A Note from the Parents Council

This Spring has been a busy one for the Parents Council. Over the past several months, parent volunteers have been working with university offices to help at events for admitted students and their families, host student performers while on tour, share career advice and experiences with current students, and raise important funds for student scholarships.

In addition to the on-going committee work, the council recently convened on-campus where we heard from President Thomas about the changing landscape of higher education and Puget Sound’s place in it. He shared with us the many reasons that online courses and mass lecture halls are no substitute for the highly-personal liberal arts education found at Puget Sound. We also heard from Dean of Students Mike Segawa, who gave us insight into the resources and systems in place to support students academically and developmentally across all areas of the university.

Parents who want to get involved are welcome to join the Parents Council at any time. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Katie Howard, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, at khoward@pugetsound.edu, 253.879.3624, or 800.339.3312.

Best,

Betsy ’79 & Todd Stone P’14
Parents Council Co-Chairs

Parents Council Committees in Action

The mission of the Parents Council is to engage Puget Sound parents in campus and regional activities that enrich students’ college experience. Through its five committees, council members have been hard at work providing support for Puget Sound. Below are a few highlights of recent council activities:

Admission: Nearly 40 parents attended admitted student receptions held across the country this spring, sharing their Puget Sound experiences with potential Logger parents. The committee is also making plans to contact each incoming family this summer to welcome them to Puget Sound.

Athletics: The Athletics committee rallied parents across the West in support of the Loggers while on the road this spring. With matches that span several states, all parents are encouraged to support our athletes while travelling, creating a fan base just as if they were at home.

Career Development: Parents on the Career Development Committee have been discussing the many ways parents can act as resources for students through networking, informational interviews, and by encouraging potential employers to post jobs and internships for Puget Sound students at www.PugetSound.edu/HireStudents.
Parent Communications: These volunteers are working to evaluate information currently available for parents, providing input on what is missing and how parent resources can be improved. The group conducted its first focus group this spring, providing valuable input for future communications.

Parents Fund: Parents are continuing their outreach to families to encourage their support of the Parents Fund. Having already surpassed the $560,000 mark, they are well on their way towards raising $700,000 this year for the Parents Fund.

Parents are invited to learn more about the Parents Council and its committees by visiting the website at: www.pugetsound.edu/parentscouncil.

Drive For 125!

The University of Puget Sound is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2013. In honor of this anniversary, the Athletics department set a goal to secure 125 wins through the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. After seven months, the “Drive for 125” was accomplished on April 14, 2013 as both the men and women’s crew teams beat Pacific Lutheran, winning the Meyer-Lamberth Cup. Congrats to all Puget Sound athletes for their participation in this fun-filled anniversary celebration.

A recap of the wins that helped our students reach their goal can be found on the Logger Athletics website.

Changes to Cascade Online Billing

Puget Sound is in the process of implementing a new software system from Oracle called PeopleSoft. Over the next few months, parents will see new ways to do many of the things you have been doing in the Cascade system. Eventually, Cascade will be replaced by a new portal called myPugetSound.

Student Financial Services (SFS) started converting student accounts on April 15th. During the next few months SFS will transition the way billing and payment options are presented. In the meantime:

- **Account Balance**: Use your Cascade login to access Your Student Finances/Student Account Detail as usual to view and pay student account balances.

- **Electronic Payment**: Students and bill payers can continue to make payment by e-check through their Cascade login. *It will take one business day before you will see these payments on student accounts.*

If you need assistance, please contact Student Financial Services at sfs@pugetsound.edu or 253.879.3214. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stay Connected!

To receive regular notifications about payment deadlines, tax information, student loan repayment, scholarships, and more, ‘like’ the Student Financial Services Facebook page!
Preparing for Summer

Ready or not - spring move out from the residence halls is fast approaching! Closing can be a stressful time for students, and Residence Life has shared some helpful information regarding the move out process to make it as smooth as possible.

Donations
In partnership with the Community Action and Involvement Center and facilities services, Residence Life provides several options for students looking to donate items they no longer need or cannot take with them over the summer. A designated Operation SAVE donation drop-off location is located on the ground floor of each building where students can donate gently used clothing, linens, shoes, backpacks, small appliances, rugs, baskets or storage bins. These items are then donated to several local community organizations.

Items that Operation SAVE is unable to take, such as furniture, mattress pads, full-length mirrors, shelving units, TVs, and large rugs, can all be taken to a Goodwill truck parked on-campus in the Wheelock lot. If a student has a mini-fridge in good condition they would like to donate, the Resident Student Association can take these donations.

These programs help serve our community, and keep thousands of pounds of usable items out of the waste stream. Not to mention it helps students pack efficiently for their travel plans – a winning situation for everyone.

Storage
Residence Life has several storage options for students returning to live on campus next year, conveniently located in each community. These storage options are available on a first-come, first-serve basis starting the Sunday of reading period, May 5th. Storage areas typically fill up quickly, so students should plan ahead!

All items stored on-campus must be properly boxed and taped, no larger than 4’x4’, and no heavier than 70 pounds. We are unable to store the following items in our spaces:

- Large electronics or appliances (i.e. microwaves, mini-fridges, large printers, computers, stereo equipment, etc.)
- Furniture
- Freestanding lamps
- Rugs

University Housing Checkout
All non-graduating students must be out of the university halls and houses by noon on Saturday, May 18th. To avoid check-out fees, students should plan ahead to pack all of their items, clean their rooms, and remove all trash and recycling before their check-out time. Beginning in May, students will sign up for a check-out time with a Residence Life staff member to return their key(s). Graduating seniors must check out by noon on Monday, May 20th.

Summer Parking & Bicycle Storage
While the university is able to provide storage for some items, we are not able to store vehicles on campus over the summer. Students are asked to make arrangements for off-campus vehicle storage if necessary. A warning that vehicles left on City of Tacoma streets may be tagged and towed at the owner’s expense after 7 days.

Residence Life offers limited bicycle storage, but bicycles may not be left in campus outdoor storage racks over the summer. Students should contact Residence Life directly to arrange for proper storage of their bike at reslife@pugetsound.edu or by calling (253) 873-3317.
Upcoming On-Campus Events and Important Dates

Last Day of Classes
May 8, 2013

Reading Period
May 9 – 13, 2013

Final Exams
May 14 – 17, 2013

Residential Facilities Close (for non-graduating students)
May 18, 2013

Commencement Weekend (click for more information)
May 17 – 19, 2012

Residential Facilities Close (for graduating students)
May 20, 2013

Summer Term I Begins
May 20, 2013

Loggers Keep Learning in Denver with Professor Karl Fields
June 27, 2013

Summer Term II Begins
July 1, 2013

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The Puget Sound Parent Newsletter is published two times a year by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. We welcome your comments, questions, and ideas. Send us an e-mail message and let us know your thoughts. If you do not wish to receive e-mail messages from us please call 253.879.3245; 800.339.3312, or send an email message to parents@pugetsound.edu.

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations would like to wish all of our families a safe and fun-filled summer.

We look forward to seeing all of you on campus for Homecoming & Family Weekend, October 25-27, 2013.