Feaver placed third in the July 8 Santa Cruz Half Marathon in North Pole, Alaska, just south of Fairbanks. Ashley is an internal medicine physician with the U.S. Army. She was transferred to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, from Fort Lewis just

our own. Also, I am testing for my black belt in tae kwon do in February, so I will be busy kicking and punching. Hope to see you soon!”

Katherine Punteney writes: “While working in India, running international exchange programs for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, I met and married my husband, Saed. We moved to Chico, Calif., where I have taken a position as international student advisor at California State University, Chico.”

Clark Ritchie was named the director of Web development for One Economy Corp., in Portland, Ore. One Economy helps combat poverty by providing low-income individuals and families with access to technology. Clark helps manage the company’s Web properties, including www.thebeehive.org. He earned his master’s in computer science at Oregon State University in 2001. Clark and wife of six years Julie Suchanek live in Portland.

Justin Erickson ’97 was profiled in the Sept. 15, 2006, edition of the Puget Sound Business Journal. In 2004, Justin and his cousin, Scott Erickson, became co-presidents of their family’s 83-year-old
tificate in HIV and sexually transmitted infections at the University of Washington. She writes: “As a graduation gift, my mother and I traveled to my birthplace of Quy Nhon, Vietnam. We spent three weeks traveling in China and Vietnam.”

National Science Foundation chose Kathleen Odell to be one of 50 outstanding research participants to attend the Second Lindau Meeting in Economic Sciences. The meeting, which welcomed winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel, took place in Lindau, Germany, in August. Kathleen is a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mary-Shannon Martin Ryan is program manager of Funders Concerned About AIDS. The 2005–06 season was Mary-Shannon’s eighth and final year as associate director of Classical Action, an affiliate of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, a nonprofit AIDS fundraising organization.

Daryl Smith M.P.T. ’97 joined the staff at Integrative Physical Therapy in Bellingham, Wash. The clinic specializes in treating acute and chronic spinal conditions, as well as other injuries. Daryl has practiced outpatient orthopedic physical therapy for 10 years.

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Sondra Bright M.A.T. ’00 was hired as director of curriculum and instruction, emphasis on math, science, and health fitness, for Tacoma School District #10 in July. Previously she was an assistant principal in the Federal Way school district.

Laurie Gorton Cantwell writes: “I recently moved to Las Vegas with my husband, Sol [Cantwell], who started dental school this fall. I have happily accepted a position in the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and also will be taking an adjunct position at the Community College of Southern Nevada. In our spare time, Sol and I look forward to exploring and climbing the canyons of Red Rocks and Mount Charleston!”

Shanelle Soline Cunningham and Scott Cunningham are living in Carmel, Ind., with their two daughters, Kylee, 2, and Stella, 1. Scott is a project engineer

Justin Erickson ’97 is the fourth generation to run the 83-year-old family business.
for Rolls-Royce and Shanelle stays home with the girls.

Angela Kirk Donnelly writes from Arlington, Wash.: “I’m home-schooling our four kids.”

Patrick Geile joined the Meridian, Idaho, law firm of Foley Freeman Borton, PLLC, in July. He received his J.D. from the University of Idaho and focuses his practice on family law.

Paul Allen writes: “I took a week away from grad school to travel to Cuba with the Presbyterian Church. I plan to graduate from the University of Oregon in a year.” Paul is working on his master’s in mathematics.

The June 29 edition of The Boston Globe said Caleb Brown was a “stand out” in the Boston Young Contemporaries exhibit, which featured works by fine arts graduate students. Caleb is attending Boston University’s M.F.A. program.

Lucie Cerna writes: “I completed a master’s degree in European politics at London School of Economics, then an M.B.A. degree in Germany, and I’m now starting my second year at the University of Oxford. I’m working on a doctorate in politics—more specifically in political economy. I do research on high-skilled immigration policies in OECD [Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development] countries. I enjoy the university and the town a lot. Oxford has so many traditions, and it takes a while to find out about all of them. I’m involved in the graduate student committee, continue with dancing, and take part in many social activities.”

Brittany Henderson writes: “In September I celebrated my one-year anniversary of working at DeVry University, Federal Way Campus, in the Student Services Department. I also have been chosen to attend Kappa Kappa Gamma’s Leadership Academy as a part of the Facilitator-in-Training Program. I’m staying involved in Kappa by volunteering my time as a Kappa trainer and serving as the treasurer for the Tacoma alumnae association. Kappa truly is for a lifetime and is still providing me with many opportunities to develop my skills as a leader.”

Mary Kotschar has been working as a student intern with the National Park Service’s condor recovery project at Pinnacles National Monument in California. Her focus with the project is studying the social behavior of condors. Mary was quoted in an Oct. 16 article in the Monterey Herald about Condor's legal battle and its efforts to eliminate bullets from its environment.

Nicole Rogers was accepted into Gonzaga University’s master’s program in communication and leadership. She will continue to work full time as a production technician at KXLY in Spokane, Wash., so she can participate in the company’s tuition reimbursement program.

Sarah Romano moved back to California and started graduate school in politics at the University of California, Santa Cruz, this fall.

Andrew Willis was hired as director for domestic promotions for the Washington State Fruit Commission. He succeeds David Severn, who left the commission to attend Harvard University’s M.B.A. program.

Jennifer Eidum Zinchuk was married on Aug. 5 in Pervomaisk, Ukraine. She writes: “It was a two-day celebration. Saturday was a civil ceremony and the reception, and on Sunday, Aug. 6, we were married in the Russian Orthodox Church. My new husband, Sasha, and I have since spent a few months in Moscow while I study in Budapest, Hungary, and he continues to work and study English in Ukraine.”

Darrel Frost began work as assistant director of communications at The Nightingale-Bamford School on Aug. 28. Nightingale is a K-12 private school for girls on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. His primary duty will be editor of a new alumni magazine’s print and online versions. See www.nightingale.org.

Sarah Garcia earned her master’s degree in library science on May 14 from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Eric Hinderager graduated from Northwestern University’s orthotic certificate program. He began his orthotic residency at the University of Michigan Orthotic and Prosthetic Center in September.
As a teenager growing up in Colorado, Dan Abrams ‘00 had a problem with his pants. Weekends spent telemark skiing at Vail were destroying his favorite pair of Patagonia ski pants. It seemed his quad-crunching knee bends were to blame. “I kept blowing the knees out,” said Dan. “It was ridiculous.” But Patagonia stood by its product line. Every time Dan returned his beloved (and well-used) pants, the company replaced them with an updated version. Dan saw the evolution of skiwear—and he didn’t like it.

“The pants were getting tighter and lighter,” he said. “That meant they were colder and actually ripped more easily.”

After graduation, Dan and 11 other UPS alumni moved to Jackson, Wyoming, where they skied eight months a year, often on terrain outside resort boundaries. The more Dan skied in remote areas, the more gear complaints he heard. The industry simply wasn’t making clothes for the backcountry skier.

Because tele-skiers often hike to the top of their favorite mountain before skiing down, the clothing needs to be lightweight and flexible for the trip up but warm enough to handle a sudden drop in body temperature on the ride down. For Dan and his crew, that meant choosing mountaineering gear over traditional skiwear. Unfortunately a jacket designed for climbing Rainier isn’t necessarily good for making turns on the backside of Crystal.

Ultimately, when Dan couldn’t find what he needed, he decided to create it. His first product was—you guessed it—the perfect pair of pants. With those pants Dan and his partner, Greg Steen ‘99, officially launched FlyLow Gear in 2000. Next the partners enlisted another UPS alum, Jared Hankins ‘97, to design their ideal jacket. The team envisioned long zippers to vent on the sweaty hike uphill and a hood big enough to cover the requisite helmet. All their gear was created with a proprietary, waterproof fabric exclusive to FlyLow.

Today a cadre of fellow Loggers help power the company: Steen is still the product developer; Hankins oversees graphic design; B.J. Hansen ‘98 manages Web design, and Liz Hutchins ‘00 handles public relations. Hankins designed the company logo, while the name comes from a friend who, after watching Dan and his friends ski, observed, “You don’t ski fast, you fly low.”

As for a business plan, Dan chose to fly low onto the marketplace. Rather than take on big loans, the company was financed with credit cards and sweat. Instead of targeting major national retailers, FlyLow works with small boutiques that cater to outdoor lifestyles. (The full line is also available online at www.FlyLowGear.com)

With two types of pants, two jackets, and various T-shirts and sweatshirts in stores, Dan hopes to hit $120,000 in revenue for the 2006-07 season. It’s a benchmark that would double last year’s sales.

Identifying their niche and sponsoring the world’s best telemark skiers has helped FlyLow reach its customer base—the serious skier looking for function over fashion. Theirs is the customer who’ll first notice the guy making the best turns on the hill and then wonder who made his jacket.

Of course as the brand grows, Dan notices more FlyLow gear on the mountain and around town. He’s getting used to the feeling, but the first time he saw one of his jackets on the slopes, FlyLow’s president was stunned.

“I skied right up to see if it was someone I knew,” Dan said. “I got an immense sense of satisfaction when I didn’t recognize the guy at all.”

—Rebecca L. Olgeirson
Devon is one of 14 Americans granted a Fulbright postgraduate award scholarship in Australia.

Rachel Chester is a human resources assistant for AAA Washington/Inland Insurance Agency in Bellevue, Wash.

Chris Dodds M.A.T. ’06 is a math teacher at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma.

Nikki Esposito writes: “I received an e-mail from my old Pi Phi president, Kasey Stanislaw ’05. She is working at the Monte Carlo [Resort and Casino, Las Vegas] as an event coordinator and heard I was interested in that line of work through a mutual Pi Phi friend. She e-mailed me to tell me about a new position opening up in her department, and that I should apply if I was interested. She also informed me that her boss is Heather Herrod ’04, who was a Gamma Phi. I remembered her and was thrilled to hear about this opportunity. Within six weeks, I was packed, had a new apartment in Vegas, and had a great job!”

Magen Force writes: “I am starting my own consulting business for marketing, brand-building, planning, and advertising. I also am an avid sailor and race on a Transpac 52 every weekend out of Seattle.”

Amber Mesby Hahn D.P.T. ’06 accepted a position at St. Claire’s Hospital in Lakewood, Wash. She and husband Ben live in Tacoma.

Nichol Maytubby D.P.T. ’06 began working with RehabAuthority, a physical therapy clinic in Nampa, Idaho, in June.

Jessica Putterman writes: “I returned to the states from Costa Rica, where I was working at a yoga retreat and eco-­-­loge in the jungle. I am seeking work at a nonprofit company in Portland, Ore., and researching art schools with the intent of beginning a design program next year.”

Jena Robinson writes: “I am exploring the state of California and working with AmeriCorps’ VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America).”

In memoriam

Lloyd Priest ’39 was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and passed away in Puyallup, Wash., on Sept. 12. He was 90. Lloyd grew up in the Tacoma area and graduated from Stadium High School in 1934. He was an Eagle Scout and a World War II veteran, and was employed as an accountant. Lloyd married Sara Schroeder in 1945, and the couple settled in Tacoma. They were longtime members of Summit United Methodist Church. He enjoyed dancing, camping, and traveling. Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years. Daughter Carole; son Jim; and two grandchildren survive him.

Donald Erchinger ’40 passed away July 7 at age 87. He was born in Tacoma and completed his education at the University of Washington, with a degree in aeronautical engineering. During World War II, The Boeing Company hired Don as a flight test engineer. He later transferred to the customer support program, where he had assignments all over the world, including Puerto Rico, Honolulu, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, Bombay, Singapore, and Hamburg. He is survived by his sister, Mary Ruth Hallberg; along with other family and friends.

G. Richard Tuttle ’40 was born in Swampsport, Mass., on Feb. 27, 1917, and died at age 89. He moved with his family to Tacoma in 1936 and went on from CPS to attend graduate school in social work at the University of Washington. As a pacifist Dick was a conscientious objector during World War II and served in the Civilian Public Service. He and Marion Aiton were married in 1944. Dick earned his Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1953 and became a Methodist minister, serving several churches throughout Washington state. He also served on several boards, including the state’s alcohol problems association and Deaconess Children’s Services. Dick and Marion enjoyed traveling and had visited all 50 states and numerous national parks. Dick also was an avid photographer. Three sons survive him, including James ’70; one daughter; and seven grandchildren. Marion died in April 2006.

Evelyn Hopkins Zanner ’40 passed away Aug. 3. She was 89. Born in Tacoma, she graduated from Lincoln High School before attending CPS. Her first husband, Von Zanner, a Mercer Island, Wash., dentist for more than 40 years, preceded her in death. Evelyn continued her career in real estate well into her 80s. In 1999 she published a cookbook, What’s for Dinner? The book took more than two years to write (see Biblio, page 17, for more information). Evelyn also wrote Society’s Child: The Confessions of a Drug Addicted Daughter under the pseudonym Fern Moore, chronicling the substance-abuse struggles of her daughter. Evelyn helped promote the Seattle Symphony’s Family Concert Series and also helped sustain fundraising efforts that saved Seattle’s Medic One program. Survivors include her husband, Leo Klobertanz; son Marc; daughter Susan; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Evelyn donated her body to the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Virginia Lantz Frohardt ’44 passed away on Sept. 2 at age 86. She was born and raised in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School. Virginia met and married Merlin Frohardt ’48, who preceded her in death. Her son Ronald also preceded her in death, along with two brothers, including John Lantz ’46 (see page 51). Survivors include four sons; two daughters; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Glenn Murray ’45 was born in Tacoma on March 1, 1924, and died on Oct. 2. He graduated from Stadium High School and attended CPS as part of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Glenn went on to graduate from the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry. He specialized in oral and was one of the first children’s dentists in Tacoma. Glenn was an accomplished musician and played saxophone in various bands throughout his life, including the local Mickey Mouse Club band while in high school. He also was an avid sports enthusiast. Glenn was a longtime member of the American Dental Association, Tacoma-Pierce County Dental Society, the Elks Club, and Masons, among other organizations. His wife of 32 years, Patty Molloy Murray ’72, survives him; along with two sons; three stepsons; and six grandchildren.

Don Bennett ’46 passed away on June 26. He was 80. Don graduated from Olympia High School in Olympia, Wash., in 1944. He met and married his wife of 59 years, Elverna Amundsen Bennett ’46, and the two moved to Sunnyisde, Wash., in 1953, where Don managed the local radio station. He later became the owner and operator of the station, finally retiring in 1996. Don was active in the Washington State Association of Broadcasters and was honored as Broadcaster of the Year in 1992. From the age of 14 he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 57-year member of the Lions Club, serving as district governor in 1964. Don also was a member of other civic organizations, including the local chamber of commerce, Boy Scouts, and the Elks. His wife; four children; and six grandchildren survive Don.

William Keillman ’49 passed away on Aug. 1 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s, heart, and lung diseases. Bill was 80. He moved with his family from Nebraska to Longview, Wash., where he graduated from high school. Bill joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and trained as a B-17 navigator. He remained in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, flying 36 missions. He retired as a major in 1985. After college Bill joined the Weyerhaeuser Company and remained employed there for 43 years, retiring in 1992. His wife of 29 years, Carole; six children; four stepchildren; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren survive Bill.

Joan Mannel Cox ’51 passed away on July 7. She was 77. In 1948 Joan met her husband-to-be, Bob, at a Greyhound bus station while both were en route to the Oregon Caves for summer employment. She later became a home economics teacher before raising her two children. Joan was active in Girl Scouts for more than 50 years, serving as president of the Pacific Peaks Council and later working as the council’s property manager. She retired in 1988 when her husband retired from Weyerhaeuser. The couple enjoyed traveling and visited every continent except Antarctica. They also spent a month each winter on the island of Maui. Her husband of 56 years; two children; and two grandchildren survive Joan.

Doris Brenmer Erickson ’51 died Aug. 17 at age 77 after suffering a brain hemorrhage. She was born in Lynden, Wash., and attended high school there. She matriculated at Puget Sound with Bill Erickson ’74 in 1947, although the two didn’t meet until the following year. They married in 1950, but Bill wasn’t able to complete his degree until 1974. Doris later earned her master’s degree in education and worked in both the Tacoma and Anchorage, Alaska, school systems as a substitute teacher. Returning to Tacoma in 1980, she put her counseling degree to work with the Army at Fort Lewis. The job gave her the opportunity to work in the Army’s education program in Germany for three years. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, in retirement Doris enjoyed birding throughout the Northwest and western Canada. She also enjoyed hiking and gardening and spending time with her family. Survivors are her husband of 56 years; three daughters; two sons; and five grandchildren.
Lawrence Hagman '52 died on June 26 at age 76. He began running a printing press at age 14 and continued working as a printer even after earning his degree from CPS in history. Larry went on to attend the American Baptist Seminary in California. His son, John; and two grandsons preceded Larry in death. Survivors are his wife of 56 years, Evie; three daughters; three sons; and 14 grandchildren.

Jo Copple Milam '52 passed away peacefully on Oct. 11 at her home in Sammamish, Wash. She was 75. Jo attended Puyallup-area schools and helped with efforts that established the Puyallup War Memorial Center. While at Puget Sound, Jo was involved with SPURS National Honor Society and was a member of Lambda Sigma Chi. She went on to teach high school civics and Washington state history in Ritzville, Wash., and at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma. Jo married Harold Milam in 1953 and raised two children, who survive her; along with five grandchildren and other family members.

Charles Fendall '53 died July 21. He was 87. Chuck was born in McMinnville, Ore., and was a veteran of World War II. He was a respected jazz musician who arranged and performed with notables such as Sammy Davis, Jr., Toots Thielemans, and Jake Stock, to name a few. Chuck also earned acclaim for systems programming with IBM and in retirement wrote a word-game software called Puzzle Pak. He also enjoyed composing limericks. Chuck was a resident of Pacific Grove, Calif., since 1978. His wife, Mardelle, preceded him in death. Survivors include his four daughters; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Wilson Moisio '58 passed away July 7. She was born and raised in Tacoma and attended St. Patrick School and Aquinas Academy, graduating in 1953. While attending CPS and shortly afterward, Mary worked as a switchboard operator, along with her mother, at the Tacoma Police Department. Mary later owned and operated a booking agency for musicians and more recently became a real estate agent. She had five children, eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. All survive her except one great-granddaughter who preceded her in death.

Wayne Erickson '59 passed away on Oct. 8 at age 69. He moved from Minnesota with his family in 1951 and graduated from Stadium High School. He married Mary Ann Knutson in 1957, and together they raised three sons and one daughter. In 1961 Wayne, along with his father and brother, opened Crazy Eric's Drive Inn. He later owned and operated other restaurants with his sons, most recently Scampi and Halibut Restaurant in Port Hadlock, Wash. Wayne's wife of 49 years survives him; along with their children; and seven grandchildren.

David Smith B.A.'62, B.S.'65 passed away June 30. He was 66. David was raised in Tacoma and Seattle and played on the Lincoln High School state championship basketball team from 1956 to 1958. He met his wife, Carol Weeks Smith '60, while at UPS. They served in the Peace Corps together in Liberia, West Africa, from 1962 to 1964. Dave joined the Washington State Patrol in 1965 and earned a doctorate in clinical psychology in 1973. He then joined the medical services staff of the CIA in Virginia before serving as public safety director in Bellevue, Wash. In 1977 he returned to the WSP as the first state patrol psychologist in the country. He later went on to provide psychological services to police agencies in Washington, Alaska, and to prisons throughout the state of Washington. Dave also was a clinical associate professor at the University of Washington. He was an avid tennis player, Harley rider, and world traveler. Dave's wife of 46 years; three daughters; and seven grandchildren survive him.

Marvin Christel M.Ed.'63 died peacefully on Aug. 3 after a short battle with lymphoma. He was 78. Mary was a lifelong Tacoma resident and career educator. He also was a veteran. His wife of 52 years, Betty, survives him; along with four children; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Randolph Nau '63 passed away on Sept. 5, three weeks prior to his 69th birthday. He attended Stadium High School and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the University of Washington. Randy served in the Army Reserve as a scrub nurse and medic from 1960 to 1965 at Fort Lewis. He later went into the insurance business and owned his own brokerage in University Place, Wash., for 25 years, retiring in 2003. Randy also retired as a lieutenant with the University Place volunteer fire department. He loved animals big and small, especially his two horses. Randy's second wife, Janet; four children from his first marriage; and five grandchildren survive him.

Marilyn Reese Zierath B.S.'65, M.S.'75 passed away on Aug. 10 after a two-year battle with cancer. She graduated from West High School in Bremerton, Wash., and went on to earn her master's in nursing from California State University, Fresno, retiring in 1996. Marilyn enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, reading, and other pastimes. Her husband, David Zierath '64, preceded her in death in 2004. Survivors are her three children; nine grandchildren; and her twin sister, Carolyn.

Linn Johnson '66 died July 12 at the age of 63. He graduated from Mount Rainier High School. Linn was a member of the Adelphian Concert Choir while at UPS and was one of the first undergraduates chosen as an exchange student to Japan. He was a pilot for the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and later flew commercial airliners for both Western and Delta airlines. Linn is remembered for his great sense of humor, wonderful singing voice, and spunk. Among his surviving family are several Puget Sound alumni, including brother Darryl Johnson '69, Hon. Doctorate '97, niece Dana Johnson Gideos '87, son Jeff Johnson '90, daughter-in-law Malia Anderson Johnson '89, and son Doug Johnson '92. Donations in his memory may be made to the Bruce Rogers Scholarship fund by contacting the University of Puget Sound School of Music at 253-879-3700.

Donnell Washington '67 was raised in Tacoma and attended Lincoln High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Annie Daniels, in 1966. Donnell went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in experimental psychology from Colorado State University. He retired as a captain in the Air Force and spent the latter part of his career as a professor of behavioral science at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Donnell was committed to education and encouraged his wife and three sons to earn their college degrees. They all survive him; along with one grandson.

Annamarie Fees Johnstone M.S.'69 died unexpectedly on Sept. 4 at age 77. She was born in New York City and earned her bachelor's degree from Queens College. Annamarie became a stewardess with Northwest Airlines and was based in Seattle, where she met her husband, Robert. After earning her master's degree in marine biology from Puget Sound, Annamarie obtained her doctorate in marine microbiology from the University of Washington in 1984. She served as the Life Science Division chair at Fort Stellacoom Community College from 1970 to 1979, and she was a biologist for the National Marine Fisheries for two years. Annamarie's work later transitioned into environmental consulting. Her husband; two children; three grandchildren; and her mother survive her.

Roy "Spencer" Uhl '69 passed away June 23 at age 62. He was a teacher at Gault Middle School in Tacoma for 23 years and was noted for inspiring young people to be the best they could be. Spencer was an avid hunter and fisherman and instilled the love of the outdoors in his son, Adam. Spencer's wife, Carol; son; and four grandchildren survive him.

Mackey Smith '70 died on Aug. 20, ending a three-year battle with esophageal cancer. He was born and raised in Portland, Ore., and met his future wife, Renee, when he was 13. At the time Renee was the 11-year-old sister of his best friend. The couple celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2006. Mackey went on to earn his master's degree from Western Washington University and credits Professor Emeritus Stewart Lowther for inspiring him to continue his studies. Professionally, Mackey became a principal and vice president at the American Geological Institute in Bellevue, Wash., and ended his career at the engineering firm CH2M Hill in Portland, Ore. He also served as the client service manager for Union Pacific Railroad. Mackey loved music and at one time owned 18 Martin guitars and a banjo. He and Renee enjoyed traveling, gourmet cooking, and road trips throughout the U.S. and Canada. His wife; and other family members survive him.

Aurel "Lee" Horan '71 passed away on Aug. 12 at age 91. She was born in Valentine, Neb., and attended Nebraska State Teachers College at Chadron. Lee taught elementary school in Nebraska, Alaska, and Washington, retiring in 1979. She and her husband, Donald Horan, moved to Montana in 1981, where she volunteered in the Frenchtown, Mont., schools. Lee was an accomplished artist and belonged to the art council there. Her husband preceded her in death in 1987. Survivors are her children, Rosemary and John; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Judith Johnston '71 passed away on July 11 at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. She was 59. Judith had worked for The Boeing Company as a buyer associate. Her mother and one sister preceded her in death. Her father; and two sisters survive her.
Terry Monahan M.P.A. ’73 died Sept. 17 at his home in Anacortes, Wash. He was 63.

Arlin Cavin ’75 passed away on July 1 at age 75. He was a retired Army officer and served first in Korea with the 5th Ranger Company, airborne, and then in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group, Green Berets. Arlen enjoyed traveling and singing and performing with the Memory Singers. He also was a member of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174. His daughter, Sharon, preceded Arlen in death. Survivors are two sons; two daughters; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jerry Lundquist ’75 died on Dec. 20, 2005. He was 65. Jerry earned his master’s and doctorate degrees from Arizona State University prior to coming to Puget Sound. He is remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and loyal friend.

Ronald Owens ’76 passed away Aug. 1, just 15 days before his 64th birthday. He was raised in Potlach, Idaho, and in 1960 came to Tacoma, where he met and married his wife, Ramona. Ronald retired from the Tacoma Police Department. His wife; three children; and five grandchildren survive him.

Ted Jacoby M.P.A. ’79 died on Sept. 4 due to complications related to leukemia treatment. He was 58. Ted grew up in the Wallingford neighborhood in Seattle and joined the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a helicopter pilot with the 25th Infantry Division, working with a medical unit. Ted earned two Distinguished Flying Cross medals and a Purple Heart. After military service he returned to the Seattle area, joined the Army Reserve, and earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington before coming to Puget Sound. He joined the Seattle Police Department, where he worked for 30 years. He retired as assistant chief in July, after heading the Emergency Preparedness Bureau since 2005. Ted’s wife of 33 years, Pat, survives him.

Gordon McCormack ’88 was born in Roseburg, Ore., on Sept. 20, 1966, and graduated from Roseburg High School in 1984. After earning his bachelor’s degree from Puget Sound, he moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA. He was an agent at Commercials Unlimited in Beverly Hills and later managed Talent Management, Inc., in Burbank, Calif. He returned to the Portland, Ore., area three years ago and worked as a real estate broker. Gordon was an environmentalist and enjoyed the outdoors, particularly the beach. He was active with the local Democratic Party and was a supporter of Air America Radio. Gordon’s parents, Marshall McCormack and Anita Kuulei McCormack; his grandmother, Clarethel Kahananui; his sister, Andria; stepsister, Michelle; and many other family and friends survive him.

Jennifer Walton ’98 died peacefully on Oct. 6, surrounded by family and friends, after a two-year battle with lymphoma. She was 30. Jenn grew up in Santa Ana, Calif., and graduated from Lake Elsinore High School. After she graduated from Puget Sound, Jenn worked for the Pacific Science Center in Seattle for seven years. She enjoyed traveling and was a talented, self-taught carpenter. Survivors are her parents, Karen and Rick Walton; sister Stephanie; her partner, Brad Kleven ’95; and many other extended family and special friends. Robin Frazee Wagner ’98 writes: “Jenn was my freshman year, junior year, and senior year roommate. She was diagnosed with lymphoma in September 2004, two months after her 28th birthday. She underwent endless rounds of chemotherapy and radiation for more than two years. Through it all she was brave, graceful, and strong. The disease reached a crisis point and in order to save her life, Jenn needed to undergo two stem cell transplant. Her insurance only covered one of these procedures, so many of her friends, including several UPS alumni, rallied to help her raise the money—a Web site was created; a fund was set up at Boeing Employees Credit Union; and in August KIRO 7 Eyewitness News in Seattle did a story on Jenn and a garage sale her friends organized that raised $1,200 in one day.”

William Anderson ’91 died on July 24 due to injuries incurred from a bicycle fall. He was 37. Bill grew up in Edmonds, Wash., and graduated from Woodway High School in 1987. Bill went on to earn his J.D. from Willamette University and advocated for low-income elderly people at Legal Action of Wisconsin, and more recently worked as a senior project manager for economic security for the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington, D.C. He leaves his wife, Christine Stoneman; their children, Eliza, 3, and Carter, 4 months; his parents, Bill and Ruth Anderson; his grandmother, Mabel Dean of Tacoma; and many other extended family and friends.

Jay Clements ’07 was killed on Sept. 3, one week after beginning his senior year at Puget Sound, where he was double majoring in music studies and exercise science. He was 21. Jay was shot at a black-tie party hosted by friends in Brier, Wash., when he tried to stop an argument between guests and party crashers. He graduated from Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, Wash. Jay excelled in snowboarding, mountain biking, and swimming. He also was a second-degree black belt in tae kwan do and an avid sailor. His other interests included photography, drawing, travel, piano, trumpet, and rock climbing. His parents, Karen Amundson Clements B.A. ’70, M.B.A. ’77 and Dan Clements B.A. ’71, M.B.A. ’72; his brother, James; his grandparents; and many extended family members survive Jay.

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Alice Bond passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 21. She was 95. Alice received her bachelor’s degree from The University of Iowa and her master’s from Columbia University. She served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and was discharged as a major in the Marine Reserves. Alice continued her participation in the Women Marines Association into her 90s. After the war Alice took a teaching job in Tacoma, then served as the women’s athletic director and a professor of physical education at Puget Sound from 1947 to 1976. Upon her retirement the Alice Bond Award for Most Outstanding Female Athlete was established at the university in her honor. She was active in The Nature Conservancy, Worldwide Fund, and the Sierra Club. Alice also was a lifetime member of the National Audubon Society. She joined the Tacoma Mountainiers in 1947 and was an active volunteer. Alice was an avid hiker, skier, and backpacker, and reached the summit of Mount Rainier twice. She also enjoyed nature adventure travels to Alaska and New Zealand, along with her annual fall colors trip and cross-country skiing in the North Cascades. Alice inspired many and leaves numerous friends. Donations in her memory can be directed to The Mountainiers Foundation, PO Box 9464, Seattle, WA 98109, or the University of Puget Sound Athletic Department, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma, WA 98416.

Gordon Epperson died May 9 after a long illness. He was 85. Gordon trained at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, the Eastman School of Music, and Boston University. After serving in World War II, Gordon came to the College of Puget Sound and taught from 1946 to 1952. He was also on the faculty at Louisiana State University and The Ohio State University before settling at Arizona. At the University of Arizona he was a professor of cello, retiring in 1988 after 21 years there. He was a member of several music and teachers’ associations and wrote numerous articles on music and theory. Gordon also published five books. In 1973 he was named an Outstanding Music Educator in America and was a recipient of a Fulbright fellowship that allowed him to teach and perform in New Zealand in 1981. In 2005 the governor of Arizona honored him with the Governor’s Award for Arts in Education. Gordon is survived by his wife, Mary; and daughter Florence Lemke.

Friends who helped raise money for Jenn’s treatment, back row, from left: Josh Anander ’95, Sam Wagner ’95, and Brad Kleven ’95. Front row, from left: Ed Bactad ’97, Sarah Bactad, Jenn, and Tammy Barnes Anander ’97.
John Lantz ’46, revered Puget Sound professor of mathematics for 41 years, passed away on July 23. President Emeritus Philip Phibbs offered this remembrance at a celebration in Kilworth Memorial Chapel of John’s life.

An astute observer once remarked that leading a university is like trying to manage five opera companies simultaneously. Now we all know that is not true of the University of Puget Sound. It has no temperamental divas, male or female, and it has never had such characters. Like an opera company, however, UPS has always had a significant number of powerful voices. And for 41 years one of the loudest and most frequently heard was that of John Lantz.

It was a special voice. John was what I would call a natural contrarian. There is no such word, but it describes John perfectly. He loved to resist authority. It made his juices flow—with self-righteous indignation and delight! And the natural opponent of this natural contrarian was, of course, THE ADMINISTRATION, Jones Hall filled, as it was in John’s mind, with natural incompetents.

John’s heyday, as I understand it, was the 1950s and 1960s, when he was a vigorous and articulate opponent of the direction in which the university was then moving. John’s stories of those days are legendary. The 1970s, however, were unnerving for John. He was baffled, possibly for the first time and only time in his life, about the role he should be playing in the university.

I met John for the first time in 1972, when I was president-elect and he was a member of the search committee for a new dean of the university. He was a positive and valuable member of the committee. I listened to him and learned a great deal from him—and that unnerved him. In his worldview it was not my natural role to listen.

Then it got worse. We chose as the new dean of the university Tom Davis. Tom was a real problem for John and his worldview. Tom, after all, was a mathematician and therefore by John’s definition automatically a “Good Guy.” How could he oppose a team consisting of a mathematician and one of those weak-minded people from the soft sciences who, nevertheless, sought his advice and even listened to him. Worse still, the two were moving the university in the very direction that John, in the wilderness of opposition, had for two decades vigorously advocated.

It was fun to watch John wrestle with this dilemma. Finally, he found a solution. It had two aspects.

If John Lantz was anything, he was utterly devoted to the university. It was the all-consuming passion of his professional life. For some faculty members, their personal career comes first. For others it is the department that captures their devotion. For John, the math department was important—very important—but not as important as the university. The university came first, even if it meant changing the habits and style he had honed and sharpened so effectively over the years.

So John became a member of the team, a key and exceedingly influential member of the team. Few know as well as I how very important his role was, because John had, after all, to maintain his reputation, a reputation that he had built so carefully and assiduously over two decades.

His voice now was one of steady support for the changes underway at the university. And that voice had a profound impact within the faculty, the administrative staff, and the board of trustees. There is no record that I can give to you that measures precisely the significance and the breadth of John’s impact in those years. Such influence is not easy to calculate and record for history. All that I can do is assure you from my perspective as an insider that John’s influence was singular.

Candidly, I must also confess that John’s impact was terribly important to me personally. It gave me reassurance. It gave me the support, strength, and courage to press on in moments of doubt and the more frequent moments of criticism that change inevitably engenders.

But I said there were two aspects to John’s solution. He had joined hands with his career-long natural opponent—Jones Hall, the home of the feeble minded. How could he maintain his integrity? How could he save face?

John had a solution.

All great actors have a stage. John’s stage, the site of his greatest performances, was the daily 10 a.m. coffee klatch in Thompson Hall. John held court there every morning and he was peerless on his stage, dispensing wisdom and witticism with non-stop abandon. The principal butt of this banter was, of course, the ineptitude of the brainless administration.

A president, I believe, needs to have his hand constantly on the pulse, the mood, of the campus. At UPS I knew there was one place where no weakness would go unnoticed, no error unrecorded. I knew where potential subversion was most likely to be organized, so as time permitted I joined the coffee klatch in Thompson Hall.

Whenever I entered the room, John’s eyes would light up with delight. I knew that meant he had been working on a witty attack that he could launch, so I prepared for battle. I like to think I gave as good as I got, but I am by no means certain of that, and John, I know, would definitely not agree. (In a sense the 10 a.m. coffee klatch on those mornings became the Thompson Hall version of All in the Family, with John assigning himself the role of Archie Bunker and me cast in the part of the inept Edith.)

We had fun. It was affectionate but intense, no-holds-barred verbal swordplay, and with it John preserved his reputation. He remained the natural contrarian and at the same time was a key mover and shaker in the power structure. John was in his idea of earthly paradise.

In 1982 the university received a wonderful (and for those years a huge) anonymous gift of $3 million. The donors specified that the money should be used to support and enhance the work of the faculty. In a rare but most thoughtful act of generosity, the donors asked that the programs created with the funds be named—not after the donors—but after individual faculty members who had played particularly significant roles in the life of the university.

John Magee was selected for his long and distinguished career as a teacher; Martin Nelson was honored for his powerful intellectual leadership in the sciences; and John Lantz was recognized for his singular role in the leadership of the faculty and of the university.

It was a fitting tribute for all three. They represented the three great responsibilities of a faculty member—superb teaching, deep and powerful commitment to a discipline, and abiding concern for the strength and well-being of the university.

I wish that my story ended here, but there is a postscript, a less happy one, but it, too, is important in any account of John Lantz.

John’s retirement years were not easy ones for him. He lost Elaine and he missed her deeply. When he talked about Elaine and how lonely life was without her, it was very sad, but it was also very beautiful because you realized how lucky he had been to love so deeply and for so long. As I watch younger generations struggle with broken marriages and unhappy relationships, I think of John and Elaine. John may have been sad in retirement without Elaine, but he had beautiful memories.

There was a second part of John’s last years that also made a difference for him. John hated losing his memory; he hated not being able to recognize faces and names; it became increasingly hard to get him to come to university events. He still loved to tell me stories of his triumphs in the 1950s and 1960s and to recall his more successful put-downs of me, but there was one thing that really made a difference in this difficult period. John had always been proud of his daughters. In those last difficult years, whenever I asked him about his daughters, his eyes would sparkle with delight and that wide grin of his would grow wider as he talked about the things they were doing for him and with him.

The importance of little acts of caring and kindness is amazing, simply amazing. On behalf of John’s friends at the University of Puget Sound, I thank all members of his family for the loving care that made those last difficult years happy and meaningful for him.
Eight members of the 238-man Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of Puget Sound pose for a photo in front of Kittredge Hall in 1944. Front from left: **Leonard Dricks ’44, Walter Mascioli ’44, John Fague ’44, Herbert Fortesque ’44, and Franklin Fields ’44.** Back from left: **George Fisher ’47, Chester Ferlazzo ’44, and Jack Farina ’44.** Photo: Courtesy of Patrick Kearney ’44.

Among the 35 guests helping celebrate the 80th birthday of **Leonard Docherty ’50** on July 26 in Lacey, Wash., are from left: **Bruce Parker ’50, Yvonne Battin Drues ’50, Virginia Barker ’48, Leonard, Gretchen Ernst Parker ’49, and Anne Ev Stefon Burrows ’50.** Present but not pictured, camera shy Chuck Howe ’50.

The Huhn family met for a reunion over the Fourth of July weekend at the family farm in Door County, Wis. Of the many relatives in attendance, several have Puget Sound connections. Present were **John O’Connor,** band director from 1945 to 1950, and his wife, **Anna Kinrod O’Connor ’49,** who were married in 2003. The couple keep busy with their trumpet and flute music and split time between homes in Oakland, Calif., and Champaign, Ill. Also in attendance were **John Blake,** alumni director from 1948 to 1952, and wife **Marion Huhn Blake,** secretary to President Thompson (1963–64), who spend their summers in Door County and winters in Bremerton, Wash. Joining the Puget Sound contingent were **Leon Clark ’50** and wife **Betsy Huhn Clark ’51** who live in Sun City West, Ariz. Leon keeps his Adelphian vocal cords in tune with their church choir, while Betsy writes children’s stories (see Bibliography, page 17). Leon and Betsy’s daughter, **Patty Clark ’81,** also was there. She is a music teacher in the Boston area, and her husband, **Bernie Kravitz ’81,** is a science teacher. Bernie missed this year’s gathering due to baby-sitting responsibilities for new puppies. One person reminisced about, as a fellow staff member, teacher, or friend, was emeritus faculty member of religion John Phillips. Betsy writes: “A non-Puget Sound family member made the comment: ‘After 60 years of hearing re-tellings of Puget Sound stories, I feel like I went there, too!’”

Mary Louise Hansen Hager ’57 (front, right), **Bruce Berney ’57** (back, right), and **Dave Corner ’59** (middle, left) attended the 50th reunion of the Eagle River United Methodist Camp in August. During the summer of 1956, 12 students from all over the country built tent frames and prepared the foundation for the camp’s dining hall, which is still in use today. Mary Louise, a retired occupational therapist, and husband Tom return frequently to continue improvements to the camp near Juneau, Alaska. Bruce is a retired library director, and Dave, the lieutenant governor of division 34 of Kiwanis International, also is director of The Gathering Project, Inc., an organization he founded more than 10 years ago that collects and distributes donated goods all over the world. For more on Dave’s work, contact him at the_gathering_project@yahoo.com.
Kristen Steiner '89 and Shawn Gilbertson '90 were married in Seattle on Oct. 29, 2005. Several Loggers helped celebrate the occasion. Back row, from left: Brian Brendel '91, Julie Vanni B.S.'02, D.P.T.'05, Jeff Firstenberg '89, Steve Harvey '90, and Pete Kane '88. Front row, from left: Annabel Schaaf Bailey B.A.'90, M.A.T.'91, Teri Coleman B.A.'90, M.A.T.'92, the groom and bride, Sue Klein Brendel '90, Shelly Simmons Allen '90, Erin Flaherty Phillips '89, and Dan Crowley '89. The couple live in Seattle. Kristen is a high school teacher and Shawn works in the pharmaceutical industry.

Tanya Isaac Carter '91 and Jason Carter '93 are living in Tacoma and are volunteer puppy raisers for Canine Companions for Independence. Tanya writes: “We are currently raising our 5th puppy, Brianne, and recently flew to Florida to take part in the graduation ceremony of our 4th puppy, Orienne. Orienne is now a service dog for Dayna, a 12-year-old girl who uses a wheelchair. Orienne's tasks include opening and closing doors, picking up items, and helping Dayna become more independent.”

The Golden Legion of Phi Delta Theta. Fifty-year members were recognized at their regular business meeting held in Rasmussen Rotunda on Oct. 2. From left: Domenick Federico '67, Assistant Director for Student Activities/Greek Life Moe Stephens, Jim Crews '51, Lloyd Filkins '59, Jim Miller '56, Nick Nickolas '51, Les Snyder '60, John Whalley '64, Dale Wirsing '58, Fred Hoheim '58, Ken McGill '61, and Bill Gordon '58. Though pictured, Domenick, John, and Ken haven't reached the 50-year membership mark yet. Fifty-year member not pictured, Bob Ehrenheim '56.

Robert Tangen ’92 and Ashleigh Denley Tangen ’97 welcomed their first child, Kyleigh Brooke, on May 23. They live in Boulder, Colo., and enjoy the rocky mountain sunshine and great outdoors. Rob is a senior manager at Deloitte and Touche, working on national and international accounting assignments, and Ashleigh is on maternity leave as a special education teacher. They write: “We welcome all UPS friends for a Colorado ski holiday!” Rob adds: “Kyleigh will be in the UPS Class of 2028!”

A “small-world” moment took place on Sept. 23 at a 20-year-in-Phoenix party hosted by Eric Tollefson, who is a cousin of Arches Class Notes Editor Cathy Tollefson '83. Cathy and her sister, Caryn Tollefson Wise '82, found fellow alumna Nannette Stevens Hill '89 among the guests! Nannette's husband of 17 years, Jim, and the Tollefson girls' cousin, Eric, were good friends in college. Eric also was in Nannette and Jim's wedding and is godfather to their youngest son, Blayne, 6. Their oldest son, Hayden, is 11. After staying home with the boys for seven years, Nannette now is a contracts administrator for JDA Software Group, Inc. The family lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. You can contact Nannette at nanhill1@cox.net. From left: Caryn, Nannette, and your assistant editor (who got a little too much sun).
Destination: San Diego! This summer’s reunion of Gamma Phi Beta sisters and their families included, from left: Cary Flanagan ’94 and Monica Walsh Flanagan ’94 with sons Quinn and James; Danielle Fagre Arlowe ’94 with husband Steve and daughter Ruby; Liz MacKinnon Shors ’94 with husband Matt, son Charlie, and sons Sam and Oliver hidden in the stroller; Becky Chang Miller ’94 with husband Scott and their daughters, Katie and Samantha; and Karina Copen ’94.

Puget Sound friends gather to celebrate the birth of Lauren Elise on Aug. 3 to Jenny Jirsa Harris ’98. From left: Mira Anderson Griffith ’98, Jenny and daughter Lauren, Melissa Johnson ’98, and Laura Snyder Cradford ’98 with daughter Lillian Rose.


Xaviara Harlow Augenblick ’95 writes: “After hiking the ‘Waterfall Loop’ in Oregon, along the Columbia River, my family stopped for a picture in front of Horsetail Falls. I continue to be both a stay-at-home mom after the birth of our second son and an HR consultant in the Tri-Cities area.” From left: Alex, 3, Jack, Xavie, and Ethan at 5 months.

Melissa Wiens Introne ’97 and husband Steve had twins on Aug. 18. Emily and Zachary, here at 5 weeks, join big sister Isabelle, 22 months.

Piper Roelen ’95 and Andrea Egans Roelen ’96 live in Woodinville, Wash., with 3-year-old daughter, Maiya Gabrielle, 5-month-old daughter, Olivia Jade, and their yellow lab Lilly. Piper is an engineer at Shaw Environmental in Bothell, and Andrea is a full-time mother to Maiya and Olivia and says she “loves the time with her girls.” They write: “We would love to hear from you all. Drop us an e-mail at roelenfamily@verizon.net.”

Maile Ching ’98 and Amy McAfee ’02 participated in the 2006 Graduate Commencement of Seattle University in June. Maile earned her M.B.A. and continues to work at Boeing as a financial planning analyst for the Derivative Airplane Program. Amy earned an M.B.A. with a concentration in accounting and works at Boeing as a financial planning analyst on the F/A-22 Program.

Is there something in the water? These eight alumnae, who get together each year, were back in Tacoma on Oct. 5 with five new babies! From left: Christy Curtis Peterson ’98, Stephanie Bocks Griffith ’98 with twins Evan and Rachel, Sally Neace Drescher ’98, Molly Erb Hemenway ’98 with son Micah, Erin Hart Sikes B.A. ’96, M.A.T. ’97 with son Will, Naomi Rykert LaViolette ’98 with son Sam, Jenny Gallitz ’98, and Triffy Plagmann Crain ’98.
Mandy Lozano '99 writes: "In April 2006 I wrapped up my marketing career at Burt's Bees in North Carolina and accepted a pro contract on the Cheervine Pro Cycling Team. I now spend my days traveling the country (and Bermuda last week!) racing my road bike against the world's best women. This fall will find me astride a cyclocross bike, as I try to best last year's world ranking (40th) and possibly win a national championship. In fall of 2007 I will enter the University of Virginia's M.B.A. program, working toward a career in marketing ethically manufactured and sourced consumer products. I can't wait, but will surely enjoy the ride en route!"

Allison Edwards B.A.'00, M.A.T.'01 and Greg Gharst were married on Aug. 13, 2005, in La Jolla, Calif. The two met at Frog's Gym in Carmel Mountain, Calif. Allison writes: "Cheesy, we know!" This fall Allison began her fifth year as an art teacher at Maranatha Christian School, teaching grades 1-8. Next year she'll also take on grades 9 and 10. Greg operates his own business. The wedding party included, from left: Jen Bollinger Lokey B.A.'00, M.A.T.'02, Christina Clayton, Nikki Crockett, Megan Plenge '00, Kellie Edwards, the bride and groom, Mike Kircher, Pat Mallory, Mike Schorzman, Aaron Gharst, and Andrew Gharst. Also there to celebrate were alumni Greg Azevedo '00, Joe Crum '00, Mo Hall '00, Shane Hettrott '00, Tod Lokey B.S.'99, M.A.T.'00, and Whitney Thomas B.S.'00, D.P.T.'03. The couple reside in Carmel Mountain.

Gregg Rubenstein '99, past president of the Jewish Student Organization (JSO) on campus, works at a Jewish summer camp next to Yosemite named Camp Tawonga. He writes: "I worked with two UPS students Nora Smith '07 and Noah Marsh '08. We're pictured at a Shabbat dinner. I was the CFO, Noah was a counselor, and Nora was an assistant unit head (counselor supervisor). I know of a number of other UPS alumni who also are Tawonga alumni, either campers or staff or both. Among them Ken Hartford '92, Jessica Waters '99, and Rebecca Roisman '03." Gregg is hoping to spend some time on campus next spring working with JSO, reconnecting JSO alumni back to the university, and visiting with friends.

Sako Tajima '98 and Ryan Yasuda were married on July 8 at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay in California. Sako recently passed the California Bar exam and is now employed at Teraoka and Partners in San Francisco. Ryan works at Deloitte Consulting, where they first met. The newlyweds honeymooned in Bora Bora and Australia. Sako highly recommends Bora Bora as a place to visit. Helping celebrate the day, from left: maid of honor Maile Ching '98, groomsman Shuhei Tajima '95, the bride and groom, bridesmaid Amanda Normand Similien '98, and Sean Dowling '98.

Submiting photos for the Scrapbook
If it's an important event in your life, it's important to your UPS friends—send a picture to Arches! High-resolution digital photos or prints preferred. Kindly include a note identifying alumni in the snapshot. Also, please, for baby pictures, include alumni parents in the photo. Send to Arches, attn: Cathy Tolleson, University of Puget Sound, Office of Communications, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma WA 98416-1041 or e-mail to arches@ups.edu.

Newly married alumni: kindly let the university know about name changes and new addresses at www.ups.edu/content/update.shtml

Jennifer Bossard '00 and Jeff Pelletier were married on July 21 in Columbus, Ohio. Jennifer writes: "Jeff and I met during the summer that we both started working at Ohio State, and we both continue to work there. I coordinate student leadership programming and Jeff coordinates event production for The Ohio Union." Puget Sound alumni in attendance were matron of honor Marci Prenger '00, Cecilia Olivares '00, Kim Bartsch '00, and Chris DeFazio '00.
Sean Thurston ’00 and Andee Schmick were married on Sept. 9 in St. Maries, Idaho. They were best friends in high school, went their separate ways after graduation, and are back together eight years later. Puget Sound alums “hammering it up” include, from left: Ben Elliott ’00, Dan Gargas ’00, Sara Hall Richins ’00, Adam Richins ’00, the groom and bride, Graham Dent ’00, Natalie Tanner Dent ’97, Sarah Graham ’99, Nate Snodgrass ’01, and Erin Dahlgren ’01. Sean was working at Amgen in Seattle and is now in pharmacy school at Washington State University in Pullman, and Andee is a massage therapist in Spokane where the couple live.

The wedding of Ryan Bennett ’01 and Jesse Samuel took place at the Edgewood Tahoe Golf Club in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., on March 18. Friends there to help celebrate include, from front left: Emily Clark-Welch Greif ’01, Judson Greif ’01, Sherwin Baghal ’02, Russel Dubois ’01, the groom and bride, Kyle Sexton ’00, Bonnie Engle Bennett ’01, Scott Bennett ’01, and Rich Moehl ’01. Back, from left: Jeremy Freise ’01, James Henry ’01, Brett Bennett ’01, Greg Franklin ’01, and Kristen Booth Sexton ’00. Julie Geantil Freise ’01 was there, too, but only her hand made it into the photo.


Janna Schumacher ’01 and Brandon Redman ’01 were married on Aug. 6, 2005, at Eden Valley Orchard near Ashland, Ore. Many UPS alumni attended their wedding and a “great time was had by all.” Back row, from left: Nate Snodgrass ’01, Kathy Guerra B.A. ’01, M.A.T. ’02, Rob Cunningham ’01, Laura Grinstead Petersen ’01, Andrew Petersen ’01, the groom and bride, Zale Crawford ’95, Marc Schumacher ’99, Paul Kelley ’01, Erik Kriens ’00, Matt Perry ’01, Rebecca Kogan ’01, George Vogel ’01, Emily Clark-Welch Greif ’01, and Judson Greif ’01. Front, from left: Erin Dahlgren ’01, Trish Sagare ’00, Michelle Moore B.S. ’01, M.A.T. ’02, Vivian Liao ’01, Anna Gruen ’01, Julie Geantil Freise ’01, and Jeremy Freise ’01. The couple live in Seattle and report thoroughly enjoying married life. Brandon is a sales director for MetLife in Bellevue, and Janna is a fifth grade teacher at Discovery Elementary in Issaquah.
Erica Brewer '02 and Peter Johansen were married on July 22 at Studio 116 in Seattle. From left: Rochelle Holmberg '02, Tyler Reilly, Nicola Shangrow '02, who served as a bridesmaid and the couple’s officiant, the groom and bride, Matthew Van Sickle '02, and Anna Mclough '04. Also in attendance, though not pictured, were Professors Alan Thorndike and Christophe Chagnard. Peter works as a special education teacher in the Seattle school district, and Erica juggles seven music-related jobs: teaching in the Shoreline and Seattle school districts, teaching private lessons, playing in three local orchestras, and performing in the Bella Trio with Nicola.

Brooke Pfeifle '02 and Aaron Rapf were married on Aug. 18 in Portland, Ore. UPS friends in attendance were: Matt Jones '00, Erika Duesenberg Jones '02, Ryan Keller '04, Ryan Siosson '02, Hakim Jones '02, Carmen Jones '03, Bill Weed '03, Melissa Vess '02, Sara Bartolain '04, Marni Wood '02, Sara Kern '02, Stacey Page '02, and Lindsay Smith '02. Also in attendance though not pictured were Marion Peters Denard '01 and Brooke Yerke Vaughey B.A.'02, M.Ed.'03. Brooke and Aaron both work at Nike world headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. Brooke is a footwear developer and Aaron is in tennis sports marketing.

Kate Eirlikson '02 and Brian Welderman '02 were married at the Boise Art Museum on April 22. A multi-generational UPS alumni group was there to help celebrate. Back, from left: Kate's aunt Valerie Stevens '72, Kate's cousin Galen Griggs '06, Eric Fox '03, Ian Foster '03, April Nelson Foster '03, Stephanie Hansen Hellekson B.M.'03, M.A.T.'04, Reid Hellekson '03, Erik Swanson '03, Nick Braun '03, Eric Johnson '02, and Jasmine Furnish '00. Front, from left: Kate's uncle Gordon Griggs (attended UPS '69-’72), Molly Sue Freck Hampton '70, Amy Temes '04, Abbie Stevens Brown B.S.'03, M.A.T.'05, the bride and groom, Kyra Patterson '02, Erin McGillivray '02, Tessa Bray, Danylle Olds '04, Corinne Miller '02, Elizabeth Marsh Johnson '03, Kate’s brother Dave Eirlikson '06, and mother of the bride Carolyn Griggs Eirlikson '70. The couple live in Boise, Idaho, and write: "For all those who said 'we told you so,' you were right!"

Brooke Johnson B.A.'02, M.A.T.'05 and Michael Herman were married on July 15 in Fieldbrook, Calif., at the home of Brooke’s parents. Classmate Jenny Call M.A.T.'05 attended the festivities. The couple live in Walla Walla, Wash., where Brooke continues to substitute teach in local elementary schools, and Michael is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.
Erin Carlson '04 writes: "Traveling from Africa and across the U.S., Gamma Phi Beta sisters, Beta Theta Pi brothers, and other friends from the 948 house, gathered for a Fourth of July mini-reunion in Minneapolis. It was a fabulous weekend of reminiscing about college, getting caught up on each others’ lives, and beginning a new tradition of getting together for a fun weekend every summer.” Front, from left: Jessica Hofer '04, Erin Carlson '04, Katy Quinn '04, and Kari Kristensen '04. Back, from left: Jacques Plaa '03, Drew Stefan '04, Will Oppenheimer B.A.'04, M.A.T.'05, and Jason Shaw '05.

Mini-updates on the group: Jess began her first year at Northeastern University in Boston this fall in their nurse practitioner program. Erin works on public health education in the rural village of Guinea, West Africa, as a Peace Corps volunteer. Her service with the Peace Corps is complete in March 2007. You can reach her at erin.carlson@alum.ups.edu. Katy is a staff assistant/legislative correspondent for Congressman Adam Smith in Washington, D.C. She also is working on her master’s at The George Washington University’s Elliott School for International Affairs. Kari lives in Denver and teaches high school algebra. Jacques is earning his M.B.A. at American University in Washington, D.C., while working for Wachovia Securities. Drew is a technical recruiter for Apex Systems, Inc., and lives in the Seattle area. Will lives in Seattle and is a third grade teacher in the Bellevue school district. Jason also lives in the Seattle area and is a management trainee for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Trevor Hanlin '08, (at left in the photo) became the second men’s three-time winner of the 13-mile run at the annual Crater Lake Rim Runs and Marathon in Southern Oregon on Aug. 12. He won the race in 2003 and 2004, but missed last year’s race due to illness. Placing second, Jeff Caba '92, right, is a physician’s assistant in Bend, Ore. Both were pleased to note that the third place finisher is a Willamette grad.

Robin Harris '04, left, and Sarah Bliss '05 were part of Teach for America this year. Robin is in her second year of the program and Sarah is in her first year. Both were assigned to the Greater New Orleans corps and were displaced to Houston after Hurricane Katrina. In September they helped develop a Knowldeg is Power Program (KIPP), a network of free, open-enrollment college-preparatory public schools in under-resourced communities throughout the United States, for Katrina evacuees. Sarah taught fifth grade writing and science, and Robin taught fourth grade math. They are pictured in front of a poster they made representing their alma mater. Sarah writes: “Robin’s homeroom was named the UPS Loggers and they carried the name with pride. Talking about UPS with our classes inspired some of our kids to think about attending college. It was a truly amazing year and being a part of rebuilding after the hurricane was very memorable.”

Lisa Sorenson '05 and Joseph Thibeault were married on Aug. 13, 2005, in Maple Valley, Wash. The wedding party included, from left: Amanda Thibeault, Aleece Thibeault, Nicole Jones '05, the bride and groom, Brandon Sevrick, Terry Sorenson, and Rome Monte. Lisa writes: “We went to Seaside, Ore., for our honeymoon and moved to Hill Air Force Base in Utah days after our return. Joseph is a senior airman and I work for Concentra Medical Centers doing scheduling and program compliance for the Hill Air Force Base. I also play on the varsity women’s softball team for Hill AFB and played in the annual Air Force tournament in August. We look forward to moving back to Washington when Joseph’s enlistment is up.” You can contact Lisa at lisaann.thibeault@hill.af.mil.
IPE alumnus Kirsten Benites ’03 and Wendy Soo Hoo ’02 joined Professor Michael Veseth ’72 in Prague this summer teaching at the American Institute on Political and Economic Systems. The program is for students from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, organized by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University in the U.S. and Charles University in the Czech Republic. The three were photographed at the U.S. Ambassador’s residence in Prague in July. Kirsten is back from two years in the Ukraine as a Peace Corps volunteer, and she started graduate school this fall in international development at the University of Denver. Wendy is a senior management auditor for the King County Auditor’s office.

Nearly 50 Puget Sound grads from among the 1,800 volunteers in the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) network returned to campus Sept. 21 to take part in the annual ASK Night, helping students and recent graduates explore job options. Want to join ASK or get career advice from a fellow Logger? See the Career and Employment Services Web site at www.ups.edu/ces.

Chad Mahoe B.A.’03, M.Ed.’06 and Anela Iaea ’05 were married in Hawaii on July 15 in Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel on the Kamehameha School’s campus. Sons Chase Koapaka Iaea Mahoe, 2 1/2, and Austin Keelikikaulaukiaunoe Iaea Mahoe, 10 months, accompany them. Their wedding party included alumni Maran LaGrave Reyes B.A.’05, M.A.T.’06, Charis Castillo ’04, and John Whitehead ’03. Shortly after graduating, the family returned to their home state, where Chad is counseling classes at Nanakuli high and intermediate schools. He also is coaching Nanakuli’s junior varsity and varsity football teams.

Punahou alumni who are also Puget Sound alumni. From left, attending a luau for Punahou alumni and friends in Seattle: Chad Nishikawa ’01, Cullen Pang ’01, Puget Sound Vice President for Enrollment George Mills B.S.’68, M.S. ’72, Jonah Kaakua ’01, and Michael Mizuno ’03. The Punahou football and volleyball teams were in Seattle over Labor Day weekend to compete with Seattle area schools. Cheerleaders and band members joined the group for the events. Puget Sound hosted 70 parents, faculty, and students on campus for a visit, followed by a tour of Tacoma’s Museum of Glass.

Fellow PacRimmers, and Asian studies and history majors moved the party to E-9 after this year’s Homecoming event honoring retiring Professor of History Suzanne Wilson Barnett, whose career at Puget Sound spans more than three decades. From left, clockwise: Judy Ledgerwood ’82, Betsy Allen Sherpa ’82, Nina Mitchell ’83, Grant Dull, Bill Kinsel ’82, Meg Sands ’82, Steve Harvey ’84, Amy Hoard Kinsel ’82, Brian Threlkeld ’83, and Mark Travis ’86. Not pictured because he’s behind the camera: Steve Lust ’83.
Heavy Metal: Undisputed national forensics champions Rachel Safran ’06 and Josh Anderson ’06 were back on campus in October and took a moment to pose in the office of forensics team advisor Associate Professor Derek Buescher with some of the hardware they helped collect. The pair bested 42 teams at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence last year and defeated a team from U.C., Berkeley in the four-day finals of the 2006 National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship.

Logger basketball in Brazil?! Yes, the men’s basketball team basked in the Rio de Janeiro sunshine this summer Aug. 7-17, when not playing basketball, of course. The team won four of the five live games they played and were joined by family, university friends, alumni, and two university trustees. Pictured visiting the famous 100-foot-statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain, not in any particular order: Cliff and Sharon Snyder and daughter Julie, Marie and Tim DeLong, administration office coordinator Paula Meiers, university trustee John Whalley ’64 and wife Patsy, Jerry Ramsey ’67 and wife Elaine Perdue Ramsey ’62, Don Hoff ’09 and his wife, university trustee Nancy Riehl Hoff ’51, Marlys Vincent Walker ’69 and husband Bob, Art Sowdon, Mark and Barb Walker, Renee Lunt, and former UPS swim coach Don Duncan. Millie Englund and Jackie Loyer joined the group, but not for this photo. Coaches Justin Lunt and Matt Robles lead players Michael Carter ’07, Ryan DeLong ’07, Bryce Douglas ’09, Jason Foster ’09, Robert Krauel ’09, Taylor Marsh ’08, Steven Ojo ’09, James Pinkney ’09, Cliff Snyder ’09, Jordan Thurston ’09, Jeff Walker ’07, and Antwan Williams ’09. Weston Wood ’07 had to stay home at the last minute due to illness.

Regan Wilson ’02 married Thomas Ellsworth Nelson III on Aug. 26 in Sun Valley, Idaho. Alumnae helping celebrate the day, from left: Sara Payne ’02, Helen Williams ’02, Erin McGillivray ’02, the bride and groom, Kathleen White ’02, and Demetra Panagakos ’04. Also in attendance, though not pictured, was Hart Williams ’04. Regan and Tom live in Portland, Ore., where she works for Nike and he is employed with Merrill Lynch.

Several UPS politics and government majors living and working in the nation’s capital, connected through the department’s blog site created by Professor and Chair Patrick O’Neil. Andrea Tull ’02 worked with Professor O’Neil to coordinate their first alumni gathering in Washington, D.C. From left: Jess Box ’06, Julie Houss ’06, Ron Davison ’85, Andrea, Jennifer Fischer ’94, Cat Fish ’08, Evie Schell ’02, Nick Lowe ’02, Ned Culhane ’06, and Lipika Choudhury ’06. For more on the blog site see http://upspolitics.blogspot.com.
Changes ahead for alumni representation and services

At its autumn meeting, the National Alumni Board recommended to the university board of trustees a far-reaching structural transformation of the alumni association that will better connect alumni to their alma mater and to each other. After review by the Development and Alumni Relations Committee of the university board of trustees, the recommendation was approved by the trustees at their October 27 meeting.

The reorganization addresses the third goal of the university's Defining Moments strategic plan (Arches, autumn 2006 or www.ups.edu/strategicplan.xml), "forging lifelong relationships." Chief among the changes are the development of an expanded volunteer network, including opportunities for involvement with student recruitment, alumni awards, athletics, campus programs, career and employment services, communications, intellectual life, regional clubs, and more. These will be phased in over the next several years.

"I am excited about the possibilities this reorganization brings to the lifelong relationships between alumni and the university," said National Alumni Board President Ken McGill ’61. "The National Alumni Board members are fully behind this change and enthusiastic about tremendous new ways for alumni to engage with the university through volunteer-based opportunities. Truly, this is a defining moment for alumni."

An Alumni Council will be created—with positions for class officers and correspondents—in order to ensure that all classes are represented going forward. The alumni chairs of the various committees will become members of the Alumni Council Executive Committee (ACEC), which succeeds the National Alumni Board. All current members of the former National Alumni Board will continue as members of the ACEC.

New alumni director appointed

After a national search, in November the university named Allison Cannady-Smith to the post of director of alumni and parent relations. Cannady-Smith joins the Puget Sound staff after 14 years at the University of Pennsylvania, where she served as director of overseer affairs, working with alumni volunteers from the boards of Penn's 16 schools and centers. Prior to that she was associate director of alumni relations and an assistant director of development at Penn. Cannady-Smith begins her duties at Puget Sound in January.

Look for a more complete introduction in the spring Arches.

Events calendar

FEBRUARY

Los Angeles-area Alumni
An Evening with President Thomas
Thurs., Feb 1
Time and place TBD

MARCH

Honolulu-area Alumni
An Evening with President Thomas
Wed., March 14
Time and place TBD

Seattle-area Alumni
Puget Sound Business Breakfast
Wed., March 21, 7:30 a.m.
Speaker Dennis Bakke ’68, author of Joy at Work
Bell Harbor International Conference Center
Pier 66, 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle

To register for alumni events, go to www.ups.edu/alumni and click on the “Alumni Events” tab, or call the alumni office at 253-879-345 or 800-339-3312.
Homecoming

Class of 1956
50th Reunion

The Hatchet returns, kind of

During half-time festivities at Homecoming, a rope descends from the grandstand. A man repels down the rope and runs screaming out onto the field. He reaches into a backpack he's carrying, pulls out a small roofer's hatchet, swings it overhead for the crowd to see, but is quickly subdued by a Tacoma police officer and UPS Director of Security Services Todd Badham '87. The item in the man's hand looks familiar. Is it the Hatchet, that ancient icon of Puget Sound high jinx stolen out of its Whee-lock Student Center display case in 2000?

A number of recent events might have indicated that something was up regarding The Hatchet: ASUPS posted a "History of The Hatchet" display in the SUB during Homecoming, and, during Logjam, students formed a "living hatchet" outline on Todd Field (see photo, right). Twelve different "hatchet cards" were made and placed on residence hall doors. The cards pictured the Hatchet and contained a small fact about the artifact. This year's ASUPS T-shirts played off the athletic logo, which features a hatchet. The ASUPS Homecoming poster displayed the illusion of a hatchet forming from the smoke of a campfire. And an ad placed by ASUPS in The Trail before Homecoming asked where the hatchet was.

Alas, the hatchet wielded on the football field was a replica commissioned by ASUPS, an idea that got started during the administration of ASUPS President Alex Israel '06 and Vice President Ryan McAninch '06. The replica was passed on to current ASUPS President Van Lang Pham '07 and Vice President Chelsea Howes '07 and their team, and they proceeded to plan how they would unveil the university symbol to the public.

"It's been six years since The Hatchet was stolen," Pham says. "Students on campus today have never seen it. We want to help keep the tradition alive."

The hatchet replica was placed in the glass case in Wheelock, where the original was displayed before it was taken.
Five receive 2006 Alumni Awards

PRIDE OF PUGET SOUND 2006 Alumni Award winners Tom Barnard '61, Ryan McAninch '06, Alex Israel '06 (wearing the latest in coordinated Loggerwear), and Marcia Moe '61 and Murden Woods '46.

Professional Achievement
The Professional Achievement Award is presented to alumni who gain regional, national, or international recognition that reflects positively on both the Alumni Association and the university.

Thomas Barnard '61
While a student at Puget Sound, Tom was a fraternity member and involved in forensics. After graduation Tom earned his law degree at Columbia University. He currently chairs the Employment and Labor Law Group of Ulmer and Berne LLP in Cleveland, Ohio. During more than 35 years in law, Tom has worked on issues as diverse as civil rights litigation, employment-related lawsuits in both the public and private sectors, and affirmative action issues in connection with government contracts. An arbitrator and mediator, Tom is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers board of arbitrators, an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange, and a contract mediator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Tom is the former chair of the employment and labor law section of the Ohio State Bar Association and is currently a member of the Ohio Management Lawyer's Association and the Mediation Association of Northeast Ohio. He is also an adjunct professor of law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Tom recently was named to “Best Lawyers in America” for the 10th time.

Service to Community
The Service to Community Award recognizes talents or skills in projects that improve quality of life through human service, the arts, recreation, education, or other pursuits.

Marcia Pinto Moe '61
Marcia majored in education at Puget Sound and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. After graduation she taught at the Annie Wright School and Jefferson High School. She served as the executive director of the American Leadership Forum and was a founding member of the Tacoma Farmers Market, the Tacoma Civic Ballet, and other groups. Marcia has been a board member for Junior League of Tacoma, the League of Women Voters, Tacoma Philharmonic, Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution, and Tacoma 2010, among other organizations. She has received the YWCA Woman of the Year Award for Leadership, the Municipal League’s Distinguished Citizen Award, and the Junior League of Tacoma Sustainer of the Year. Marcia currently is serving as grants manager for the Fuchs Foundation.

Service to University of Puget Sound
This award is presented to alumni who have made long-standing volunteer contributions to the university.

Murden Woods '46
Murden Woods majored in history at Puget Sound and was a member of Kappa Phi, chorus, International Relations Club, and SPURS. She served as an editor for The Trail, Tamanawas class editor, and as a class officer. She was elected alumni representative to the board of trustees in 1980. Even before attending Puget Sound, Murden had a long history with the school. Her father was a friend of presidents Todd and Thompson. Murden’s mother established a scholarship in honor of her husband, and Murden continues it today in honor of both her parents. She is a member of the Legacy Society (the university’s planned giving program) and has attended numerous events, scholarship luncheons, Homecoming, and Gothic and Legacy Society events in recent years. Murden is one of the longest consistent annual donors to Puget Sound—34 consecutive years and counting.

Young Alumni
The Young Alumni Award recognizes alumni who make significant contributions to the university in regional alumni programs, student recruitment, fundraising, or career advising.

Alexander Israel '06, Ryan McAninch '06
Alex Israel was born and raised in Los Angeles. Upon arrival at Puget Sound, Alex quickly became as involved as possible, as president of the Todd/Phibbs Resident Hall Association, a DJ for KUPS, and an Office of Admission overnight host. In his third year he also served on the executive committee of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and on the Interfraternity Council. He became the first write-in ASUPS president. He served on the faculty senate, staff senate, and as an ex-officio member of the board of trustees. Following graduation, Alex began studying for his master’s degree at the American Film Institute. He now divides his time between class, the set, and the Malibu surf.

Ryan McAninch came to the University of Puget Sound from Portland, Ore., and is the third generation of the McAninch family to choose the university. Ryan joined Beta Theta Pi and served in a variety of leadership roles in the Greek community, including social chair and vice president of his fraternity, and vice president of the Interfraternity Council. He was also vice president of ASUPS with Alex in his senior year. Ryan was the recipient of an Erik J. Konzelman University Leadership Award. After graduation he volunteered for two weeks in New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina relief. Ryan lives in Seattle and works for Quellos Group, a financial services company.

While in office the two focused on increasing the vitality of the student community and fostering a sense of tradition, two elements that contributed to the installation of “Grizz” the Logger.
For more than 30 years, chemistry instructor Tim Hoyt has been performing "Wizard" shows to get students excited about chemistry and science. Here he's burning magnesium inside a block of dry ice—not an easy trick considering that fire needs oxygen, and dry ice is solid carbon dioxide. Plus it's 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Don't try this at home, kids, but once the magnesium is ignited it burns like a miniature sun. "I place the top half of a block of dry ice on the bottom half, and the entire block of dry ice glows with a bright light," says the occasional wizard, who signs his e-mails with an emoticon that looks like this: <8{=}

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