A Lasting Tribute to the Adelphians

Allen T. Miller ’41 grew up in Spokane, in a family that valued higher education. His brother and sister both attended the relatively nearby Washington State College, now known as Washington State University. But when Allen graduated from Spokane Junior College, he had the chance to go farther afield in pursuit of a degree. A family friend moving to Tacoma to serve as a Methodist minister invited Allen along to help care for the family’s three young children and attend (then) College of Puget Sound.

Although Allen had never traveled so far from Spokane, he soon felt at home on the Puget Sound campus. He joined Witan, a group of male students from out of town living on 12th Avenue for a mere $25 per month.

Allen joined several campus clubs, but his most enduring memories are of his membership in the Adelphian Concert Choir. Allen had grown up in a family that loved music, and his mother was a gifted pianist. Under the leadership of Professor John Paul Bennett, Allen performed and toured with his fellow Adelphians. He fondly recalls returning to campus years later for an Adelphian reunion, where all the chorus alumni filled a local Methodist church for a special concert.

Allen served four years in the Air Force after graduation. During World War II, he and his crew were interred by the Soviet Union after an emergency landing in Siberia. The experience inspired Allen to learn more about the Soviet Union after the war and led to a long career in military intelligence which took him around the globe. Eventually Allen and his wife, Hope, settled in Kailua on Oahu.

Even though Allen’s life and work took him far from Puget Sound, he has never forgotten the Adelphians and happy memories of his time spent with the group. Several years ago, Allen funded a gift annuity with Puget Sound to benefit the Adelphian tour fund so more Puget Sound students could enjoy the same experiences he once did. Although Allen no longer sings in a chorus or makes trips back to campus, he still follows the choir’s activities and continues to pursue his love of music by playing his grand piano at home in Hawai‘i.
Estate and Charitable Planning in 2010

For years estate planners have predicted that before Dec. 31, 2009, Congress would certainly vote to correct an impending deadline—the suspension of federal estate tax in the year 2010. However, as you may know, this vote never took place and the year began without a federal estate tax in place.

**What Does the Suspension of Federal Estate Tax Mean for You?**

At the time of publication, a federal estate tax for 2010 still had not been approved by Congress. (Gift tax continues to remain in effect, as does state-level estate tax.) However, financial analysts still believe that the government will institute an estate tax for 2010, and attempt to make it retroactive to Jan. 1, 2010. What should you do in the meantime? The best advice is to contact your lawyer and financial advisor to see if there are any changes you need to make to your personal estate plans, and encourage your friends and family members to do the same. As with all estate planning, the best practice is to work with trusted advisors on an individualized plan that works for you. By keeping the lines of communication open with these professionals and being aware of the changing laws, you can continue to monitor and change your estate plans as needed.

**The Good News in 2010—Low Discount Rates and What They Mean for You**

There is good news in the estate and charitable gift planning world. Historically low discount rates continue to be approved by the IRS each month. The discount rate, also known as the applicable federal rate, is the short-term rate of interest at which member banks may borrow money from the Federal Reserve Bank. In estate planning, discount rates are also used to calculate income tax and gift tax deductions for charitable trusts.

Low discount rates provide the best environment to form Charitable Lead Trusts, which can benefit your favorite charity now, move assets out of your estate, and benefit your heirs—all at the same time. The lower the discount rate is, the greater your ability to minimize or completely avoid gift tax when transferring your assets to your heirs through a charitable lead trust.

A charitable lead trust is a planned giving instrument in which cash, stock, or income-producing property is irrevocably transferred under a trust agreement. Such a trust would make payments to Puget Sound for a certain number of years and then distribute the principal to you or your heirs. Through a charitable lead trust you can support Puget Sound’s annual fund, endowment, or even current building projects now while significantly reducing gift and estate taxes in passing assets to your children or grandchildren.

For an illustration on how such a trust might work for you, please contact University of Puget Sound’s Office of Capital Giving at 253.879.2922.

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Save the date...

**Summer Reunion Weekend and Alumni College June 4–6, 2010**

Thought school was out for summer? Think again! Alumni are invited back to campus for Summer Reunion Weekend and Alumni College 2010. Stay in the dorms (if you’re willing), take classes as part of Alumni College, and engage in a variety of recreational activities both on and off campus.


Summer Reunion Weekend 2010 also will include festivities for Greek alumni. Members from all past and present fraternities and sororities are invited to reconnect at the all-Greek campus barbecue, special house gatherings, and other Summer Reunion Weekend events held throughout the weekend.

The weekend concludes on Sunday with Alumni College, a new, daylong program that provides alumni and community members the opportunity to head back into the classroom. Current and emeriti faculty will lead discussions on topics related to a specific theme, “Civilizations and Citizenship.” The day will include four classroom sessions and a panel discussion at lunch. Alumni College will conclude with a discussion about the globalization of wine and a wine tasting led by Professor of International Political Economy Mike Veseth ’72.

To find out how you can participate, contact Ed Wilder ’86, chair of the Alumni Council Campus Programs Committee, at ewilder@alum.ups.edu; Heath Shaffer ’97, chair of the Alumni Council Affinity Groups Committee, at heath.shaffer@alum.ups.edu; or Steve White ’68, chair of the Alumni Council Greek Life Committee, at sjwhite46@comcast.net.

For more information you also may call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 800.339.3312 or 253.879.3245, or visit www.pugetsound.edu/reunionweekend. Watch your mailbox for a full schedule and registration materials later this spring.
Regional Events

Puget Sound in Portland
Lawrence Gallery
March 16, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
Poetry Reading—Just Enough Poetry:
Selections from Professor Hans Ostrom’s
book of poetry, The Coast Starlight

Puget Sound Business Breakfast
in Seattle
May 6, 2010, 7:30 a.m.
Join business leaders for breakfast as
they share their tactics and successes
with other members from the business
community.
Visit www.pugetsound.edu/psbb for more
information.

Campus Events

Logger Lunches are on the first
Tuesday of every month in Wheelock
Student Center, Room 101, at noon.
Grab lunch in The Diner and join Puget
Sound coaches as they discuss the latest
in Logger athletics.
Visit www.loggerathletics.com to see
Logger sports schedules and news.

Anything Goes!
Lyrics and music by Cole Porter,
faculty-directed production
Norton Clapp Theatre
Tickets: $12.50 general; $8.50 for senior
citizens (55+) and non-Puget Sound
students. Call 253.879.3419 for tickets.
Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.

Commencement Weekend
May 14–16, 2010
Families, friends, and members of
the campus community are eager to
celebrate this important milestone for
the Class of 2010.

Summer Reunion Weekend
and Alumni College
June 4–6, 2010
All alumni and their families are invited to
campus for Summer Reunion Weekend
and Alumni College! Whether you’re
celebrating your fifth reunion, your 50th,
or somewhere in between, don’t miss our
Summer Reunion Weekend. The reunion
will also feature an all-Greek affinity group
gathering and a chance to head back to
the classroom with your favorite Puget
Sound faculty. For more information see
the full article on page 2.

P.S. Want to connect with classmates before Summer Reunion
Weekend? Puget Sound alumni are on Facebook—search for “UPS
Alums” and reconnect online. If you graduated in a class ending in 0
or 5, search for “Puget Sound Class of [insert your 4-digit class year].”
Not on Facebook? Check out Puget Sound’s online alumni community,
LOGGER[net], at www.alumniconnections.com/loggernet, where you can
find friends, update your contact information, and post class notes.

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CONTACT INFO

To find out more about alumni and parent events, go to www.pugetsound.edu/alumnievents, or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 253.879.3245 or 800.339.3312.
To learn more about Regional Alumni Club events, visit www.alumniconnections.com/loggernet/loggerpages.

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The Legacy Society was established in 1986 to honor alumni and friends who are providing for the university through their estate plans. The greatest benefit of belonging to the Legacy Society is the satisfaction of knowing that your long-range plans will help future students receive the advantages of an excellent liberal arts education.

As a member you will also receive:

- Invitations to society events.
- A cloisonné lapel pin.
- Recognition in the society’s membership roster (only with your permission).

If you have included Puget Sound in your will, trust, retirement plan, or other estate-planning vehicle, please let us know by calling the Office of Capital Giving at 253.879.2922, or send an e-mail message to giftplanning@pugetsound.edu.