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One hundred years ago, ground was broken for the first building on our new campus.

CASSETTES ARE BACK, BABY: KUPS-FM hosted the Seattle duo *Style King of the Week* for a free concert on the Slab in April. *Style King's* sound is a mix of live drums, synthesizer, and manipulated cassette tapes.

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Featured Contributors

- Meri-Jo Borzilleri** (p. 5) is a freelance writer and former adjunct professor of journalism at Western Washington University; she's based in Bellingham, Wash.
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Cover Sarah Strattan '11 photographed this glacial pool while summiting K2, the world's second tallest peak. For more of her mountaineering images, see p. 18.

Summer at Puget Sound

President Isiaah Crawford on the important role that summer programming plays on campus.



away. And students often take advantage of the summers to have those experiences.

Summer is also when we see middle school and high school students on campus as part of the Summer Academic Challenge. What's the idea behind that program?

We're very proud of our Academic Challenge program. It's one of the ways we feel that we're able to engage our community, help young people appreciate the opportunities they have locally to pursue their intellectual interests, and to help them be open to pursuing a college education—be it with us or any other college or university.

You mentioned conferences that take place on campus. Those happen year-round, but they seem to increase in the summer.

Yes, it's far more robust during the summer than during the academic year. We are looking at expanding our conference programming throughout the academic year in some new and novel ways. And that's something that our executive vice president, Kim Kvaal, and associate vice president for facilities, Bob Kief, are exploring in earnest.

There also are opportunities for lifelong learning. I was impressed with the roster of Community Summer programs this year—everything from ceramics to whiskey appreciation to understanding issues faced by Native Americans.

We've been expanding those types of community courses that relate to our commitment to lifelong learning and enrichment. Again, these are ways in which we want to promote our role as a cultural and intellectual asset for Tacoma and the Pierce County region.

—Interview by Tina Hay

Summer around here has a different rhythm than the rest of the academic year. What does it feel like to you?

It's not quite as busy on campus as it is between September and May, but it's far from a ghost town. We have students here taking classes and doing summer research, and we have a very vital and busy conference schedule, among other activities. Conferences, summer camps, and our Summer Academic Challenge allow us to make the campus available to the broader community, where people are able to utilize our facilities in a variety of ways.

How important are the summer offerings to the overall vitality of the university?

Very important. Students are able to pursue some of their interests that they wouldn't be able to explore during the academic year. We're also offering more core courses during the summer, so students can play catchup or even get ahead a little in matriculating through their baccalaureate degrees. And, of course, our graduate programs continue to operate throughout

the summer in various forms. We're looking to grow our summer session programs to appeal not only to Puget Sound students, but also to other college students who are returning to the South Sound for the summer and who may want to take advantage of some of our offerings.

Students also use the summer session to do research, internships, and other kinds of experiential learning, which we know is essential to a Puget Sound education.

Absolutely. We're actually making it very much a cornerstone of a University of Puget Sound education. We believe that a University of Puget Sound education is not something you get; rather, it's something you do. Experiential learning promotes both deep learning and broad learning. So we're very pleased to have moved forward with establishing experiential learning as a degree requirement, making sure every student has the opportunity to do an internship, engage in mentored research, do a community-based project, or do a study abroad or study

What We're Talking About on Campus



WE'RE BACK!

After missing three years because of COVID-19, the **Fieldhouse Flea Market** returned in March. With more than 60 vendors on hand, the event raised more than **\$32,100 for student**

scholarships. The Women's League has been organizing the flea market since 1968.

NEW PROVOST

Drew Kerkhoff, associate provost at Kenyon College in Ohio, has been named

provost at Puget Sound. A biologist, he's been on the Kenyon faculty since 2005; he recently led the development of a plan to attain carbon neutrality by 2040.

PUT ME IN, COACH

The university has hired two "student success coaches" to support incoming students. **Tiffany Williams** and **Will Holland** will help students find resources and navigate the challenges of the first year on campus.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

This year's **Logger Day Challenge** in March was a strong success, raising

\$486,384 from 1,593 donors in 47 states. Class of '79 alumni gave the most of any class (\$105,215), and football alumni donated the most of any sport (\$74,250). The money goes to financial aid, academic programs, and student life, among other areas.



named Puget Sound's most outstanding student-athletes for 2022–23. Cholakian netted 17 goals and led the **women's soccer** team to an NCAA tournament appearance. Joyce, a pitcher and infielder on the **baseball** team, set the school career records for home runs (36) and runs batted in (134).

NEW MENTOR

Oscar Sosa, associate professor of biology, has been named the newest mentor for the Access Scholars Cohort. The program provides financial, academic, and social support to **Tacoma Public Schools** students who enroll at Puget Sound.

SKETCHBOOK



IN PRAISE OF SALMON Artist Eileen Klatt worked for years on a series of 61 life-size paintings dedicated to salmon species that have become extinct. Four of those paintings—including the Walla Walla River chum shown above—were part of *Honor: People and Salmon*, an exhibition by artist-advocates in Kittredge Gallery this spring. The exhibition was organized by Northwest Artists Against Extinction.

LOVE WINS THE DAY

A 17th-century French romantic comedy called *Games of Love and Chance* was the Department of Theatre Arts' mainstage production this spring. **Mya Woods '25** (above, left) and **Allison Turek '23** were among the performers in the Norton Clapp Theatre.

FULBRIGHT LOVE

Puget Sound has once again been named among the colleges and universities that produce the most **Fulbright Students**, according to the State Department. Six Puget Sound students earned Fulbright awards in 2022–23.

TOP STUDENT-ATHLETES

Ava Cholakian '23 and **Dylan Joyce '23** have been



LOCAL FAVORITE

South Sound Magazine named University of Puget Sound its top college in the 2023 **Best of the South Sound** rankings, based on voting by readers.

BASEBALL HISTORY

Robert Garratt, emeritus professor of English, has a **new book**, *Jazz Age Giant: Charles A. Stoneham and New York City Baseball in the Roaring Twenties*. The University of Nebraska Press is the publisher.

Tales from a Legend

Stage and screen star Rita Moreno visits campus to give the Pierce Lecture. *By Tina Hay*



Hollywood legend Rita Moreno charmed the campus community in April when she delivered the Spring 2023 Susan Resneck Pierce Lecture and spoke to a class. Now 91, Moreno is perhaps best known for playing Anita in the 1961 film *West Side Story*, a role that earned her an

Academy Award for best supporting actress—and made her the first Latina to win an Oscar.

Born in Puerto Rico, she moved to the U.S. with her mother at age 5. “I learned very quickly, with language, it was either sink or swim,” she told an audience in Schneebeck Hall. “I wanted to

swim. So I learned English very quickly.”

She recalled performing at a dance recital in New York City at age 15; after the recital, an MGM talent scout in attendance gave her mother his business card. “I’m not sure she’s ready yet,” he said, “but I want to give you my card as I believe she may have a future at MGM.” Says Moreno: “I damn near peed in my pants!”

Moreno, who has earned Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Awards, has also received the Kennedy Center Honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the National Medal of Arts, among other honors. For her lecture, she was joined onstage in a Q&A format by Andrew Gomez, associate professor of history. She also fielded audience questions: Asked who her favorite current actors are, she mentioned Brad Pitt, Bradley Cooper, and Cate Blanchett. And, asked if she sees herself ever slowing down, she offered a quick and emphatic response: “Hell no!”

O H , S N A P !



Remembering Ron Thom @lraitt posted several photos and a fond tribute to the former Puget Sound president, who passed away April 17.



Welcome to Dnuos Tegup! @ava_vs_world was one of many high school seniors announcing that she’ll be headed to Tacoma this fall.



Heavenly Haze @pugetsoundcrew enjoyed a “fun foggy morning row” in March.

Ask the Expert: Faithlina Abeshima '16

How to Stay Safe Online



Faithlina Abeshima '16 was hired by the university as a technology support analyst shortly after graduating; then, in 2019, she became information security administrator. We asked her advice on steering clear of hackers, scammers, and bots. —Amy Downey

LOG ON, LOGGERS

Rule No. 1: Every password you use needs to be different. Even the strongest password is automatically weakened if it’s repeated

across accounts, says Abeshima. When you ensure that each password is unique to a given site, then if your data is breached in a nonessential app (hello,

TikTok), the password won’t be compromised everywhere—including places that matter.

USE PASSPHRASES

A string of words is stronger than short passwords. Why? Length trumps all. “It takes an attacker a lot longer to guess a passphrase through computational algorithms,” Abeshima says. Passphrases can be easier to remember, too—just think of a famous quote or favorite song lyric.

USE MULTIPLE EMAIL ADDRESSES

Create separate email addresses for different parts

of your life, says Abeshima. Have email addresses that are specifically for work, personal correspondence, sensitive accounts (i.e., banking), online shopping, and even social media. That boosts both privacy and security. If one of the accounts gets hacked—as opposed to all of them—it should be easier to isolate and resolve the problem.

SET UP ALERTS

Adjust your account preferences to send alerts when there’s unfamiliar activity. Configure your notifications to tell you if someone logged into your account or a transaction was made.

TAKE BABY STEPS

Protecting your digital footprint may seem overwhelming. Start by securing what’s most valuable—for many, that means banking, credit card, retirement, or investment accounts. In addition, your primary email account, which is often used to reset passwords or confirm your identity, should be a top priority. “If someone has access to that,” says Abeshima, “they have keys to the kingdom.”

For more ways to stay safe online, go to pugetsound.edu/cybersecurity.



His Toughest Challenge

In his first season on the Puget Sound swimming team, Brett Kolb '23 qualified for nationals. Then his health took an ominous turn. *By Meri-Jo Borzilleri*

Brett Kolb’s breakout freshman swim season came with an odd aftermath: He couldn’t keep hydrated.

Kolb '23 would go to the Diner on campus and drink a 64-ounce cup of water. Then another. And another. He didn’t think much of it, or of the numerous nightly bathroom trips, figuring he was recovering from a hard season. Weeks later, he mentioned it to his roommate’s mother—a nurse—who urged him to get checked for diabetes.

Busy with school, Kolb didn’t see a doctor right away. By the time he did, on a Tuesday, the doctor said he probably wouldn’t have made it to the end of the week. Kolb was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, his condition serious enough that he needed to be hospitalized for two days.

That was in 2019, not long after Kolb had been named Northwest Conference Freshman Swimmer of the Year and qualified for the NCAA Division III championships. Suddenly he was low on energy, faced with constant monitoring of his blood sugar, having to adapt to a radical change in diet.

He struggled with his identity (“I wasn’t viewing myself as a good swimmer anymore”) and

wondered if his swimming days were over. For a time, he contemplated suicide.

“It was a really dark point where I was thinking about just not wanting to be here anymore,” he says now. He leaned on a built-in support system of friends, family, and teammates. Still does, he says.

Teammates and coaches helped Kolb reset his life and his priorities in the pool, making it less about times and more about fun. When he went back home to Carson City, Nev., during the pandemic, his club coach, Julie Hardt, helped him train and manage his diabetes. When Kolb, who now wears a blood-glucose sensor while swimming, felt guilty about having to leave the pool due to dangerous blood sugar levels, teammates reassured him it was OK. When he felt spent after a race, teammates made sure he was safe.

Kolb rediscovered joy in the pool, and faster times followed: He was named to the all-conference team this past February, his senior season. Next, he plans to take a year to travel before entering Puget Sound’s Master of Arts in Teaching program.

“He is one of the most positive people I know,” says teammate **Ethan Schwartz '24**. “Which is incredible considering all he’s been through.”

An Untold Story

Bella Rodriguez '24 has uncovered the history of 1960s Cuban refugees in the Pacific Northwest.

BY JONNY EBERLE

GROWING UP IN PORTLAND, ORE., BELLA RODRIGUEZ '24 was struck by the absence of Latino stories in the narrative of the city's history. It wasn't until she started studying history, environmental policy and decision making, and Latina/o studies at University of Puget Sound that she started to ask questions about the history of Latinos in her hometown. That curiosity led her to dig deep into the city's complicated racial history and uncover the story of the Cuban refugee community that sprang up almost overnight in the 1960s.

"My family is Dominican, but there's a lot of shared community in Portland between Dominicans and Cubans," Rodriguez says. "I knew I wanted to research the history of the area, and my dad told me that there used to be a lot more Cubans there when he was growing up. In fact, he said, there were a lot of Cuban women who would watch him when he was little.

"That's when I first heard about Operation Pedro Pan."

Following Fidel Castro's rise to power in the Cuban Revolution of 1959, Cubans who opposed the new communist regime started to look for ways to get their families off the island. In response, a group of Catholic charities organized Operation Pedro Pan—a massive effort to evacuate children to the United States with the tacit approval of the U.S. government.

"A lot of families were afraid that their children would be indoctrinated [if they stayed in Cuba]," Rodriguez says. "When the government started shutting down religious schools, they were desperate to get their kids out of Cuba. That kicked off the largest exodus of children traveling from a foreign country to the United States in history."

Between 1960 and 1962, more than 14,000 unaccompanied minors arrived in Miami from Cuba. Some went to stay with relatives in the United States, and the rest

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were sent to foster homes around the country until they could be reunited with their families. Eventually, many of them ended up in Portland, where they formed a tight-knit Cuban American community in a predominantly white city.

To learn more about this chapter in Portland's history, Rodriguez interviewed the now-grown unaccompanied minors, known as Pedro Pans, still living in the area, relying on referrals within the community to find her subjects. With help from her summer research advisor, Assistant Professor of History Andrew Gomez, Rodriguez developed questions and a research framework to create an oral history of the Pedro Pan program.

"It's important to capture these stories while we still can," Rodriguez says, pointing out that many of the people involved have died or no longer live in the Portland area.

Rodriguez asked her interviewees about their childhood in Cuba, what they know about their parents' decision to send them to the United States, what they remember about the trip, how they ended up in Portland, and what the Cuban community in Portland was like.

Some also talk about how the experience has shaped their politics: "There is this aspect of fear around communism that a lot of these

people have, understandably," Rodriguez says. "That explains a lot as to why today a lot of Cuban people lean more conservative. If you look at the history, you can see why their experiences have made many of them afraid of more leftist politics. I think that's a really nuanced, interesting thing that's important to look at."

In her research, Rodriguez also has found books, monographs, and a thesis, as well as smaller snippets of the story of Portland's Cuban community, including a news article from 1967 profiling a Cuban refugee who was crowned queen of the annual Portland Rose Festival, and a business license for a Cuban social club that has since closed. These records, combined with Rodriguez's oral history project, help to paint a fuller picture of the brief period when Portland's Cuban American community flourished. Even though the community shrank as people died or moved away over the years, Rodriguez still sees its mark on the fabric of her hometown.

"The history of the Pacific Northwest is very centered on white people, but there have always been other groups here. When my family came to Portland in the '60s, the majority of Latino people that they met were Cuban. They laid the foundation for the Latino community in the Pacific Northwest today."

Rodriguez—who chose University of Puget Sound in part because it offers a chance to study environmental policy—still has another year of college to go, but is starting to think about future plans. She's considering law school, specifically environmental law. Which isn't as unrelated to her summer research as it might seem: "I think there's a lack of understanding of marginalized communities and their histories in environmental policy and environmental law more generally," she says.

"I think that the fact that I'm spending this time learning this history will be important."

HOMETOWN HISTORY

Rodriguez's research led to an oral history of Operation Pedro Pan, a massive effort to evacuate Cuban children to the U.S. after Fidel Castro came into power.



SY BEAN

Writer, Teacher, Catalyst

Laura Krughoff talks about her fiction writing, her dual role as an educator and an administrator, and swimming in Puget Sound.

BY JONNY EBERLE

Laura Krughoff, associate professor of English and director of gender and queer studies, is a fiction writer and essayist. She won a Pushcart Award for her short story “Halley’s Comet” in 2007 and her debut novel, My Brother’s Name, was a finalist for a 2014 Lambda Literary Foundation Award. A more recent book, Wake in the Night, is a collection of short fiction about women in rural Indiana. We asked her about her work.

You’ve been teaching at Puget Sound since 2014. What brought you here?

I grew up in the Midwest and did my undergrad at Loyola University of Chicago. Then, I got an M.F.A. degree in fiction writing at the University of Michigan. After that, I was living in Chicago, teaching, and starting to get published. In 2008, I decided I wanted to go back to school and I started a Ph.D. program in creative English at University of Illinois Chicago. After that, I was ready for a change and did a national job search. I found Puget Sound and I haven’t looked back.

Can you tell me about your dual role in the English department and as director of the gender and queer studies program? How do those positions complement each other?

So, I applied for a creative writing position in the English department, but even in my interview, it was clear that the university was looking for folks who could cross over in interesting ways with other departments and groups on campus. A lot of my fiction deals with issues of gender and sexuality, so I was already interested in gender and queer studies. A few years later, I taught my first GQS course and then four years ago, I took over from Greta Austin as director. It’s an administrative position, thinking about the courses that our students are interested in, figuring out what we can offer and how to staff those classes. One of my favorite things to do on campus is

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to see where the energy is and figure out how I can help foster that. What very unglamorous things behind the scenes need to be done so that these conversations can flourish? That’s the part I really love.

Beyond your work as an academic and a program administrator, you’re also a writer. Can you talk about your writing?

I have almost exclusively published fiction. My first novel, *My Brother’s Name*, is about gender passing and follows a character who assumes her brother’s identity. She’s successful for a while and comes to discover that she really loves this narrative that she’s creating, but it’s not her life to live. So much has changed since that book came out, and the conversation about gender and the trans experience in particular is very different now than it was 10 years ago. Not only that, but I’m different, too. What’s amazing to me is how quickly you outgrow yourself. Like cicadas, we’re always

leaving our little shells behind. If all goes well, we bust through the shell and climb off to do something else. There’s nothing wrong with that shell being what it is, but it’s not you anymore—you’ve moved on. Now I’m writing fiction and essays that deal with growing up in a conservative Quaker community in Indiana. I’m thinking and writing about love and religious harm in contemporary American life. And I’m also working on a historical novel about an early 20th-century woman who was a Quaker pastor, an Evangelist, and the head of one of two competing women’s divisions of the Ku Klux Klan.

Have you always been interested in teaching creative writing, or did you discover your passion for education later?

I’ve wanted to be a college professor since I was a kid. I’d never met a professor, but I guess I’d seen enough movies to make it seem like a good profession. Now, I’ve been putting a roof over my head teaching college writing since I was barely out of school myself, and I liked it from the start. The thing I love about teaching—and this shows up in my gender and queer studies courses as well as my creative writing classrooms—is you get to be there while someone else is having an experience for the first time. I remember how powerful those first experiences were when I discovered I had something to say. There’s a feeling when you’re learning something new that a door is open and something wonderful is about to happen.

How do you spend your time when you’re not on campus?

I do a lot of open-water swimming. I’ve been part of U.S. Masters Swimming for 15 years at the downtown Tacoma Y. When COVID-19 shut everything down, I couldn’t swim in the pool anymore, so a handful of friends and I grabbed our wetsuits and went straight to the open water. It’s so fun to swim in the Sound.

BEING THERE

What Krughoff loves about teaching is being present for a student’s “aha moment.” “You get to be there while someone else is having an experience for the first time.”



DAVID RYDER

Getting Slimy for Research

For Megan Mooney '23, spending time in the muck next to the Puget Sound led to finding an important new parasite.

BY KARIN VANDRAISS '13

MEGAN MOONEY '23 STEPPED ONTO CAMPUS in 2019 a declared biology major—unusual, since students usually take the first year to decide—and high expectations for her college career. The valedictorian of her high school in Arvada, Colo., Mooney was determined to do just as well, if not better, at Puget Sound.

“I just hit the ground running,” says Mooney on a bright April afternoon, sitting in the courtyard outside Oppenheimer Café. “This is a school where, if you get to know your professors, they become your community, cheering you on. It made me feel like I could do everything I set out to achieve.”

“Everything” feels apt. Mooney was quickly invited to the Phi Eta Sigma honor society, added a major in environmental policy and decision making, joined Pi Beta Phi, and signed up to be a resident assistant the next fall. Today, she sits on both the ASUPS Finance Committee and the Faculty Senate’s Academic Standards Committee, is a member of honor society Phi Beta Kappa, and volunteers at the Tacoma Boys and Girls Club.

Mooney figured a career in biology would allow her to maintain her strong connection to the outdoors, cultivated by weekends spent hiking with her family. Students often don’t get involved with research until their sophomore year, but Mooney knew that technically, there wasn’t anything stopping her from getting a head start. She hung back after class one day and asked biology professor Alyce DeMarais if she needed any research help. She started in DeMarais’ lab the next day.

When DeMarais retired in 2020, she pointed Mooney toward colleague Joel Elliott, who studies the ecology and evolution of aquatic organisms, from sea star wasting disease to microbial interactions in eelgrass. Elliott was studying pathogens that infect seagrass roots and had discovered a parasite that was infecting the roots of seagrasses worldwide, which in turn affected marine animals

“The last thing I expected was for an undergraduate in our lab to go out and discover an entirely new species.”

that depend on eelgrass for habitat, food, and shelter. At their first meeting, he presented Mooney with a list of questions related to his research, telling her to pick whichever looked most interesting. She couldn’t tell eelgrass from seaweed, but found Elliott’s passion for the subject—and how much was still unknown about the parasite he had discovered—compelling.

For the next two summers, Mooney worked alongside Elliott and other student research assistants to characterize the parasite by collecting and processing specimens from the Puget Sound for analysis. (The job sometimes included kayaking into Dash Point State Park after dark, in the middle of winter, to collect samples.) But something didn’t add up. The specimens all had different characteristics, from size to impact on the seagrasses, and they realized they had discovered a novel, second species of parasite.

Over the next year, Mooney, Elliott, and Kate Kelly '22 collaborated with researchers in Canada and Europe on a paper detailing their findings. The article was published this spring in the journal *Environmental Microbiology*, with Mooney and Kelly among the coauthors.

“It’s a challenge to write a letter of recommendation for someone like Megan,” Elliott says over Zoom. “I find myself running out of superlatives. The last thing I expected was for an undergraduate working in the lab to go out and amplify our research and discover an entirely new species.”

In summer 2022, Mooney and Elliott traveled to the University of Washington’s Friday Harbor lab in the San Juan Islands. Talking with other eelgrass researchers, Mooney realized how few people ever learn about a discovery like this, despite its wide-reaching implications. She found herself doubting her path—and her potential to make an impact. How could she defend the organisms she’d spent countless hours analyzing if most people weren’t paying attention in the first place?

Back at school, Mooney thought about bridging the gap between science and environmental policy. She thought of her mother, a youth criminal appellate defender. “Growing up, I saw my mom’s passion for every detail of her work, putting in insane hours trying to find the thing that could win her case,” says Mooney. “That’s the passion I’m looking for. I want to do something where I can see people’s perspectives change.”

By the end of the summer, Mooney had started studying for the LSAT, her sights set on environmental law. With her pick of schools, she recently committed to the University of Colorado Law School.

Mooney was recently chosen to receive the Gordon D. Alcorn Award, given to the outstanding senior in biology, at Convocation. Elliott admits he was disappointed when she said she was going to law school, but quickly saw it was the right fit. “I think she would be a fabulous researcher,” he says. “But given her interest in environmental policy and decision making, and how she thinks about the world, this will allow her to use her skills to make a broader contribution to society.”



WATERFRONT WORK: Mooney, working with faculty member Joel Elliott, collected and processed water samples from Dash Point State Park to better understand organisms that harm seagrass.



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SPRING GLORY

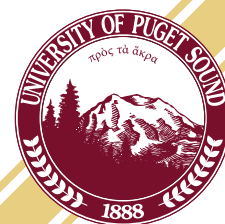
Five Yoshino cherry trees planted in 2017—continuing a nearly 80-year tradition of honoring Japanese American students who were incarcerated during World War II—bloom beautifully outside Howarth Hall every spring.





MASTER BUILDER

Thomas, who served as Puget Sound president from 2003–16, led the construction of a master plan for the campus and strengthened relationships with alumni and the community.



REMEMBERING **RON THOMAS**, THE UNIVERSITY'S 13TH PRESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 17 AT AGE 74.

COMING HOME

BY GAYLE R. MCINTOSH

Ronald R. Thomas is home. For 13 years, from the summers of 2003 through 2016, that beloved home was here, as president of University of Puget Sound. His irrepressible enthusiasm for all things Puget Sound so animates the campus today that it's impossible to speak of it in the past tense. He loved it all: every student, every possibility, every building, every blade of grass. The campus looks the way it does because he was a master of master planning. He envisioned a campus that was a true "tapestry of learning," welcoming people and connecting them not only to ideas and

the life of the mind but to each other. Before Ron, there was no Commencement Walk. No Event Lawn. No center for the health sciences, now known as Weyerhaeuser Hall. No Athletics & Aquatics Center. And perhaps his greatest point of pride: Commencement Hall—now Thomas Hall—a living and learning center meant to be both a home for ideas and a home for students.

Home. If you knew Ron Thomas at all, or heard him speak even two or three times, you know how important the concept of home was to him. Home is more than a place. Home is the people who inhabit it, the people who are welcomed there. He would quote one of his favorite novelists, Charles Dickens: “Home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than any magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to.”

His first home: Ocean Grove, N.J., in Neptune Township, where he walked the same streets and boardwalks referenced in the lyrics of another local son, Bruce Springsteen, whose entire catalog Ron knew by heart. Home was The University of Chicago, where he began his academic career as an English professor; and Harvard University, where he was a fellow; and Hartford, Conn., where he served as professor, department chair, vice president, and interim president at Trinity College. Home was the City of Destiny and the University of Puget Sound. And always, first and foremost, home was Mary Thomas, the great love of his life and partner in adventures large and small.

There were many adventures. And he wrote about them. A lot. His *Arches* columns are must-read story-poems that give us all a peek into how that magnificent mind worked—conversationally drawing together disparate ideas, pondering big questions with insatiable curiosity, and offering an invitation to be part of the story. Here he is in Beijing, visiting with alumni, and in Hanoi, spending Christmas Eve with PacRim participants. Here he is in Istanbul, exploring the Byzantine architecture of the Hagia Sophia, which in his deft imagination becomes a metaphor for the nobility of the World War II-era barracks that once occupied the center of campus. Here he is, wearing a hardhat, perched a hundred feet off the ground on the steel girders that will frame Thomas Hall, picturing the view that

will inspire future occupants for generations to come. Here he is, surrounded by bridesmaids and groomsmen at numerous alumni weddings—even officiating at one. Here he is, baseball cap pulled low over his forehead, pacing behind the bench at a Loggers basketball game, completely immersed in what he calls “the sweatiest of the liberal arts.” Always with a story to tell. Always asking you for yours. And most of those stories were about the idea, the quest, the importance of home.

He was a student of the promise of home—as defined by the crooning of Springsteen and Bob Dylan, and the prose of Homer and Tennyson, Mark Twain and Charles

Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Toni Morrison. He quoted most of them and more in the hallmark “Welcome Home” speech that he gave in Baker Stadium every fall to each incoming class—remembered by alumni as much for its dazzling and diverse references as the sheer number of times he spoke the word “home.” (In his last convocation address, to the incoming Class of 2019, he invoked it no fewer than 62 times.)

“For the wise person, the educated person, the person at an outstanding liberal arts college in Western Washington, beneath the great mountain and beside the silver sea,” he said, “home is the place you already are and



A VISIBLE LEADER: President Thomas—known affectionately as “RonThom”—was a fixture on campus. “I love this university,” he wrote to the campus community when he retired in 2016. “I can honestly say the last 12 years have been the most meaningful and fulfilling of my life.”

the place you are going to, the road to your future: You make the place where you are your home.... It is not one place, but a place that moves with us, the raft on which we navigate the river of life.”

“Home,” Ron told each incoming class, “is not a place you arrive at, but an action you take: It is the act of progress, home is moving on, home is making the world a better place.”

Without question, Ron made Puget Sound a better place. The university, the campus, and all the people—students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, and more—who have found a home here.

Wherever Ron calls home now, he’s happy there. Fully immersed in the wisdom and whimsy of the universe and pursuing all of his soul’s passions at once: Here he is, dishing with Dashiell Hammett about detective fiction and debating the finer points of the hero’s journey with Tennyson. Here he is, inhabiting Thomas Hall and ever so subtly but firmly influencing the selection of art on the walls, dropping in on lectures and board meetings in the Tahoma Room, and awakening new possibilities in infinite generations of students who roam its halls. Here he is, still strolling New Jersey boardwalks at midnight, whispering lyrics into the ear of Springsteen and quoting Bob Dylan and kissing Mary goodnight. Someone so made to love this life can’t help but love what’s next.

Perhaps the most fitting benediction for a truly one-of-a-kind president is from novelist Ursula K. Le Guin, among the luminaries he quoted in every Welcome Home speech:

May your soul be at home where there are no houses

*Walk carefully, well loved one
Walk mindfully, well loved one
Walk fearlessly, well loved one.
Return with us, return to us
Be always coming home.*



For more on President Thomas, including a video excerpt from his inaugural address, go to pugetsound.edu/ronthom.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, at 2 pm in Thomas Hall. The public is welcome.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

In Ron Thomas’s farewell message to alumni in Arches, Spring 2016, he returned again to the subject of home. Here is an excerpt.

One thing is clear as I meet and talk with you in your hometowns: Wherever you are now, when you think of home, so many of you still think of Puget Sound. Me, too.

At every August Convocation (as first-year students and families gather to start their Puget Sound careers) and at every May Commencement (when they gather again, as seniors, to complete them) I speak of that quest for home. I cite Homer and Tennyson, T.S. Eliot and Charles Dickens, Frost and Twain, Martin Luther King and Ralph Waldo Emerson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Toni Morrison. But I imagine I always also have Springsteen’s “Hungry Heart” and “Promised Land” humming in my head, too. The point of all those references to home in all those voices: to try to learn something at these threshold moments of our lives about leaving one home for another, about the universality of the idea of home being not so much a destination as an aspiration, a dream, a quest, a goal. It’s a promise that’s always out there.

So it seems right that in the academy we should call the end of all our labors a “commencement,” a beginning. And it, too, is a sacred ritual—like a Springsteen concert. In our end is our beginning, the starting point for all that comes next. The continuation and renewal of the quest for home, and the eternal refreshment of the hunger in the heart that moves us forward, presses us onward, lifts our eyes to the heights, calls us home, and offers a place to seek a newer world.

Now, as I approach my final

Commencement, my last new start at Puget Sound, I am reminded of the advice I have dispensed through 13 years at convocations and commencements, coming and goings, beginnings and ends. Like a senior about to graduate, I have a heart that is hungry still. “Always roaming with a hungry heart,” as Tennyson said of Ulysses.

I think of the longing in those paintings of van Gogh’s bedroom and the dreams he dreamt of the home it might become and, finally, might have been. I think of every Springsteen concert I’ve ever attended, all his heartfelt affirmations of the promised land to which we are all drawn. Of Chicago, and how I hated to leave it in 1990. Of the paradise within Hartford, happier far, named Mary, who awaited me there. Of the City of Destiny that would draw us and raise our eyes to the heights in 2003 and offer us a new beginning. I think of all of you, every one, and of your families. I see you before me gathered in a vast stadium, starting out again, with me, as the sun, off to the west, is shining in my eyes and bathing you all in a golden glow. Forever young.

“We shall not cease from exploration,” Eliot said, “and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” That’s the ultimate homecoming, I guess. It reminds us to leave the place we thought was home, and the family and friends who make it the familiar place of rest we desire above all. And to set out to find the next one. That’s the moment when we really know “the place” for the first time. “Be always coming home,” as Ursula Le Guin put it.

The road is dark, thunder road. And it forms a thin, thin line that stretches out beyond the horizon. But those two lanes—well, they can take us anywhere. Thanks for riding that road with me for awhile and for letting me ride along with you. It’s been like coming home. Really.



ALASKAN SUNSET: Strattan took this photo of Mount Foraker during a Denali climb in 2013.

For Sarah Strattan '11, life revolves around mountains—climbing them, skiing them, and photographing them. Strattan grew up in Evergreen, Colo., fascinated by the “Fourteeners”—the Colorado peaks that exceed 14,000 feet. In college, Puget Sound Outdoors introduced her to backpacking, and an outdoor leadership experience in Alaska taught her about mountaineering. She climbed Rainier, then Denali. Then she set her sights on the Himalayas. Strattan, who taught middle school science for a time and now works on the ski patrol at Aspen Highlands Ski Area, spends part of each summer challenging herself on Asia’s tallest peaks. Last year she summited K2, the world’s second highest mountain; this June she’ll head to Pakistan to climb Nanga Parbat. Here, she shares some images of her time in the mountains. —*Tina Hay*

ENDLESS BEAUTY

PHOTOS BY **SARAH STRATTAN '11**



AT HOME IN COLORADO

While she says “the beauty of the Himalayas is unmatched,” Strattan has also climbed many mountains closer to home. She took this selfie on one of the Colorado’s “Fourteeners”—Quandary Peak, at 14,271 feet.



K2 VIEW

Strattan photographed K2—at 28,251 feet, the world’s second tallest peak—through a hole in the glacial ice at base camp. After summiting K2 last July, she wrote on her Instagram page: “Standing on top of this mountain and making it down alive is something I’ll be proud of for a very long time.”

A LESSON FROM FAILURE

In 2021, Strattan tried to reach the summit of Broad Peak in the Karakoram Range, a sub-range of the Himalayas that she calls “steeper, harsher, more imposing and incredible than any place I had ever been.” She didn’t achieve her goal, but gained a new insight: “If I can recognize and appreciate the beauty in places like these, every expedition will be a success, no matter if I reach the summit or not.”





BASE CAMP

Strattan made an expedition last fall on Manaslu, a 26,781-foot peak in Nepal. The trip was plagued by heavy rain and snow, and several climbers were killed in avalanches. Strattan didn't reach the summit, but said later, "It's clear that there was more beauty than negativity, more good times than bad, lots of lessons learned, and as always, memories that will be with me forever."

ENDLESS VIEWS

Strattan photographed this Nepalese man on a trek on Putha Hiunchuli, a 23,773-foot peak in the Dhaulagiri Range, in 2017.



HIGH-ALTITUDE LIFE

Plant life can be found even at 17,000 feet. Strattan photographed this on K2 last summer.



COOL REFLECTIONS

A mountain lake near the base camp at Manaslu, the world’s eighth tallest peak, located in the Nepalese Himalayas.



Follow Sarah Strattan on Instagram (@sarah_strattan) and see a collection of her images at pugetsound.edu/sarahstrattan.



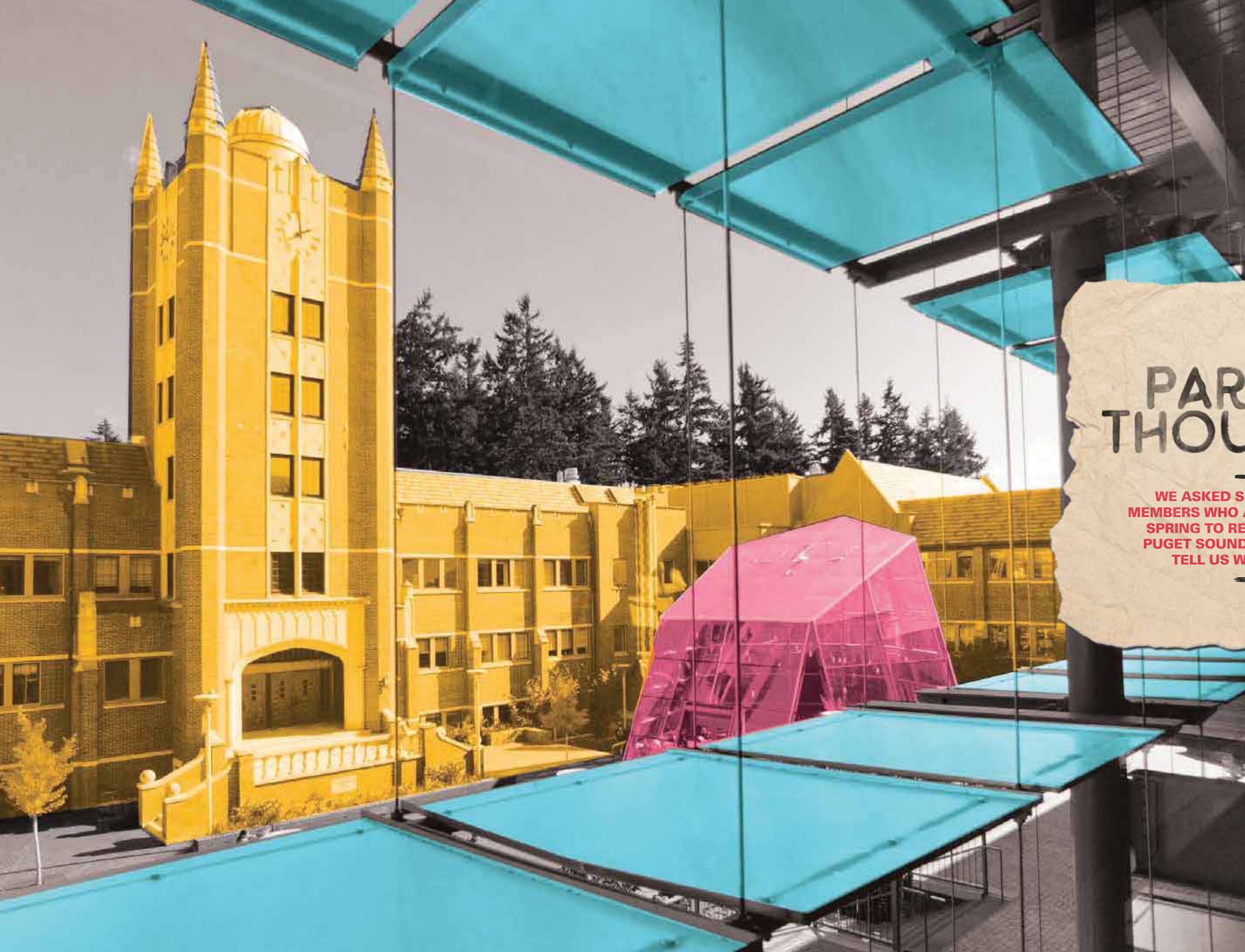
RAINIER: AN EARLY SUMMIT

While a student at Puget Sound, Strattan learned mountaineering skills in a National Outdoor Leadership School course in Alaska. One of her first goals was to climb Mount Rainier, which she did for the first time in 2008. “I love Mount Rainier. It’s got everything—hiking in the forest, backpacking, rivers, and then you get up on the glaciers and it’s got steep climbing, all on one mountain, which is super cool.”

STUNNING SCENERY

The rugged Karakoram Mountains, which straddle the borders of India, Pakistan, and China, are a region of “incredible beauty,” Strattan says.





PARTING THOUGHTS

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**WE ASKED SEVEN FACULTY
MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING THIS
SPRING TO REFLECT ON THEIR
PUGET SOUND CAREERS—AND
TELL US WHAT'S NEXT.**
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ROSS MULHAUSEN

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH?

I've loved teaching the senior-level quantum mechanics course. At this stage of the game, students have enough math skills and physics background to delve deeply into the subject—it's pretty exciting for them and for me as well. It all starts to come together. I learn more every time I teach the course.

Greg Elliott, professor of physics, retiring after 30 years at Puget Sound

I was very interested in film studies as an undergraduate and in my early graduate career. While working on my Ph.D., I concentrated on legal and political rhetoric. Most of my research and teaching focused on what I call "constitutional discourse." I dabbled in film studies over the years, and this semester I taught a 400-level media studies course on "politics and film." My students and I analyzed how films about politics work as film narratives and how those narratives convey messages about American politics. I've been able to integrate my first passion with my career-long focus on politics and political rhetoric.



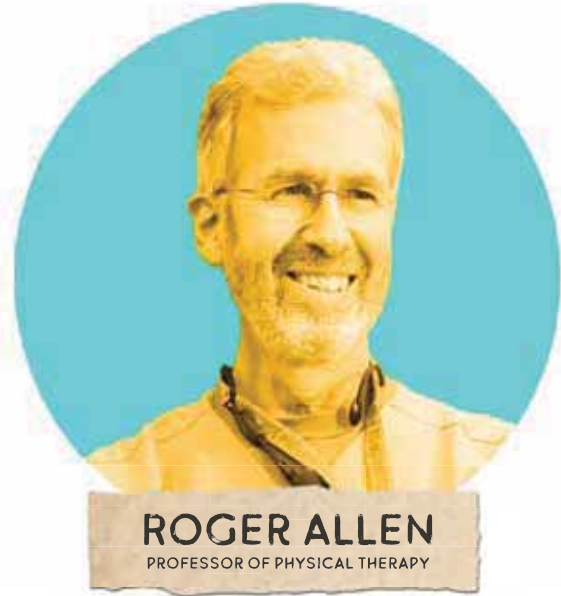
JIM JASINSKI
PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Jim Jasinski, professor of communication studies, retiring after 26 years on the faculty

My favorite course to teach was... [insert a course you took with me here]. Seriously, it's impossible to name a favorite course. I am lucky to have been asked to teach classes that always felt important. There are classes I wish I'd been able to teach—but that's an answer to a different question.

Terry Beck, distinguished professor, School of Education, retiring after 24 years

Organic chemistry is a notoriously difficult class and I expected that the students would resent it. What I didn't realize was the power of expectations and how they can be used to good advantage. The students come in prepared to put in their best effort to succeed—they don't expect O-Chem to be their "easy A." This is a remarkably powerful gift for a teacher! I've had jealous colleagues marvel at the amount of work students are willing to put into their O-Chem course. But just because they're primed to work hard doesn't guarantee that the students will immediately succeed. All of a sudden they encounter something that requires real effort to master, and they don't know how to respond when their usual study strategies (or lack thereof) fail to produce the desired result. This is something else I didn't realize when I started teaching: Being a teacher is more than simply clearly conveying information; it involves working with students to encourage them, giving them the tools they need to succeed, and inspiring them to rise to the challenge. The amazing thing is that the majority of students eventually figure it out, are transformed by the experience, and feel a real sense



ROGER ALLEN
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

of pride and accomplishment. There are few things more rewarding than seeing a student make that transition, and that happens more in organic than in any other course I've taught.

John Hanson, professor of chemistry, retiring after 33 years at Puget Sound

Through interdisciplinary teaching I've had the joy of teaching with more than 20 different colleagues. Some of the memorable interdisciplinary courses have been Salmon Recovery in the Columbia River, which provided a conceptual chrysalis from which Environmental Policy and Decision Making eventually emerged; Hooch: The Natural and Social Science of Liquor, a class modeling how to pursue one's interests and passions post-graduation (and we didn't mean drinking); Conservation and Biodiversity in Borneo, a travel course that I initially taught through PacRim and then as a Luce-funded field school; and the intro EPDM course where we used Puget Sound watersheds and salmon as a case study to ground students in politics, ethics, culture, history, and science. But probably my favorite course to teach over the long term has been Biology 112. It allowed us

to get into the field, learn natural history, and consider the explanatory power of evolution as a lens to think about all things living.

Peter Wimberger, retiring after 30 years as professor of biology

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU ALWAYS GIVE TO GRADUATING SENIORS?

I always tell students to get rich, to become billionaires quickly—so they can have a midlife crisis as early as possible and begin to question more profoundly how they want to live, how they will spend the limited time they have here on the planet. Some of us totally identify with our jobs; we live to work, and have lost touch with the reality that we work in order to live. It's a confusion of means and ends. I always hope that our students will find thinking partners and continue to ponder what "the good life" might be—beyond our occupations!

Stuart Smithers, professor of religion, spirituality, and society, retiring after 34 years

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST JOY IN TEACHING?

I remember reading in my job description that I was supposed to be an excellent teacher and to demonstrate that I was constantly growing professionally. They wanted to pay me to learn as much as I could and to hone my craft as a teacher. Wow! For me, it doesn't get better than that.

Terry Beck

The good fortune to work with and learn from Doctor of Physical Therapy students who brought to our program and profession so much talent, inquisitiveness, and altruism. Sharing with them

and exploring moments when one of their insights ignites a novel perspective on an existing area of thought is simply an unparalleled delight.

Roger Allen, professor of physical therapy, retiring after 25 years on the faculty

Getting to work with Puget Sound's amazing students was what kept me getting up in the morning for over 30 years. Their energy helps buoy my spirits and gives me faith for the future—even though our world faces many challenging problems. There were times when I was asked to consider moving out of teaching and into the dean's office. And while those are important positions, I realized that I couldn't bear to give up my daily interactions with students.

John Hanson

WHAT DO YOU FEEL PROUDEST ABOUT IN YOUR PUGET SOUND CAREER?

Playing a part in helping students figure out their passion. For some, that involved pursuing graduate work in rhetoric and communication. I really enjoy having a drink at conferences and catching up with former students who are now my professional colleagues. Other students discovered or perhaps confirmed their interest in the law in some of my courses. I'll occasionally receive an email from a former student who simply wanted to let me know that something happened to them—usually at work—that made them think about something we discussed in one of their classes. Those emails are very gratifying.

Jim Jasinski

Two things come to mind. First, I'm proud of my role in launching the education studies minor. Second, being a good teacher. I was honored with the President's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018. When the president was describing

the award recipient, I was stunned into silence when I realized he was talking about me—I couldn't believe it. I teach with so many amazing faculty. To be honored in this way is something I will always treasure.

Terry Beck

I feel privileged and humbled to have helped set a foundation for what my students have gone on to do with their careers. I've had around 900 DPT students learn their clinical anatomy, neuroanatomy, and understanding of human pain with me. Each of them came here with the goal of developing the knowledge and skills to help people restore lost function and ease human



JOHN HANSON
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

suffering. Over the years, I've learned a tremendous amount from hearing about our graduates' therapeutic directions, the people they've helped, the innovations they've developed, and their depth of compassion. It's staggering to think about how many lives they have collectively touched. Genuinely illuminates the reality of "making a difference."

Roger Allen



GREG ELLIOTT
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Receiving the Dean's Teaching Award (1999) and the President's Excellence in Teaching Award (2012) were certainly highlights. I also had several very rewarding experiences in university service, including serving as a faculty representative on the selection committee that brought President Thomas to campus.

John Hanson

We succeeded in increasing the visibility and reach of the natural history museum from about 100 people per year to more than 15,000 per year before COVID. The docent program now serves more than 40 students who plan and execute outreach activities, learn museum practices, and gain a deeper understanding of the utility of natural history collections for research and teaching. Mentoring research students has been amazing and led to my deepest and longest-lasting connections with students. And then there's sharing the joys of stair sliding with over 20 years of graduating seniors in biology.

Peter Wimberger

HOW HAS THE CLASSROOM CHANGED WITH THE ADVENT OF

SMARTPHONES AND LAPTOPS?

These days I routinely start each class with, "It's time to put your devices away." And sometimes I have to follow up by pointing out to a student that their device is still out. Pre-pandemic, this was a much smaller issue.

Terry Beck

Let's just say that I've been here so long that my email address doesn't have a first-name initial (I'm just hanson@pugetsound.edu), and I was one of the first faculty on campus to create websites for my courses.

John Hanson

DID YOU MAKE A PIVOT DURING COVID THAT YOU'RE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF?

Pre-COVID, I didn't use a lot of technology such as PowerPoint in my classes. I relied on handouts and white boards. I realized very quickly that I needed a strong visual component if I was going to make a successful transition to online teaching. I would not say that I've developed expertise in creating PowerPoint presentations, but I think I've become competent and done a decent job incorporating PowerPoint in my in-person classes.

Jim Jasinski

Ha! I learned to do remote teaching, but I never liked it. Building relationships and knowing what was happening in the class was much more difficult when we were in different places. The best pivot I made during COVID was returning to face-to-face instruction, even when it required wearing a mask.

Terry Beck

Our frantic adaptations to implement remote teaching kept our learning environment viable during the days of

isolation. This helped our students stay on course, but it significantly changed my perspective on a critical element of in-person learning. Our DPT program is a tough ticket: three years of a very steep learning curve, with lots at stake for the students, and a quite stressful preparation for a career. Some of their most salient coping and support mechanisms come from being able to share the grind with each other. The biggest compromise our students experienced during COVID was social isolation from faculty and peers. While many students formed small study groups, others were isolated alone at home in front of their computer screens. I later realized I had completely underestimated the impact this had on many of our folks. Back when it was business as usual, I had never been sufficiently aware of the community's role in providing social, academic, and emotional support. Our students toughed it out with extraordinary grace, but the absence of physical community definitely took its toll. I hope we never take that lesson for granted.

Roger Allen

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE OR REGRET?

I devote significant time in my classes to help students develop as writers. Perhaps the biggest challenge in that context is getting a student to understand that a really good sentence that they buried in the middle of a long, rambling paragraph needs to become the focus of one or two paragraphs that develop the idea. Students in their first year or two have a difficult time grasping this idea.

Jim Jasinski

I wish I had done more team teaching. I had two intellectually vibrant experiences team teaching over the years. I wish I had more. I developed and team-taught CHEM 115 (a first-year chemistry course) with Steven Neshyba, and

developed and team-taught an upper-level chemical biology course with Bryan Thines. Teaching these courses felt like those transcendent performances where you see two accomplished musicians, who don't normally play together, get together on stage and jam. Teaching those courses was a delight!

John Hanson

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT, WHAT FIELD TRIP WOULD YOU TAKE STUDENTS ON?

I discuss Supreme Court cases and opinions in a number of my classes, so a trip to hear oral arguments before the court would be fantastic.

Jim Jasinski

IF YOU COULD INVITE ANY GUEST LECTURER, LIVING OR DEAD, TO SPEAK IN YOUR CLASS, WHO WOULD IT BE?

I've taught a course on Barack Obama's rhetoric a couple of times. If I could offer the class one final time, I would



STUART SMITHERS
PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, SPIRITUALITY, AND SOCIETY

love to have the former president join us to discuss the composition process that shaped some of his most famous speeches, such as his March 2008 speech on race in America, his December 2009 Nobel Peace Prize lecture, or his March 2015 speech commemorating the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

Jim Jasinski

While teaching at another university in the 1980s, I had the wild good fortune of having Douglas Adams speak to my class. Tough act for anyone living or dead to follow. However, it didn't take much time to come up with my current short guest list: the 14th Dalai Lama, Jonas Salk, Richard Feynman, Toni Morrison, Pat Metheny... But there is absolutely no one I'd rather invite to speak in any of my classes than the delightfully iconoclastic science writer Mary Roach. When I read *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*, I instantly became smitten with this enthralling storyteller's vast inquisitiveness, delicious wit, and keen sense of blending the fascinating with the frequently absurd pursuits of scientific inquiry. She's the best role model for lifelong learning that I've ever encountered—just the thing I'd love to have my students experience, enjoy firsthand, and take with them into their futures.

Roger Allen

IS THERE SOMETHING ON YOUR OFFICE DESK OR SHELVES THAT TELLS A STORY ABOUT YOUR WORK?

My shelves are full of picture books I've used in several classes. From classics like Sendek's *Where the Wild Things Are* to more contemporary

books like Barnwell's *No Mirrors in My Nana's House* and Love's *Julián is a Mermaid*, I'm reminded of the importance of being colorful and communicating important ideas, while not taking myself too seriously.

Terry Beck

Now that I'm retiring, I'm cleaning my office for the first time. There were occasional moments when I threw things into boxes because a dean or provost was coming to visit, but my office is a living monument to teaching, to the life of the



TERRY BECK
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

mind, and chaos! As I work through the boxes, I feel like an archeologist working down through the different levels of sediment and detritus that have accumulated. I can't quite bring myself to throw away things like the note from a student who described me as "a formidable friend" or the photograph from a student of the high plains in Wyoming and a note on back that described himself running through the vastness, only "beginning to stumble when I slowed down." It was an example of how we communicate more meaningfully and directly through stories. My office is chock-a-block with prints, photographs, ceramic pots, and other gifts from



PETER WIMBERGER
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

students. Many of the students I lost touch with as they moved on into life, formed families, and grew into careers. But one of the most rewarding aspects of life in the liberal arts is forming lasting friendships and relationships with students. When I travel, there's often a student I will remember to have lunch with—in London, New York, or maybe Jackson, Wyo. And I am always grateful when a student remembers me years later and makes contact.

Stuart Smithers

IF YOU COULD BE A STUDENT IN ANY COURSE AT PUGET SOUND, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Just about any of them! The faculty here are amazing teachers. The topic isn't really that important; an excellent teacher will make any subject come alive and stimulate your interest and engage your mind. My advice to my advisees has always been to ask their friends who are the best teachers they have had, and then take a course from that teacher. I have fond memories of auditing Bev Conner's Introduction to Writing Poetry course a number of years ago. I'm a chemist and spend much of my intellectual energy focused on STEM

topics, so it was particularly refreshing to get to explore other parts of my brain. Bev was such a compassionate and gentle teacher that I never felt intimidated, even though I was outside my comfort zone. Her insightful comments were always illuminating and helped me grow, both as a writer and a person. Being in that course also reminded me what it's like to be a student, which is easy to forget after you've been a professor for many years. That helped me grow as a teacher.

John Hanson

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

Some shoulder-season travelling, some volunteer work (most likely involving animals), lots of reading and bike riding. I'll probably pick up a guitar again, maybe work on my very bad French.

Jim Jasinski

I was really on the fence about retiring because I love teaching. But when I learned that I could teach a limited number of courses as an emeritus professor, the decision was easy. My partner is a doctor serving the Yupik peoples in Alaska. He's reducing his work schedule too, so we'll be able to spend more time together. We have a place in Montana in Paradise Valley; in late summer and fall we'll be hiding out near the Yellowstone River and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, fishing and hunting with our pointing dog, a 3-year old Brittany named Nikka (she's got a lot of fans among students and faculty in Wyatt Hall). But next spring I'll be back in Seattle and hopefully teaching a couple courses on campus for a few more years. And I'm already putting together a couple of seminars on "Modalities of the Mind and the Good Life" that will be taught at Smoke Farm, an amazing former dairy farm on the Stillaguamish that has been developed as a kind of retreat center through the years with university alums. I truly hope to stay in touch with students after they

graduate and continue our exploration of life together. In fact, I always tell my students: We've got email now, so whoever gets enlightened first, let me know!

Stuart Smithers

I'm trying not to over-plan my retirement at this point. But I do know that I'll be spending more time with family and friends. I'm also excited to have time to continue playing tennis (I've been playing with faculty colleagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for 30 years and plan to continue that tradition), riding my bike, and reading books, as well as having the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument or two. And who knows, maybe I'll have time for more poetry writing. I'm also looking forward to finding opportunities to give back.

John Hanson

You'll still find me in the museum. There may be a book in the works on an important but unknown early 20th century Pacific Northwest biologist with whom I've developed a "necbromance." There will still be some ice worm, bird, bug, and beaver research. Probably a little side gig being a naturalist-guide. And I might be found running a backyard speakeasy when the sun is shining.

Peter Wimberger

My friend Luisa Motten retired a few years ago. She announced that "retirement" sounded too much like she wouldn't be doing anything. Instead, she is now in "preferment"—she is doing what she prefers. That's me, starting this summer. I'm doing whatever I feel like. It's impossible to say at this point what that will be—I'm giving myself time to figure it out. But it won't include grading papers, that much I know.

Terry Beck



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SY BEAN

Always a Logger

CAREER CHANGE

Alex Kaufman '17 was in grad school studying physics when he decided to start an entirely different pursuit. See story, page 36.



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Comfortable on Campus

W. Houston Dougharty, this year's Professional Achievement Award recipient, has spent four decades working with college students.

BY JULIANNE BELL '13



As a lifelong learner, **W. Houston Dougharty '83** considers himself lucky to have figured out how to “never have to leave college,” a feat he's achieved by spending 40 years working in higher education.

Dougharty, now finishing his career as vice president for student affairs at Hofstra University on Long Island, N.Y., is this year's recipient of the Puget Sound Professional Achievement Award. He and the other award winners (see opposite page) are slated to be honored during Summer Reunion Weekend, June 9–11.

Dougharty has worked in student affairs for eight different schools. “It's about learning, it's about growth, it's about exploration, it's about becoming oneself,” he says. “It's an environment that helps people identify all of their intersecting identities and then grow into them.” Plus, he says, “What other workplace has sports teams to cheer for, concerts and plays to go to?”

Dougharty's abiding affection for the college experience began with his own. The son of a Southern Baptist minister, he grew up in

Santa Fe, N.M. After high school, he decided to attend Puget Sound sight unseen, becoming the first member of his family to go to school outside the Southwest—“one of the best choices I could have made,” he says. He studied English literature, participated in ASUPS, and caught the theater bug, performing in more than a dozen shows as an undergraduate in addition to professional productions with the Tacoma Actors Guild.

In the spring of his senior year, he joined the Puget Sound admission staff, staying a decade and igniting his interest in working with students. Dougharty has since worked as the associate dean of students at Puget Sound and Iowa State University, dean of students at Lewis and Clark, and vice president of student affairs at Grinnell College and now Hofstra, among other stops.

Dougharty considers relationships fundamental to the work he does. “It's all about being curi-

LONG CAREER
Dougharty joined the admission staff at Puget Sound in his senior year. He's been working with students ever since.

ous about people: about their lives, what they've experienced, what they want to experience, and what role you can play in providing an environment of curiosity,” he says.

Still a theater buff, Dougharty attends several live shows a week, often bringing students and alums along with him. He estimates that he's seen more than 1,200 shows in the nine years he's lived in New York.

His faithful rescue pug, Otis, has become something of a Hofstra campus celebrity. “If you're on a college campus and you're worried that people won't talk to you, bring a baby or a dog,” he says, laughing. “You will have no trouble getting people to hang out with you.”

To this day, Dougharty credits Puget Sound with sparking his insatiable appetite for learning and for his career in higher education.

“Puget Sound changed my life and its trajectory in immeasurable ways, for which I'm forever thankful,” he says, “for giving me my closest friends and relationships, my love for the college experience, and my lifelong enthusiasm for learning, the arts, and having fun.”

Dougharty will retire this summer and move back to New Mexico with his partner, art therapist **Kimberly Pine Dougharty '90**, and their son, Fen. Their daughter Allie is a social worker in New Orleans. Given his affinity for continuous learning, he's not sure he will “ever really retire in kind of a classic way.” He plans to do some consulting and coaching in student affairs and higher ed. A self-professed “public radio nerd,” he was recently appointed to the board of the NPR affiliate KUNM-FM. He'll also stay active with alumni commitments at Puget Sound and Santa Fe Prep.

Dougharty says his connections to students have brought him life—sometimes quite literally. After he was diagnosed with a life-threatening kidney disease in 2018, dozens of friends, family, and former students volunteered to donate a kidney for the transplant. In the end, a Hofstra alumna proved to be a match. She said that she'd aspired to become a vice president of student affairs since meeting Dougharty at orientation and quipped that even if she never did, at least her kidney could live out her dream.

Today, Dougharty is healthy again, grateful, and good-humored enough to crack a joke about the experience: “I never had the chance to get a degree from Hofstra,” he says.

“But my kidney has two.”

YOUNG LOGGER SERVICE AWARD:

Doug Palmer '18

Doug Palmer '18, the recipient of this year's Young Logger Service Award, has consistently used his talents in service of a greater purpose.

At Puget Sound, Palmer earned a Matelich Scholarship, which honors outstanding students who strive to make a difference. After graduating with a degree in business leadership, Palmer was selected for a two-year fellowship with El Pomar Foundation, a Colorado Springs-based nonprofit. He went on to be hired as El Pomar's deputy director of regional partnerships,



managing the foundation's statewide network of community leaders and conducting research to advise the foundation on affordable housing, rural broadband, mental health services, homelessness, and other issues.

Today, Palmer is social impact officer at The Beacon Fund, an organization focused on social change; his role involves supporting a range of philanthropic projects. He serves on the board of The Place, a Colorado-based provider of services for runaway and homeless youth, and is active in the Puget Sound Fund Committee, the Denver regional alumni club, and the Matelich Scholars alumni group. He lives in Denver with his fiancée, **Kyla Dierking '17**.

SERVICE TO PUGET SOUND AWARD:

Betsy Campbell Stone '79

Betsy Campbell Stone '79, P'14, the recipient of this year's Service to Puget Sound Award, calls volunteering at Puget Sound “an absolute happiness generator.”

Stone works as a writer and an independent marketing and strategy consultant for nonprofits. Not long after her son, **Thom '14**, began attend-



ing Puget Sound, Stone and husband Todd became involved in the Parents & Families Council; Stone also joined the Alumni Council Executive Committee, serving as chair of the Career and Employment Services Committee, and served on

the steering committee for a comprehensive review of all university programs.

In 2018, Betsy and Todd established the Betsy and Thom Stone Scholarship, a four-year scholarship that provided financial aid for a student in need. More recently, she funded a pilot program that offers financial support for students with demonstrated need as they pursue unpaid internships.

“My Puget Sound student experience gifted me with friends, fun, and knowledge,” she says, “but honestly, it was only later that I understood the full benefits—ways of thinking, of being in the world, that helped me to be a better leader, partner, friend, and mom.”

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD:

Katherine Kehrl '86

During the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, countless novice bread bakers faced a conundrum: producing more boules of crusty sourdough than their household could keep up with. But where others saw an inconvenience,



Katherine Kehrl '86, associate dean of the Seattle Culinary Academy, saw opportunity. She founded a volunteer baking program called Community Loaves, which, three years later, is still harnessing the

enthusiasm of home-based bakers to help fight hunger. Kehrl is the 2023 recipient of the Service to Community Award from Puget Sound.

With Community Loaves, volunteers of any skill level can pick up supplies, tie on their aprons, and whip up the organization's official recipes for whole-grain honey oat sandwich loaves and/or energy cookies. Twice a month they can drop off their bounty of baked goods to their neighborhood hub, which delivers them to the local food bank.

So far, the organization has donated more than 115,000 loaves and 38,000 cookies, serving 39 food bank partners in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California. Kehrl's not done yet, though: She is looking for ways to spread the nonprofit's nourishing mission even wider.

After all, as Community Loaves' tagline states, we're “Breder Together.”

ALUMNI COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ted Meriam '05, president; **Erin Carlson '04**, vice president and leadership development and alumni awards chair; **Tamara Hamai '03**, admission chair; **Alika Antone '00, DPT'05**, athletics chair; **Angie Bauer Tronset '11**, career development and mentorship chair; **Kenneth Teal '81**, class community co-chair; **Abby Sanderson '25**, future and young alumni co-chair; **Gabi Marrese '19**, future and young alumni co-chair; **McKenzie Mortensen Ross '06**, regional clubs chair. Currently recruiting for: affinities chair, class community co-chair, digital engagement and communications chair.

1970 Jacobus Van Der Maas '70 has lived in the Netherlands, working in wholesale and banking, since graduating from Puget Sound. He spent 28 years on the board of Rabobank Utrecht and for the past four years has been the CEO. Now retired, he recently moved from Blaricum to Noordwijk, on the Netherlands coast.

1973 André Lassing '73, MBA'74 lives in the Netherlands and recently moved to the town of Bergen. He reports that he's “still enjoying life and riding my push bike—some 35 km a day.”

1978 BJ Howerton '78, MBA'83 says he's “living large in Albuquerque, N.M. and missing my business fraternity friends.”

1981 Stephen Kern '81 received the 2023 Emerging and Innovative Practice Award from the American Occupational Therapy Association. Kern is a longtime professor and director of the Master of Science program in occupational therapy at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He was recognized for his occupational justice-based work, including programs for underserved populations such as Salvation Army homeless shelters, Philadelphia Prevention Point (a harm reduction/needle exchange program serving intravenous drug users and sex industry workers), and the Nation-



From Physics to ... Comedy?

Alex Kaufman '17

BY RENÉE OLSON

On the verge of starting a Ph.D. in physics, Alex Kaufman '17 ditched it to launch Bone Dry Comedy. The goal: to steer more comedians—some with TV credits, others with 100K+ Instagram followers—to theaters, taprooms, record shops, and VFW posts across Montana.

Tell me about your effort to seed stand-up in Big Sky Country.

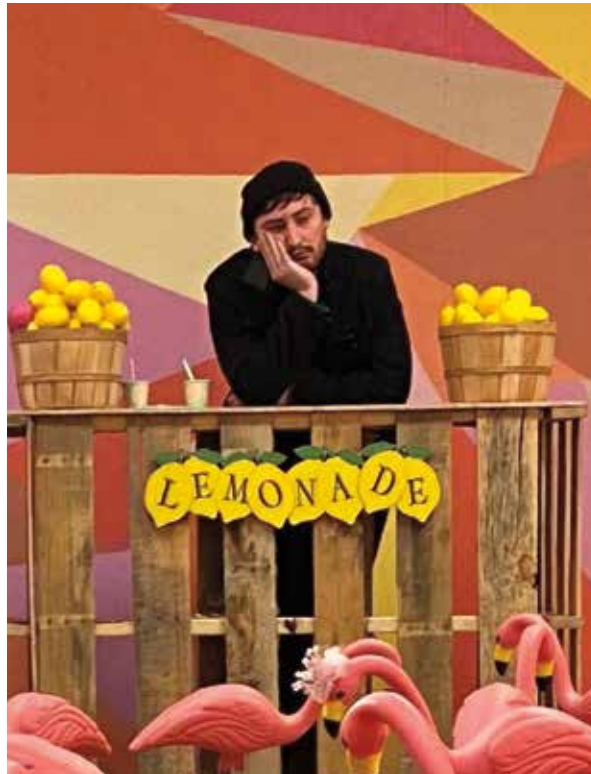
I was doing open mics here in Bozeman [as a grad student at Montana State University]. While in Tacoma and Seattle, I had gotten to see cool, unbelievably funny people. I was like, "It sucks that that's not here in Montana." My motivation was to bring those experiences here.

How does Bone Dry money flow to the comedians you invite?

I guarantee them a pretty solid chunk of change to make it worth their coming out. A friend of mine described event promotion as basically a professional gambling addiction. [Laughs] It depends on the performer and other factors, but a show can cost \$500 to \$1,500. Then I just have to hustle and sell tickets to make that money back and hopefully some for myself.

You mentioned a connection between physics and comedy.

There are really tough problems to work on as a physics student. That part is not necessarily fun in every moment, but when you crack the puzzle, the feeling of relief is great. The analytical aspect also exists in comedy. You take something you find kind of funny and figure out what is actually making it



funny and what is extraneous, to get to that crystal-clear nugget of a joke you can tell somebody and get the reaction you're hoping for.

Who are your comedy stand-up heroes? I'm a big fan of Bo Burnham. I think Kyle Kinane is incredible. Gary Gulman is fantastic.

What about Andy Kaufman? [Laughs] Oh yeah, I love Andy Kaufman.

He had nothing to do with you going into comedy? He's amazing, but I found him later on in my comedy journey.

FUNNY ALL WAYS Kaufman brings in outside comedians, organizes open mic nights, and regularly does his own stand-up shows in Bozeman.

alities Service Center, a refugee resettlement and health services program.

1982 John Dickson '82 has retired as chief operating officer of Coastal Community Bank, a commercial bank with branches in Snohomish, Island, and King counties in Washington. He had been with the bank since 2010; before that, he was with Frontier Financial Corporation and Frontier Bank. He's a past chair of the Washington Bankers Association.

1984 Dan Cummings '84 has joined Fortera Corporation as general counsel and vice president of intellectual property. Fortera produces "low CO2 cement"—cement that's manufactured in a way that minimizes greenhouse gas emissions. Cummings has a Master of Public Administration and a law degree in addition to his Puget Sound degree, and has 25 years of experience in renewable energy and cleantech.



Jackie Carlson Henrion MBA '84 recently moved to St. George, Utah, from Sandpoint, Idaho, where she had hosted a weekly radio show called *Songs-Voices-Poems* on 88.5 KRFY since 2014. A longtime member of the Sandpoint Monday Writers, she recently collected, edited and wrote an introduction for the book *Sandpointed*, published by Turtle Moon Publishing.

1987 Jennifer Cramer-Miller '87 has a book due out in August 2023, *Incurable Optimist: Living with Illness and Chronic Hope*, published by She Writes Press. She lives in Minnesota.

Sarah Ewing Hunt '87, director of financial services for the Nevada Hospital Association, met up recently with **Rochelle Nguyen '99** at the Nevada legislative building for Nevada Hospital Day. Nguyen is a Nevada state senator representing District 3 (Clark County).



1991 Ann Putnam P'91 has a new novel, *Will Leave You Never*, published in May by She

Advocate for Inclusivity

Czarina Ramsay '02

BY DORI CAHN

CZARINA RAMSAY AND HER triplet siblings were 5 when their father moved the family to Anchorage, Alaska, for an assignment as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. As Panamanian immigrants with West Indian roots, their language and culture contrasted dramatically with the predominantly white community they settled into.

Ramsay's school didn't know how to help her transition into her new environment, so her mother decided to intervene and advocate on her daughter's behalf. Those early experiences shaped her perspective about education and what's needed to help people from marginalized and underrepresented communities succeed in school. "My life started with this need to be seen, heard, and advocated for. Had my mom not done that for me at an early age, who knows where I would be."

Ramsay brought that awareness to college at Puget Sound, where she studied cultural anthropology and grew into a skilled advocate for people traditionally marginalized

because of their race, socioeconomic status, gender identity, or other identities. When she returned to campus a few years later as director of intercultural engagement, she was supporting students who reminded her of her



younger self. She later worked as an advocate for inclusiveness at Seattle University, Loyola Marymount University, and Starbucks, then this past January accepted a position as di-

rector of executive leadership development at Walgreens.

Moving from higher education to global retailers with hundreds of thousands of employees has challenged her to be effective in different environments, but she sees it as an extension of her earlier work. She's particularly excited about fostering learning among employees and senior leaders to increase their awareness, knowledge, and skills on topics related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and culture.

While she has helped create change at multiple institutions, she is proud-est of what she accomplished at her alma mater. "The things that made a difference for me—the diversity center, intercultural engagement, the social justice center—I was involved with helping get us to where we are today. It was an honor to be a part of that."

NEW ROLE
In January, Ramsay was named director of executive leadership development at Walgreens.



Writes Press. Putnam, who taught in the English department at Puget Sound for a number of years, lives in Gig Harbor, Wash.

1998 Jennifer Grafton '98 has been named executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of the global supply chain platform E2open. She had been the company's deputy general counsel for the past two years, dating to its IPO; before that, she spent more than a decade as chief legal officer, chief administrative officer, and corporate secretary at Westmoreland Mining LLC. She splits time between Austin, Texas, and Castle Pines, Colo.

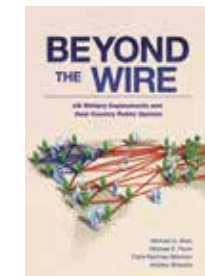
2002 Emese Czonka Parker '02 went on to get nurse practitioner and Master of Public Health degrees and has written a new book, *To Carry Wonder: A Memoir and Guide to Adventures in Pregnancy and Beyond* (Larkwell Press, 2023).



The book's goal is to nurture, inspire, and equip pregnant and postpartum women through weekly stories, reflections, artwork, and educational topics; to develop the book, Parker drew from her own personal and clinical experiences with pregnancy. Part of the proceeds will go to International Justice Mission, a global nonprofit working to combat slavery and violence against women and children.

Zachary C. Person '02 is a photographer based in Puyallup, Wash.; previously, he spent nearly two decades living and working in Oregon. He recently released a book, *Nisqually Typologies: One Year at Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge*, which includes 108 images documenting the natural systems that make up the refuge in Olympia, Wash., as those systems adapt to each season.

2005 Michael Allen '05 was promoted to full professor in the Department of Political Science at Boise State University. He also is lead author of a new book, *Beyond the Wire: US Military Deployments and Host*



On a Quest for Clean Water

Bob Rosner '80

BY CRISTINA ROUVALIS

BOB ROSNER '80 WAS A BEST-SELLING author and syndicated columnist when he heard a fact so shocking that it changed his career: Every 14.5 seconds, a child dies of a water-borne illness.

He heard the grim statistic during a conversation with a colleague, former Tacoma pastor Danny Thomas, who was telling Rosner about his Tacoma-based nonprofit, Water for the World, which sends portable water filtration units to Kenya.

As Thomas developed the organization, the two kept in touch. Five years ago, Rosner joined Water for the World, putting his communication skills to use as the chief communications officer.

In pithy, soundbite-ready quotes, Rosner spreads the word about the pastor who quit the pulpit to sanitize water in towns halfway across the world.

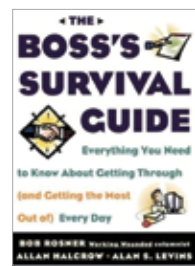
The suitcase-sized units use a 14-stage filtration system to clean 5,000 liters of water—enough to support a school or a neighborhood—per day. The nonprofit finds

U.S. investors to purchase the machines at \$24,000 apiece. The investors split the profits with Kenyan entrepreneurs, who sell the water on the ground.

For every 4,200 liters of water sold, 800 liters are donated to those who can't afford it. "It's just an amazing business model," said Rosner, who bought half a share of a purifying unit. After adding more units in Kenya, Water for the World plans to expand into other African countries.

Though he never worked in the field, Rosner credits the occupational therapy degree he earned at Puget Sound—as well as working with Serni Solidarios in student programs—with his talent for solving problems in a variety of ventures.

Earlier in his career, he wrote books on workplace issues, such as *The Boss's Survival Guide*; launched a smoking cessation initiative;



ALL IN
Rosner now invests his time in Water for the World, a nonprofit that sends portable water filtration units to Kenya.

Country Public Opinion, published by Oxford University Press. Using surveys in 14 countries and interviews in six, the book examines how U.S. service members overseas can create support for—and opposition to—their presence.



2009 Taylor Ash '09 and Anna Hansen Sayre '05 work together at The Trade Desk in New York City. Both IPE majors and Pi Phi alums, they report that "the Logger handshake is a great icebreaker at work events."

Andrea Gorton '09 was tenured in March 2023 as a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State. She's currently posted to Tel Aviv, Israel, with her husband, Jacob, and three daughters, Evelia, Malala, and Millicent. Her prior postings include Guangzhou, China; Accra, Ghana; and New Delhi, India.

2010 Joan Ilacqua '10 was one of five archivists on the plenary panel at the spring 2023 meeting of the New England Archivists in Portsmouth, N.H. **Molly Brown '15**, reference and outreach archivist at Northeastern University, moderated the session, which focused on the past, present, and future of the profession. Ilacqua is executive director of The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ+ Boston.

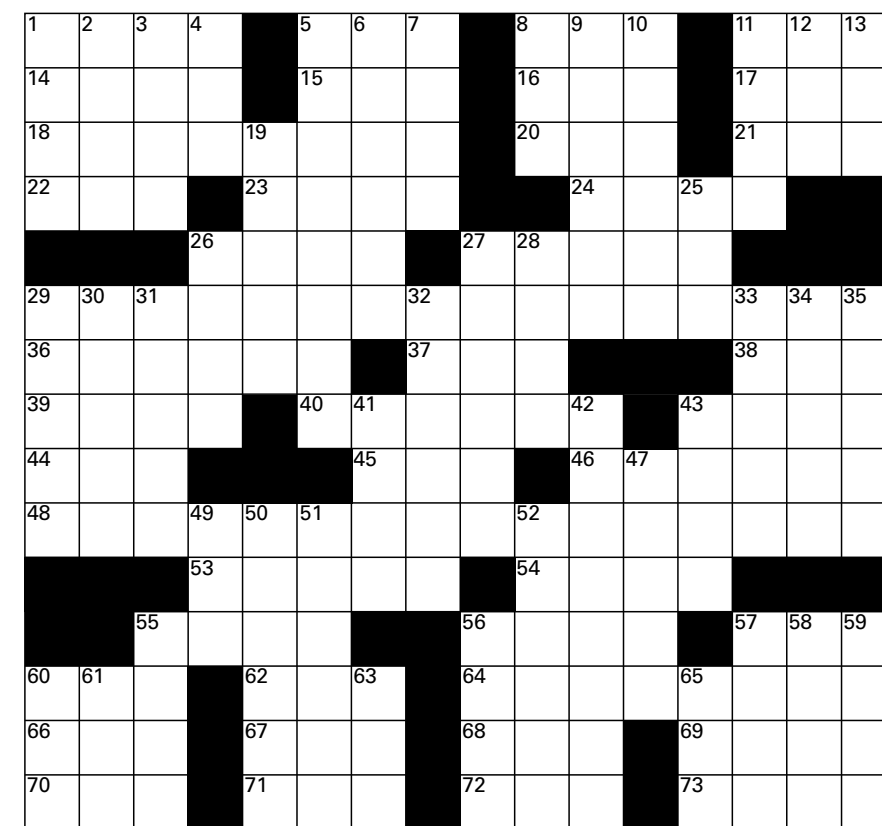
2013 Robert (Bert) Lechner '13 has a new book, *Interstate (The Roots Grow Into the Earth Book 1)*, a series of short cosmic horror stories. "It's been a dream I've strived for since graduating from Puget Sound," he says. "The adventure to get there has included traveling the United States, self-discovery as a late diagnosed person on the autism spectrum, and more. I'm now working as a full-time author, with more books scheduled for release throughout 2023 and beyond."



"Get Out!"

BY STELLA ZAWISTOWSKI

Enjoy the beauty of Pacific Northwest—at least vicariously—with this issue's crossword puzzle, which has the region's outdoor pursuits as its theme. Show us a photo of your completed puzzle and you might win a prize from the Logger Store! Send the photo to arches@pugetsound.edu, or post it on Instagram or Twitter and tag us (@univpugetsound). Congrats to **Eli Harris '21** of Berkeley, Calif., who won the prize from the Winter 2023 puzzle. See the solution to this issue's puzzle at pugetsound.edu/getout.



ACROSS

- 1. Basic obedience-school command
- 5. Baby louse
- 8. Sonata, for example, but not Sonatina
- 11. Sphere in a pod
- 14. EXLN 351: Intern ____ (experiential learning course)
- 15. *This American Life* host Glass
- 16. Bitter pub brew
- 17. Piece of rock concert equipment
- 18. Free service for Puget Sound students who love to cycle
- 20. Bit of drinkware from the Logger Store
- 21. "Yo, how's it going?"
- 22. Catch, as a movie
- 23. Number of Supreme Court justices
- 24. Morning sight in Tacoma, often
- 26. "The Persistence of Memory" surrealist
- 27. ____ Court (campus integrity association)
- 29. Scenic area that offers stunning forest views to Puget Sound students
- 36. Keanu of *Point Break*
- 37. ____ Arbor, Michigan
- 38. Sweetie
- 39. Makes illegal
- 40. Tissue that produces blood cells
- 43. Go over 21 in blackjack
- 44. Believer's suffix
- 45. Part of LGBTQIA+
- 46. Absolutely loves
- 48. Puget Sound agency that offers camping equipment for adventurous students
- 53. Part of a PowerPoint presentation
- 54. To be, in French
- 55. Glance over quickly
- 56. Berry in a bowl, often
- 57. Extra-bratty kid
- 60. Sound heard in a meadow
- 62. Unfairly fix
- 64. Mountain range that offers rugged slopes for Puget Sound students to hike
- 66. One of 12 in a carton
- 67. Messy gunk
- 68. Had a little lamb?
- 69. Not so much
- 70. Uno + uno
- 71. Come to a close

- 72. Muscle used when bench pressing, familiarly
- 73. Like this clue, among Across clues
- 11. Over and done with
- 12. Ostrich's cousin
- 13. Tinder, Grindr, or Her
- 19. Harry Potter's Potions professor
- 25. Soon-to-be Puget Sound grads
- 26. Stereotypically not-fun places to stand in line, for short
- 27. 12th-century English king who was the first of his name
- 28. "____ account should you do that!"
- 29. Planetary path
- 30. Restraint for a doggo
- 31. *Fiddler on the Roof* matchmaker
- 32. Pride event, often
- 33. "Star Trek" role for Nichelle Nichols and Zoë Saldaña
- 34. One bested in a contest
- 35. Eager to get started
- 41. Had some birthdays
- 42. "Not just yet!"
- 43. Tissue that contains 40-Across
- 47. Architectural order of ancient Greece
- 49. "Get me out of this program!" key
- 50. T-shirt size, for short
- 51. Part of a bird's wing
- 52. Popular Mexican beer brand
- 55. Succumbs to gravity
- 56. Put ____ on (limit)
- 57. HUM 301: The ____ of the Self
- 58. Chaotic situation
- 59. Hissed summons
- 60. Bunk component
- 61. Back in time
- 63. Figure in many a mythology
- 65. Tide competitor

IN MEMORIAM

Herman B. Kleiner '43, P'71, P'73 died April 1, 2023. After graduating from Puget Sound, he served in the Air Force during World War II, then went into business with his father at Model Lumber Company in Tacoma. He worked to help resettle Soviet Jews in the area in the 1990s. Among his survivors are sons Gregory Kleiner '71 and Douglas Kleiner '73.

Patricia J. Hildebrandt Owen '45 died May 28, 2022. She had a degree in art/design from Puget Sound and at one time owned Owen Art School and Gallery.

Mary Emma "Polly" Packard Finucane '47 died Oct. 13, 2022, in Panama City, Fla. She was 102 years old.

Virginia Kilde Lease '47, P'76 died March 2, 2023, in Tacoma. She was 96. She studied English and French literature at Puget Sound and sang in the Adelphian Choir and the College of Puget Sound Campus Trio. She later sang in schools and churches and played in the bell choir at Skyline Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, where she also was director of Christian education.

David Rees Sr. '49 majored in economics and minored in math at Puget Sound, and spent 36 years in various roles with the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission: finan-

cial analyst, supervisor of finance, chief of accounting, chief economist, and executive secretary. He retired in 1986. He died March 20, 2023, in Olympia, Wash.

Hugh McMillan '50 spent 26 years in the CIA, serving in Japan, India, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey. After he retired, he and his wife settled in Home, Wash., on the Key Peninsula. For 20 years he wrote a column, "Kid's Corner," for the *Peninsula Gateway*. He died Feb. 10, 2023, at age 96.

John Schartow '51 earned a degree in music education from Puget Sound; he later served in the Air Force Band, then went on to teach music for more than 50 years in Tacoma, Egypt, and the Dominican Republic. He taught in the Phoenix area into his 80s. He died Feb. 7, 2023, in Gilbert, Ariz., one month after the death of his wife, Joanne.

William E. Greco '52, P'84 of Lakewood, Wash., died Jan. 11, 2023, at age 95. Among his survivors are his wife, the former Virginia Maruca '59, and a daughter, Kara Greco Humphrey '84.

Fumiko Takahashi Kimura '52, MA'77 died March 29, 2023. She was 93. A chemistry major as an undergraduate, she earned a master's in art and had a long career in art, using oil, acrylic, sumi-e watercolor, and mixed-media collage. She also taught art as an adjunct faculty member at Puget Sound. Her husband,

Yoshikiyo Kimura '52, died in 2009.

Frances Krilich Shensky '53 of Tacoma died March 17, 2023. She studied music at Puget Sound, then worked at the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot before raising a family.

Elaine B. Dikeos Cleland '54, '55 earned an occupational therapy degree from Puget Sound and worked for Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital in Oregon until her retirement. She died Jan. 10, 2023, in Oregon City, Ore.

Fred M. Utter '54 earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Puget Sound, then went on to get a master's and Ph.D. For 19 years he led the genetics group at National Marine Fisheries; he was one of the first to apply biochemical genetic techniques to understanding and managing fish populations. He died March 5, 2023, in Lynnwood, Wash., at age 91.

Anna Mae Morris Jennings '55, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Sept. 3, 2022. She had been battling Alzheimer's disease for three years, according to Jim, her husband of 65 years. An education major at Puget Sound, she later taught third grade.

Gaylord Warren '55 was a lifelong resident of Tacoma. He interrupted his studies at Puget Sound to serve in the Navy during the Korean War, then, after graduating, he worked for St. Regis



John English 1939–2023

ORIGINALLY FROM CROSWELL, MICH., John English came to the University of Puget Sound after earning a master's in counseling and a doctorate in education, and working in student services

at several other West Coast universities. Beginning as Puget Sound's vice president and inaugural dean of students in 1970, English later served as acting dean of the School of Education and as a faculty member in the School of Education, twice earning the Distinguished Professor Award. He's remembered by colleagues for his keen sense of humor, strong moral compass, and deep commitment to his work.

A South Sound resident for 46 years, English was also actively engaged in his off-campus community, serving as a member of the Gig Harbor planning commission and an elected city council member. He enjoyed birding, books, and sports—especially baseball—and was a Mariners fan and a collector of memorabilia. He was also an active member of Puget Sound's lunchtime basketball league for faculty and staff.

English's verve, spirit, and love of the written word is perhaps best anthologized in his collection of quotations: a 172-page document titled *Your Very Own Book of Apothegms, Atticisms, and Smartaleck Sayings*. Divided into five sections and carefully formatted, the book displays the charisma and wit for which his colleagues remember him.

John English died in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Feb. 25, 2023. He was 83. —*Zoe Branch '18*

Paper Co., Coca Cola, and the City of Tacoma. He died March 6, 2023, at age 94.

Ralph Whiting '55, a retired obstetrician and gynecologist, died Jan. 6, 2023, in Eugene, Ore. He was 89. He served patients in private practice and was a member of the medical faculty at several universities. He also directed a rural health fellowship program for OB/GYN residents at Tacoma General Hospital

and in Hawai'i, and provided medical services for the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota.

Leona Betteridge '56 had a home economics degree and taught for a time before devoting herself to raising her nine children. She died Feb. 4, 2023, in her home in University Place, where she had lived for more than 60 years. She was 92.

Terry Schick '57 majored in journalism and worked on

The Trail as an undergraduate; he also was president of Phi Delta Theta. He worked in newspapers in Washington, Idaho, and Arizona, then became an insurance agent. He was married to Jeanette "Willie" Wilson '57 for 65 years. He died Sept. 14, 2022, in Cottonwood, Ariz. He was 88.

Sandra Lea Ehrhard '61 of Puyallup, Wash., died at age 83 on Dec. 2, 2022, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. She attended Puget Sound, then finished her accounting degree at University of Washington. She was a wife and a mother of three children.

Rudy Hansen '61 died Oct. 27, 2022, in Gig Harbor, Wash., at age 88. He enrolled at Puget Sound after serving in the Army during the Korean War; after graduation, he spent 25 years with Carling/Heidelberg Brewing in Tacoma, and also was involved in ski areas, real estate, and soft drink businesses.

Argal D. Oberquell '61 worked for the Public Works department of the City of Tacoma, then practiced law, serving as city attorney for Lacy, Tenino, and Bucoda, as well as maintaining a private practice. He died June 13, 2022, in Olympia, Wash., at age 85.

Ronald E. Rhodes '61 died Feb. 8, 2023, at age 83 in Southport, N.C. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Elaine Crouse '64 of Lake-

wood, Wash., died March 31, 2023. She was 92. An education major, she taught first grade at Carter Lake Elementary School on McChord Air Force Base for 32 years.

Robert Mathis '64 earned a master's and Ph.D. after Puget Sound and was director of medical services for the Washington State prison system and head psychologist at Napa State Hospital in California. Later he launched The Mathis Group, consulting for municipalities, school districts, and police and fire departments. He died Feb 7, 2023, in Napa, Calif., at 81.

Donna Lee Larson Miley '64 died Aug. 16, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas. She was 80. She was a pediatric occupational therapist and the wife of Edward Hansell "Jack" Miley '62, whom she met on campus. Her husband survives her.

Deanna Dague Naslund '64 of University Place, Wash., worked for 40 years in public education in the greater Tacoma area. She died Jan. 4, 2023, "after a quiet and brave fight with cancer," according to her obituary. She was 80.

Barton K. Amey '65 earned a degree in business administration and for many years ran his own business in the Seattle area. He and his wife lived on Capitol Hill for 46 years, then moved to Camano Island in 2018. Amey died Dec. 13, 2022, two-and-a-half years after

being diagnosed with ALS. He was 80.

Steve Spickard '65 went on to earn a law degree and became involved in several ventures: He was manager of Select Realty Inc.; owner of the Spokane music and arts venue, the Big Dipper; and founder of a spiritual center called the Universal Heart Center. He died Jan. 7, 2023, in Spokane, Wash., at age 80.

Robert Evans (Bob) Rec- tor '66 of Leavenworth, Wash., died Jan. 21, 2023, at age 79. After earning a history degree from Puget Sound, he studied at Iliff School of Theology and was a Methodist minister for many years. He retired in 1985 to take over the family business, Western Sintering, in Richland, Wash., where he worked and served as chairman of the board until his death.

Keith Weeks '66 studied biology and played baseball at Puget Sound, where a professor told him, "You'd make a good doctor." He went on to medical school at Oregon Health and Science University and became a cardiologist, practicing in rural Montana for most of his career. He died at age 78 on Jan. 6, 2023, in Vancouver, Wash. His late brother, Roger '63, was also a Puget Sound graduate.

Janet McLellan-Cochran '67 earned an education degree from Puget Sound, where she was active in Gamma Phi Beta soror-

ity and spent a semester abroad in Vienna. She was a beloved teacher in the Aspen (Colo.) School District for more than 30 years. She died Feb. 19, 2023, in Snowmass, Colo., at age 77, after a lengthy illness.

William Nelson '67 served as a lieutenant in the Army at Fort Sill, Okla., in the 1960s, then ran a printing company in Tacoma. An enthusiastic sailor, he was a member of the Tacoma Corinthian Yacht Club and Tacoma Yacht Club; for the latter, he helped found the Junior Sailing Program. He died in Olympia, Wash., on Jan. 4, 2023, at age 81.

Dick Peterson '67, a lifelong resident of Tacoma, died Jan. 26, 2023, at age 78. At Puget Sound he was a member of Sigma Nu. He served as an Air Force officer in Vietnam, then started a business career at Peterson Boat Building. He later started a home remodeling business and owned Express Window Services.

Donald Argetsinger '68 grew up in Juneau, Alaska, and, after graduating from Puget Sound and serving in the Navy, worked as a civil servant and political staffer for the Alaska state government. He also worked for Alaska Native village and regional corporations. He died March 8, 2023, in Anchorage. He was 77.

Harry "Corky" Diseth '68 was a Logger football standout in the late 1960s; later he was a high school

teacher, principal, and coach. He died Feb. 16, 2023, in Puyallup, Wash., at the age of 77.

Joyce Fry Lambert '68 died Jan. 20, 2023. She lived in Mercer Island, Wash.

Robert Countryman '69 earned a degree in communication and theatre arts from Puget Sound, then went on get a master's in theatre and set design at Wayne State University. He worked as a home builder and later taught technical theatre at a high school. He died in Jasper, Ga., May 15, 2022, at age 75.

Jeffrey J. Swenson '70 joined the Navy during the Vietnam War, doing rescue work off the coast of Vietnam in a helicopter squadron aboard the USS *Bennington*. After his discharge, he earned a degree from Puget Sound, then spent many years supporting his wife while she attended theology school and pursued a career as a Methodist minister. He died Aug. 22, 2021, in Hollywood, Calif. He was 78.

Kathleen Specht '71 earned an art degree from Puget Sound, where she was a Chi Omega. She was an interior designer and painter, sold locally crafted art in Spokane, and worked as a caregiver. She died Jan. 6, 2023, in Spokane. She was 73.

Dennis E. Anderson '72 grew up in Tacoma and



Zdenko F. Daneš
1920–2023

BORN IN PRAGUE, Zdenko Frankenberger (Frank) Daneš lived through World War II in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, witnessing a terrifying SS raid and later joining the resistance.

“I began putting buttons in my shoes and walking on them all day,” he later recalled, “to get used to bearing pain so as not to give anything away during the torture I expected.” In 1950, two years after the Communist Party took over Czechoslovakia, Daneš and his wife fled, crossing the border on bicycles and spending two years in a refugee camp in Germany before an American couple helped them emigrate to the United States. Daneš worked for Gulf Oil and Boeing, then joined the Puget Sound faculty in 1962; he taught physics at the university until his retirement in 1984.

His research focused on gravity, the interplanetary magnetic field, and the composition of the Earth, Moon, and planets, among other areas. In 1965, Daneš published a paper in the *Journal of Geophysical Research* suggesting that an active fault cuts across Elliot Bay and south Seattle. “Most geophysicists and geologists said, ‘So what,’” Daneš told *Arches* years later. “But real estate agents were quite upset when I told people they were sitting on a fault.” Geologists now consider the Seattle fault zone a significant hazard.

Daneš died March 10, 2023, in Prague. He was 102 years old. —*Tina Hay*

earned an accounting degree from Puget Sound. He worked as an accountant for Viking Industries and for the Boy Scouts of America before retiring in 2011. He lived in Gresham, Ore. We received word of his death in March.

Georgia “Lee” Clary

Fischlin ‘72 was a former Army nurse and an operating room nurse who earned a degree in sociology from Puget Sound. She died Dec. 14, 2022, in Puyallup, Wash. She was 82.

Robert Scoville ‘72 was an occupational therapist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash., from 1974 until retiring in 1998. While there, he mentored many Puget Sound students in their occupational therapy internships. He died Dec. 4, 2022, in Winnebago, Minn., at the age of 79.

Allyn Edmiston ‘73 of Grapeview, Wash., died Jan. 27, 2023, at the age of 75. He had a degree in business administration from Puget Sound.

Ronald Leighton ‘75 of Fairwood, Wash., died Jan. 18, 2023. He was 70 and had lived with Marfan syndrome for many years. He attended Puget Sound on a football scholarship; after graduation he worked in welding, burning, and pipefitting, and owned a ship repair company in Ballard.

William J. “Bill” Tuk ‘76 died Jan. 31, 2023, in Wasilla, Alaska. He was 69.

Jim M. Vincent ‘76, P’14 was a chemistry major at Puget Sound and went on to earn a medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine. He was a physician in the Seattle area at Minor and James, Swedish Hospital, and the concierge medical firm MD2. He died March 29, 2023, at age 69. Among his survivors is son Maxwell Vincent ‘14.

Patrick Ebert ‘79, of Bainbridge Island, Wash., earned an accounting degree from Puget Sound, where he was president of Sigma Chi fraternity. He worked as a CPA and certified financial planner. He died Jan. 30, 2023, at the age of 67.

Fred Amrhein MBA’80 died Feb. 1, 2023, in Goodyear, Ariz. He was 74.

Ernst Robert “Ernie” Peterson ‘80, age 66, of Bellevue, Wash., died Feb. 12, 2023. At Puget Sound he was on the swim team and was active in Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He spent his ca-

reer in industrial equipment sales and at the time of his death was regional wholesale sales manager for King Electric.

Donald Gary Wall MEd’82 worked in education for more than 30 years, as an assistant principal and assistant superintendent in Lynden, Wash.; as superintendent in Granite Falls, Wash.; as an adjunct professor at Western Washington University and Brigham Young University; and as director of human resources for Provo City (Utah) School District. He died Jan. 23, 2023, in Orem, Utah, at 73.

K. Ann A. Crinean ‘83 died Sept. 26, 2021, in Port Orchard, Wash. She was an education major at Puget Sound.

Scott L. Filkins ‘83 of Yakima, Wash., died March 10, 2023. He was 62. At Puget Sound he was a member of Sigma Chi and met his future wife, Margaret Scarborough ‘88. He worked for JCPenney in Washington and Oregon.

Jane Keckemet ‘87 lived her entire life in the Old Town neighborhood of Tacoma. At Puget Sound she majored in business administration and minored in mathematics. She died March 5, 2023, at age 57.

Jennifer Moore Loi ‘89 was in the Business Leadership Program at Puget Sound, where she served as a residence hall assistant and was a member of Pi

Beta Phi. She worked in finance, first in Seattle’s high-tech sector and later in senior positions at startups, established firms, NGOs, and education. She died of breast cancer March 7, 2023, at age 55. Among her survivors is daughter Mackenzie Loi ‘22.

Judy Grumney Ziels ‘89 died Feb. 8, 2023, in Bellingham, Wash. She was 54. At Puget Sound she participated in the PacRim program and met her future husband, Jeff Ziels ‘87. After graduation she earned a nursing degree and, with her husband, served in the Peace Corps before returning to Washington. She worked in public health, focusing on early childhood development and advocating for families who lacked opportunity.

Candy Peterson Nelson ‘92 died of pancreatic cancer Jan. 11, 2023, in Gig Harbor, Wash. She was 52. She majored in physical education at Puget Sound and was active in Tri Delta sorority; she later worked many years in physical therapy.

Brad Boyl ‘04 was a business administration major and biology minor at Puget Sound, where he was active in Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He stayed connected to the school after graduation and served as president of the Portland, Ore., chapter for several years. He worked in the finance industry for Merrill Lynch and TD Ameritrade. He died March 25, 2023, in Portland.



▲ The New York Region Alumni Club met on April 1 for a few rounds of bowling. To join the New York group and get invited to future events, email alumoffice@pugetsound.edu. Top row, from left: **Louisa Raitt ‘15, Robert McCool ‘00, Ginger Frost ‘98, Lucy Fey ‘15**. Bottom row: **Matthew Cox ‘12, Jenny Wrobel ‘09, Brian Cross ‘15, Anneke Fleming ‘21, Sofia Scott ‘11**.



▲ Women’s basketball alumni **Kristine Miller ‘14, Taylor Jones Ellisen ‘14, Kelsey McKinnis Griffin ‘13, Erin Stumbaugh Melzer ‘15, Amanda Forshay Robbins ‘15, Ashley Agcaoili ‘15, and Katy Ainslie ‘15** spent their annual get-together in Tacoma in February, walking campus and visiting favorite landmarks.



▲ **Meghan Peterson ‘13** married **Alexander Dassenko ‘13** on Sept. 16, 2022, in Bellingham, Wash. “It was a beautiful September day and the most wonderful time,” she reports. “Alex and I started dating our senior year at Puget Sound and have been together ever since! I work in nonprofit education and Alex is in grad school.” Loggers in attendance, from left: **Colin Daunt ‘13**, the groom, the bride, **Margaret Johnson Hutchins ‘12, Elizabeth Basalto ‘12, Katie Mueller ‘12**.



▲ On August 21, 2022, **Sarah Wallis ‘15** and Mark Frankle were married at IslandWood on Bainbridge Island. Many Loggers were in attendance—from left, **Sofie Reilly ‘14, Megan Konrad ‘14, Kristan Makl ‘14**, the bride and groom, **Paul Makl ‘14, Nate Forman ‘14, and Jaki Nestor ‘14**.



◀ **Adam Leuin '12** and **Fallon Boyle '12** got married on August 21, 2021, in Seattle. From left to right: Ben Zedwick, **Megan Chambers '12**, **Harrison Diamond '12**, Karen Housel, **Ben Chodar '12**, **Jim Weber '12**, **Justin Roberts '12**, Olivia Zimmerman, Kris Shouldice, **Kate Nelson '12**, Maggie Culhane, the groom, **Zane Muller '12**, the bride, **Sterling Ingle-Mead '12**, **Nora Wahlund '12**, **Johnston Hill '12**, **Polly Membrino '12**, **Wiley Putnam '12**, **Tracy Anunsen '12**, **Ellie Barber '12**, Adam Christl, **Jon Prentice '12**, Catherine Counts, Dan Radwan, and **Sarah Webb '12**.



▲ First-year roommates **Brandt Rataezyk '12** and **Charlie Bogart '12** celebrated their 10-year reunion with their partners—and fellow Loggers—**Allison Schoening Rataezyk '12**, **MAT '13** and **Bella Vaynberg Bogart '12**, plus future Loggers, Class of 2043 Tristan and Bennett.



▲ **Anne Shirey '17** and **Ian Conery '19** married on May 28, 2022, at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, Wash. Logger friends and swimming teammates in attendance to celebrate their special day included (from left): **Connor Barfield '19**, **Rachel Duke '19**, **Connor King '19**, **Aaron Zevenbergen '19**, **Caleb Van Boven '19**, the groom, the bride, retired Puget Sound swim coach Chris Myhre, **Aza Verhoeven '19**, **Dylan Reimers '20**, **Kai Haven '20**, **Stuart Brown '16**, **Sam Anders '16**, and **Katharine Etsell '17**.



▲ Our photo of a dog wearing a Puget Sound sweatshirt in the Winter 2023 issue [*Oh Snap!*, p. 4] prompted two other people to send us photos of their pups in Logger gear. **Stuart Allison '81** (who sent the top photo) wrote, "You like dogs wearing University of Puget Sound sweatshirts? How about a dog wearing a vintage 1979 crew team sweatshirt? Angus is in the hoodie; Mabel just wants to be in the photo." And **Andrea Seibt P'26** sent a photo of "our sweet dog, Bo," younger brother of current student **Mary Seibt '26**.



▲ **Mark Seymour '14** and **Elizabeth Harbaugh '15** hosted a belated wedding celebration with friends, family, and Loggers on the Olympic Peninsula in August. Front row, from left: **Lily Kiely '15**, **Roseann Fish-Getchell '09**, **Heather Dappen '15**, the bride and groom, Puget Sound prof Greta Austin, **Emilie Kurth '15**, **Lexie Gallegos '15**, **Kat Lebo VanTassel '14**, and **Nishi Shankar '14**. Back row: **Meg Kitto '14**, **David Mucklow '14**, **Matthew Getchell '10**, **Michael Harbaugh '10**, **Matt Kitto '14**, **James Ryan '14**, **Jeremy VanTassel '13**, and **Carlo Balleria '15**. Not pictured: **Brian Ernst '13**, **Kat Leitzmann '15**, and **Catherine Williams '15**.



▲ On Oct. 1, 2022, **Tracy Anunsen '12** proved that outdoor weddings on Puget Sound in October can work, when she married Adam Linden at the Shoreline, Wash., home where she grew up. Logger friends in attendance included (from left): **Joanna Chapman '13**; **Mara Felman '13**; **Chelsea Jaeger '13**; **Mary Koenig Green '12**; **Pat Anunsen '73, P'12**; the groom and bride; **Fallon Boyle '12**; **Adam Leuin '12**; **Polly Membrino '12**; **Larry Eckert '72, MBA'84**; and **Kathy Murchy Eckert '76**.



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▲ On Oct. 28, 2022, **Elizabeth Fei '09** married her longtime partner, Curtis Peterson, in Chicago. They were joined by Loggers and Logger partners from across the globe. From left: Stéphane Mead and **Clay Thompson '09** (coming from Amsterdam), **Lucinda Stroud '09** (from Seattle), the bride and groom, Ben Wilson, and **Peter Ott '09** (from Boston).



▲ Sharing a round of golf, lunch, and watching the Mariners make the playoffs after 21 years were Logger roommates **Carol Fujimoto Fleming '77, P'11; J. Todd Fleming '78, P'11; Jill Kotchik Anderson '77; Jeffrey Anderson '78; Diane Johansson P'02, P'14; and Michael Johansson '77, P'02, P'14.**



▶ **Hilary Jacobsen '10** and **Noah Brod '10** welcomed their son, Julian, on Dec. 13, 2022.



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◀ On July 16, 2022, **Sierra Coccoziello '15** wed **Evan Gannicott '15**, surrounded by friends and family on Mount Hood in Oregon. Many Loggers attended and celebrated the late-night portion of the party: from left, **Noah Granow '15, Hannah Findling '15, Julia Pascoe '15, Issac Thrupp '15, Alex Lunt '15, Molly Bean Nelson '15, Adam Bean '15, Andrew Nordstrom '15, Jake Peterson '15**, the groom and bride, **Deron Coffie '14, Meghan Ellis '15, Maclyn Curley '17, Melanie Volk Young '15, Logan Day '15, Liz Blonden '15, Frank Schmidt '15, Margaret Simonson-Kowitz '15, Lauren Rothrock Hamilton '15, Paige Platman Dahlberg '15, Roman Vern '15, Zoe Frankel '15, Andrew Kransler '15**. Not pictured: **Gabi Flores-Rabinowitz '15**.



▲ **Karen Pryor '10** married Adam Gluskin at Frank Lloyd Wright's Emil Bach House in Chicago on Sept. 4, 2022. She was joined by four of her Kappa Alpha Theta sisters: from left, **Maren Stockhoff '10, Abbey Prest '10, Devon Wohl '10, and Tiffany Wynn '09**, and two of her Anderson/Langdon Hall mates from their first year, **Maresa Jenson '10** and **Katie Shuy '10**.



▲ In October, former housemates and Kappa Alpha Theta sisters **Alyssa Jorgenson Muhlendorff '99; Noelle Detrich-Eaton '99; Aubree Robinson Steffens '99; Katie Caufield '99; Mandy Singer Jensen '99, MOT '02; and Jessica Cozzens '99** got together for a reunion weekend at the beach. They shared laughs, celebrated 27 years of friendship, and made new memories.



▲ Former classmates **Brendan O'Neil '92, Greg Olds '90, Mike Burchett '92, and Jon McVay '91** gathered recently at O'Neil's home in Arizona.



◀ **Abigail Gore '16** and **Brian Parker '17** were married on Oct. 8, 2022, in Dundee, Oregon. Back row, from left: **Mikhail Filarski '18, Drew Kristensen '18, Paige Zimmerman '17, Frances Welsh '17, Auri Clark '16, Juliana Echternach '17, Erin Jenkins '19, Eric Lund '15, Heidi Henderson '15, Cody Dodge '18, Matt Goldberg '16, and Kerri Smith '16**. Front row: **Zander Biro '16, Hank Nicolais '18**, the groom and bride, **Bailey Marshall '16, Elena Dodge '16, Rachel Bowdle '16, Austin Brittenham '16, and Clayton Jacobson '15**.

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PROUD TO BE A LOGGER!



Five groups took prizes in the Logger Day Challenge Spirit Competition in March, winning swag bags for showing their Logger pride. Photos from top left: first place, **Kevin Cuda '26** (fifth from left) of Pleasanton, Calif., and friends, including mom **Tara Fairchild '26** to his left. Second place, the Student Involvement and Programs team (Daniel Lerma-Hill, Holly Dysserick, Kevin Buchanan, **Skylar Bihl '08**, Gabby Hickock, Serni Solidarios, and head SIP cheerleader Moe Stephens). Third place, the Seattle Regional Club (**Tessa Brott '15**, **Katie Breece '15**, **Katie Pyne '15**, **Gabi Marrese '19**, and **McKenzie Ross '06**). Fourth place, the Tacoma Regional Club (**McKenzie Ross '06**; **Brittany Henderson '03**; **Gene Bankhead '05**; Allison Cannady-Smith, Puget Sound associate vice president for constituent relations; **Amy VanZandt '06**, **MEd'11**). Fifth place, Grizz with two staffers from the Diner.



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**LOGGERS ARE
CHANGE-MAKERS!**

THE BIRTH OF A CAMPUS

May 22, 1923, was a "momentous day" for the College of Puget Sound, writes historian **John Finney '67, P'94**. "The entire faculty and student body processed from the campus at Sixth and Sprague streets to a vacant field at North 15th and Warner streets. There Mrs. Franke Jones pledged \$180,000 toward construction of the new campus. The trustees accepted the pledge, and Jones Hall groundbreaking took place immediately."



*The Students furnish the power
to pull the plow. 1923*

Jones Hall is named for Franke Jones' husband, lumberman and Civil War veteran Charles Hebard Jones (1845–1922). To see more historical photos of campus, go to digitalcollections.pugetsound.edu.

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