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The other day, I walked by Hec Edmundson Pavilion—and immediately felt butterflies in my stomach. It didn't have anything to do with memories of being dazzled by Nate Robinson's out-of-this-world dunks or watching the women's volleyball team skunk USC. My commencement was held in Hec Ed when I graduated from the UW in the early 1990s.

I remember it so clearly—a bright Saturday morning, a big crowd of us capped-and-gowned alumni-to-be, standing with excited family members as we waited to march inside. This was my second graduation (15 years after my first, at another institution). But this one meant a lot more because I was a non-traditional student this time around.

When this year's commencement is held inside Husky Stadium, a good number of the students who will receive their diplomas won't be those who came here straight out of high school. About a third will be transfer students who came here after two years of community college. Another group will be non-traditional students: those who maybe couldn't afford college right out of high school, or had to interrupt their studies because life got in the way. Or, like me, returned to the classroom eons later to pursue a lifelong dream.

Students enrolling here out of high school have the opportunity to settle in, build their very own community and get the full Husky Experience. But I like to think that those of us who had to zig and zag a little more along the way to receiving our UW diplomas feel a bit of feisty pride. When I returned to school in my mid-30s to pursue a degree in photography, I was nearly twice as old as my classmates and older than some of my

instructors. Reacquainting myself with homework and the vibe of school was a challenge. Plus, I didn't know a soul here.

Which is why the second time around meant more—precisely because it required me to adjust to new surroundings, meet new people and learn the best time to hit Parnassus Café in the Art Building to grab a black-and-white cookie and a Diet Coke before art history class. I wanted to squeeze absolutely everything I could out of my education this time. I'm sure the late Richard Arnold, one of my photography professors, breathed a sigh of relief when I graduated because I was always dragging him back into the darkroom to learn how to make better prints. (Yeah, I was here in the ancient film days.)

Commencement is a great celebration, for everyone. For transfer and non-traditional students, it will mean more than you can imagine. I know from personal experience.

Jon Marmor

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"Each person has their own part of the puzzle," says Andrei Arevalo, an engineering graduate student in the 76-member club that each year designs, builds and races Formula-style race cars. The UWashingtton Formula Motorsports club members produce everything in house from designs to carbon fiber parts. Their goal: to make something "fast, light and fragile," Arevalo says. Last summer, after winning second place stateside, 24 students travelled to Hockenheim, Germany to race against other schools from around the world. UW students started building and racing cars 28 years ago, and along the way developed into talented engineers and car fanatics.

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As a freshman in 2007, Sol Moravia-Rosenberg went to his first RETRO open mic at the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center Theater. The hip-hop artist spent four years testing out material and debuting new pieces at the monthly gathering. We wrote about Sol and other modern poets of UW in our March issue.

QUINN RUSSELL BROWN

A Renowned Teacher

★☒★ The news of Willis Konick's death (*Two Giants, One Legacy, March*) hit me hard. Willis had an impact on so many, but he literally changed my life. In the spring of my freshman year as a pre-business major, I dutifully sought the advice of my academic adviser before I registered for my classes. I was surprised to see him jotting down class names that started with "RUSS" and "COMP LIT." Thank goodness I took his advice to swap out one of my other classes for one with Willis. Not only did Willis make the literature he taught relatable, he challenged us to rise to a new level of critical thinking. I followed that class with a summer course, and by fall, I changed my major—to Comparative Literature. That change affected my life in so many ways. I learned the Russian language, met Russian people, and explored literature from around the world. Through Willis' teaching, I began to understand people's thoughts and motivations in a much deeper way.

Beth Gorell, '83, '86
Granite Bay, California

★☒★ Willis Konick was my favorite professor. He introduced me to my most beloved literature. Many of my best college memories are from his classes. Thank you, Willis, I hope you're making others laugh somewhere.

Dagmar Achteplik
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★☒★ I was a drama major in the '70s, but if I heard about a professor or a course that was considered excellent, I would sign up for it. And so I ended up in a comparative literature course taught by Professor Konick, in which we read novels by one of my favorite authors, Dostoevsky, and one I had never heard of before, Yukio Mishima. For Dostoevsky, we read "The Idiot," and I soon found myself being called on to "improvise" with Professor Konick. I quickly grew to admire Professor Konick's teaching techniques and was blown away by his ability to draw almost any student into one of his explorations of the text. It was an exciting classroom to be in. I began dropping by his office, in which we had long conversations about my personal life (which then began making appearances in my little

"scenes" in class). Like any good actor, Professor Konick was a master at manipulating material for relevance. In spite of some personal qualms, I learned so much in the class that I signed up for another course, this time covering all of Dostoevsky's major novels. He was an inspiring professor, an entertaining personality and a very good man. Thank you for bringing back my memories of him.

Richard Gatjens, '75
Bronx, New York

★☒★ One of my mistakes in life was not taking a class with Konick.

Frith Maier
Facebook

★☒★ I loved him and still remember him often with a kind of perplexed and admiring affection and wonder; perplexed because he moved me deeply but I was just one of 100 people in only one class, not to mention only one of the thousands and thousands who moved through his classes. The man was a wonder.

Sarah Peyton
Facebook

Retro Poetry Story

★☒★ Wow! (*Rhymes With Mic, March*) RETRO would not have been possible without people like Ana Mari Cauce, Emile Pitre, Steve Woodard, Sheila Edwards Lange and the EMPOWER group that has always supported and mentored us all to do great work. Thank you!

Anthony Rose, RETRO co-founder
Facebook

Community Colleges

★☒★ Everett Community College (*Legacy of Access, March*) began as Everett Junior College in 1941, the year of my birth, and is a titan in regional education. I would be nothing without my four years at this institution. Two trips through, for two different purposes. First junior college in Washington state!

Dave Ramstad
Facebook

Honor The Women!

★☒★ I love singing "Bow Down to Washington." The Husky fight song was the first grown-up song I learned. My father, a proud 1928 UW grad, taught it to us before we were in kindergarten. But it's really due for an update, especially when our women's teams are nationally ranked. How about "Mighty is the team who wears the purple and the gold ... " Perhaps there could be a contest (like the one for the new alma mater) to replace the following verse:

*Our boys are there with bells,
Their fighting blood excels,
It's harder to push them over the line
Than pass the Dardenelles.*

Here's my entry:

*Our teams compete with pride.
Their fame spreads far and wide.
It's harder to stop them short of the goal
Than halt the ocean tide.*

Marjorie Turner Domenowske, '61
Seattle

Crisp Reading

★✉★ I just wanted you to know how much I enjoy reading Columns. It's stimulating, crisp and fun to read. My husband was a graduate student there for four years and Columns makes me want to go back to UW, walk the campus and absorb the vibrancy. They were four great years and your publication keeps me connected.

Kay Deitz
Bel Air, Maryland

Ode to the Mexican Man

★✉★ The beautiful poem, "Ode to the Mexican Man" in the March issue of Columns sparked a memory about an incident also arising from an article in the Yakima newspaper many years ago. We had moved there from New Mexico some years before. One evening, Daddy read of a young man found dead at a hobo camp. He had been recently discharged from a tour in the Army in World War II and

was hiking through the country. Daddy recognized his name as the son of our neighbor in Taos. He called her to relay the news, claimed the body, had him dressed in a nice suit and sent him at his expense to his mother known to us as La Vecina (the neighbor). She was a true neighbor who had been a strong support to Mom and Dad during the illness of my baby brother. The baby, in fact, died in her arms. This isn't as eloquent as "An Ode" but at 80+ years old, I am doing my life's memories in haiku:

"DIED IN HOBO CAMP"

*So the new story declared
A name my Dad knew*

*Recently discharged
Hiking to see the country
Served but barely known*

*The son of neighbors
Dad phoned the sad news to them
Friends from long ago*

*Dad claimed the body
Arranged to send him home dressed
Nicely in a suit*

*To "La Vecina"
As his mom was known to us
The truest neighbor*

*Shared the saddest time
A tiny baby so ill
He died in her arms*

M.J. Foote
Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico

CORRECTION

We misspelled Belding Scribner's name in the article on the UW's list of achievements in health care. Columns regrets the error.

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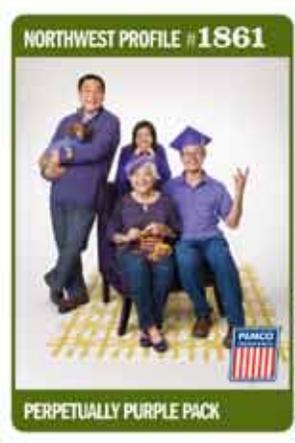
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This month, we launch a new class of graduates who will leave their mark—the Class of 2017—adding more than 15,000 new alumni to the ranks. Commencement is always a great moment to reflect on the academic year behind us—a year that has both tested us and our community, and deepened our sense of mission and purpose. I'm proud that the Center for World University Rankings, which ranks the world's

elite universities in the STEM and social sciences, named the UW 9th in the world, with 45 disciplines ranked in the top 10!

Tackling knotty, intractable problems is necessary to help people flourish. And it is what drives our community of scholars, teachers, students and alumni. We are confident that this new class of graduates leaves the UW with a deep understanding of our public promise, prepared for a lifetime filled with satisfaction and meaning in their work, families and communities. They have made a great impact on our University and our community and we will miss them!

One particular alumnus whose impact continues to be felt is Norman Rice, profiled in this issue, who is this year's recipient of the Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award, the highest honor we bestow on an alumnus. As Seattle's mayor, Norman was a path-breaking leader who helped make Seattle the vibrant, livable city it is today. A practitioner of inclusive innovation before it had a name, he's a "Double Dawg," having received his bachelor's and Master of Public Administration degrees from the UW.

So many of you, through your advocacy and involvement, have helped make this a momentous year. Our academic calendar began with the public launch of Be Boundless, the most ambitious philanthropic campaign in our history. Nine months on, the campaign has achieved an important milestone—thanks to more than 320,000 individual donors, we recently crossed the \$4 billion threshold. This momentum is a powerful testament to the fact that supporting the UW is a sure means of addressing the causes and issues—be it student access, climate research, supporting the arts or curing cancer—that matter most to you. We are honored to serve those causes with you.

As alumni and friends of the UW, your continued engagement with us is what makes all these achievements and accolades possible. Maybe you came to campus this year to visit one of our museums, theater or arts performances, to attend a faculty lecture, or to visit your student at Parent & Family Weekend; or maybe it's been years since you set foot on campus, but you're still in contact with one of your faculty

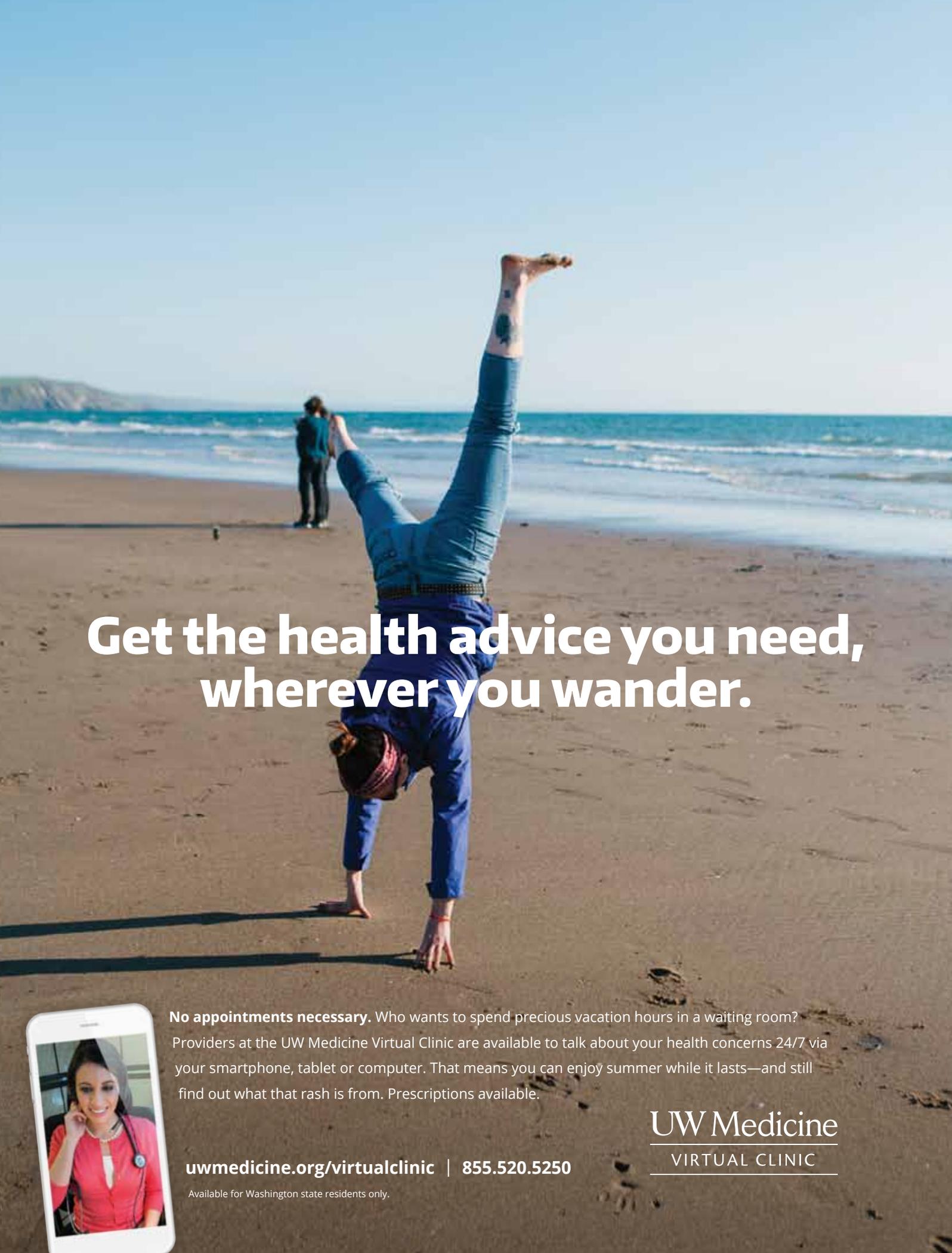


mentors. Maybe you can't wait to page through Columns magazine to see what's new at the UW, or maybe you helped organize your class reunion. However you stay connected to the UW, we're proud to be a part of your past, present and future. Thank you for all that you do.

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Kandis Byrd Campus Groomer Plant Advocate Machete Owner

I didn't like gardening as a kid.

I started growing food in my yard about 10 years ago. I planted tomatoes, carrots and a few cucumbers. My obsession grew and the entire backyard is now garden beds. The only remaining grass is a small patch for the cats to play.

I am a Gardener 2 in Area 8.

There are around 36 gardeners responsible for maintaining the entire UW campus, including the mowing and irrigation teams. A three-person crew is responsible for each area. Mine includes Hutchinson and Lewis Halls, the Intellectual House, Hansee and McMahan dorms and more.

My father is a UW alum who rowed

crew. When I started working here in November 2015, it was near the canoe house and I often sent him pictures of the sunrises. He was super excited. It's an awesome connection to see the things my dad saw so many years ago.

I would have laughed hysterically

if you told me 20 years ago I'd be doing this. When my son was 18 years old and applying for college loans, I decided to also take a swing at bettering myself. I applied and received grants that allowed me to return to school at 43 years old. I earned a horticulture degree from South Seattle College in 2014.

Mornings on campus are sleepy

and quiet. I start work at 7 a.m. and those early hours are amazing. I've seen coyotes walking East Campus and baby ducks hanging out along Canal Road. That whole world is hidden by mid-morning.



There is a pair of trees—an older

Redwood and Sequoia—that stand like sentinels near the Waterfront Activities Center. They were here before the campus. Some of the rhododendrons are over 50 years old. I love the winter hazel with its stretching arms and little droplets of golden flowers. There are so many treasures.

I love the culture of plants.

It's my passion to know the names of plants, their families and how they interact. Some are bullies. Some need to be more assertive. We help them by weeding, shaping or mulching so the plant communities grow in healthier ways.

Fall is all about leaves, leaves,

and more leaves. Spring is weeding and edging while summer is general maintenance. And in winter, we spend a lot of our time mulching. There is a huge bunker where leaves and much of the coffee grounds from campus cafés are combined to create a beautiful, rich compost.

I volunteered at a children's veg-

etable garden in South Seattle. Many of those kids had no idea a strawberry came from a plant in the ground with bugs and soil. There are university students who have no idea how things are grown or why. Put your hands in the soil and you stop taking things for granted.

It's a mystery to most people.

I like when students and other people approach me with questions. I want to share my knowledge because I think horticulture is the coolest science ever.

Horsetail isn't a favorite weed.

I can't hate it, though, because it's a native plant. I choose to find it lovely because I have no choice but to live with it. If you can't do anything about a problem, choose to find the beauty in it.

My Christmas list usually includes

books, some new overalls and one year, I asked for a machete. I was thrilled to see it under the tree!

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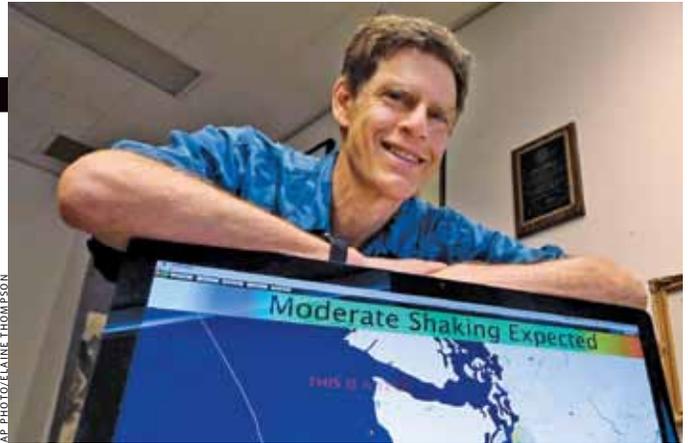
Earthquake Warning

When a big quake hits, Washington residents could have enough warning to stop machinery and evacuate dangerous structures before the shaking starts, thanks to ShakeAlert, a West Coast-wide early warning system.

Working with the U.S. Geological Survey and other public and private partners, the UW has helped develop and test a system that takes advantage of the different ways that earthquakes travel through the earth. The smaller P-waves (pressure or primary waves), come fast and first, providing scientists and sensors a chance to estimate the magnitude of coming S-waves (shear or secondary waves), which are significantly more destructive.

While California has focused for some time on a large-scale warning system, the Northwest started in earnest after the Tohoku earthquake struck near the coast of Japan in 2011, says seismologist John Vidale, the professor of Earth and Space Sciences who directs the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network. The UW-based network coordinates the warning system for Washington and Oregon with the goal of sending an earthquake alert—from several seconds to minutes before the shaking arrives.

In early April, the ShakeAlert System connected the Northwest Coast with California. Now, a few pilot users including Bothell-based RH2



Professor John Vidale, the UW's newest National Academy of Sciences member, is director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network.

Engineering and the Eugene, Oregon, Water & Electricity Board can automate the early warning to trigger the closure of pumping stations and pipelines carrying water and power, reducing potential damage.

Though the West Coast connection is complete, the system has only about half the number of planned stations in the ground. And improvements still need to be made in the speed at which computers assess the shaking. "But the hardest part is trying to find ways to get the information out to people very quickly," says Vidale. "Smartphones here don't have the capability to send the information to everyone in the region." They need to scale up to be able to send hundreds of thousands of warnings at once. "Japan has already done it, so we know it's possible," says Vidale.

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A Legacy of Civil Rights Activism

A packed house filled Kane Hall for The Graduate School Public Lecture, “History, Conflict and Promise: Civil Rights at the UW” on May 3. Five alumni civil rights leaders who played leadership roles in demanding civil rights for all at the UW during their time on campus in the 1960s and 1970s composed the panel of speakers. They gathered to reflect on the legacy of the 1968 occupation of the office of UW President Charles Odegaard and the state of the UW’s ongoing

commitment to equity and justice for all. The event was the 11th and final lecture of The Graduate School’s Race and Equity Public Lecture Series for 2016-2017. Moderator Ralaina Joseph (below left), associate professor of communication and director of the UW Center for Communication, Difference and Equity, interviewed panel members (left to right) Emile Pitre, ’69; Verlaine Keith-Miller, ’74, ’80; Larry Gossett, ’71; Sharon Maeda, ’68; and Rogelio Riojas, ’73, ’75, ’77.



TARA BROWN

Cole to Speak at Commencement

Johnnetta Betsch Cole, a national leader in education, anthropology and activism, and former director of the National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian, will be the featured speaker at the UW’s 142nd commencement on June 10. At the event, the Board of Regents will confer upon her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Cole, former president of Spelman and Bennett colleges, two historically black women’s colleges, actually has her academic roots here in Washington. As a graduate student and new faculty member at WSU in the 1960s, she helped found the Black Studies Program, and then went on to direct it. After leaving Washington, Cole worked her way through teaching and leadership positions, eventually becom-



ing the first African American woman to head Spelman College in Atlanta.

At the same ceremony, Tacoma businessman and civic leader William W. Philip, ’47, will receive his own honorary doctorate. Credited as a founding father of UW Tacoma, Philip advocated for the creation of the campus.

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Paul Allen, Welcome Back

BY HANNELORE SUDERMANN

Hellmut Golde didn't remember writing the letter that barred Paul Allen and his friends from the UW's computer science lab in 1971, but now the emeritus professor of electrical engineering chuckles at the notion that he once kicked out the future tech titans.

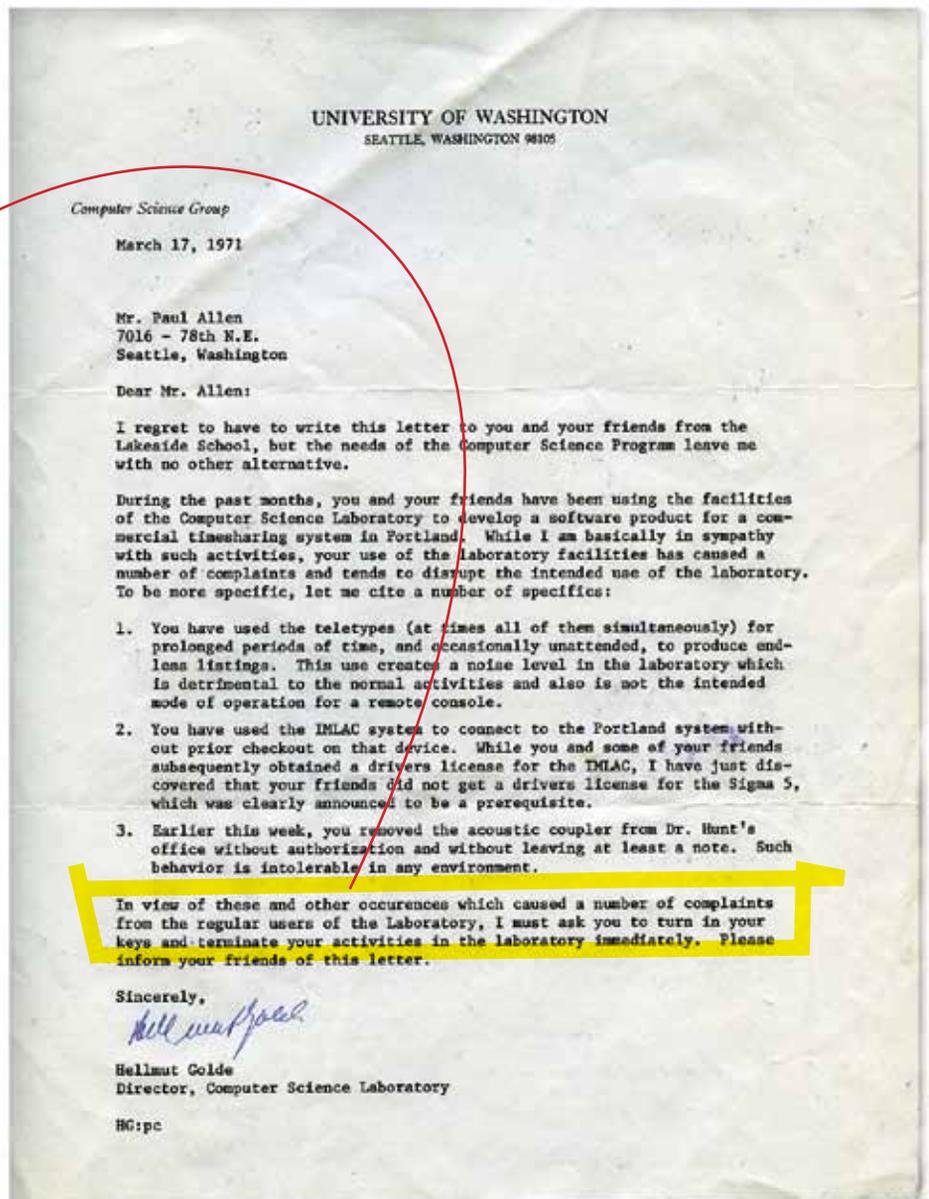
At the time, the lab in the Roberts Hall annex wasn't much to speak of, though it was one of the few places in Seattle where one could access the latest in computing technology. The equipment included key-punches, teletypes and a Dura typewriter. The star of the show was a Sigma mainframe computer that could be used for data processing.

It was to this that high school student Allen and his friend Bill Gates were irresistibly drawn. Allen writes in his blog that as a teen he eagerly ventured into the lab to grab free time on the computers. The two had teamed up with Paul Gilbert, '73, a UW engineering student, and were using the lab to run simulations for a traffic-measuring device they were inventing. That project didn't come to fruition, but if not for all the time they spent on UW computers, you could argue that Microsoft might not have happened, says Allen.

As the second director of the lab, Golde inherited the Lakeside School students as regulars. "But they used it a bit too much," says Golde. They were noisy, disruptive and equipment had disappeared. "So I finally wrote that famous letter—which I totally forgot about."

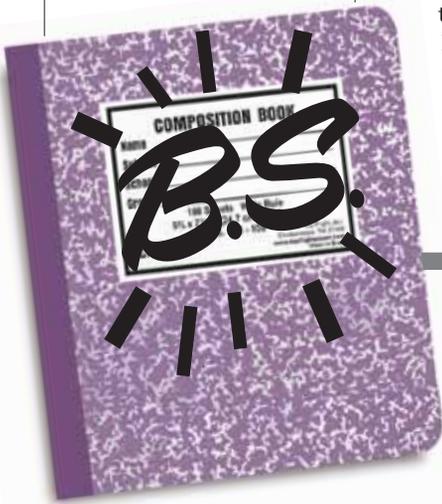
The missive recently resurfaced during news of Allen's \$50 million endowment to establish the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering. The mission of the endowment is to provide the next generation of students and faculty a chance to lead in a new golden age of computer science, says Allen, adding, "My hope is that the school will have the same influence on them as it did on me—that they will continue to dream big, breaking through technological barriers and using their skills to solve some of the biggest problems our world faces."

In view of these and other occurrences which caused a number of complaints from the regular users of the Laboratory, I must ask you to turn in your keys...



THERE IS SO MUCH BULLSH*T.

That's the premise of a class coming to the iSchool this fall. Students will learn to recognize and refute fake news, shoddy science and urban legends. Professors Jevin West and Carl Bergstrom piloted the curriculum in a 1-credit spring seminar, candidly titled "Calling Bullsh*t in the Age of Big Data."



STARBUCKS ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING

A New Space Is Brewing in Suzzallo

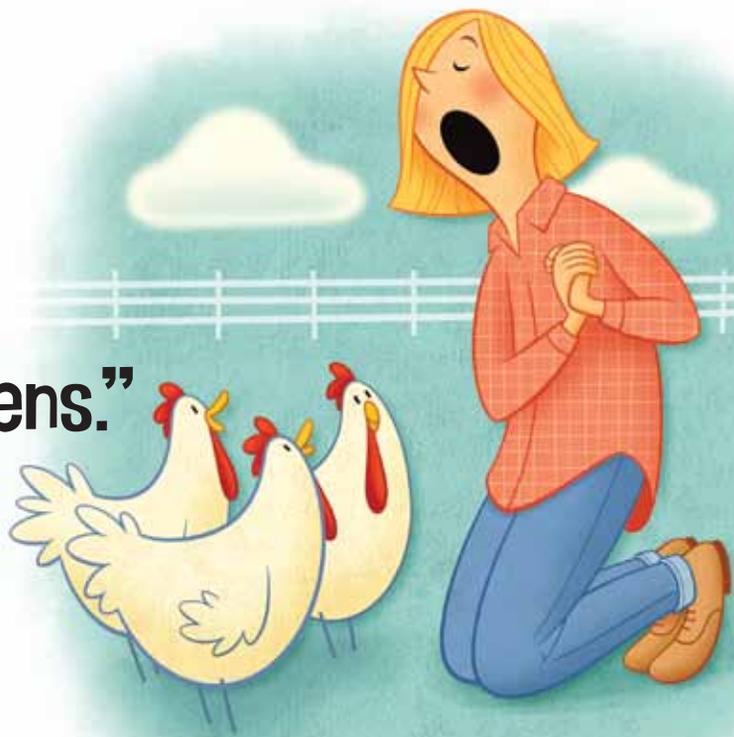
When he designed the University of Washington's iconic library in the 1920s, architect Carl Gould never could have imagined it could be home to a coffee shop. But what was first the Suzzallo science reading room, and later the government document library, will this fall become a full-fledged 4,000-square-foot Starbucks.

For the past few years, it has served as the "Suzzallo Café," a taupe-walled room filled with utilitarian tables and chairs. Now the space just inside the main entrance is undergoing a thoughtful makeover. It will be wrapped in warm wood, black leather and cold-rolled steel and filled with large communal tables as well as chairs for cozy conversations.

Working with UW Libraries, Housing & Food Services and other campus stakeholders, the Starbucks designers sought to create something in harmony with the natural beauty of the campus that still serves the dynamic nature of student and faculty life. They worked up a storyline—that of a student new to the city and the University. There in Suzzallo, "the soul and jewel of the campus," that student will get a "glimpse of something new, yet familiar."

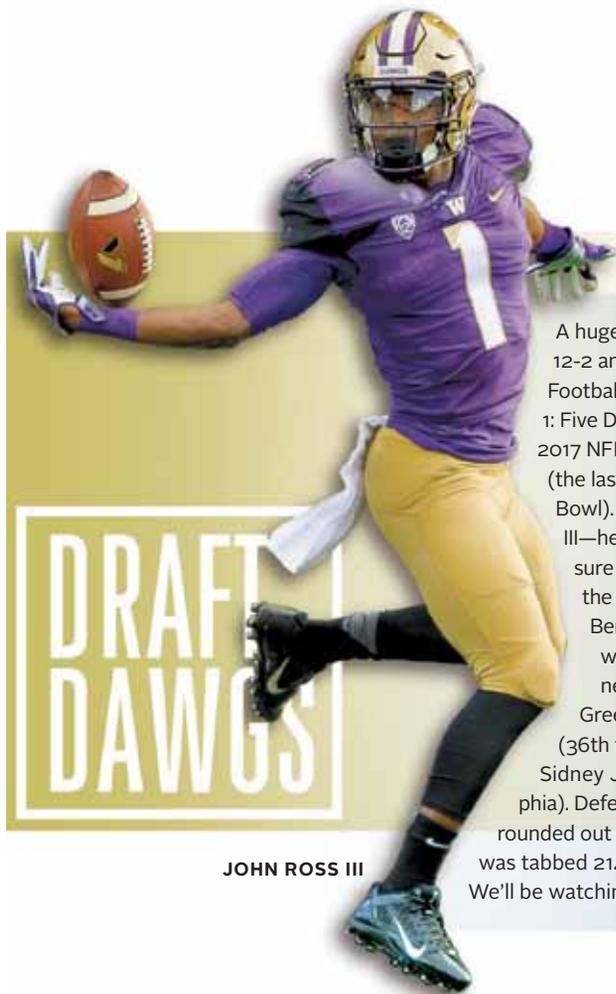
"I Started Out Singing To My Chickens."

That's what Sarah St. Albin, a graduate student in English, told *The Daily* before the release for her first EP, "Small Voice," in March. The singer/songwriter grew up on a farm near Spokane and started writing songs at 15. St. Albin will kick off a West Coast tour after graduating in June.



Gym-Dandy Gymnastics!

Talk about setting the bar high. The GymDawgs made the NCAA Championships for the first time in 19 years, set a program-scoring record in the NCAA semifinal and ended the year ranked No. 8 in the nation—their second-highest finish ever. Not bad for rookie head coach Elise Ray, who earned herself some hardware as the Pac-12 Gymnastics Coach of the Year. Says the former Olympic medalist: “This team holds themselves to a new standard.”



JOHN ROSS III

A huge reason the Huskies went 12-2 and made it to the College Football Playoff: talent. Exhibit No. 1: Five Dawgs were selected in the 2017 NFL Draft, the most since 2001 (the last time we went to the Rose Bowl). Wide receiver John Ross III—he of the blazing speed and sure hands—was taken No. 9 in the first round by the Cincinnati Bengals. Three defensive backs went in the second round: cornerback Kevin King (33rd to Green Bay), safety Budda Baker (36th to Arizona) and cornerback Sidney Jones (43rd to Philadelphia). Defensive lineman Elijah Qualls rounded out the Husky selections, as he was tabbed 214th overall by Philadelphia. We'll be watching you on Sunday. Woof.

A New Day for Husky Basketball

In the span of two weeks, both Husky basketball programs had new leaders. Jody Wynn was named head women's basketball coach after eight seasons at Long Beach State. And Mike Hopkins, a longtime assistant at perennial powerhouse Syracuse, took over as head men's basketball coach. Wynn, a former USC star, led Long Beach State to three consecutive 20-win seasons and its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1992. Meanwhile, Hopkins never experienced a losing season in 21 years as an assistant to Orange Coach Jim Boeheim. Even though his name wasn't known to fans in Husky land, his parents were born in Seattle and the Hopkins family vacationed at Lake Chelan. Wynn takes over a program that recorded 98 victories, two Sweet Sixteen appearances and a Final Four berth in the past four years. Hopkins must rebuild a program that hasn't earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the past six years.



JODY WYNN



MIKE HOPKINS



As a student, Niles Appleby went to the UW Golf Driving Range to hit balls in between classes. Now he's the man in charge of the 43 tees on N.E. 45th Street.

1.▶ WHAT'S THE HISTORY OF THE RANGE ?

It opened in 1965 with 20 tees. In the first quarter, it was just open to students enrolled in the P.E. golf class. In the late '70s, they opened up the range to everyone.

2.▶ U VILLAGE IS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. DO BALLS EVER GO THERE ?

The range is about 250 yards long. We have signs warning the big hitters. A lot of younger guys try to hit over the fence on purpose. I tell them, “You can't do that,” then I walk inside and they try to do it again. A car window gets busted every once in a while. Last year, we had two insurance claims. Somebody told me they saw a ball over by QFC.

3.▶ WHAT'S THE EASIEST CLUB TO HIT? AND THE MOST DIFFICULT ?

The 7-iron is probably the easiest. It's shorter and has more loft, but it has a lot of range. The driver is probably the hardest. It's also the club people want to use the most.

4.▶ CAN YOU TELL IF A SHOT IS GOOD BASED ON WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE ?

A good shot sounds really crisp—not a thunk or a clank. It's more like a ... thump. At first when I hear that, it's a panic: “Oh my gosh, they're not hitting it over the fence, are they?”

5.▶ ANY TIPS FOR THE AMATEUR GOLFER ?

Have fun. People come down and practice every day, and they take it so seriously and get frustrated. I was never a super great golfer, but I was decent. When I got frustrated, my game got worse. And, tempo: Swing smooth, swing easy, and the ball will go.





Walk into the Nordstrom Tennis Center on the UW campus, and you'll come face to face with a photo of one of the UW's few NCAA tennis champions. That's Jim Brink, an Army Air Corps veteran from World War II, who, with Fred Fisher, '49, won the 1949 men's national doubles championship—the UW's only national

the Brink OF GREATNESS

title in men's doubles. Brink, a star tennis player at Seattle's Roosevelt High School, put down his racket to serve in World War II. But when the war ended, he returned to Seattle, enrolled at the UW, joined Phi Gamma Delta and shined once again on the tennis court. After college, Brink, '49, went on to play against some of the greatest players

in tennis history—Pancho Gonzales and Jack Kramer to name just a few. But professional tennis then was nothing like it is today, so Brink needed a day job in business to support his family. Despite all of his success on the tennis court, you won't find a shrine to his exploits at his home in suburban Portland. "He was funny about that," recalls his wife, Bonnie,

whom he met while they were UW students. "He threw out a lot of that stuff. He didn't pay attention to that. He took more pleasure in being a great dad to his five sons." And now, we take a moment to pay tribute to one of the UW's greatest athletes. Brink, a member of the Husky Hall of Fame, died March 12 at the age of 91. It's a big net loss for all of us.



KELSEY PLUM
NCAA All-Time Scoring Leader

CHANTEL OSAHOR
UW's All-Time Rebound Leader

KELSEY & CHANTEL:

[We Miss You Already]

IN THE CLASSROOM, KELSEY PLUM AND CHANTEL OSAHOR WERE STARS.

They also were the greatest one-two punch in Husky women's basketball history. And now both are playing professionally. Osaor, who was named Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention, was picked 21st overall in the draft by Chicago. She was the greatest UW rebounding force ever, setting a Pac-12 record this year with 519 rebounds. On draft day, she was traded to the Minnesota Lynx. Plum, a three-time Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention student-athlete, swept all nine major individual records after becoming the NCAA's all-time leading scorer last year. She became the first WNBA No. 1 draft pick in UW history and is now playing for the San Antonio Stars.

COVER STORY In five decades of public service, Norman Rice revived Seattle's downtown, improved public schools and built a community we are all proud of.



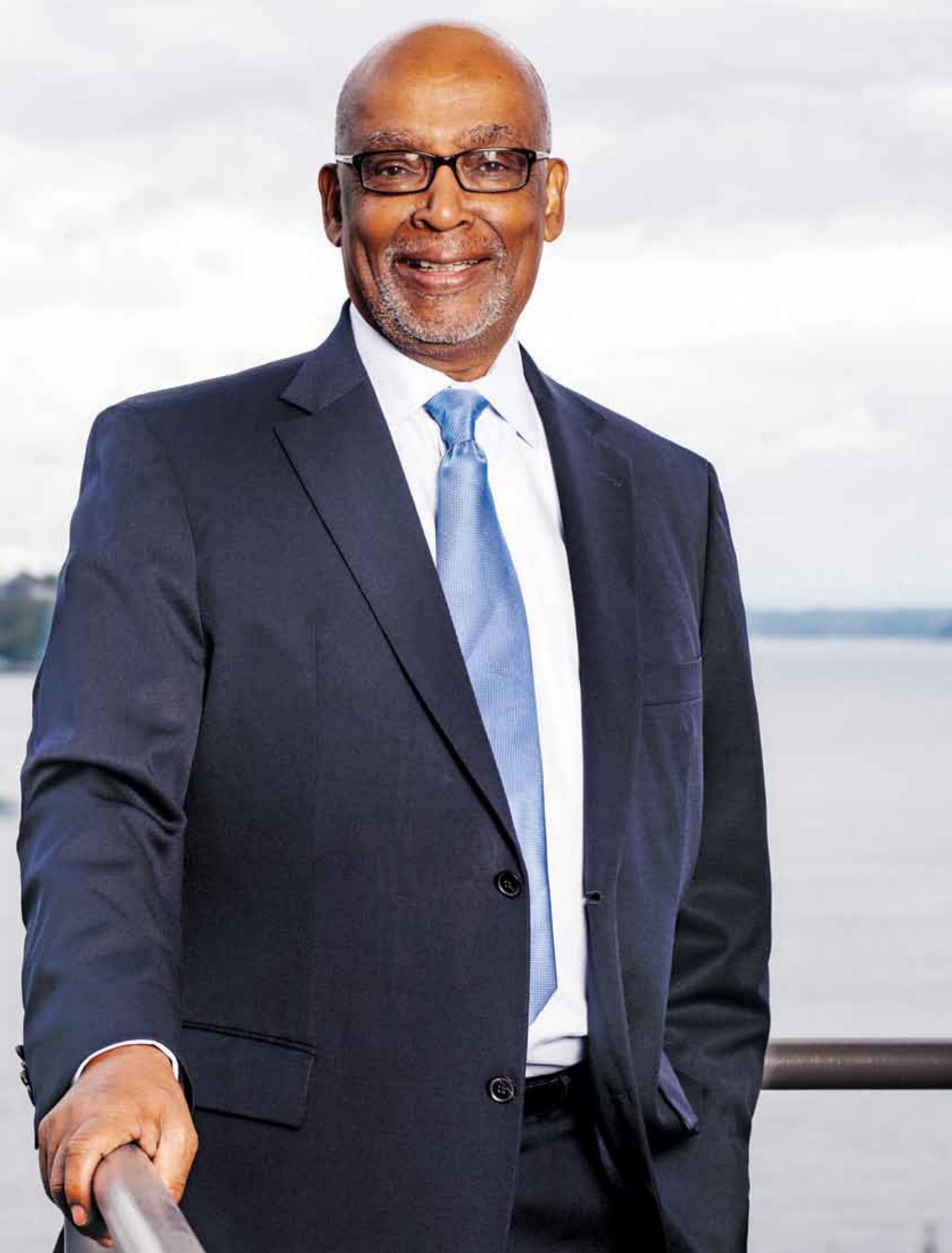
MR. MAYOR

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NORMAN RICE RECIPIENT OF THE 2017
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On

a chilly spring day, with puffy clouds

scudding over Elliott Bay, former Seattle Mayor Norman Rice is about to eat a lunch of grilled trout inside the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Seattle. Although he hasn't been mayor of the Emerald City for 20 years, the wait staff still addresses him as "The Mayor." It's obvious that Rice, who is looking relaxed and dapper in corduroys, a turtle-neck, gray scarf and a neatly trimmed beard, still is beloved for all he did to revive Seattle's downtown core, neighborhoods and public schools during his two terms in office.

A Seattle resident for more than 50 years, Rice was born in Denver in 1943, the youngest son of a train porter and a beauty parlor maid. Though he was a standout high school student, college was another story, especially when he enrolled at the University of Colorado in 1961. Back then, African Americans were shut out of athletics, extracurricular activities and Greek life.

"I did party. It was pretty integrated in that respect," laughs Rice. "I became a terrible student and took a downward turn." He met with a college counselor, who advised him to drop out and go to trade school. "Then I flunked out of college."

For the next seven years, Rice worked a series of jobs that didn't reflect his potential. He served as a hospital orderly, a meter reader and toiled in the mailroom of IBM's office in Boulder. Eventually, he got involved in community theater and was cast to play a part in Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun." On April 4, 1968, when Martin Luther King Jr. was gunned down in Memphis, the theater troupe voted to go on with the show. That moment was a turning point for the brokenhearted Rice.

"There's a place in the play when the matriarch of the family says God has given the Black man nothing but dreams. It was a defining moment. I thought, I am not going to dream any more. I am going

back to school," he recalls. Rice had a cousin in Tacoma. When he came out for a visit, he fell in love with the natural beauty of the area. He enrolled at Highline Community College and later transferred to the UW, where he earned his bachelor's degree in communications in 1972 and his master's degree from the Evans School of Public Policy & Governance in 1974.

"I had to go to the UW on the 'forgiveness policy,' my grades were so bad," he jokes. Actually, he found community and financial help through the UW's Educational Opportunity Program. During his time at the UW, he worked for the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, where he met the love of his life, Constance Rice, '70, '74, who served on the organization's board and was working toward her own master's degree in public administration at the Evans School. She later earned her doctorate in higher education administration from the College of Education and is now a member of the UW Board of Regents.

"I asked her out and she said, 'I don't date undergraduates.' I had to pull out my ID and that didn't help because then it was, 'Why are you only a freshman?' I wore her down. I used to write her poetry," says Rice. Constance says that her husband of 44 years is a romantic who remembers their anniversary every year, even when she doesn't. She also says he has a great sense of humor and is an ace at trivia knowledge and Jeopardy questions.

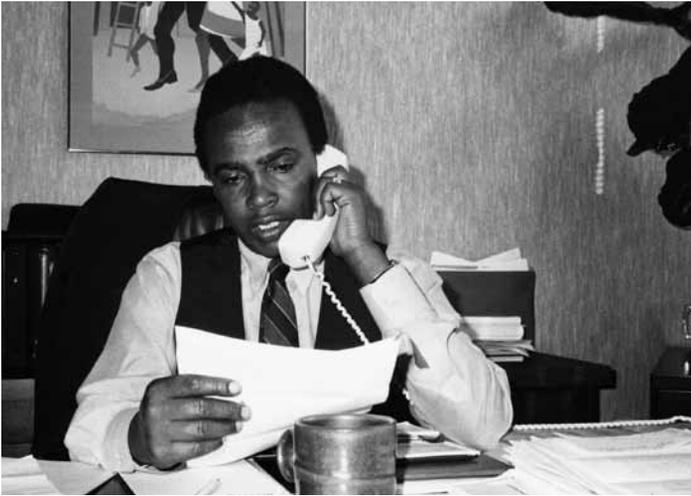
While a student at the UW, he worked as a reporter for KOMO-TV and KIXI radio. After that, Rice took a position in community relations for Rainier National Bank. He turned his attention to politics when he thought he might be able to contribute to the betterment of his community. He was elected to the Seattle City Council in 1978 and was re-elected in 1979, 1983 and 1987. He first ran for mayor in 1985 but lost to Charles Royer, '66. In 1988, he lost the race for a seat in Congress to another Husky, Jim McDermott, '68. These losses—along with his failure in school—helped mold Rice's character. The lesson wasn't resentment and anger. The lesson was humility.

"If I hadn't flunked out of school and lost some elections, I wouldn't know about humility. Losing is a learning experience and a wonderful experience only when you finally win," says Rice, chuckling in between sips of his Arnold Palmer.

What drove Rice to file for mayor the second time, on July 28, 1989, was a highly controversial issue: busing. "The flight of whites moving to the suburbs and private schools, and the tension over mandatory busing was starting to accelerate. My opponent, Doug Jewett, had come out for repealing busing, and [he proposed that] the money the



Mayor Rice speaks to senior citizens in 1995



City Councilman Rice at his desk in 1989

city would give to the Seattle schools would be held in escrow until the school district ended busing. The district was caught in a bind. If they repealed it, they would be in contempt of federal policies. It was like a gun to the head. I waited for someone to challenge Jewett's thinking but nobody did," Rice recalls. Bob Watt, who has known Rice for 40 years and served as his deputy mayor, recalls: "On the last possible day, at the last possible moment, he filed for mayor. It was like everything else in his life—he decided on principle. With Norman, it's always about his principles. He had the courage to overcome his fear of losing again and ran on principle and won. It's never been about him. It's about what we could do if we did it together."

Rice beat Jewett decisively to become Seattle's first and only African American mayor. Right from the get-go, Rice put his philosophy of civic engagement into practice by holding a community meeting that drew more than 4,000 Seattleites to discuss busing and education. Rice believed then—as he does now—that the way to govern is to listen to people, express an understanding of what they're saying and then ask for help. (He has spent the past 21 months writing a book about civic engagement called "The Soul of the Messenger." The manuscript is in the hands of a potential publisher.)

The upshot of that meeting was a \$69 million Families and Education Levy that was approved by voters. But that was just the start. His agenda also included revitalizing Seattle's downtown core in the face of some staggering losses: the closure of I. Magnin and Frederick & Nelson department stores. Rice envisioned Seattle's core as a place where people would want to live. His partnerships with the community and business stakeholders led to the thriving downtown Seattle enjoys today.

But when Rice first voiced his hope at public meetings that people would choose to live downtown, it drew some laughs, according to Ron Sims, former King County Executive and Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who served in county government when Rice was mayor. Sims vividly recalls Rice's actions at a heated public meeting that he says perfectly captures the man and his principles.

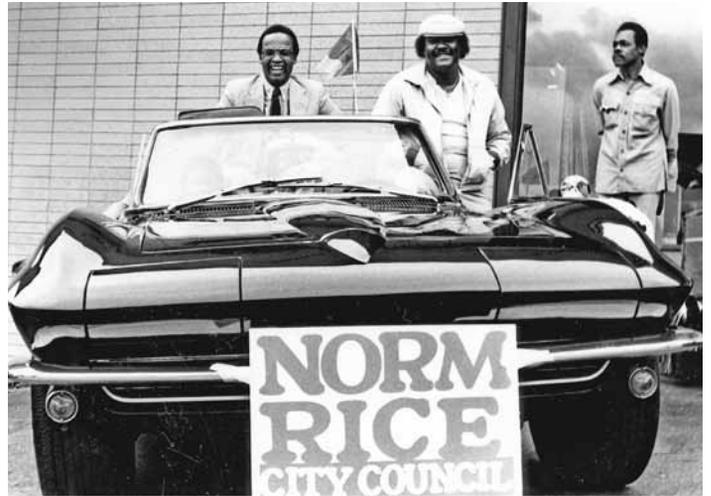
"Years ago, I attended a very contentious meeting in this neighborhood [Mount Baker, where Sims still lives]. There was a shooting near Hawthorne Elementary School right before children were done for the day. It was a heated meeting; people were traumatized. I've never seen such kindling material in one room.

"A lady stood up and said one of those involved in the shooting was her son. People turned on her and Norman said, 'She has the right to

speak.' Everybody quieted. She said, 'My son walked through the neighborhood looking to mow lawns and nobody would hire him. He went to Rainier Little League Baseball and he was cut from the team. He went to the school and asked for tutors and there was nobody to tutor him. I don't agree with what my son did but you were no help and he walked in your community every day.' You could feel the atmosphere in the room change and the community began to accept responsibility for what happens to these kids."

Sims said that Rice worked to change this atmosphere of indifference. Little League made the decision to not cut anybody, the line of people who volunteered to tutor exceeded the number of children who needed help and the Mount Baker Community Club Scholarship Fund began to grow, with the organization raising more than \$100,000 in college scholarship money annually ever since.

In addition to reinvigorating Seattle's schools, Rice led a comprehen-



Running for city council c. 1986

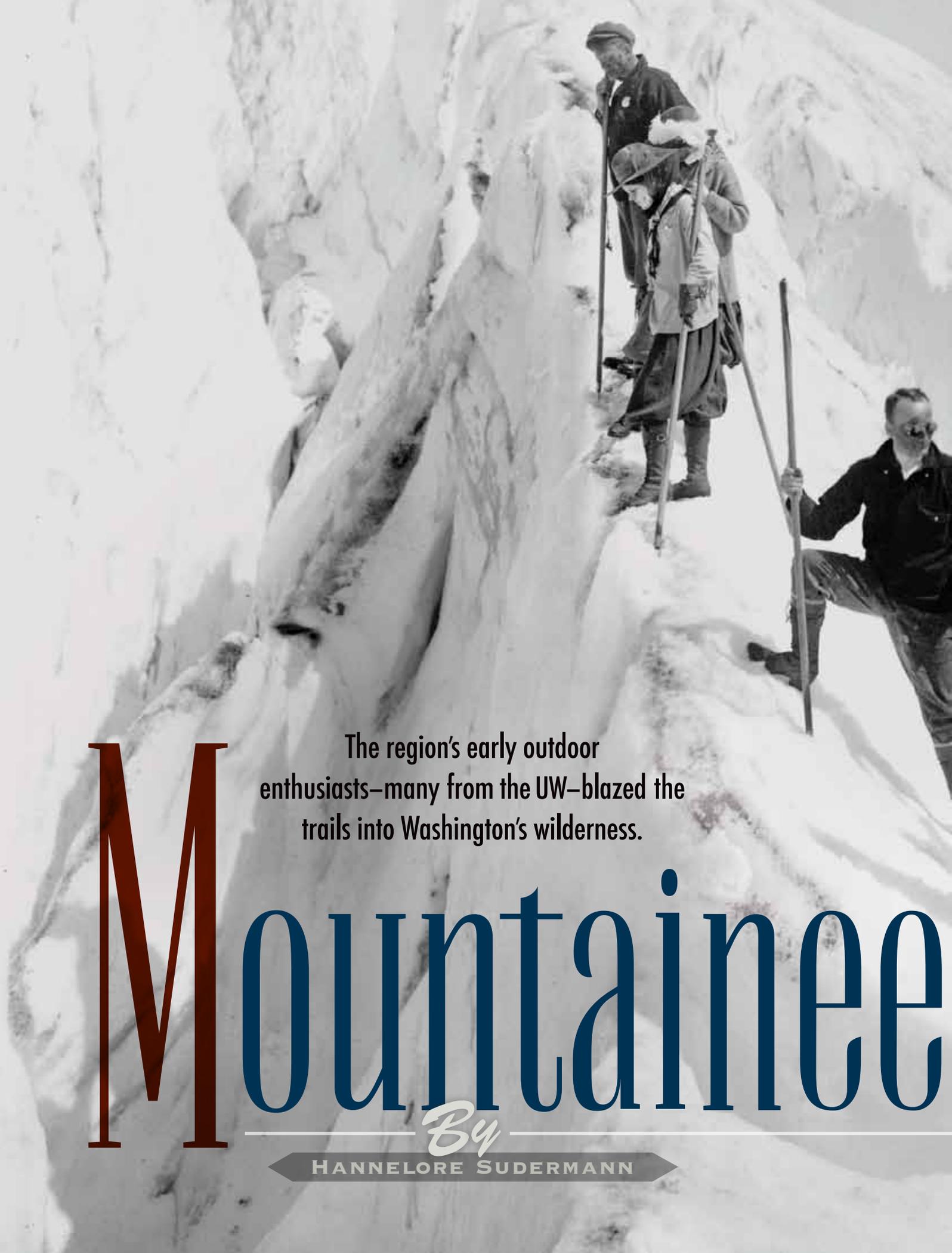
sive growth-management effort to partner with neighborhoods. He also secured federal, state and local funding for private-public partnerships to renew a Seattle downtown seriously on the ropes. On the national scene, Rice was the first Seattle mayor ever to become president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. After leaving office in 1998, he became chief executive of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, where he worked to support funding for homeowners' programs for families with low incomes. In 2004, he became vice chairman of Capital Access LLC, an investment bank. He also served as chair of the Seattle Foundation.

Whatever the course of his professional career—politician, banker, nonprofit executive—Rice has maintained a close connection to the UW, especially with the Evans School. He has served on the school's advisory board and as a distinguished practitioner-in-residence overseeing the Civic Engagement for the 21st Century Project. That effort is aimed at designing a new model for civic engagement through seminars, workshops and research.

"No one exemplifies the impact of an Evans School graduate better than the Honorable Norman B. Rice," says Sandra Archibald, dean of the Evans School. "He has always led with a focus on collaboration, courage, respect, and integrity; it's no wonder that he engendered such broad public support during his many years of public service and beyond.

"We were extremely proud to invite him to offer the keynote address at our 2016 annual Fellowship Dinner, as one of our most distinguished

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The region's early outdoor
enthusiasts—many from the UW—blazed the
trails into Washington's wilderness.

M Mountaineer

By

HANNELORE SUDERMANN

Climbing Paradise Glacier in Mount Rainier National Park c. 1911. The image comes from Asahel Curtis, a co-founder of the Mountaineers Club.



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In 1934,

COURTESY OF LOWELL SKOOG

Wolf Bauer, an engineering student obsessed with skiing and exploring the mountains of Washington, approached the board of Seattle Mountaineers Club with a radical proposal. He wanted to teach climbing techniques to his fellow club members using what he had learned from books he had ordered from Europe.

What made this request controversial was that the seasoned climbers at the time closely guarded their techniques. Bauer, '35, (above) hoped to do the opposite. Studying German climbing books, writing letters to European climbers, and testing and refining their advice, he developed some new lessons that he was eager to share. "We were not climbing safely, we were not skiing safely," he said in a 1974 interview with Harry Majors, '74, for a UW history project. Bauer watched his friends take unnecessary risks and he knew that with advice, equipment and practice, they could do better.

Born in Germany in 1912, Bauer spent his early childhood in the Bavarian Alps. His family moved to Seattle in 1925. Already an avid skier in 1929, he was one of three Seattle Boy Scouts selected for free membership in the Mountaineers, a social club built around a passion for the outdoors. As a scout leader in the early '30s, he trained senior scouts in the fundamentals of climbing—using a glacial boulder in Wedgwood for practice. Bauer was the first person to climb Mount Rainier via the more difficult north-side route along Ptarmigan Ridge.

But learning and developing skills was a challenge, especially since the senior climbers believed you had to learn it on the mountain through trial and error. "I was a young upstart. I was still a teenager. And I was just starting at the University," said Bauer. The fact that the seasoned climbers kept to themselves didn't make things any easier. "It was very hard to break into these cliques," he said. But once he understood how they climbed and what equipment they used, he was surprised to find that "it was very amateurish."

In the end, the club's leaders decided to let him teach mountaineering skills the following year. The decision forever changed mountaineering in the West. In the first basic skills class, Bauer introduced 19 newer climbers like Lloyd and Mary Anderson—the couple who would

go on to found sporting goods cooperative REI—to a safer, more elegant way to climb.

"I was just a jump ahead of my class," said Bauer, describing those first days of teaching. He practiced by himself and then, sometimes just a few days later, would teach what he figured out to his students. "I lived in the University District and I would be out after school practicing the rappels on the Cowen Park Bridge," he said. "Then the next week I would have to go down [to the clubhouse downtown] and teach this rappel." In fact, Bauer is likely the very first climber to demonstrate a rappel in the Northwest.

"Wolf Bauer was at the beginning of the club's tradition of passing knowledge forward, teaching the necessary skills and helping define the routes and experience of where to go," says Mountaineers CEO Thomas Vogl. More than that, he was one of legions of alumni and faculty who shaped the social organization.

From the time of the Mountaineers' first official meeting 110 years ago and in the century since, UW alumni, faculty and staff have devoted many thousands of hours to the club and helped define key components of Northwest culture: healthy respect for nature, an abiding engagement with the great outdoors, and a passion for preserving our landscapes. Today, with classes, camps, chapters throughout the state, 500 books and guides, 12,000 members, and a mission to protect and preserve the natural resources of our region, the Mountaineers are a force for nature.

— — — A TIME BEFORE TRAILS — — —

More than a century ago, before roads crisscrossed the region, before cords and carabiners, an intrepid group of men and women—teachers, doctors, students and civic leaders—were swept up in the romance of exploring Washington's wilderness as members of the Mountaineers.

One February day in 1907, more than 100 charter members gathered for one of the club's first official meetings. They packed the two rooms of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in the newly built brick and terracotta Central Building on Third Avenue. Trevor Kincaid, a UW entomologist and alumnus from the classes of 1899 and 1900, spoke to the group about an expedition to Alaska. According to an account in the club's bulletin, he enlivened the science with his quiet humor and anecdotes.

Then, according to the bulletin, the charter members learned of their mission to render public service "... in the battle to preserve our natural scenery from wanton destruction," and "make our spots of supremest beauty accessible to the largest number of mountain lovers." Geologist Henry Landes, the club's first president and the future dean of geology at the UW, crafted those words. He and renowned photographer Asahel Curtis and businessman W. Montelius Price had just formed the group to explore the mountains, forests and waterways of the Pacific Northwest, and record the histories and traditions of the region.

John Muir, the great American naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, sent the founding club his encouragement: "I am with you heart and soul in your work of white icy mountain climbing and all that goes with it."

One hundred and ten years later, Lowell Skoog, '78, and a few Mountaineers staffers gather around a table on the second floor of the club's 17,500-square-foot headquarters at Magnuson Park. An unofficial historian for the club, Skoog has spent thousands of hours studying the organization's bulletins, poring over its topographical maps and sorting through photographs. He knows some of the earliest Mountaineers nearly as well as he does current club members.

The charter members took one- to two-day excursions throughout the year, as well as a major trip of two to five weeks every summer, says Skoog. Their very first official outing took place on a Sunday in February,

(LEFT) UW LIBRARIES, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS; (RIGHT) BOB AND IRA SPRING PHOTOGRAPHS, UW LIBRARIES/COURTESY OF LOWELL SKOOG

though it was hardly impressive by today's mountaineering standards. Forty-nine members and their guests—many dressed in their city finery—made their way to Fort Lawton on the north side of Magnolia Bluff and walked through the woods to the West Point lighthouse. After they enjoyed a campfire and lunch, they took advantage of the low tide and hiked back along the beach.

The second outing a few weeks later started with a boat ride to Kirkland and a seven-mile walk along the belt-line road. This was typical of those early day trips, which entailed stepping into the wilderness just outside the city, at the end of a streetcar line or a ferry ride.

But as soon as weather permitted, they made for the mountains. In May 1907, Landes led the climb up the steep hillside of Mount Si. Alida J. Bigelow wrote an account noting that 30 struck out, but 24 reached the summit. A few dropped out early and two stopped after lunch feeling the mountain was too high. But those who persevered “were rewarded with a grand view of the country to the west,” she wrote. “The Sound shown as a line of glimmering silver and the valley winding in and out on its seaward journey was worth all the toil of the morning.”

Later that summer, armed with alpenstocks (long wooden poles with spikes at the tip) and thick wool blankets, they took on Mount Olympus. A group of 65 set out for several weeks of hiking and camping on the peninsula, and a small team of eleven made the summit.

In those early days, Edmond S. Meany, a UW graduate from classes of 1885 and 1889 and a beloved UW professor of history and forestry, lectured on American Indian language and lore. At Landes' urging, Meany became the second president of the Mountaineers, in 1908. “While thus from boyhood I have dwelt at the level of the sea, my soul has continually feasted upon visions of lofty peaks,” the new club president wrote to the membership. He waxed on: “And now with you, my friends, I am coming into a more intimate acquaintance with the loved mountains, as we build trails to climb their sides and play in their wonderfully beautiful parks, until added strength and a pro-

found enthusiasm enable us to scale their utmost heights.”

Though already 50 years old when he joined, in his 27 years as president, Meany managed to climb the six highest peaks in the state. Alumna Lydia Forsyth offered a description of the old professor: “On the trail he wore a corduroy suit, high boots and a wide-brimmed ranger style felt hat.” She described him as “a benign and brooding presence, lending dignity to any occasion,” whether it was a meeting, a banquet or a campfire. And he set standards like “leave a campsite better than you found it,” which today has evolved into “leave no trace.” In fact, Meany should be credited for setting much of the club's personality, traditions and ideals.

The club formed at a time when people in the West, particularly urbanites, began to see their environment as something other than a storehouse of raw materials ready to be extracted, says UW history professor John Findlay. Both the Sierra Club in San Francisco and the Mazamas in Portland had formed in the 1890s and their members regularly ventured north to explore the Cascade Range in Washington, where it is at its most spectacular.

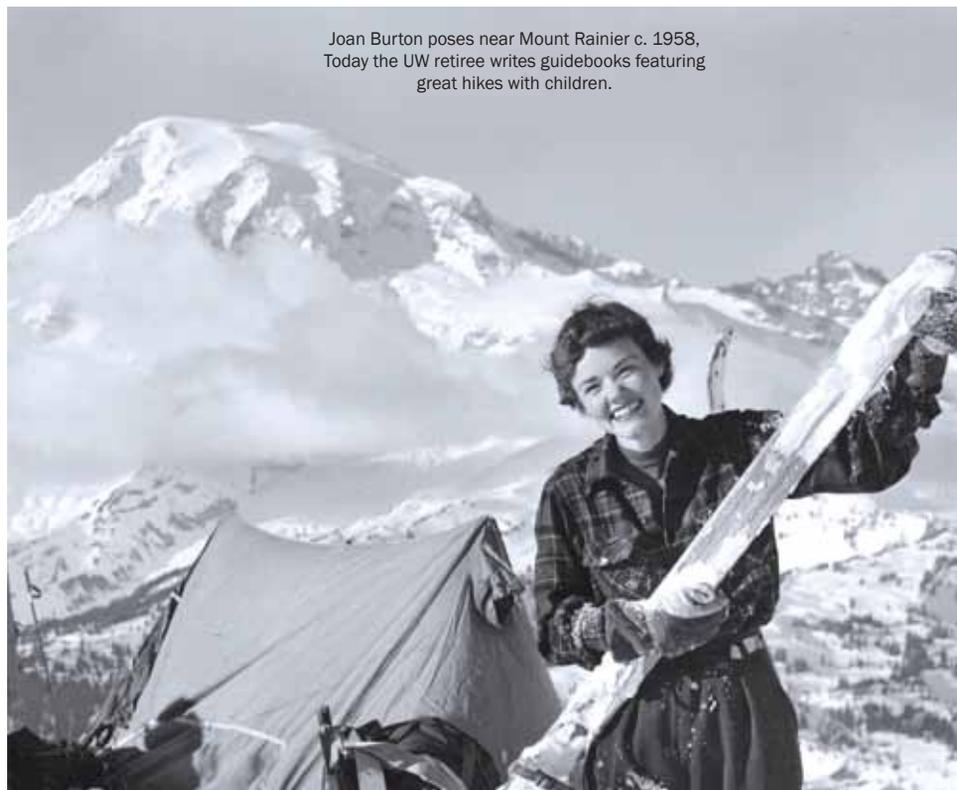
“These groups formed around the notion that mountains were a source of recreation and inspiration that needed legal protection” in ways like designation as national parks, says Findlay. They could also see economic advantages to protecting these areas. “To be fair,” says Findlay, “city boosters often latched on to mountains and other natural attractions as part of their tourist hinterlands, a way to attract visitors and increase commerce.”

— — — A NEW ERA FOR “NEW WOMEN” — — —

Many who felt called to the mountains and the adventure they offered were women—who comprised nearly half the charter members of the Mountaineers. Christy Avery, '01, '04, a former graduate student of Findlay's and now a historian with the National Park Service, was so intrigued by the women in the club, she turned her curiosity into a major research project.



Professor Milnor Roberts, an avid skier and charter member of the Mountaineers, crosses campus.



Joan Burton poses near Mount Rainier c. 1958. Today the UW retiree writes guidebooks featuring great hikes with children.

Growing up in Kirkland, Avery was no stranger to the call of the landscape. In her family, explorations typically involved a “drive to Mount Rainier, a walk on a nature trail, jelly sandwiches and then home.” But as a teen, she started hiking with her friends. Their unstructured trips—driving somewhere, finding a trail and trying to get home before dark—only honed her taste for the woods. “You learned through experience,” she says.

As a history student, she found her love of the outdoors and of history met up in the UW Libraries Special Collections. Digging through mountains of materials including club bulletins and photo albums, she savored the details of the trips, the advice to future adventurers, and the accounts of the men and women who were summiting the

most challenging peaks. “I was especially struck by women’s participation,” she says. “They seemed to be doing something pretty unusual by being physically active in such a strenuous way.”

At the time, American women were starting to value physical activity for recreation, but with “civilized” sports like tennis and bicycling. “They weren’t doing glacier travel, generally,” says Avery. “But these women were. They were hiking, camping and climbing. And right alongside the men.

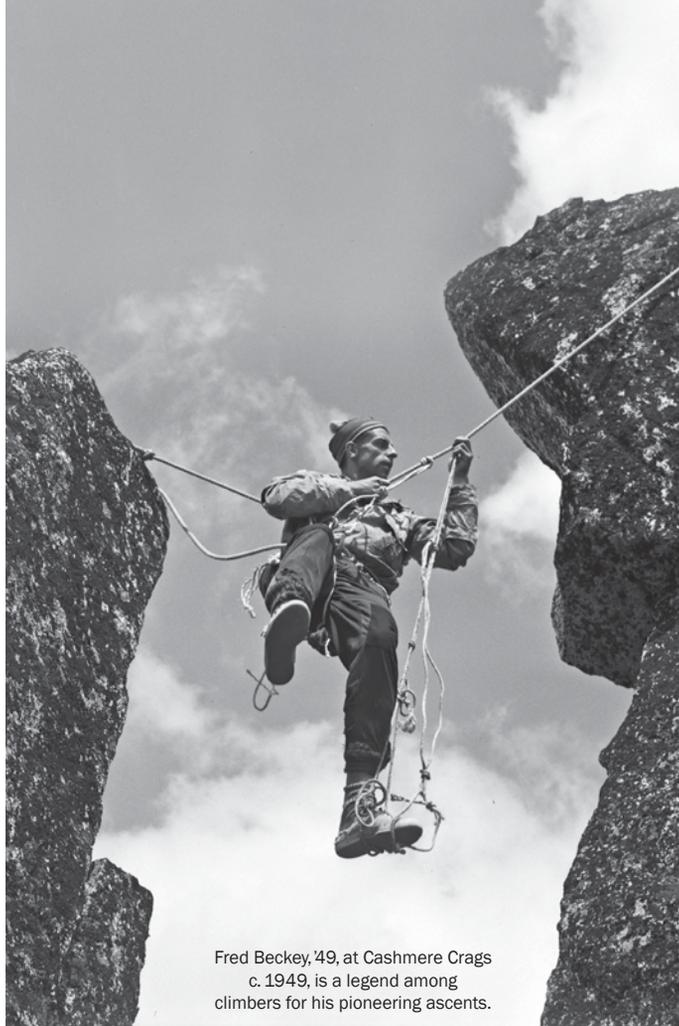
“The more I dug, the more questions came up,” she says. Why were the women so keen to climb? Who were they? Why were men encouraging of the activity? How were the Northwesterners seeing themselves?

The urban Northwest, it turns out, was a progressive place—somewhere single women might want to move, pursue careers, and be engaged citizens. Avery found firsthand accounts and photographs and delightful characters like Mabel Furry, a UW grad from the class of 1911, a schoolteacher, gymnast, and photographer who assembled some of the Mountaineers’ early photo albums.

The women who participated back then were overwhelmingly middle class, educated and professional. Most worked outside the home as teachers, librarians and sales clerks. Among them were Bertha Knight Landes (wife of club founder Henry Landes), who would become Seattle’s first woman mayor, and teacher Lydia Lovering (Forsyth), a UW graduate from the class of 1886 who joined the first Mountaineers summit of Mount Rainier in 1909. In the crater, she left behind a pennant proclaiming “Votes for Women.”

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As the Mountaineers membership grew, connections to the University abounded. “One of my favorite characters is Professor Milnor Roberts,” says Skoog. The dean of the College of Mines was a charter member of



Fred Beckey, 49, at Cashmere Crags c. 1949, is a legend among climbers for his pioneering ascents.

the Mountaineers, and, in some ways, the father of skiing in the Cascades. In the spring of 1909, he led a group of men and women to explore Mount Rainier’s Paradise Valley on skis. “That outing marked the beginning of recreational skiing on Mount Rainier,” says Skoog. Roberts’ account of the adventure, titled “A Wonderland of Glaciers and Snow,” was published in *National Geographic* a few months later, and provided the country with its first view of the national park as a winter playground.

“I also get a kick out of Carl Gould, the architect,” says Skoog. Gould helped plan the layout of the UW campus, was a professor, and designed Suzzallo Library as well as the original Seattle Art Museum and the Olympic Hotel.

He also designed the Mountaineers’ Snoqualmie lodge and the first rock shelter at Mount Rainier’s Camp Muir, where people intent on summiting could spend the night. “From Gothic libraries to small cabins,” says Skoog, “Talk about range!”

The Mountaineers’ history offers many UW characters to explore, says Skoog. But he would be remiss not to mention Lloyd Anderson, who grew up in Pierce County and graduated from the UW in 1926 with an electrical engineering degree. The story goes that Anderson didn’t much enjoy his job with Seattle Transit, but in 1929 he discovered an outlet with the Mountaineers. He and his wife, Mary, became weekend regulars on the region’s trails. It was only natural that their interests led them to the club’s first-ever climbing course in 1935. Wolf Bauer taught them to trade their alpenstocks for ice axes and introduced them to a world of useful sporting goods.

Eager to find an ice ax of his own, Anderson scoured Seattle for supplies, finally locating one at a hardware store. However, once he arrived at the store, he found the tool to be inferior and overpriced. Ordering from a European catalogue, Anderson procured an ax from Austria for a mere \$3.50. So pleased was he with his order, he started buying supplies for his friends and fellow Mountaineers, seeding what would become Recreational Equipment Incorporated.

Jim Kjeldsen, ’73, author of “The Mountaineers, a History,” recently wrote an account of the early days of REI as they unfolded in the Andersons’ living room: “A visit to the Anderson home meant you were liable to be seated on a crate, bearing a European postmark, that had arrived filled with ice axes, crampons, pitons, and carabiners.”

Lloyd Anderson also taught and inspired dozens of young climbers who went on to be world famous for their summits. Fred Beckey, ’49, made climbing history at 15—as one of the first to summit Mount Despair along with Anderson and several others. In between peaks, Beckey

studied business administration at the UW. But he lived to climb.

Today, though he does little to promote himself, Beckey is famous among climbers worldwide for his first ascents. Locally, his Cascade climbing guides (published by the Mountaineers) are lovingly known as “Beckey’s Bibles.”

Now 94, Beckey is still out enjoying the mountains—and inspiring others. In January, he was featured in National Geographic Explorer, and the documentary “Dirtbag, the Legend of Fred Beckey,” is due out in theaters this summer.

Lloyd Anderson died in 2000 at age 98. Mary Anderson died in March at 107. “Maybe it’s proof about mountaineers living long lives,” says club CEO Vogl, who once worked at REI as a senior vice president. The cooperative now boasts more than 6 million members, more than 140 stores and an online catalog. Members still receive dividends. The Andersons weren’t just the fairy godparents for Washington’s climbers, but also for the runners, trekkers, skiers, kayakers and campers, and not just here, but all over the country.

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Wolf Bauer’s passion for skiing and climbing spread to boating (first with foldboats and then with kayaks) which then led him to waterways. When it became clear that Green River Gorge, a 12-mile, river-cut rock canyon, might become clogged with utility dams in the 1960s, Bauer led the fight to protect it. He also helped save other waterways including portions of Palouse River and the Puget Sound shoreline.

He had tapped into the current of conservation that ran through the club from its founding days. The earliest members tangled with timber and mining interests over the forests on the Olympic Peninsula and made a direct appeal to President Theodore Roosevelt in 1909, which resulted in the creation of the Mount Olympus National Monument. Nearly 30 years later, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt designated the 880,000-acre Olympic National Park. Then in 1956, Mountaineers

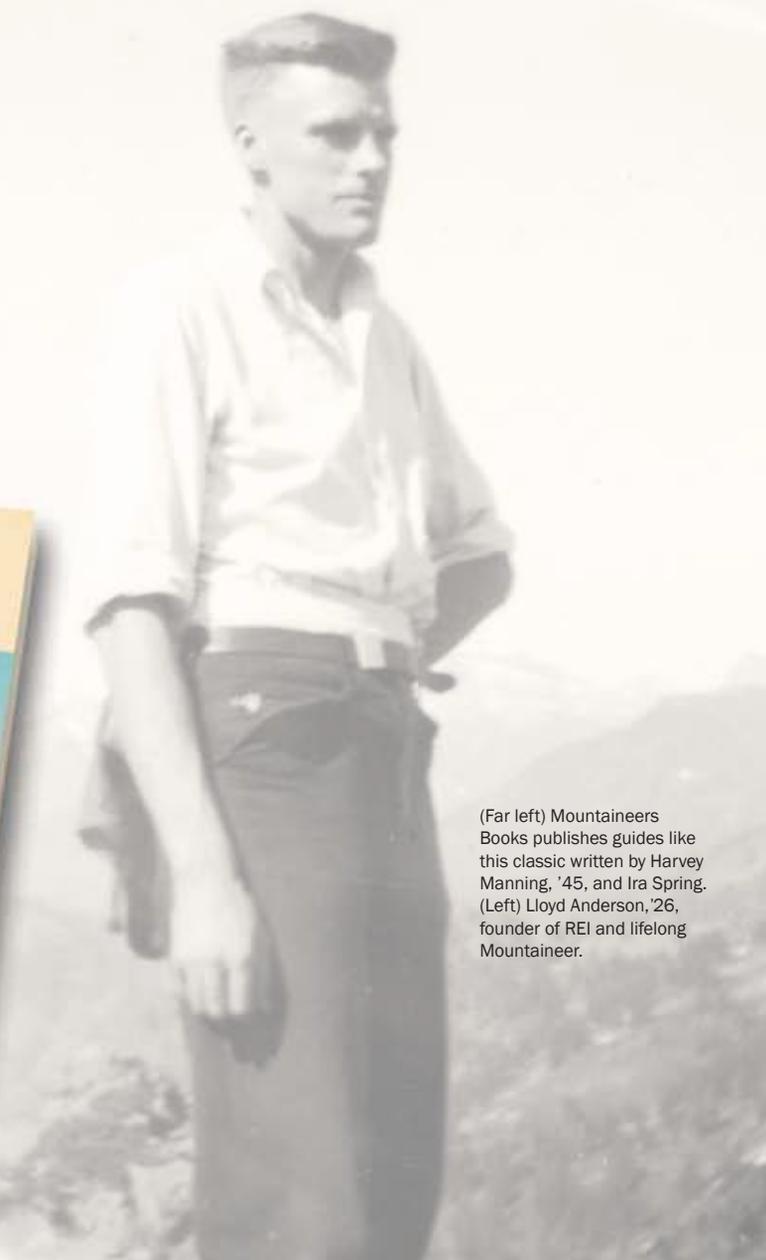
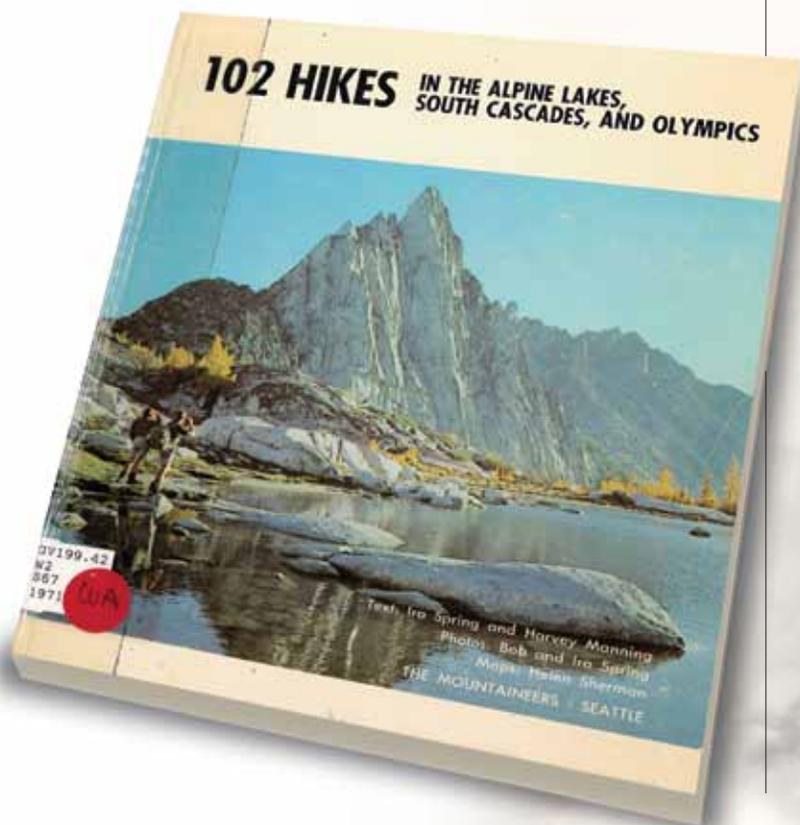
members convinced the National Park Service to end logging there.

They also fought successfully to keep Mount Rainier National Park from being riddled with roads, and were central to the development of Washington’s state park system.

In the 1950s, club members helped start a North Cascades Conservation Council, which was eventually headed by UW biochemistry professor Patrick Goldsworthy. The payoff was the North Cascades National Park Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. “It took a lot of wheeling and dealing to get that to pass, but it a way it kind of revived the conservation movement,” says Skoog.

That was around the time that Skoog and his brother were teaching themselves to climb. “We climbed Mount Rainier early on,” he recalls. “I think I was about 18 or 19. And we pretty quickly got acquainted with the North Cascades.” He had been inculcated in alpinism by his parents, though. His father was a ski jumper and, with Skoog’s uncle, had a role in establishing the Crystal Mountain ski resort. Skoog joined the Moun-

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(Far left) Mountaineers Books publishes guides like this classic written by Harvey Manning, '45, and Ira Spring. (Left) Lloyd Anderson, '26, founder of REI and lifelong Mountaineer.



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2017 Teachers of the Year

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Steve Calandrillo

Jeffrey & Susan Brotman Professor of Law
Distinguished Teaching Award

“I used to work jobs I wasn’t passionate about, just to pay bills,” Steve Calandrillo says with a smile. And then, 17 years ago, the Seattle lawyer landed a teaching gig at UW. “Every day I see the big ‘W,’ I thank God I’m here,” he says, smiling even wider now. He never planned to be a lawyer. At UC Berkeley, Calandrillo wanted to be a teacher, but the school didn’t offer a K-12 credential so he studied economics and the law instead. “I’m still not qualified to teach at my local high school, which I think is big problem with our education system,” he says. First a lawyer. Then a teacher. Next up . . . politician? “I don’t have the patience. I’d love for somebody to steal my ideas.”

Kristi M. Straus

Lecturer, Program on the Environment
Distinguished Teaching Award

Kristi Straus likes to talk trash. The average American, she’ll tell you, creates more than five pounds of garbage and recycling a day. To make her students face their waste, she has them carry it around campus for an entire week. Water bottles, Coke cans, Amazon boxes—she has them throw it all in the bag. One exception: the stinky compost stays at home. “Every quarter a student says, ‘My roommates think I’m crazy because I’m actually doing this,’” she says. See a student lugging three full-size trash bags around Red Square? Think of it as performance art. “Some students carry a clear plastic bag with a tag that says, ‘I’m carrying my garbage. Please ask me why.’”

Divya McMillin

Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UW Tacoma
Distinguished Teaching Award, UW Tacoma

Divya McMillin, a global media scholar, came to UW Tacoma to launch the communication major in 1998. Now she runs the Institute for Global Engagement, which connects the campus to the global port city of Tacoma through research and community engagement. “The goal of the institute is to open up the classroom to the world,” says McMillin, who also received the 2012 Distinguished Research Award. The institute researches communities around the globe that have been successful with issues like poverty, hunger and migration and brings those lessons back to Tacoma. McMillin wants students to dream big. The mission, in four words: “To scale up hope.”

Arbella Bet-Shlimon

Assistant Professor, History
Distinguished Teaching Award

On the first day of her introductory class about the Middle East, Arbella Bet-Shlimon shows a picture from 1919: Egyptian women protesting the British occupation of their country. Contrary to what many think, there’s a long history of people in the Middle East—including women—asserting their rights. “People come in thinking this class will be about razor wire and bombs, and then I show them photos of people and their lives,” she says. As for her research, Bet-Shlimon’s upcoming book is rooted in her personal story about the Iraqi city of Kirkuk, where her mother was born, and the city’s Iraq Petroleum Company, where both of her grandfathers worked.

Michael McCann

Gordon Hirabayashi Professor for the Advancement of Citizenship and Professor of Political Science
Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award

Besides being a master mentor, Michael McCann is a published author and director of the UW's Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies. Last year, he took on another role: actor. Thanks to his expertise on the McDonald's hot-coffee spill case, he scored a role in the comedy series "Adam Ruins Everything" (search for "The Truth About the McDonald's Coffee Lawsuit" on YouTube). He's about to finish co-writing "A Union by Law," a legal history of Filipino salmon cannery workers and their struggles for justice.

Jody Early

Associate Professor, UW Bothell School of Nursing & Health Studies
Distinguished Teaching Award For Innovation With Technology

"Technology is a paradox," Jody Early admits. "It can promote liberation but also conformity, connection but also disconnection." Whether it's in the classroom at UW Bothell or on the West Bank of Palestine, her classes have empowered students to tell their own stories with multimedia tools like photography and video. "Sharing a personal story on social media can be a powerful human rights and public health strategy," says Early, who teaches nurses and health professionals. But with agency comes responsibility. "You use your cellphone every day," Early tells her students. "How can it be a tool for social change?"

Inma Raneda-Cuartero

Senior Lecturer, Spanish
Distinguished Teaching Award

Most students are not at all familiar with the Spanish Civil War, which raged from 1936 to 1939 and which Inma Raneda-Cuartero calls "probably the most important thing that happened to Spain in the 20th century." She takes her class to the HUB to see a monument honoring a dozen Huskies who left UW to fight fascism in the war. Raneda-Cuartero was born in Zaragoza, a city between Madrid and Barcelona, but these days she lives like a Seattle local. After hiking the Pacific Northwest trails with her husband, she cools down with a craft beer. Her favorite? Mac & Jack's.

Gaylene Altman

Professor, School of Nursing
Distinguished Teaching Award

Growing up on a farm in Kansas, Gaylene Altman learned about nursing animals. In high school, she worked as a nurse's aide. "I used to have to milk cows, so that was a vacation," she says. Altman, who wrote and contributed to nursing textbooks, has taught here for four decades. "I'm old enough that in my early years of nursing, patients who came in with heart attacks often died," Altman says. "Cardiac bypass surgery did not exist." One thing hasn't changed: Nursing is still about giving back. "I always teach students that nursing is a service," she says. "It's not about you. The joy of nursing comes from helping others."

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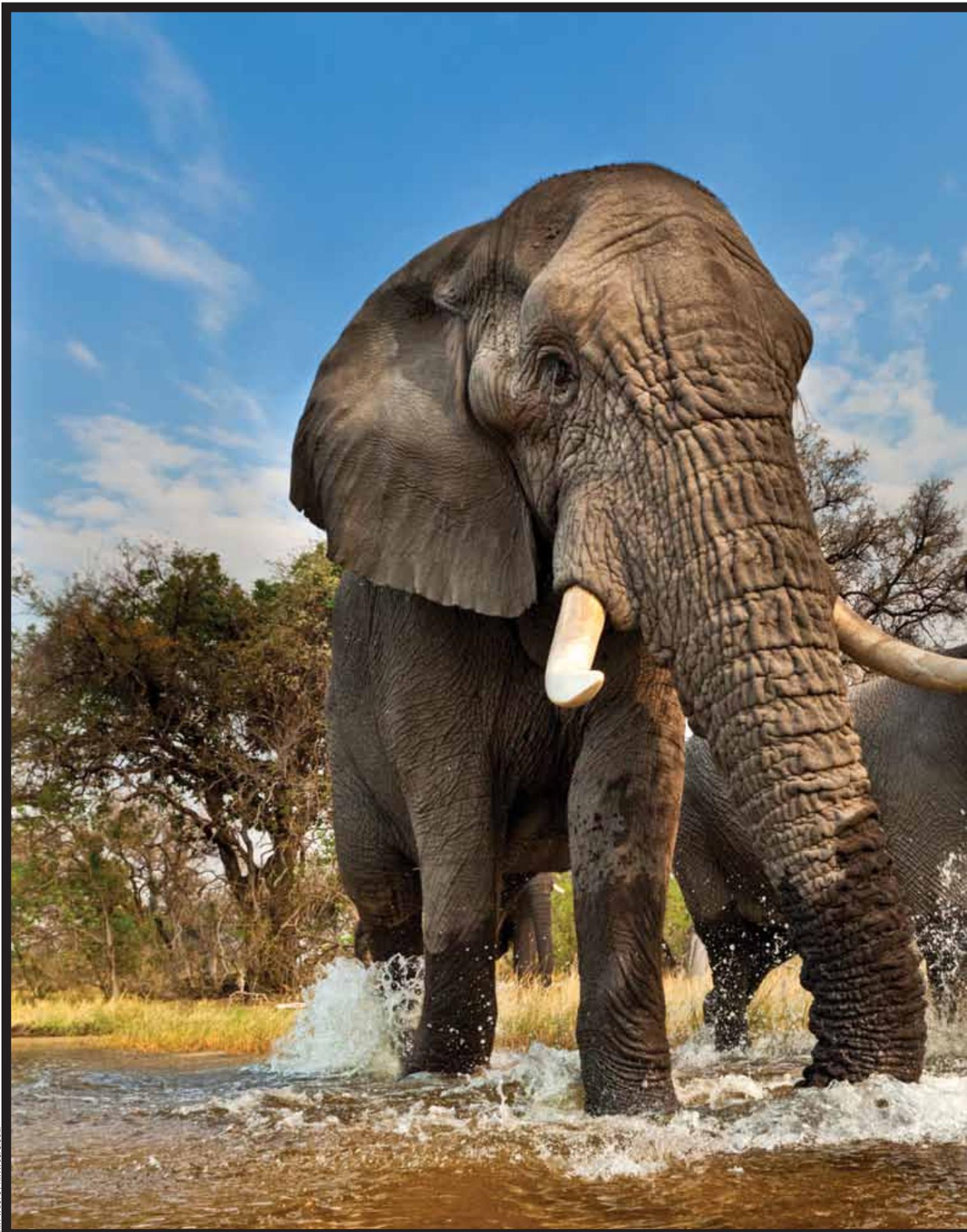
Alan Boss

Assistant Professor, UW Bothell School of Business
Distinguished Teaching Award, Uw Bothell

Alan Boss teaches classes on leadership—yes, his last name is appropriate—and instead of midterms and a final paper, students can opt for a leadership-in-real-life project. "You set a goal, do it, and write about it," says Boss, whose award-winning research has been published in top-tier journals. Students have started their own businesses, learned to cook and conquered their debt, incorporating principles from class along the way. To guide the goal-planning, Boss has had one-on-one meetings with more than a thousand students over the past eight years. Scholars often define leadership as "influencing others." For Boss, it simply means influence—first and foremost, over yourself.







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ANIMAL INSTINCT

Conservationist. Biologist. Sleuth. Sam Wasser uses DNA and forensic science in his fight to save wildlife from poachers and smugglers.

By David Volk Photo by Art Wolfe



DON'T LET SAMUEL WASSER'S ACHIEVEMENTS FOOL YOU.

Sure, he may be responsible for developing an investigative tool that helps bring international elephant poachers to justice. But that doesn't mean he isn't above crying at insurance commercials.

You could call Wasser an animal detective, but he's not the gun-toting, tough-talking, hard-boiled investigator that's the stuff of Hollywood film noir. If anything, the bearded, 62-year-old biology professor with a quiet voice is more of a soft-boiled variety.

"I was the kind of kid that would go shovel the neighbor's walk for free because she was 85, and I was very happy to do it. When I was in graduate school, my roommates used to laugh at me because I would cry at insurance commercials," Wasser says. "I've just always had a big heart for doing right by people or doing right by animals."

When some people make that claim, you can tell it's a bunch of ... well, you know. But not in Wasser's case. That's because he relies on crap to get his job done. Loads and loads of it.

"Everything we do in our lab," he says, "relies on poop."

No matter what you call them, the calling cards animals leave behind provide a load of information that Wasser has figured out how to decode. Besides the obvious—like which animal the sample came from and what the animal ate last night—he can also tell if the animal is pregnant, healthy, sick or just plain stressed out. He can even extract its DNA.

Wasser's work has taken him to some interesting places all over the globe, ranging from old-growth forests and wolf stomping grounds to oil fields in Alberta and storage facilities in Africa.

The funny thing is, this peace-loving guy—director of the UW Center for Conservation Biology—might not be doing what he's doing if not for one of Africa's most violent dictators. (His work at the center focuses on the impact humans have on threatened and endangered species. It relies heavily on the tool he used to help prosecute poachers.)

"To be honest," Wasser says, "I never thought I would be doing what I'm doing now, but I always wanted to save animals." Initially, he dreamed of becoming a veterinarian until a high school stint at a veterinary clinic cured him of his desire to treat household pets. Then he became interested in wildlife conservation and headed to Africa to work for a vet in Uganda.

"I couldn't do [the job] because Idi Amin had taken all this guy's stuff away," he recalls. Amin's soldiers "were looting everything and everyone."

The trip wasn't a total loss, however. Wasser got involved with a research project on lions and fell in love with doing fieldwork. As he puts it, "Africa was my passion. Everything I did was to get back to Africa." He returned to Tanzania in 1979 to conduct research for a dissertation on pregnancy and aggression in female baboons. He realized how important it was for animals to control the number of their births to limit competition for scarce resources. He also discovered that female baboons formed coalitions to get other females to fail to ovulate or to abort. Wasser eventually began searching for a way to measure the stress that led to that form of population control.

When a colleague discovered how to isolate and identify cells in feces, Wasser perfected the process, giving researchers a new, more affordable way to track wildlife when it is out of view. GPS collars are effective, but they only track the movements of an individual animal and cost thousands of dollars. Poop, on the other hand, is plentiful, easy to collect and provides a treasure trove of information—including DNA, hormones and stress levels.

While conducting baboon research, Wasser was alarmed by the prevalence of elephant poaching. During the 18 years he spent in Africa, the pachyderm population dropped by nearly half, from 1.3 million to approximately 700,000. But when the Tanzanian government finally cracked down on poaching, an unforeseen consequence took Wasser by surprise.

"All of a sudden, leopards were coming out of the woodwork and eating our baboons," he recalls. The spotted feline predators were forced to find another source of food—baboons—because they could no longer rely on meat from elephant carcasses left behind by poachers.

"That was a big moment for me. It made me realize how deeply connected wildlife communities are and how a cascade of events can affect another," he says. Wasser next found a way to extract DNA from elephant dung. "It just hit me that I could easily collect samples across the whole continent and make a genetic map," he explains. "Then all I had to do was figure out how to get DNA from ivory and I could tell



Tucker, a black Lab, helps Sam Wasser and his team hunt for killer whale scat off San Juan Island. The work is instrumental in determining the decline of whales between Washington and Alaska.

where the animal was poached." By the time he completed his research, he wrote a paper showing that he could take an elephant tusk from anywhere in Africa and determine its provenance within 300 kilometers.

His theory got its first test in 2004 after the international policing agency, Interpol, seized 6½ tons of ivory and asked Wasser to analyze it. At the time, law enforcement officials believed that most seizures contained ivory that was cherry-picked throughout Africa. By comparing the DNA from the tusks with his DNA mapping, Wasser was able to disprove that theory. "We showed that nearly all of the ivory is coming from just two places," he says. "It was as though the trafficker got a purchase order saying, 'I need this many tusks by this date,' and they would send their people out to get it."

Wasser helped show that most of the poaching was focused in a few areas of Africa, and that the contraband was being transported to distant countries where customs officials wouldn't look for it. Furthermore, his DNA analysis helped law enforcement determine that organized crime was involved.

"What Sam is providing is substantive evidence that can be used in a courtroom. You can't convict someone on circumstance. You need hard evidence and Sam is providing that," says Bill Clark, a now-retired Interpol colleague familiar with Wasser's work.

As a scientist himself, Clark was particularly impressed with Wasser's enthusiasm, creativity and persistence when it came to solving problems.

"He likes the scientific challenge [of asking] 'How do you extract something like DNA from something as hard as ivory?'" Clark says. "I think he's Nobel Prize material. His scientific thinking, his tenacity. These are all the criteria. The ideas he comes up with to apply science to benefit our world."

It's easy to see Wasser's enthusiasm when talk turns to smuggling. He jumps out of his chair and pulls out a poster showing the connections that authorities have been able to draw, thanks to his work. The details come so quickly, it's hard to follow them all. But the results are easy to understand: The effort has uncovered three networks and 26 tons of ivory, including 5,200 tusks.

"So you can see, this is pretty exciting. Who else can get to do this



In the battle to save elephants from extinction, Sam Wasser examines tusks seized in Malaysia in 2012. He uses DNA from the tusks to determine where the poaching occurred, helping efforts to shut down criminal networks.

kind of thing?" he asks. It doesn't sound like boasting, though. Instead, it sounds more like wonderment that the job even exists in the first place and that it allows him to ask important questions that have long fascinated him. "What drove me in my dissertation—what I loved the most about evolutionary biology—was asking these really complicated questions about how did things happen in the past and how do you put that whole puzzle together to figure out how it got to where it currently is," Wasser says.

Even when he's not running off to Africa, Wasser is still asking those key questions of the other projects he's involved with.

Former Congressman Norm Dicks, '63, '68, asked Wasser, who was then director of the Center for Wildlife Conservation, to weigh in on

the controversy in the 1980s surrounding the Northern Spotted Owl. While environmentalists maintained that the birds were endangered because of logging in their old-growth forest habitats, the timber industry insisted that the presence of owls in trees, covered in sawdust, proved that logging practices posed no threat.

"Because we could measure their stress levels through their feces, we were able to show that stress levels were much higher in owls that were near timber practices," Wasser says.

Wasser and fellow researchers face one huge challenge: the smaller the animals, the harder it is to find stool samples to analyze. Poop may be plentiful, but someone has to go get it. When whales defecate, for example, their stool only floats for a half-hour before sinking. Time is of the essence.

That's where dogs come in. Ever the animal lover, Wasser has rescued 21 pups from the pound and trained them to sniff out samples from 20 animal species. As any dog owner knows, getting dogs to find poop isn't hard; keeping them focused is. Fortunately, Wasser has found "dogs that have such an enormous focus to play with a ball that ... [they'll] mow down anything in your house including children to get to the ball."

The ball becomes the reward for each dog who accompanies a human to collect samples for whatever project the center is working on. That might mean sitting on the bow of a boat following whales or, in the case of an ongoing project, collecting stool samples over an 8,000-square-mile area in Eastern Washington to determine the impact of the resurgent wolf population.

The return of wolves to Eastern Washington after a century of having been hunted out has raised a number of sensitive issues. Ranchers and farmers, for example, worry that these predators may kill their livestock and, possibly, their children. Then there's the question about their impact on the ecosystem. After all, wolves had kept the ecosystem in balance for many years. In their absence, coyotes thrived. That's a problem because coyotes are generalists who will eat whatever prey they find, including snowshoe hare, which lynx rely on.

All of which prompts Wasser to ask, "When a species has been absent for a long period and all of a sudden comes back, can it re-stabilize things? Or have the changes put you in a space so that the wolves' return causes more chaos than it actually fixes?"

While it's too early to tell, Wasser can talk about the results of a similar study on wolves conducted in Yellowstone National Park. During the absence of wolves there, coyotes began feasting on young pronghorn antelope, causing that population to crash. Once wolves were re-introduced, the coyote population was brought back under control and the pronghorn recovered.

The big difference between the two projects is the impact humans are having on the outcome. Most people don't live in national parks year round, but they do live in Eastern Washington. Wasser and his organization are trying to figure out how and why that may make a difference.

"These are the kinds of questions that become really important. We've really got to answer these questions. And all of the past theories of ecologists and evolutionary biologists weren't developed with humans as part of the picture," he says. "No, they were developed around ecosystems, but those ecosystems of the past are no longer present. There are very few ecosystems that are not riddled with humans. So we need to understand, how does all this fit together? Because if we don't do that, we're never going to be able to have wildlife anymore. We have to figure out how they can co-exist with people."

And that's what keeps Wasser going. He now turns his attention on how to protect the pangolin, an anteater found in Asia and Africa that is one of the world's most poached animals.

"I love that whole process," he says. "It requires a lot of deep thinking and really wonderful questions." ■—*Freelance writer David Volk is a frequent contributor to Columns*

MOBILIZING AGAINST Muscular Dystrophy

The generosity and determination of a family eager to help their son makes the UW a leader in facing down an insidious disease

By Julie Garner

Thirteen years ago, Rick Colella and his wife, Terry, became concerned about their 15-year-old son. A rower on his Lake Sammamish Rowing team, he seemed to be getting weaker instead of stronger. His trapezius muscles, which run from the upper back and extend to the middle of the spine, looked oddly prominent between his neck and shoulder. Then there was the time in middle school when he had difficulty playing the trumpet because of muscular problems around his mouth.

After months of appointments with pediatricians, orthopedists and sports medicine physicians, Sidney Gospe, chief of neurology at Seattle Children's Hospital, confirmed the diagnosis: Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD). While comedian Jerry Lewis brought widespread attention to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, FSHD is actually the most common form of the disease. It affects more people than either Lou Gehrig's disease or cystic fibrosis do. Usually beginning in the teenage years, FSHD can affect facial muscles and cause muscle weakness in the arms and shoulders, often progressing to affect abdominal and leg muscles as well. While it is progressive, the disease varies tremendously among the estimated 35,000 people who have it in the U.S. and the half million thought to have it worldwide.

With no treatment available, all that could be offered to the Colellas at the time of their son's diagnosis was a follow-up appointment in a year to gauge if and how much his muscles had weakened. While Rick and Terry's son's condition did not come with a positive outlook, he was fortunate to have determined parents who tackled this challenge head-on.

Terry, '80, who has a master's degree in nursing from the UW, is a bundle of positive energy, bristling with can-do spirit. Rick, '73, '75, who earned a UW degree in aeronautical engineering and an MBA from the Foster School of Business, won Olympic bronze medals in the 200-meter breaststroke in both '72, '76. He knows what it takes to work hard—and win.

At the time of their son's diagnosis, there were competing theories

about the cause of FSHD muscular dystrophy. This uncertainty created an obstacle for researchers in obtaining funding. Government agencies such as the National Institutes of Health prefer to fund projects that have a significant chance at success.

So, the Colellas sprang into action and founded a nonprofit called Friends of FSH Research. To date, they have funded \$3.2 million in research, with more than \$1 million going to UW scientists. Because of their generosity, UW is now one of the world's three top institutions in terms of significant advances in FSHD.

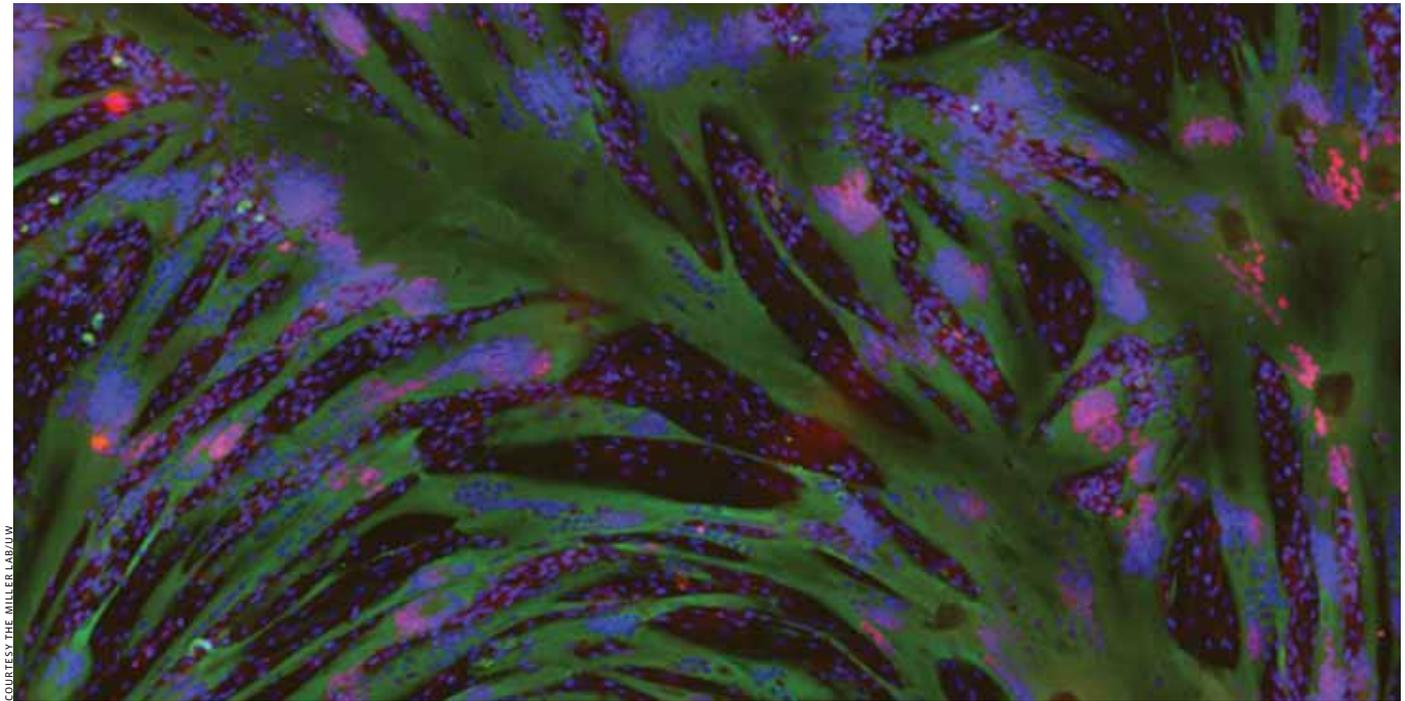
"I suppose if I'd lived somewhere other than Kirkland, I probably would have held bake sales to raise money for research," Terry says. "We were in a great part of the country to do this because of Children's, the UW and Fred Hutch. I thought, 'If we don't do it, who will?'" Before the Colellas became personally involved, almost all of the funding for muscular dystrophy research went to Duchenne.

At the start, Terry reached out to Thomas Bird, now professor emeritus of neurology. He not only helped the new organization put out its first request for proposals, but also chaired its scientific advisory board for eight years. Terry didn't contact a lawyer to start the organization; instead, she went online and called the IRS to get tax help. The payoff of all of their hard work? In their first year, she and Rick pulled off the mother of all fundraising auctions, bringing in \$200,000 to fund research projects.

"People love supporting the UW and that's one reason our donors and supporters are comfortable working with us," says Rick, a UW swimming star who was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame. In their organization's first year, "We made enough money to fund three research projects."

What makes the UW connection to Friends of FSH Research so special? It isn't just that an alumni-led organization is giving grants to UW investigators. It goes much deeper than that.

Every year, the UW Medicine lab staff who devote their careers to researching this insidious disease participate in the annual auction, not because they feel obligated but because they want to. Meeting patients makes the work personal and gives their research a real sense of urgen-



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cy. It's not uncommon for patients to call the researchers and ask questions or even visit the labs. "For me, the annual auction is a celebration of what I work on, day in and day out," says Joel R. Chamberlain, '01, '05, research associate professor of medicine who is working on potential therapies to prevent muscle damage.

Stephen Tapscott, professor, neurologist, and molecular geneticist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, also received funding from the Colellas' organization. His team is collaborating with labs at the UW, Leiden University in the Netherlands, and the University of Rochester to once and for all pinpoint the cause of FSHD. They identified the genes and proteins that lead to muscle damage, along with the mechanisms that cause FSHD. The guilty parties are located on the DUX4 gene. It results in a protein that eats away muscle.

"At the time we started work, there was really no agreement on the mechanisms for how the mutation led to the disease process," says Tapscott, '90. "There were many conflicting hypotheses and the real challenge was to test the individual theories and come to a clear understanding. We didn't have proof that DUX4 caused FSHD until the UW, Fred Hutch, Rochester and Leiden generated the proof. Our whole lab is working on FSHD but now that we have targets for drug therapies, many companies are interested in developing drugs for FSHD. There will be clinical trials in the near future." That simply would not have happened without the Colellas' involvement. "They funded the very early phase work and once we had agreement on the cause, it was easier for other funders to come in. Without Friends of FSH Research, it would have taken much longer," Tapscott says.

Leo Wang, '07, a clinician and UW assistant professor of neurology, sees patients at the Veteran's Administration, Children's and the UW. Armed with two grants from Friends of FSH Research, he is working with clinical and basic science FSHD researchers who are trying to figure out how to follow the disease and mark changes in its course. One

(Above) Muscle cells from a patient with the FSHD form of muscular dystrophy. The blue represents the nuclei and the red dots are the DUX4 protein, which causes FSHD.

goal is to more quickly detect muscle changes so they can see if particular drugs are working. Wang is also trying to find out if decreasing inflammation in the muscle will slow the course of disease.

Daniel Miller, professor of pediatrics and pediatric genetics, got involved with the Colellas through what he calls "a nice bit of serendipity." While at the UW on a postdoctoral fellowship, he was looking for a new direction in his research when he came across a flyer from the Colellas' nonprofit asking for research proposals. He had seen children with FSHD, but he hadn't dug into the scientific literature. "It hasn't received the publicity of Jerry's Kids and the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy effort, but you probably know someone with FSHD. It can be mild enough that a person can live without realizing they have the condition, or so severe that children don't learn to walk on time and end up requiring a wheelchair," he says. Miller, '94, '95, '99, '02, ultimately joined forces with Tapscott to investigate which genes were involved. "It's a problem of not being able to turn off the DUX4 gene. In most people, DUX4 is shut off so they're not making the protein in muscle. But in FSHD, a mutation causes abnormal regulation of the gene," he says.

Miller explained that clinicians will often see a young person who has one parent with the genetic change. If the parent has the condition, there is a 50-50 chance of passing it on to a child. Less common: a new mutation occurs at conception even though neither parent has the disease. This was the case with the Colellas' son—a genetic fluke.

Now 29 years old, Rick and Terry's son is married and has a job as a copywriter, which he loves. He doesn't feel that the disease has significantly affected his dreams and goals. As for the Colellas, they now have an even greater reason to continue their work: serving everyone who has come together to fight FSHD. "The people are what this is all about," says Miller. "You ask anybody in the field. It's unheard of to have four or five labs at one university working on one condition."

Rick and Terry will be awarding UW researchers and their local colleagues at an event at the UW Medicine South Lake Union Campus on World FSHD Day (June 20, 2017). Visit the Friends of FSH Research website for more details. www.fshfriends.org

IMPRI\$ONED

By Julie Garner

Regularly brutalized by her husband, Vilma, a 34-year-old mother of three, spent eight years in prison for shooting and wounding him. In addition to her prison sentence, she was ordered to pay \$33,000 in legal financial obligations—fines, fees and other costs—including her husband’s medical bills. Thirteen years after her conviction, the interest accruing on her outstanding debt had brought the total she owed to \$72,000. A recent partner told her he would never marry her because of that debt.

Vilma is just one of the people UW sociologist Alexis Harris, ’97, interviewed for her new book, “A Pound of Flesh: Monetary Sanctions as Punishment for the Poor.” The book, the product of eight years of research and interviews, analyzes the systems that keep people like Vilma saddled with legal debt assigned by a judge after a prison sentence has been served.

Harris’ research is bringing to light facts most Americans don’t realize: Most people convicted of misdemeanor and felony crimes in the U.S. face stiff financial penalties. In some cases, fees and fines are the punishment that keeps on giving—to an almost Dickensian degree. Take Washington state, for example. If you’re convicted of a felony, you must pay a mandatory fee of \$500. If the state takes your blood to

send to a national criminal DNA repository, you’ll be charged \$100. A public defender will run you \$450. If you opt for a jury trial, you will pay a charge for the jury. How about 12 percent interest and a \$100 annual surcharge on top of that?

Like most citizens, Harris didn’t realize that defendants were required to pay fines and fees. But in 2007, she and a colleague responded to a request for proposals from the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission to study legal financial obligations. In the course of this study, Harris and her colleagues interviewed 50 people who owed money to the court, some of whom were returned to jail for failure to pay. “People were trying to decide whether to buy medicine or pay their court bill,” she recalls. “Inequality in the U.S. is perpetuated by this system of fines and fees on the poor, especially people of color who make up 60 percent of the U.S. prison population.”

“Let’s look at a rich person versus Joe Schmo. The rich person posts bail, and can go home, spend time with family and go to work while waiting for the trial. If sentenced, the fines and fees are readily paid,” Harris explains. But a poor person who can’t afford bail must remain incarcerated and may incur thousands of dollars in fees and fines. Some Washington counties even have public collection units that keep in contact with debtors, dunning them regularly to pay off their debt.

In Washington state, individuals can be charged up to \$50 per day for prison and \$100 per night in jail. Sometimes counties even take court-owed monies out of disability payments. “Or, financial aid checks from colleges, they’ll take that,” says Harris. As a young woman growing up in Seattle, Harris cut her teeth on the works of Langston Hughes, John Steinbeck and James Baldwin. As an undergraduate at the UW in the 1990s, she entertained thoughts of becoming a lawyer. But a class from storied lecturer Al Black (now principal lecturer emeritus) turned her attention to sociology. It turned out to be a perfect path for Harris. In 2015, she spoke at the White House about monetary sanctions and later that year received a \$4 million grant from The Laura and John Arnold Foundation to examine the issue nationally.

The imposition of fines and fees has grown along with the numbers of people locked up in U.S. prisons. Harris speculates that money collected from prisoners helps subsidize the criminal justice system but the truth is, it’s very hard to track down how much money is being generated and where it’s going.

“People who make contact with the criminal justice system experience hyper-policed neighborhoods, underfunded and poor-quality schools, a lack of decent housing, and a shortage of living-wage jobs,” Harris writes in her book. “After the sentencing of legal financial obligations, the only collateral that defendants have left is a pound of their flesh.”

At the time Harris interviewed her, Vilma was making regular payments to the court, and working in a construction apprenticeship. She was proud to be learning new skills and looking forward to earning a decent wage once she completed the program.



Science Shorts

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MICRO-DAMAGING *The toll of subtle racism*

A microaggression is a statement, action or incident that expresses indirect, subtle discrimination against a marginalized group and being on the receiving end of it can make your blood boil. And now, a blood test may be able to prove it. In an exploratory study, Assistant Professor John Crowley is poking fingers to find out what happens in the body after a racist encounter. Overt discrimination has long been linked to health disparities, but subtle slights? That's a newer question. "We really don't know much about how to cope with microaggressions, and what they can do to people," says Crowley, '12, who teaches in the Department of Communication.

The finger-prick blood test looks at biological markers of immune health. UW research scientist Eleanor Brindle, who specializes in biological anthropology, will analyze the samples, and Crowley and his collaborators will interview participants—black and Latino adults who have recently endured a microaggression—about forgiveness, disclosure and social support.

The goal is to see if there is a correlation between the frequency of microaggressions and immune health. Along the way, they will explore whether factors like social support can soften the blow of these encounters. Do positive messages overpower negative ones? Says Crowley: "It would give people in educational settings some evidence to say, 'We need to teach what to look out for, and how to communicate in response to microaggressions.'" ■ —*Quinn Russell Brown*

TRAFFIC TRAGEDY *Video data may save lives*

In 2016, road crashes resulted in 40,000 deaths and 4.6 million injuries in the United States. For young people under age 19, these collisions were the leading cause of death. Until now, cities and transportation agencies have had to review many years' worth of crash data to detect deadly patterns of car accidents before acting.

The goal of preventing death and serious injury is now within reach thanks to a partnership among the UW, the city of Bellevue and Microsoft. "The role for the UW team is to provide the definition of near misses and analyze near-miss data for safety and operational improvements," said Yinhai Wang, professor of civil engineering. "The goal is to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries."

The project aims to use footage from traffic cameras across North America to "teach" computers how to recognize near-miss collisions. Data from these machine-learning systems will enable transportation engineers to predict where crashes will occur and take proactive measures to prevent them.

The project is looking for people to use a crowd-sourcing tool to analyze video and teach computers to identify a person in a wheelchair, on a bike or in a car, as well as patterns of movement in intersections. The more people who take part, the better computers will learn to recognize near-miss collisions. ■ —*Julie Garner*

Learn more: ite.org/visionzero/videoanalytics/

Conservation Won't Keep You Healthy

If you thought conservation projects that protect forests and encourage a diversity of plants and animals will benefit human health, think again. The fact is, it won't protect humans from infectious disease, according to a study led by Chelsea Wood, assistant professor in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. "Conservation is not a disease-control tool," she explains. "Urbanization is good for people's health."

The Plague of Stereotypes

When you think of a 6-year-old child, what comes to mind? A wide-eyed kid eager to learn. Not someone harboring stereotypes. But the fact is, first-graders already embrace stereotypes that boys are better than girls at robotics and computer programming. "If a girl thinks that boys are going to be better than girls at robotics and programming, she might think, 'Why should I put myself out there,'" says Allison Master, research scientist with the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences.

Transgender and Serving in the Military

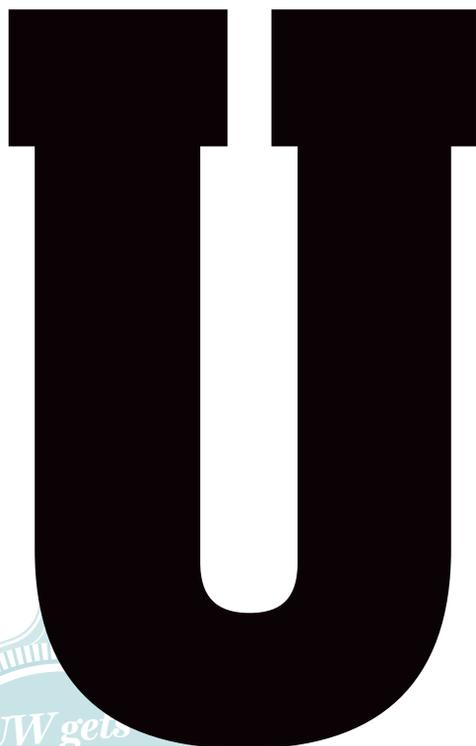
Transgender people make up a small percentage of active-duty U.S. military personnel but their experience in the service may yield long-term, positive effects on their mental health and quality of life. So says a School of Social Work research study that is part of a national, groundbreaking longitudinal study of older LGBT adults. One study estimates about 134,000 transgender veterans in the U.S.

The Payoff of Private School

If states provided financial incentives to attend private colleges over comparable public schools, states could increase college graduation rates and save money. That's the finding of a report by William M. Zumeta, professor of public policy and higher education in the College of Education. For a large number of students, receiving as little as \$1,000 in extra state aid would help them get through private school and save the state government money.

Photograph Your Food, Lose Weight

That tantalizing Instagram photo of your lunch not only can make your friends jealous. It also can help you eat healthy and lose weight. It's even more effective than keeping a journal of the food you consume. "The benefit of photos is that it's more fun to do than taking out a booklet or typing hundreds of words of descriptions in an app," explains Christina Chung, a doctoral student in human centered design and engineering who was the lead author in the study.



UW gets a lot of ink. Here are just a few stories of note.

Fastpitch College Draft. She was selected in the second round by the Scrap Yard Dawgs of Conroe, Texas.

We Need a Big Cake

Happy 100th birthday to the UW Department of Psychology, which in March marked one century of working to understand and teach us about human nature. Psychology is one of our most popular majors, with an introductory course that attracts more than 3,000 students every year. The department is also among the largest recipients of federal research grants in the College of Arts & Sciences, one reason why UW Psychology has been ranked among the nation's best for several decades.

Our Man In Spokane

The UW School of Medicine has a new associate dean for Eastern Washington: Spokane-based Darryl Potyk, who serves as chief of medical education for the UW School of Medicine-Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership. Meanwhile, Frank Batcha, pro-

fessor of family medicine, has been named assistant clinical dean in Idaho for the School of Medicine's WWAMI program.

Peace Out

The UW continues to churn out Peace Corps volunteers at an eye-opening rate. This year, we ranked second in the nation among large universities for the number of alumni and students signing up. Only that other UW, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, had more.

Full Fulbright State

As always, the UW remains a top producer of Fulbright scholars & students. Twenty-one undergraduate and graduate students received a Fulbright award and six scholars received Fulbright grants for 2016-17.

Fostering Pride

The Foster School of Business has the third most productive management research faculty in North America. That's the finding of the Management Department Productiv-

ity Ranking compiled by Texas A&M University. Only the University of Pennsylvania and University of Michigan—which both have larger management research faculties than Foster—topped the UW. Wow.

Moving on Up

The UW ranks seventh among national universities in a new Milken Institute report on technology transfer. For the UW and CoMotion, the University's collaborative innovation hub, the new ranking was a huge rise from the original rankings in 2006, when the UW was 24th. Keep up the good work!

New to the Academy

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences welcomed two faculty members: Tom Anderson, professor in the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, and Karen Goldberg, professor of chemistry. These are just the latest kudos for the duo. Last year, Anderson was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering. And Goldberg is a

Uwajimaya!

The family behind the Uwajimaya grocery store chain received the Tomodachi Award from the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington for its work bridging relations between Japan and Seattle. Honored were former Uwajimaya chairman Tomio Moriguchi, '59, '61; his sister, former CEO Tomoko Moriguchi-Matsuno, '69; and incoming CEO and president Denise Moriguchi (Tomio's daughter).

The 737 is 50

The Boeing 737, the best-selling commercial jet ever built, celebrated its 50th anniversary in April. The late Jack Steiner, '40, was the chief designer of the 737.

Tall at Short

Ali Aguilar, '17, won't be putting her glove away any time soon. The All-American Husky softball shortstop was the 13th pick in the 2017 National Pro



Melanie Stambaugh

A Youthful Voice | At 26, State Rep. Melanie Stambaugh is the youngest member of the Washington Legislature—and the state's youngest since 1936. Armed with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Foster School, the young Republican knocked on 17,000 Puyallup doors and won the 25th District seat in 2014. She was re-elected in 2016. "I knew that people weren't very confident in their government," says Stambaugh, '13, "and I knew that I could bring a really useful and youthful voice." One way she's done that: social media. Stambaugh stars in weekly Facebook videos to keep her constituents in the loop about current events in Olympia. (She even edits the videos herself.) As for her top issue? That's education. Says Stambaugh: "I believe it is the foundation for everything to be built upon."

—QUINN RUSSELL BROWN

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ALUMNI PROFILE
DENISE ATTWOOD

After the Nepal Earthquake

It was 3:30 in the morning on April 25, 2015 when Denise Attwood's phone rang. She was sound asleep in her Spokane home. Jarred awake, she learned that Nepal, one of the world's poorest and least developed countries, had been devastated by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. More than 8,000 people were killed and another 20,000 injured. A medical clinic that Attwood, '88, had helped build was leveled by an avalanche of mud and boulders loosened from the world's steepest mountain range. The quake was so powerful it lifted Kathmandu, the country's capital city, three feet. Sitting in her darkened bedroom 7,000 miles away, Attwood was stunned. Then she got busy. After all, it was her desire to help the world's most vulnerable people that led her to apply to the UW School of Law in the first place three decades ago. ♦ Attwood, who filled out her law school application while on a boat between Hong Kong and Shanghai, had altruistic intentions. But she had no idea what she was in for after graduation. She recalls an incident when she worked for the Legal Action Center. One of her clients, recently released from a mental institution, had run up enormous credit card debt. The woman was "totally delusional" and shouldn't have been

living alone, Attwood recalls. "People would come in with these gaping wounds, and I didn't even have a full-size Band-Aid," she says. "I just had a little tiny one." ♦ At the same time, other forces began pushing Attwood toward Nepal. In autumn 1984, 26-year-old Attwood and her husband, Ric, embarked on a monthlong trek through Nepal. There, they met a guide named Ram Karki and attended a Nepali festival that celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. Attwood stood in for Karki's sister. "At that time, we became godbrother and godsister," Karki recalls. Since then, Karki and Attwood have stayed close. Their bond inspired Attwood to do what she could to help people in Nepal. Besides starting a fair-trade company called Ganesh Himal Trading, she opened a nonprofit called the Conscious Connections Foundation to build schools for Nepali girls. ♦ Within 10 days of the quake, the Conscious Connections Foundation wired \$1,600 to Karki to buy food, tents and other supplies that could be distributed to some of Nepal's hardest-hit regions. In the past two years, CCF has provided \$130,000 for relief efforts. Attwood, who never practiced law, is quick to credit her UW law education for making possible her work in Nepal. "If I had gone into law, I would be doing the same thing that I'm doing right now. Because it's about trying to dig deeper into what really serves people," she says. "What law school allowed me to do was say, 'OK, how do I take what could be and make it happen?'"

Story and Photo by **Eli Francovich**

fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Honoring a Leader

It shouldn't be a surprise that the first woman administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was a UW grad—Jane Lubchenco, '71, who held the role from 2009 to 2013. Now the National Academy of Sciences is honoring Lubchenco with its most prestigious award, the Public Welfare Medal. She currently is a professor at Oregon State University.

Rising Stars

Emily Levesque, assistant professor of astronomy, was named a 2017 Alfred P. Sloan Research fellow in physics. The two-year fellowships are awarded yearly to 126 early career researchers in the U.S. and Canada. Levesque studies the behavior, composition and life cycles of "massive" stars—those that are at least eight times more massive than our own sun. Meanwhile, Matt Lorig, associate professor of applied mathematics, received the Early Career Prize from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics' Activity Group on Financial Mathematics and Engineering. If you want to really understand those pesky credit default swaps, he's your guy.

No. 1 in His Class

Dan Besett, principal of Tacoma's Wilson High School and a graduate of UW's Danforth Educational Leadership Program, is the 2017 Washington State High School Principal of the Year. Under Besett, '95, Wilson has received a state-record six consecutive Washington State School of Distinction awards, beginning in 2011.

Smart Pills

The School of Pharmacy's class of 2016 earned the No. 1 spot in the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, which measures a candidate's knowledge of the practice of pharmacy. Ninety-nine percent of alumni passed the exam the first time they took it. Oh, those whiz kids.

Global Legal Reach

For attorneys seeking a career in a global setting, this one's for you: the creation of a new dual-degree LL.M. program offered by the School of Law and Keio University Law School of Japan. "This program is our response to a 21st century challenge—in a more globalized world, the very best lawyers are expected to be competent in different cultures, legal systems and languages," says Kellye Y. Testy, dean of the UW School of Law.

Grants for Diversity

The Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity is providing six grants across the UW's three campuses to support projects that advance any of the six goals of the UW's Diversity Blueprint. Up to \$3,000 will be made available per project for the 2017-18 academic year.

Still the Best

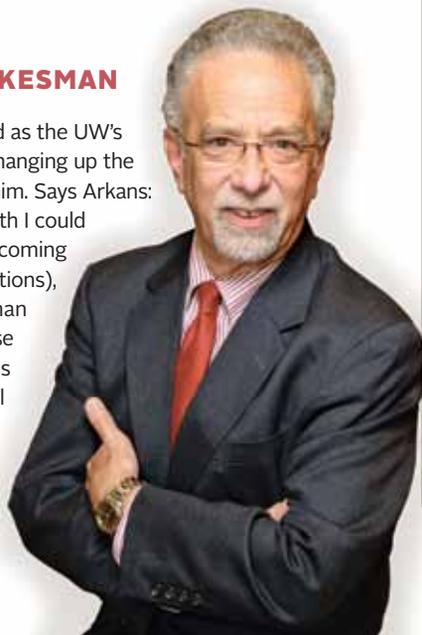
For the 23rd time in the past 24 years, UW Medicine ranked as the No. 1 primary care medical education program in the country, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Graduate School rankings. Family medicine and rural medicine training programs have also led the nation since those rankings started in 1991. The UW's Information School jumped from No. 3 to No. 2 in the nation for library and information studies programs.

Autism Clinic

Growing numbers of parents are bringing their babies to the UW Autism Center for answers. To meet that need, the center opened a clinic that provides four clinical psychologists to evaluate infants and toddlers up to 24 months of age, along with teams of behavior analysts to create a treatment plan with clinic and home-based activities.

WE SAY SO LONG TO OUR SPOKESMAN

For decades, Norm Arkans '73, '75, has served as the UW's public spokesman. Later this month, he'll be hanging up the reins and retiring. And we are going to miss him. Says Arkans: "I have enjoyed a wonderful career whose path I could not have foreseen 38 years ago. I have loved coming to work every day (possibly with a few exceptions), and I can't imagine doing anything better than being involved in an enterprise whose purpose is the growth and maturation of young minds and the discovery of knowledge. I am grateful to have had the privilege of being part of this great, great institution, and I will miss all the people who make it so."



ASSOCIATION AWARDS



EDDIE PASATIEMPO

UW Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award

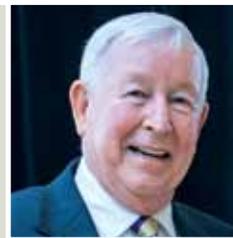
When the Great Recession hit in 2008, drastically cutting state support to higher education, Eddie Pasatiempo, '76, wasn't one to waste time on regret. He helped start UW Impact, the UWAA's legislative advocacy program that keeps legislators aware of the need for restoring state support of public universities. A member of the Department of Communication's Hall of Fame, Pasatiempo is also a past president of the UWAA Board of Trustees and a member of the Big W Club.



JOY PLEIN

UW-UWRA Distinguished Retiree Excellence in Community Service Award

Joy Plein has always been a dynamo and retirement hasn't changed that one bit. At the age of 91, she continues to serve the community, supporting UW pharmacy students who are training specifically to improve the health of seniors who live in retirement communities. Since she retired in 1994 after 28 years as a professor of pharmacy, Plein, '51, '57, has served on numerous committees and boards that focus on quality of life for older adults.



GARY J. AUSMAN

UWAA Golden Graduates Distinguished Alumnus Award

Gary Ausman has been inseparable from the UW for most of his adult life. For 27 years, he served as director of the UW International Student Services office. He also holds the title of director emeritus of the Alumni Interfraternity Council in perpetuity after spending 21 years advising fraternity men. And Ausman, '63, '74, was faculty adviser to the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation for 32 years. His favorite karaoke song? You guessed it: "Bow Down to Washington."

TARA BROWN; DENNIS WISE (2)



FACULTY PROFILE

JOE LOTT

A Brotherhood Initiative



When he arrived at the UW in 2007, Joe Lott was struck by how few black people he saw on campus, or for that matter in the greater community. As a black man, a faculty member who studies higher education and a father of two small boys, he turned his thoughts to how he might change this scene. ♦

Black male students make up less than one percent of the population at the UW, and are graduating at a rate of just 67 percent. The associate professor of education realized that four other groups had similar graduation and retention rates: American Indian, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asian and Latino. While the rates for men of color at the UW are better than at some peer institutions, they have remained stagnant over the past few years and lag behind the rates for women of color. ♦ Higher education should be the pathway to opportunity and upward mobility. But, he knew, the experience for men of color can be isolating and marginalizing, limiting their success. ♦ Working with a team of doctoral and postdoctoral students, Lott developed a plan to help black and brown men form a community of support. The team first interviewed faculty and students of color at the UW about their own experiences. They also researched

practices at other schools and reviewed studies from around the country. Then, last September, they launched the Brotherhood Initiative.

♦ This past year, about 30 first-year students met regularly with Lott. They attended weekly lectures and explored topics like peer-to-peer mentoring, getting involved in research, choosing a major, managing stress and financial literacy. They also socialized at special events like pizza and bowling. ♦ “Without the Brotherhood, I might have stayed in my shell,” says D’andre Garcia Stubbs, a freshman from Yakima. “I’m kind of an introvert. I will never be the first person to go out and make the first friendship.” Stubbs says the group gives him a sense of belonging that makes the UW seem smaller. ♦ The initiative is now a collaborative partnership among the College of Education, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, and the Division of Student Life. A committee of academic advisers, student affairs workers and faculty will examine the research findings of this first year and make suggestions as to how to adapt the program for next year. The plan is to continue working with these students, and the ones that come after them, all the way through graduation. ♦ Not only does Lott want these young men to succeed academically, but he wants them to leave the UW socially conscious and civically engaged. “The idea is not for them to endure the UW,” he says, “but to see the UW as a place for them and to strengthen their Husky identity.”

Story by **Julie Garner** Photo by **Betty Udesen**

THE ART OF GIVING

Charles and Lisa Simonyi's philanthropy reaches all corners of the UW, the Emerald City—and beyond

by Sheila Farr

Charles Simonyi loves learning. His curiosity about the cosmos led him to travel to the International Space Station aboard the Soyuz spacecraft as a paying tourist—twice.

The same appetite for knowledge led Simonyi and his wife, Lisa, to the University of Washington. Charles, a former Microsoft engineer—and an architect of Microsoft Word, Excel and other broadly used applications—is a native of Hungary; Lisa grew up in Sweden. Although neither of them attended the UW, they say it is only natural they have become deeply involved in supporting research and education in their adopted hometown of Seattle.

"This community has so much excellence, and it very much has to do with a great university," Charles says.

Lisa serves as a member of the UW Foundation Board and also on the committee that showcases faculty speakers through The Next Course dinner series. After learning about the groundbreaking work happening at the UW's Institute for Protein Design, Lisa began supporting research on celiac disease,

hoping to find causes and a cure.

Over the years, she has served on the board of the Seattle Symphony and on the animal care committee at Woodland Park Zoo, but she says that the UW "is the number one place I spend my philanthropic time."

With demand for computer science and engineering (CSE) degrees at an all-time high, the Simonyis recognized the need to help double the number of graduates in that field, leading the couple to make a substantial commitment to a new CSE building.

"Charles and Lisa's deep engagement—recently and over the years—has been essential to our growth and success," says Ed Lazowska, the Bill & Melinda Gates Chair in the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering. He highlights "their strategic advice, their scientific and cultural involvement, their amazing generosity and their campaign leadership."

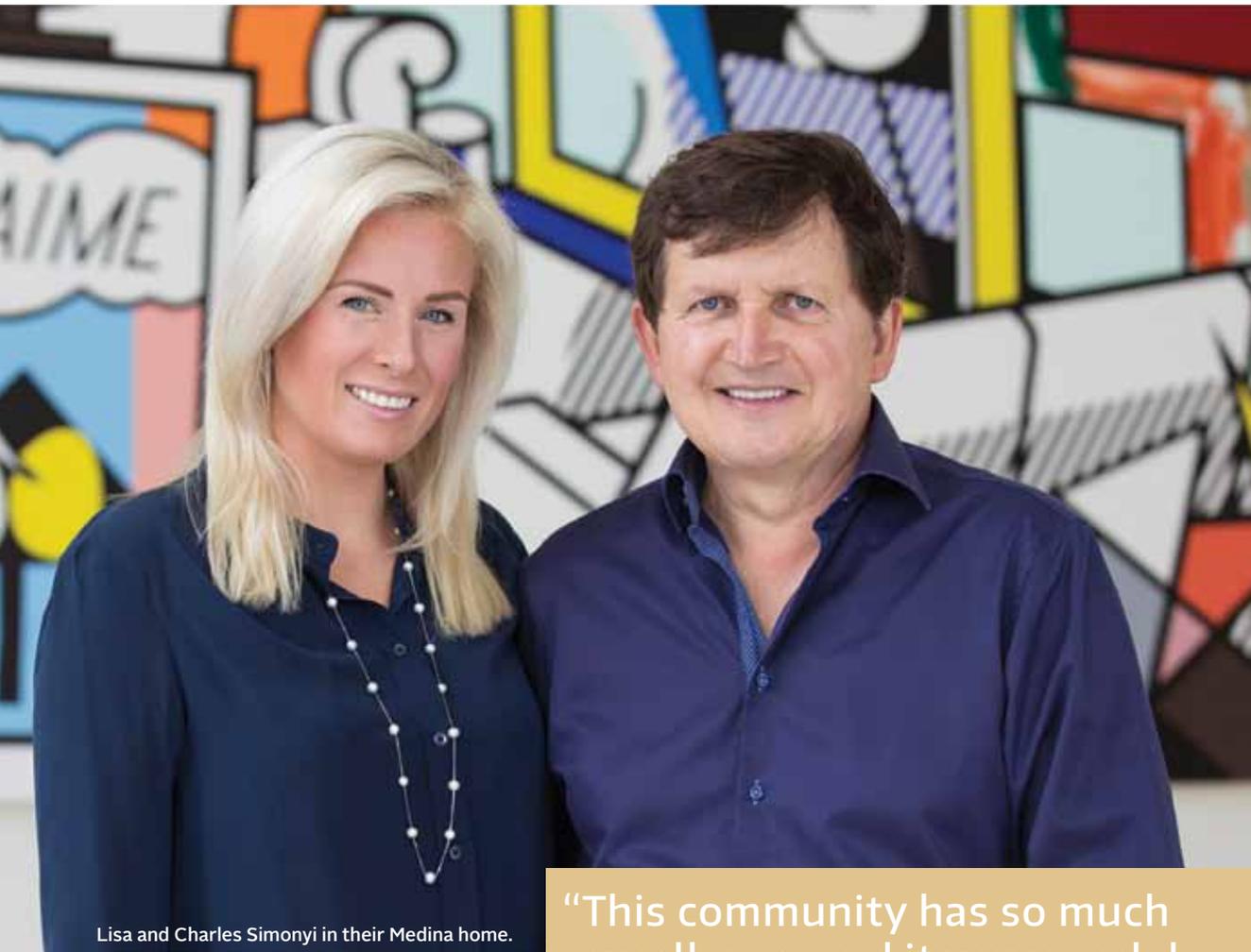
Of course, Charles points out, there's a certain amount of enlightened self-interest behind their philanthropy. The company he founded, Intentional Software, recruits

from the UW, which is "a major source for programmers." In April, Microsoft acquired Intentional Software, bringing Charles back into the fold.

Married for nine years, the Simonyis met by happy accident in 2004. Charles, a business acquaintance of Lisa's father, was visiting the family's hometown in Sweden. He phoned Lisa's father to get together, but the Perssons were out of town. So they called their daughter and asked if she could meet Charles for a drink. "They said, 'Please do this. He doesn't know anyone else,'" Lisa recalls.

Lisa was moving to Oslo, Norway, the next day to begin graduate studies at the BI Norwegian Business School, but dutifully agreed. When she appeared, says Charles, "I was smitten." Lisa, 32 years his junior, wasn't so sure.

"There was a lot of email exchanged back and forth, and he was trying his best to woo me," says Lisa, who completed her Master of Science in International Management in 2006 and returned to Sweden to work as CEO of a recruitment firm. After a four-year



Lisa and Charles Simonyi in their Medina home.

“This community has so much excellence, and it very much has to do with a great university.”

—CHARLES SIMONYI

courtship, Lisa and Charles married in 2008. They now have two young daughters.

Charles lights up when talking about his children. “We read to them every evening: about science, about planets and so on. They love discovering things.”

Having daughters helps inform the Simonyis’ giving, too, Lisa says. “It’s also why we are investing in the new computer science building—to make sure we are moving it in a direction of equal opportunity where women feel welcome.”

Computational astronomy is one of Charles’ strong interests, and in 2008 the Simonyis made a \$20 million donation toward building an enormous telescope in Chile, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST). Their friend Bill Gates chipped in \$10 million. The Simonyis have since expanded that support to the UW Astronomy Department, where they helped fund DIRAC (Data Intensive Research in Astrophysics and Cosmology), an institute led by Professor Andy Connolly, to work with the vast amounts of data collected by the LSST.

“We need to develop new ways to think

about data and the information they contain,” Connolly says. “To find the subtle signatures that will enable us to make sense of our universe, to understand its formation and evolution.” The great importance of the Simonyis’ gifts, he believes, is Charles’ forward thinking about how to jump-start a project today that will fuel science for generations to come.

Although Charles’ professional interests lie in technology and science, the Simonyis believe in broad-based education and are equally passionate about the arts. The Charles and Lisa Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences has donated to Seattle’s symphony, opera and art museum, among others. In 1987, Charles chose former UW architecture professor Wendell Lovett, ’47, to design his modernist house in Medina. He also collects 20th-century paintings that evoke what he calls a

“digital premonition” of later technologies.

The Simonyis’ extensive support of research, educational and cultural institutions stretches far beyond Seattle—from the Institute for Advanced Study in New Jersey, Stanford and Oxford universities, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Juilliard School to a range of interests in Charles’ native Hungary.

It should come as no surprise that when Charles flew to the International Space Station, one of the books he brought along was Goethe’s “Faust.” “It has these universal ideas,” he says. “The scale, the engagement is so big.”

The same might be said about the Simonyis’ approach to philanthropy.

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TOUCHING THE FUTURE

Today's touch-screen world is leaving behind an entire segment of the population: those with motor impairments. iSchool Ph.D. candidate Martez Mott wants to change that.

By Hannah Gilman

We live in a touch-screen world. One where tiny computers full of information live in our pockets. Where boarding passes are printed at touch-screen kiosks and groceries are paid for at touch-screen card readers. A world where extending a finger and making contact with a particular point gets us what we want.

Well, except for the millions of us across the world who experience motor impairments—the millions of us who are being left behind.

Martez Mott wants to help. He is a Ph.D. candidate in the UW's Information School and an active member of the philanthropy-supported MAD (Mobile + Accessible Design) Lab. His research centers on making touch screens accessible for people who live with motor impairments, from cerebral palsy to muscular dystrophy to Parkinson's disease.

"Touch screens were developed for a certain type of use," says Mott. It's simple: If you want to interact with something on your device, you have to be able to extend a finger and touch it cleanly and accurately.

For those who live with cerebral palsy, however, touch might look like patting the screen with the back of the hand, or dragging

a palm or a fist. "When that happens, the screen picks up a big blobby area," says Mott. "And the system has no idea what to do with it." Yet.

Imagine a system that adapts to touch, whatever that might look like.

Enter Smart Touch, Mott's touch-screen calibration software.

Think of it as the counterpart to automated speech recognition, where the device asks you to repeat a few phrases so it can pick up on your unique speech patterns. In Mott's model, the device asks you to touch a crosshair so it can pick up on your unique touch patterns. The project is a work in progress, and it's all guided by participants in Mott's studies: They give him real-life, real-time feedback.

At Provail, a local center that helps people with disabilities pursue the lives they want to live, Mott begins by asking his volunteer participants to hit targets on a table-size touch-screen device. One of them is Ken Frye, a DJ with cerebral palsy who's been in the radio industry for more than 40 years. Today, Frye hosts his own radio show using older technology. He says that being able to use a touch-screen device would make his job much easier and faster.

Every participant has a different story and touch strategy, which is why inclusive innovation is so central to Mott's research. As he continues to design alongside people with motor impairments, the iterations of Smart Touch will only improve.

"The hope is that you could buy a device, turn on an accessibility setting, and then go through a calibration procedure for better touch performance so you can use your phone or tablet however you like," says Mott.

Rolling it into the market is a few years away, but Mott has a vision. "I would love to see every touch-enabled device be accessible with this technology," he says. "We can do it."



You can help make this research possible

What would an accessible touch-screen device mean to Ken Frye?

"Freedom," he says.

This freedom—driven by Mott's research into making touch screens more accessible to people with motor impairments—is fueled by donor support.

When you participate in the Be Boundless campaign through a contribution to the iSchool's Human Computer Interaction Research Fund, you help make technology accessible to everyone.

Learn more about Martez Mott, Ken Frye and the work that brings their lives together at bit.ly/ischool-accessibility.

DENNIS WISE

A photograph showing two men in a professional setting. One man, wearing a dark suit and a purple tie, is seated in a wheelchair. He is looking at a large, blue-tinted touchscreen display. The other man, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and glasses, is standing behind him, leaning over and pointing at the screen. The background is a blurred office or conference room.

“My hope for technology is that somebody like me
can be clearly understood. Having a device
I could use would mean freedom.”

—KEN FRYE

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AGENTS OF CHANGE

Larry Dalton and Nicole Board are catalyzing a future of excellence in the UW Department of Chemistry **By Nancy Joseph**

The next time you text a photo to a friend, download a massive data file or use your car's self-parking feature, give a nod to Larry Dalton, UW professor emeritus of chemistry. Materials Dalton developed have radically increased the sensitivity and speed at which information is processed, with applications from medicine to telecommunications to autonomous vehicles. No wonder he has amassed nearly two dozen awards and is an elected fellow in five major science and engineering societies.

Dalton still manages two large grants for his UW lab and chairs the Washington State Academy of Sciences' topical working group on environmental quality, sustainability and climate change. He also serves on numerous federal advisory committees, and he encourages budding scientists through visits to K-12 schools and colleges with large minority populations.

It was thinking about future generations that led Dalton and his wife, Dr. Nicole Board, to commit \$12 million to the Department of Chemistry for faculty and postdoctoral support—the latest chapter in the couple's long history of giving. Their previous gifts to the

department include two endowed professorships, two endowed chairs, and support for graduate student fellowships and undergraduate assistantships.

Dalton got his start in chemistry at Michigan State University Honors College, then went on to Harvard University. There, he pursued his Ph.D. research in the lab of Alvin Kwiram, now UW professor emeritus of chemistry and vice provost emeritus for research. Kwiram still remembers Dalton's intensity and prodigious capacity for work as a student in his lab.

"He could be found in the laboratory at all hours of the day and night, including weekends and holidays," Kwiram wrote in a 2008 article about Dalton in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*. "Indeed, he was the only student for whom I stipulated a mandatory vacation in which he was not to engage in any scientific endeavor. That intensity does not seem to have diminished over the years."

Kwiram would know. He and Dalton have remained close friends and colleagues, both of them eventually joining the UW faculty. Dalton arrived in 1998 by way of the University of Southern California, where he codirected the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute and held the Moulton Chair in Chemistry. At the UW, he and his collabora-

tors made dramatic advances in optoelectronics, which led high-tech manufacturer Lumenta to license the technology. This pioneering research also led to the establishment of the Center on Materials and Devices for Information Technology Research at the UW, funded through a 10-year, \$40 million National Science Foundation grant. The center was foundational for both the UW's Clean Energy Institute and the Center for Technology Entrepreneurship, with the latter evolving into the Arthur W. Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship.

Despite the far-reaching impact of Dalton's work, he knows that the next generation can do more. "Technologies are constantly being invented," he says.

"The technologies that are dominant today weren't around when I was young," says Dalton. "We face a constantly evolving economy defined by technology."

To encourage innovation, Dalton and Board have chosen to support faculty and postdoctoral students. "Nicole has always been a partner in these decisions," says Dalton. "She served on the UW College of Arts & Sciences



Advisory Board, and she truly understands what it takes for a university to be great.”

Part of Dalton and Board’s recent gift will be used to elevate their two endowed professorships to endowed chairs. Such endowments play a significant role in the hiring and retention of exceptional faculty. “Recruiting top-notch faculty is a gold mine,” Dalton says. “In addition to the tremendous impact that they have on students and the culture of the University, they bring in so much grant funding for student and infrastructure support that their hiring is an excellent financial investment.”

The gift will also fund Dalton Postdoctoral Fellowships in Chemistry. While most postdoctoral students are supported through faculty grants and therefore work for an individual faculty member, Dalton Fellows will have the freedom to pursue their own research. The majority of Dalton and Board’s \$12 million gift will be dedicated to these postdoctoral fellowships, with several fellows funded each year.

“The fellowship will basically give them [Dalton Postdoctoral Fellows] a salary and a research fund so they can develop their own ideas,” says Michael Heinekey, chair of the Department of Chemistry, who is excited by the fellowship’s potential to attract top early-career chemists. “Only a handful of postdoctoral fellowships of this type are offered by U.S. chemistry departments, so they are highly coveted. This will be huge for the department.”

It’s a bold gift, made possible by a couple who think big.

In October 2016, the UW launched Be Boundless—For Washington, For the World, the largest campaign in its history. Visit uw.edu/boundless to learn more about how your philanthropic support can bring the ideas of tomorrow to life.

Professor Emeritus Larry Dalton and Nicole Board at their Hood Canal home.



PURPLE PLANET

The hills were baked and barren from a distance. But as I hiked up a trail, I discovered that the desert was exploding with brilliant flowers, and in Husky colors, too. Even this far from Seattle, purple and gold blossomed everywhere.

In March, my husband, Mike, and I were in Palm Springs for Dawg Days in the Desert—an annual four-day event where Huskies come together to celebrate their spirit and the power of philanthropy.

Wherever we went in our logo-wear, we found other Husky faithful sporting the big W. Whether it led to a smile, a nod, a wink or a conversation, the message was clear: Dawgs are everywhere.

More than 255,000 UW alums live and work within a 75-mile radius of the Seattle campus. They are our teachers, CEOs, social workers, journalists—and our governor. Our institution serves as the soil, sunshine and water that foster growth in our state.

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Each and every one of these alums was touched by philanthropy: student scholarships, classroom space, research pursuits, endowed professorships and more. This constellation of opportunities exists at the UW in large part because of the generosity of our donors.

If the number of Husky alums around the world is impressive, the size of the Husky community is even more so. We are family members. Friends. Neighbors who can hear cheers from Husky Stadium. Supporters who believe in the power of the University to transform lives. Our collective passion, empathy, innovation and boundless energy help excellence bloom everywhere, from our own state to far-flung destinations all over—and high above—the world.

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On 'Doing Justice'

He was locked up for 20 years for a crime he didn't commit. I helped set him free.

BY FARAZ ZARGHAMI



Judge Mike Heavey, Christopher Tapp and I meet outside the Idaho courtroom.

On June 13, 1996, 18-year-old Angie Dodge was brutally murdered and sexually assaulted in Idaho Falls, Idaho. On Jan. 29, 1997, Christopher Tapp confessed to the crime and was convicted. The prosecutor asked for the death penalty, but the judge spared his life and sentenced him to life in prison. On Oct. 13, 2014, I joined a team to help free Tapp.

During a mutual friend's birthday party, I was approached by Mike Heavey, '73, a retired King County Superior Court judge, who had started a nonprofit called Judges for Justice; its mission was to free innocent people. He needed a videographer to help him show that Tapp was coerced into falsely confessing.

I knew this would be a difficult and time-consuming task. But I couldn't resist the chance to help free an innocent man.

Mike was certain of Tapp's innocence because Tapp's DNA was not found at the scene.

And then came 28 hours of interrogation and polygraph videos showing a naïve and trusting 20-year-old confessing to the police.

Mike would say, "Corroboration is the key. Does Tapp know something that only someone who was at the crime would know?" After reviewing the interrogation tapes, it was clear that Tapp had no idea what happened to poor Angie. He didn't even know basic details of the crime, like where her apartment was located.

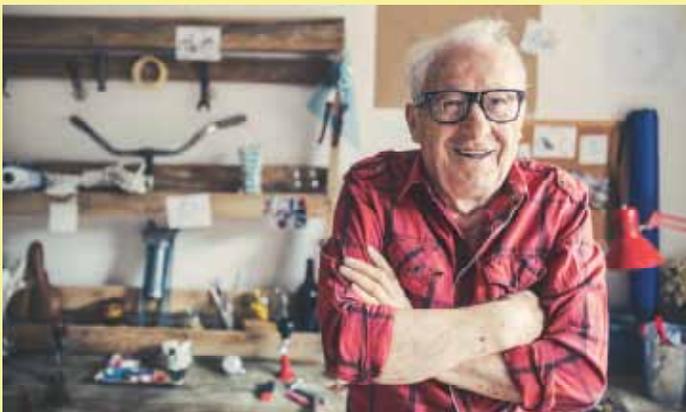
The police told Tapp the polygraph read his mind and said he was at the crime. When he asked why he couldn't remember being there, he was told that his subconscious had blocked out his memory. Tapp came to believe these absurd propositions and changed his story to comport with the "truth" of the polygraph.

Those coercive polygraph videos were the key that allowed Christopher Tapp to walk out of the Idaho Falls courthouse a free man on March 22, 2017. He had spent 20 years and 52 days behind bars for a crime he had nothing to do with.

You can see the videos we created, including the coercive polygraph segments, at www.judgesforjustice.org. Tapp's case was also featured on CBS' "48 Hours" on April 15, 2017, entitled "The DNA of a Killer."

Faraz Zarghami, '06, is a marketing director in the healthcare industry. He has been telling stories through video for more than a decade.

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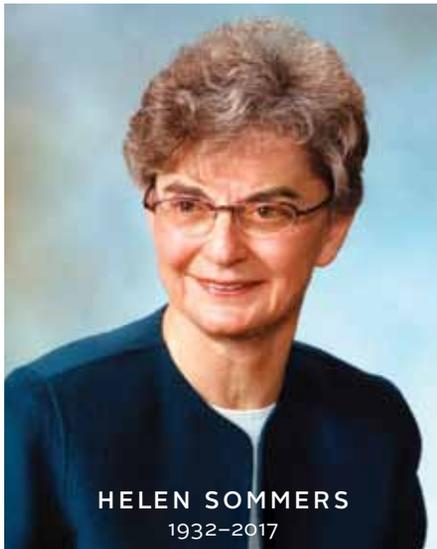
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A Champion for Higher Ed

Rep. Helen Sommers protected funding, expanded opportunities

BY LIZZ GIORDANO



Higher education in the state of Washington never had a better friend than Helen Sommers. During her 36 years as a state representative in the Washington Legislature, she was a fierce protector of funding for higher education, and that's why her death March 7 in Florida at the age of 84 sent a wave of sadness throughout the Evergreen State.

Sommers, '69, '70, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the UW, played an integral part in the creation of UW campuses in Tacoma and Bothell. She also helped stabilize the state's pension fund during her long tenure in Olympia.

"She'd grab hold of something, and once she determined this was important, she really spent a lot of time and political capital backing that," says Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County councilmember and former seatmate of Sommers in the 36th legislative district.

Though a petite woman, Sommers intimidated many of her colleagues. "She was very respected and liked, but kind of feared in the Legislature," says Rep. Eileen Cody. "What was intimidating about her was her knowledge base."

After graduating high school in New Jersey, Sommers worked as a bookkeeper and typist for the Mobil Oil Company. While working there, she seized an opportunity to work abroad in Venezuela—turning a two-year

agreement into a 14-year adventure.

During her time living in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, Sommers began correspondence courses at the University of Washington. She eventually moved to Seattle in 1968 to complete her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics. "The University of Washington made a huge difference in her life," said Yona Makowski, '84, an Evans School graduate and former House Democratic Caucus staffer who worked closely with Sommers. "The fact that she was able to get a degree and an education really opened a lot of opportunities for her that I think wouldn't have had happened otherwise."

During her first campaign in 1972, Sommers climbed the steep hills of Queen Anne and Magnolia, doorbelling a precinct each day. "I didn't have much money to finance my race, so I made up for it with hard work," Sommers said during an oral history interview in 2009. Earning 52 percent of the vote, she beat the Republican incumbent, Rep. Gladys Kirk.

In the Legislature, Sommers chaired five committees including the Higher Education Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, which left her in a very powerful position—writing the state's budget. She became a guardian of funding for higher education during each budget cycle.

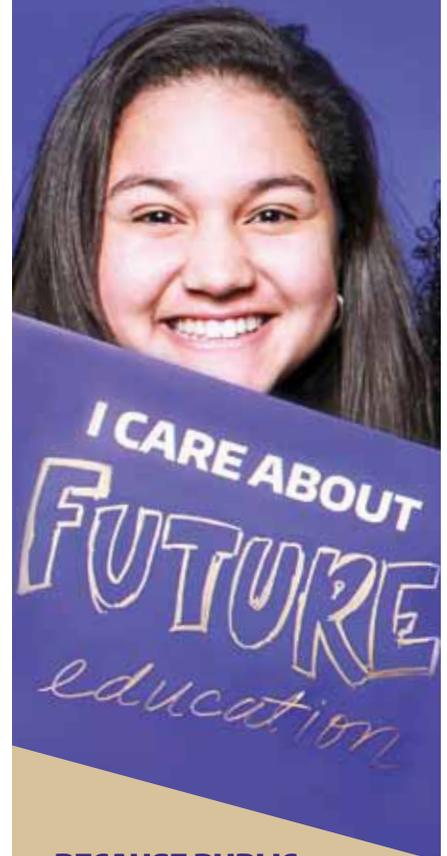
"The caring that she exhibited for higher education was very much reflected in the legislation she introduced ..."

—JEANNE KOHL-WELLES

While serving on the Higher Education Committee, Sommers worked with the house speaker at the time, Wayne Ehlers, to expand access to higher education in rural areas—establishing five campuses for the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Upon her retirement in 2008, the UW bestowed Sommers with the first, and so far only, Regents Medal for her steadfast support of higher education and the University. "She felt very fortunate to get a college education," says her sister, Joan Coach, "and she wanted to do as much as she could to assist young people who couldn't afford to go but were capable if given the opportunity."

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An aerial, black and white photograph of a group of people sitting on a lawn. A large, semi-transparent green circle is overlaid on the center of the group, partially obscuring the people. The people are scattered around the circle, some sitting on the grass, others on a paved path. The scene is brightly lit, casting shadows on the grass.

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Mountaineers

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taineers as a young adult. “I had two interests,” he says. One was to get access to the club’s library of maps and guides, which it turned out he could have had even without a membership, and the other “was to find out where the Mountaineers would be on any given weekend. Then I would go somewhere else.”

The issue of hundreds of Mountaineers overrunning a park or trail on the same adventure isn’t so much the case these days. And Skoog has found another calling: collecting and curating the history of the organization, with a particular interest in skiing.

Members like Skoog are heirs to Wolf Bauer’s legacy: teaching, guiding and preserving. A fellow member, Steve McClure, ’81, is driven to share his love of exploring wild spaces and improve the safety of his fellow hikers and climbers. He teaches classes on how to navigate the backcountry with the help of modern tools. A CPA and partner with a company that advises companies in the tech, venture-funded and real estate fields, McClure is also the at-large Mountaineers author of “Guide to 100 Peaks in Mount Rainier National Park.” “These are really serious mountains around here,” he says. With the weather, snow and challenging landscape, planning and preparing are key. “Part if it is technique and part of it is just being able to find your way around.”

Another author, Craig Romano, ’94 and ’97, developed his taste for outdoor writing with a “Go Take a Hike” column for The Daily. History classes from professors like Findlay, paired with a few elective classes in forestry, an excellent grounding for his future career.

Having grown up on the East Coast in Thoreau country and about three miles from Robert Frost’s farm, “I’ve always been drawn to conservation,” says Romano. “I joined the Mountaineers as soon as I moved out to Washington. I love the natural world and I believe in giving back.”

Today he gives back to his fellow hikers through guidebooks for the club’s publishing arm, Mountaineer Books, with more than 30 titles. His first project, in 2005, paired him with photographer Ira Spring, writer Karen Sykes and UW Botanist Arthur Kruckeberg—three icons in Northwest outdoor guides. In updating “Best Wildflower Hikes,” Romano was working with his heroes.

Romano relies on the backcountry for his sanity and sanctity, he says. “But I know they’re not there for me. They’re there to preserve species, ecosystems and habitat.”



Nancy Bickford Miller, ’76, climbing in Yosemite, 1955. An accomplished climber, she was a Mountaineer for 64 years, until her death in 2012.



A young outdoor enthusiast c. 1950.

He sees new threats, like the recent executive order to review the status of lands designated as monuments under the Antiquities Act. That might include the 195,000-acre Hanford Reach in Eastern Washington.

It is time to be more vocal—to spread the word on how parks and wilderness areas came to be and what people must do to safeguard them, says Romano. “So much effort and political will went into protecting them in the first place.”

Last year, the Mountaineers Club advocated to protect 30,000 acres of public land, and more than 1,600 Mountaineer volunteers taught classes to 2,500 people, notes Romano. “We have an obligation to be guardians, stewards and advocates for the trails and lands that have given us so much enjoyment.”

■—Hannelore Sudermann is Managing Editor for Columns

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OREGON: Jon Erlandson, executive director of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History

USC: John Robinson, former Trojan football coach and former Los Angeles Rams coach

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Think Eastern Washington is Cougar country? Think again. Huskies of all generations gathered in Yakima and Spokane for UWAA-sponsored Husky Socials, and our Walla Walla Wine Weekend brought out the Husky spirit in more than 100 alumni who visited nine area wineries boasting a UW connection. Wondering what's next? Our quarterly 509 e-newsletter provides Eastern WA alumni a timely mix of campus news, event updates and alumni profiles. Have information to share or want to subscribe? Contact editor Karen Chilcote at chilck@uw.edu.



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1930s

Jane W. Bryant

'36 | Aurora, Ohio, age 103, March 6.

Marie R. Prichett

'37, '84 | Seattle, age 100, Nov. 1.

1940s

Frank John Bus

'40 | Burien, age 102, Mar. 23.

Norman Hirsh Friedman

'41 | Bellevue, age 93, Mar. 27.

Robert B. Gallup

'41 | Bellevue, age 97, Jan. 30.

Henry J. Kuehn

'41 | Redmond, age 97, March 8.

Nancy N. Dunnam

'44 | Bellevue, age 93, March 12.

Mary C. Jones

'44 | Lake Forest Park, age 96, Feb. 16.

Jay Stone

'44, '48 | Palo Alto, California, age 93, Feb. 5.

John (Jack) H. Powell

'45, '48 | Mercer Island, age 92, Feb. 28.

Patricia S. Harrison

'46 | Shoreline, age 93, Mar. 31.

Katherine Meyers

'46 | Bellingham, age 92, April 17.

William A. Roberts

'46 | Bellevue, age 94, Jan. 26.

Joseph Andrews

'47 | Seattle, age 96, Mar. 27.

Eileen May Ballard

'47 | Seattle, age 91, April 10.

Dorothy Mae Harper

'47 | Belfair, age 91, Feb. 17.

Margaret E. Stanchfield

'47, '66 | Des Moines, age 92, Jan. 4.

Ruth A. Armstrong

'48 | Minneapolis, age 90, Feb. 23.

Donald M. Gammell

'48 | Redmond, age 94, Feb. 12.

Dwight S. Hawley Jr.

'48 | Shoreline, age 92, Feb. 19.

Robert W. Kopta

'48 | Port Orchard, age 91, Mar. 1.

Mary Jane Powell

'48 | Mercer Island, age 91, April 12.

Thomas E. Belt

'49 | Edmonds, age 95, Feb. 21.

Raymond C. Burhen

'49 | Duwall, age 89, Jan. 26.

John Paul Nordin

'49 | Seattle, age 91, April 90.

Ralph A. Sallee

'49 | Bellevue, age 97, Feb. 8.

1950s

John (Jack) E. Alton

'50, '51 | Bellevue, age 87, March 7.

Lloyd Anderson

'50 | Portland, Oregon, age 91, March 9.

Iris Fribroek Ewing

'50 | Redmond, age 91, April 8.

Francis A. Norton

'50 | Seattle, age 90, Jan. 7.

Elaine Patricia Peterson

'50 | Seattle, age 89, Mar. 27.

Arnold G. Brakke

'51 | Seattle, age 90, Feb. 10.

Susan Emerson Gould

'51 | Shoreline, age 87, March 9.

Robert Brown

'52 | Edmonds, age 90, Jan. 9.

John (Jack) T. Fletcher

'52 | San Diego, age 86, Feb. 14.

Gordon D. Raisler

'52, '54 | Wenatchee, age 87, Mar. 27.

Richard L. Scales

'52 | Issaquah, age 89, Feb. 28.

Ronald L. Barclay

'53 | Seattle, age 85, Feb. 4.

Thomas G. Slipper

'54 | Solana Beach, California, age 83, Dec. 20.

Jack A. Erwin

'55 | Auburn, age 90, Feb. 8.

Kendall E. Ludwick Jr.

'55 | Redmond, age 88.

James A. Getchell

'56 | Clancy, Montana, age 82, Jan. 28.

Barbara Ann (Egtvet) Gillman

'56 | Shoreline, age 82, Feb. 17.

Redmond L. Sharp

'56 | Roanoke, Virginia, age 83, Jan. 14.

George R. (Dick) Follis

'57 | Seattle, age 86, Feb. 15.

Gordon O. Rasmussen

'57 | Seattle, age 87, Jan. 15.

Barbara B. Goesling

'58 | Seattle, age 80, Feb. 10.

W. Ivan King

'58, '64 | Seattle, age 83, March 9.

Sharene R. Elander

'59 | Anacortes, age 79, March 2.

John C. Rademaker

'59 | Bremerton, age 79, Dec. 29.

James L. Welch Sr.

'59 | Bothell, age 85, Dec. 31.

1960s

Judith F. Tugendreich

'60 | Pacifica, California, age 77, Jan. 31.

Gordon F. Givens

'61 | Hamilton, Montana, age 80, March 7.

Orlynn G. Barnett

'62 | Auburn, age 84, Feb. 12.

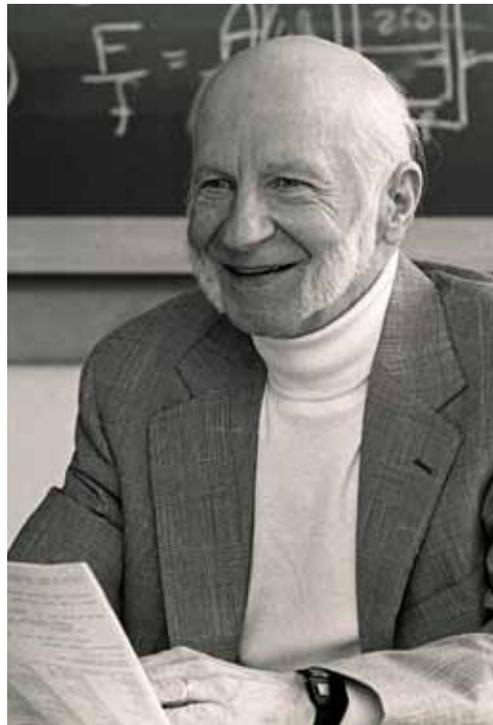
Richard G. Hedges II

'62 | Mercer Island, age 82, March 12.

Hans Dehmelt

1923-2017

His dad bought him an erector set as well as biographies of famous inventors and volumes of Greek mythology. After school, do-it-yourself radio projects consumed so much energy he barely had enough time for his class work. Reading popular radio books sparked an interest in physics. But Hans Dehmelt recalled that “only tutoring from my father rescued me from disaster.” That must have been an impressive rescue, because Dehmelt became a giant in the field of physics as well as the first UW faculty member to receive a Nobel Prize. That was in 1989, when he shared the honor for the development of the ion trap technique. Dehmelt, who taught at the UW from 1955 to 2002, “put the UW Department of Physics on the map as a nationally competitive, top-tier department,” says Blayne Heckel, chair of the UW Physics Department. Elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1978 and a recipient of a 1995 National Medal of Science, Dehmelt died March 7 at the age of 94.



Ken B. Martin

'62 | Bellevue, age 76, Oct. 25.

Nancy C. W. DeTurk Pittenger

'62 | Seattle, age 77, Feb. 10.

Dale C. Hamer

'63 | Seattle, age 75, March 1.

Jerry Louis Lee

'63 | Kent, age 77, March 15.

Nancy K. Marshall

'63 | Redmond, age 77, March 18.

Judith Delsman Robinson

'63 | Atherton, California, age 75, Dec. 25.

Ann Wizinsky Pattullo

'63, '66 | Seattle, age 86, March 10.

Silvia (Asimina) E. Valanas

'63 | Des Moines, age 81, March 14.

Joseph A. Zimmermann Jr.

'63 | Des Moines, age 78, March 1.

Richard M. Campbell

'65, '71 | Seattle, age 74, Feb. 11.

Charles A. Garrett

'65, '70 | Seattle, age 73, March 12.

King Gee Yee

'65 | Bellevue, age 76, March 22.

Martin D. Haykin

'66 | Seattle, age 88, Feb. 14.

Ray Elliot Mears

'66 | Lake Forest Park, age 78, March 1.

Margaret O'Leary Wilson

'67 | Bend, Oregon, age 73, Feb. 20.

Dale Hammermeister

'68 | Las Vegas, Nevada, age 70, Feb. 11.

James L. Hoon

'68 | Kirkland, age 86, Jan. 29.

Michael E. Sasynuik

'68 | Bellevue, age 90, Feb. 21.

1970s

Elizabeth M. Ciceri

'70 | Victoria, B.C., age 78, Feb. 19.

Kit C. Klinker

'70 | Kirkland, age 68, March 10.

Bruce Bradley

'71 | Seattle, age 80, Dec. 22.

Jerry M. Brinkman

'71, '76 | Seattle, age 67, February.

David Lonay

'71, '72 | Bellevue, age 87, March 15.

Larry T. Burke

'73 | Hilton Head Island, S.C., age 65, Feb. 20.

Reid M. Wakefield

'74 | Kirkland, age 69, Feb. 11.

Gerald W. Way

'74 | Seattle, age 65, Feb. 21.

Bradford J. O. Williams

'74 | Seattle, age 70, Feb. 12.

Sandra Louise Teufel

'76 | Mercer Island, age 62, March 30.

Randall C. Wright

'77 | Burien, age 63, Dec. 18.

Lonnie Acree

'78 | Puyallup, age 65, March 5.

David J. Lechner

'78 | Seattle, age 69, Jan. 27.

Judie M. Lundgren

'79 | Seattle, age 73, Jan. 29.

1980s

Wendy C. Degginger

'80 | Seattle, age 60, March 19.

Gregory E. Eller

'80, '83, '84 | Seattle, age 60, Jan. 27.

Philip A. Erickson

'81 | Edmonds, age 77, Feb. 23.

Erik Colin Hill

'81 | Kent, age 60, Feb. 18.

Alan Bryant

'84 | Evergreen, Colorado, age 60, Jan. 24.

Kelly J. Malone

'85 | Seattle, age 56, Nov. 13.

Mark F. Forrest

'89 | Seattle, age 55, Jan. 19.

1990s

Dirk M. Kilgore

'91 | Bothell, age 48, Jan. 29.

Emily Routledge

'96 | Seattle, age 55, Jan. 5.

2000s

Mary M. McCoy

'01 | Seattle, age 65, Feb. 5.

Ashley L. Craig

'10, '11 | Los Angeles, age 29, Dec. 24.

Kristin N. Kaneshiro

'10 | Seattle, age 28, Jan. 22.

Faculty & Friends

Hazel Evans, '44, spent more than 30 years working for UW Libraries. A fan of opera and crossword puzzles, she died Jan. 26 at the age 94.

Robert M. Hegstrom, '55, '60, who served under UW Medicine Professor Belding Scribner on the team that pioneered dialysis treatment for end-stage kidney disease, died Feb. 25. A dedicated backpacker and voracious reader, he was 86.

Anita Elizabeth Hendrickson, '64, who as the chair of the UW School of Medicine's Department of Biological Structure from 1994 to 2000 was the first woman chair of a UW basic science department, died March 7. A nationally recognized ophthalmologist, she was a pioneer for women in science and a dedicated mentor to young scientists. She was 81.

Elizabeth "Betty-Jo" Kane, who during her second career work-

Stan Boreson

1925-2017

I "I take a popular song, change the words and see how long it takes before it becomes unpopular." It probably took most of us about five seconds before we knew who uttered that one: our favorite accordion-playing, joke-telling, singing Everett native, Stan Boreson. Star of the long-running children's show "King's Klubhouse" and later "The Stan Boreson Show," Boreson took his act on the road for the USO in 1945. After touring Europe, he returned home, got his degree from the UW and caught the eye of Lee Shulman, program director of KING-5 TV. Boreson, '50, met his wife, Barbara Abbott, while both were students at the UW. They were inseparable for 64 years. A Seafair Prime Minister, Boreson received accolades including the St. Olav's Medal from the King of Norway, and he even was the "warmup" act when Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson, '32, launched a presidential campaign in 1972. Ah, the laughs are memories now. Boreson died Jan. 27 at the age of 91.



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ing for UW Libraries earned a 2003 Distinguished Staff Award, died Feb. 3. Besides her fabulous library work, she was renowned for her award-winning Irish Soda bread. She was 73.

Mina Brechemin Person, '74, served as president of the Brechemin Foundation, an organization founded by her parents that has a proud track record of supporting the UW School of Music. The foundation funded renovations to Brechemin Auditorium as well as the Brechemin Scholarship, which provided financial assistance to UW music students. It also provided funding for free admission to the UW community and general public to concerts and performances at the UW. She died Feb. 10 at the age of 70.

Harriet Sanderson, '88, '90, was a Seattle conceptual artist whose work has shown nationally and internationally. Recipient of a Timeless Award from the College of Arts & Sciences, she also received the prestigious Wynn Newhouse Award. She died Feb. 15 at the age of 70.

Mark David Tetrick, '04, loved fisheries and environmental sciences. He served the UW as administrator of the Friday Harbor Labs on San Juan Island, worked at the School of Fisheries' hatchery and had a position in the UW Office of Animal Welfare. Tetrick, who loved beachcombing and teaching his two daughters about the flora and fauna of the seashore, died Feb. 8 at the age of 49.

Cass Turnbull studied at the Center for Urban Horticulture, became a certified landscaper and arborist and was devoted to her personal mission to save trees. She founded PlantAmnesty, a horticultural nonprofit that is dedicated to ending "the senseless torture and mutilation of trees and shrubs due to malpruning." She died Jan. 26 at the age of 65.

John Hill Williams, '48, '66, a former Seattle Times reporter who covered the Mount St. Helens eruption during his long career writing about science, died March 2. He got his start at the

Kennewick Courier-Reporter when the person who was supposed to take the job didn't show up. He was 91.

Phil Williams, '64, earned a UW law degree and went to work as a lawyer. But his first love was music, so he used his law earnings to organize festivals and support music organizations. A familiar face in bluegrass circles, he performed with a variety of groups and his wife, fiddler Vivian Williams. He later became the co-founder of the popular Folklife Festival. He died Feb. 16 at the age of 80.

Wilfred Woods, '47, was the former longtime publisher of the Wenatchee World, the newspaper his family has owned since 1907. He loved the outdoors, the world of art and was a whistler extraordinaire. He covered some of the biggest news stories and published a front-page column called "Talking It Over," which contained subjects from childhood memories to his thoughts on downhill skiing. His first newspaper job: swatting flies in the production

room of the World. He died Feb. 11 at the age of 97.

Marko Mukai Ando, who studied music at the UW, became the first Nisei to sing in a grand opera in Seattle, as Abigail in "The Queen of Sheba." At the UW, she performed as Susanna in Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" and as Rosina in Rossini's "Barber of Seville." She later received a four-year scholarship to Julliard School of Music. In 1955, she performed for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She died March 10 at the age of 97.

Mae Benne was a retired professor of library science who taught at the UW from 1965 to 1988. She specialized in children's literature, storytelling and children's library service. She died March 26 at the age of 93.

Donna Jean Schaplow Kelly, '79, was the widow of Dr. Samuel E. Kelly, the UW's first vice president for minority affairs. Throughout her life and career, she was a strong advocate for educational and equal rights. She died April 3 at the age of 71.

Henry Tenckhoff was known by many as the "father of chronic peritoneal dialysis." The native of Germany was recruited to the UW by Dr. Belding Scribner in 1964 and took over the peritoneal dialysis program a few years later. In 1968, he developed the first successful "indwelling" peritoneal dialysis catheter, known as the "Tenckhoff catheter," which could remain in the abdomen permanently. He died March 1 at the age of 86.

Jane Carlson Williams, '64, served as chair of the advisory board of the UW's Edward E. Carlson Leadership and Public Service Center. A former vice president for development and donor relations of the Seattle Foundation, she later served in a similar capacity at Lakeside School. She later headed a capital campaign for the Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center—an interest stemming from a profound hearing loss as a young adult that left her 90 percent deaf. She died April 10 at the age of 75.

Robert Osborne

1932-2017

Fade in: A wheat field outside tiny Colfax in Eastern Washington. A young boy feels bored, so he goes to the movies. He finds the lives he is watching on the silver screen much more interesting than his. So began Robert Osborne's path to stardom in Hollywood. The kid who went to Everett High School, played in the band, and joined Square Dance Club moved to Los Angeles to try his hand at acting. But good friend Lucille Ball suggested he pass on acting and focus instead on writing about movies. Osborne, '54, joined the Hollywood Reporter, became a columnist and went on to host Turner Classic Movies. The dapper, silver-haired Osborne was known as the official biographer of the Academy Awards. "He was just like he was when you saw him on Turner Classic Movies—warm and compassionate, with a certain amount of seriousness," recalls UW classmate Kay Larson, '54. Fade out: Osborne died March 6 at the age of 84.



COURTESY PEARSON AWARDS

The Hope of Another Spring

Takuichi Fujii, Artist and Wartime Witness

By Barbara Johns, '14

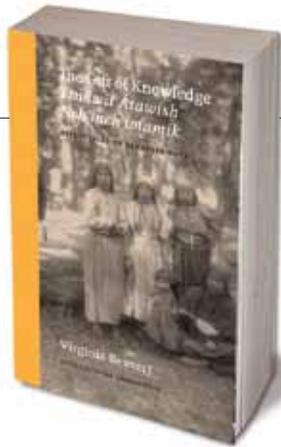
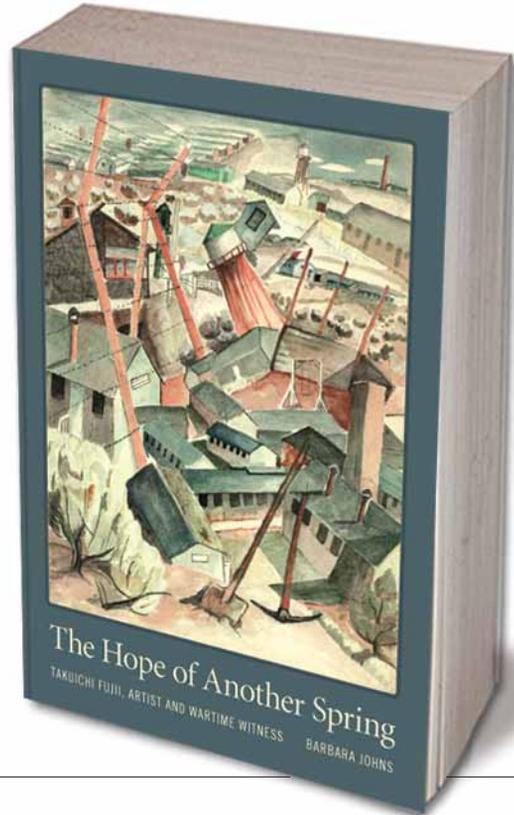
Foreword by Roger Daniels

Introduction to the Diary by Sandy Kita

April 2017

In 1906, teenager Takuichi Fujii left Japan to make his home in Seattle. He eventually established a business, started a family, and began his artistic practice. When Fujii was 50, war broke out between the United States and Japan, and he and his family were incarcerated along with the more than 100,000 ethnic Japanese living on the West Coast. Sent to a detention camp in Puyallup and then to Minidoka in Idaho, Fujii documented his daily experiences in words and art. "The Hope of Another Spring" reveals the rare find of a large and heretofore unknown collection of art produced by Fujii during World War II. The centerpiece of the collection is his illustrated diary which historian Roger Daniels has called "the most remarkable document created by a Japanese American prisoner during the wartime incarceration."

Barbara Johns, a Seattle-based art historian and curator who did her doctoral studies in art history at the UW, presents Takuichi Fujii's life story and his artistic achievements within the social and political context of the time. Sandy Kita, the artist's grandson, provides translations and an introduction to the diary. "The Hope of Another Spring" is a significant contribution to Asian American studies, American and regional history, and art history.



The Gift of Knowledge / Tnuwit Atawish Nch>inch>imamí: Reflections on Sahaptin Ways

By Virginia R. Beavert

Edited by Janne L. Underriner

June 2017

A leading Native language scholar narrates highlights from her own life and presents cultural teachings, oral history, and stories (many in bilingual Ishishkúin-English format) about family life, religion, ceremonies, food gathering, and other aspects of traditional culture.



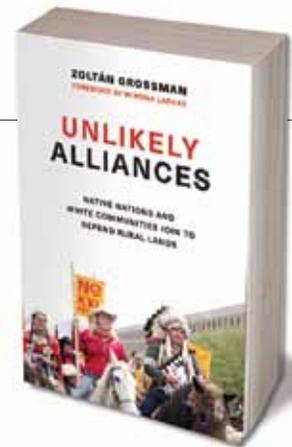
Dismembered: Tribal Disenrollment and the Battle for Human Rights

By David E. Wilkins and

Shelly Hulse Wilkins

June 2017

Since the 1990s, Native governments have been banishing, denying, or disenrolling citizens at an unprecedented rate. This first comprehensive examination of the origins of this disturbing trend shows the damage this practice is having across Indian Country.



Unlikely Alliances: Native Nations and White Communities Join to Defend Rural Lands

By Zoltán Grossman

Foreword by Winona LaDuke

June 2017

When Native nations and their neighbors face threats to their common environment—such as mines, dams, or oil pipelines—they join together to defend sacred land and water. Grossman explores the history of this evolution from conflict to cooperation since the 1970s.



Master of Fine Arts student Arely Morales' studio at UW School of Arts + Art History + Design Sand Point facility.

COURTESY ARELY MORALES

Alumni Events

Welcome to Washington

June 14
6:30 p.m.

Spokane Convention Center, Spokane

Join the University of Washington family in celebrating new students from the Spokane area. Meet new faculty members, staff, alumni and students over dinner and learn more about upcoming campus events, programs and initiatives.

Husky Social

June 15
5:30 p.m.

Ice Harbor Brewery (marina location), Kennewick

Connect with fellow Huskies for hosted food and drinks, conversation and spirit.

UW Night with the Mariners Mariners vs. Yankees

July 22

Safeco Field

Huskies are invited to watch Seattle's team take the field. A portion of the proceeds support student scholarships. A pre-game party starts at 6 p.m., with the first pitch at 6:10 p.m. Tickets for pre-game are \$15, game ticket either \$34 or \$46. <http://www.washington.edu/alumni/events/uw-night-with-the-mariners/>

Exhibits

Fun. No Fun. by Kraft Duntz featuring Dawn Cerny Through September 10

Henry Art Gallery

Fun. No Fun. is a commissioned work by Kraft Duntz, the Seattle-based artist/architect team of David Lipe, Matt Sellars and Dan Webb, in collaboration with artist Dawn Cerny. The installation occupies a large volume of the Henry's lower level gallery and investigates how space and memory mediate experience; just as desire and lived experience affect the spaces we build, imagine, and occupy.

Summer Wheat: Full Circle Through Sept. 17

Henry Art Gallery

This exhibition of work by New York-based artist Summer Wheat features a suite of large-scale abstract-figurative paintings that serve as both portals to imaginary worlds and as mirrors that reflect interior states of being.

Doris Totten Chase: Changing Forms

July 8–October 1

Henry Art Gallery
Upper Level Gallery

The first retrospective of American artist Doris Totten Chase features a selection of works created between 1956 and 2000 including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and videos. More prominently known in Seattle for her large kinetic public sculptures, Chase is also a pioneer of video art, beginning her work with the medium in the early 1970s.

Brian Jungen: Untitled drawings

June 24–October 8

Henry Art Gallery
Mezzanine

This iteration of Viewpoints (a series that highlights works from the Henry's collections) features four drawings by Canadian and First Nations artist Brian Jungen. The works raise questions about the perception and representation of Native identity in a context where traditional First Nations culture overlaps with contemporary globalism.

Outdoors

Botanical Sketching in Ink and Watercolor

June 6–27, July 11–August 1, or August 15–September 5
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Center for Urban Horticulture

Capture the essence of flowers and foliage in one of these four-part classes with simple quick techniques and portable materials. While using the center's beautiful perennial beds and borders as a backdrop, you will be guided in an intuitive approach to sketching with pen, layering watercolor washes and gathering tips that can be applied to everyday sketching. A simple supply list will be provided upon registration. All levels welcome. Cost: \$95 Register online at bitly.com/uwbgcatalog, or by phone (206-685-8033)

Gardening with the Seasons

June 14
7–8:30 p.m.

Center for Urban Horticulture

Summer brings an abundance of growth and blooms—and

sometimes garden problems. Managing weeds and irrigation are prime targets for attention at this time of year. Time-saving tips for proactive garden care will help gardeners enjoy their gardens more. Key topics will include care of seasonal containers, watering practices, potential weed and pest problems to be aware of, and specialized pruning practices for the season. Cost: \$20 Register online at bitly.com/uwbgcatalog, or by phone (206-685-8033)

First Thursday Center for Urban Horticulture Tour

July 6 and August 3

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Center for Urban Horticulture,
3501 N.E. 41st Street

Meet in the Soest Herbaceous Display Garden for a casual walk with a knowledgeable guide who will show you highlights of the season. No registration necessary, the tour is free.

Grad Events

Commencement—Seattle Campus

June 10

12:30 p.m.

Husky Stadium

Commencement—UW Bothell

June 13

4 p.m.

Safeco Field

Commencement—UW Tacoma

June 14

10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Tacoma Dome

Music

UW Summer Symphony

July 20

7:30 p.m.

Meany Theater, Free

David Alexander Rahbee conducts the UW Summer Symphony.

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MAYOR

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Mayor Rice greets President Clinton in 1994. Constance Rice, '70, '74, at right.

alumni and a member of our Honorary Advisory Board. All of us at the Evans School are so grateful for the ways he continues to inspire future generations of public leaders to follow in his public-service footsteps.”

There’s an interesting story about that Fellowship Dinner last year. Several days before he was due to speak, Rice flew to the East Coast on business and came down with an ailment that sent him to the hospital for five days. Constance told him, quite firmly, “You’re not going to be able to speak at that dinner.” The former mayor, equally adamant, replied, “Oh, yes I will.” He was there as planned. The Northwest African American Museum also holds a special place in Rice’s affections. He not only serves on the museum’s board but has worked long and hard at fundraising. Keeping the museum viable is a passion of his.

While Norman and Constance Rice are well occupied with their ongoing community service and leadership work, they do make time to enjoy the theater, movies and other Seattle cultural events. They’ve moved from their Mount Baker home to the downtown core Rice helped revive. When they’re out and about these days, it’s not uncommon for someone to recognize him and wistfully say they’d sure like to vote for him for mayor again.

Nate Miles, '82, vice president for strategic initiatives for Eli Lilly and a former UW Foundation Board director, has known Rice for years. He says the former mayor has a reputation for his ability to build consensus. “I think that has been the secret of his success,” Miles says. “That and his genuine humility. He gets embarrassed when you stroke him. Norman is one of those people who is rare, and when you find somebody like him, you have to appreciate him.” ■—Julie Garner is a Columns staff writer

REAL DAWGS WEAR PURPLE

Allison Bobrow wanted more than Husky bling—she wanted luxury jewelry befitting her high quality UW education in political science. Designed with the chic and sophisticated alum in mind, ALLISON CLAIRE launched in 2016 with a signature pendant inspired by the iconic block W statue on UW’s campus. The silver, gold, diamond, and gemstone jewelry is crafted in Seattle. allisonclaire.com



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