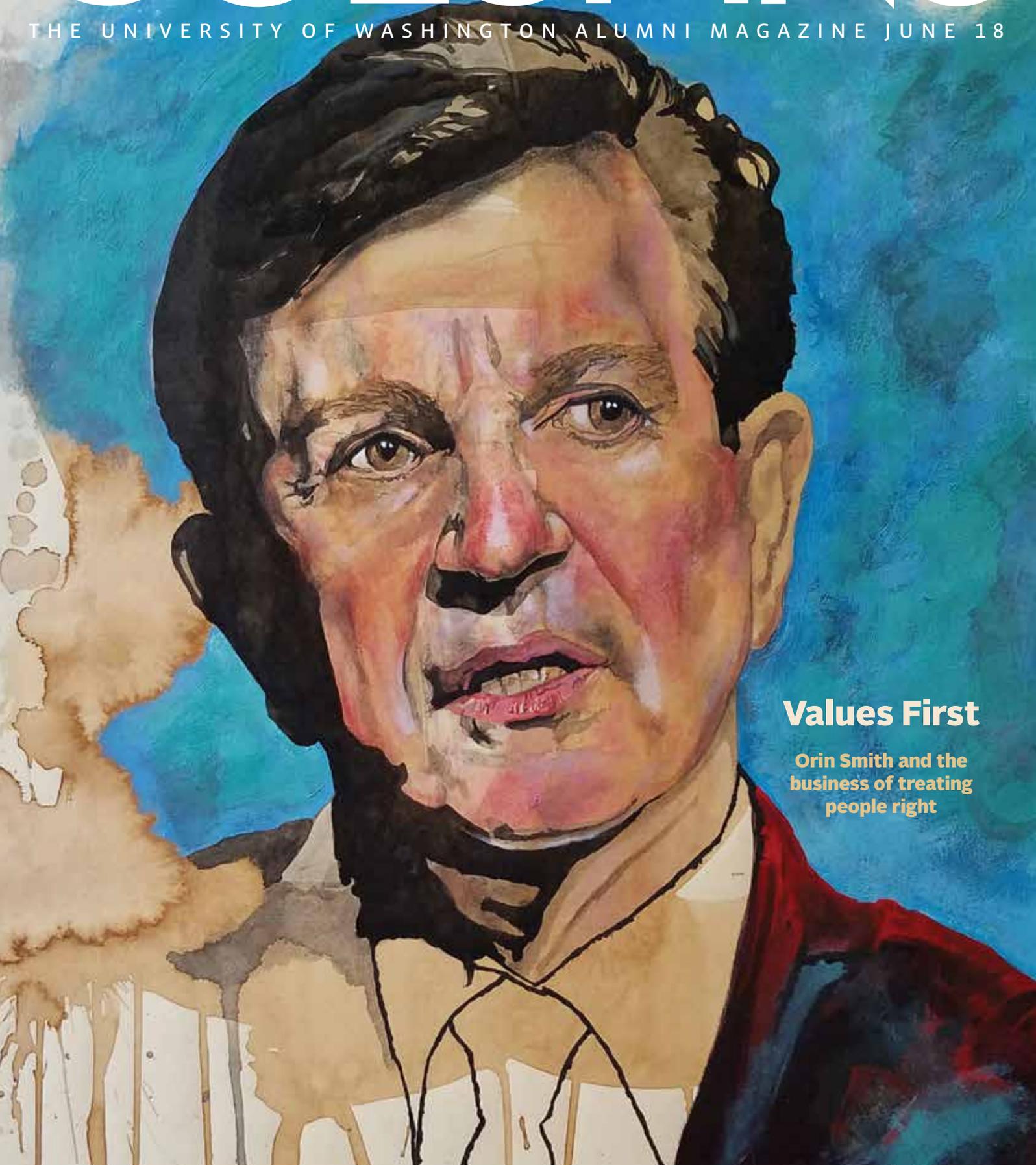


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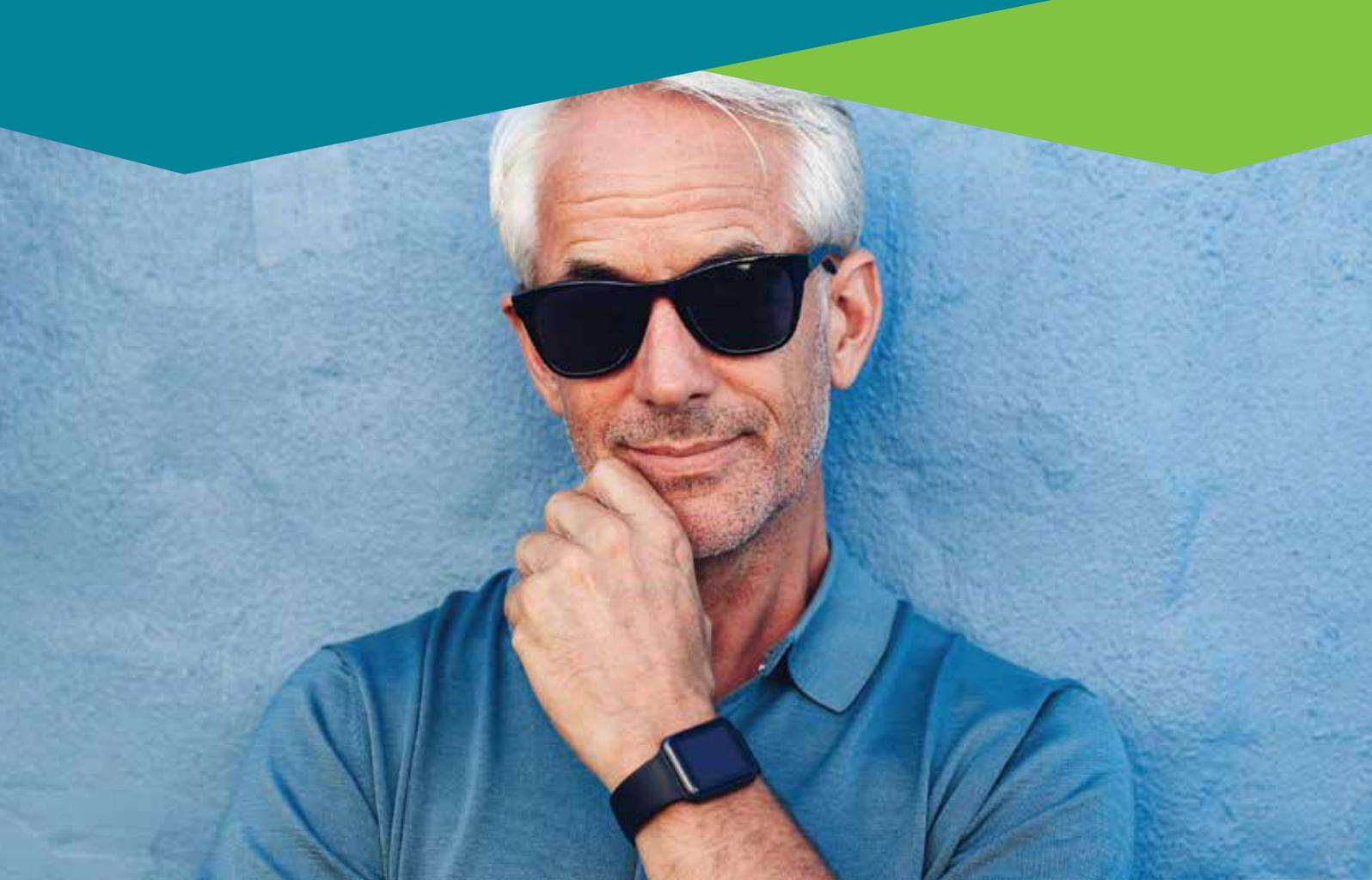
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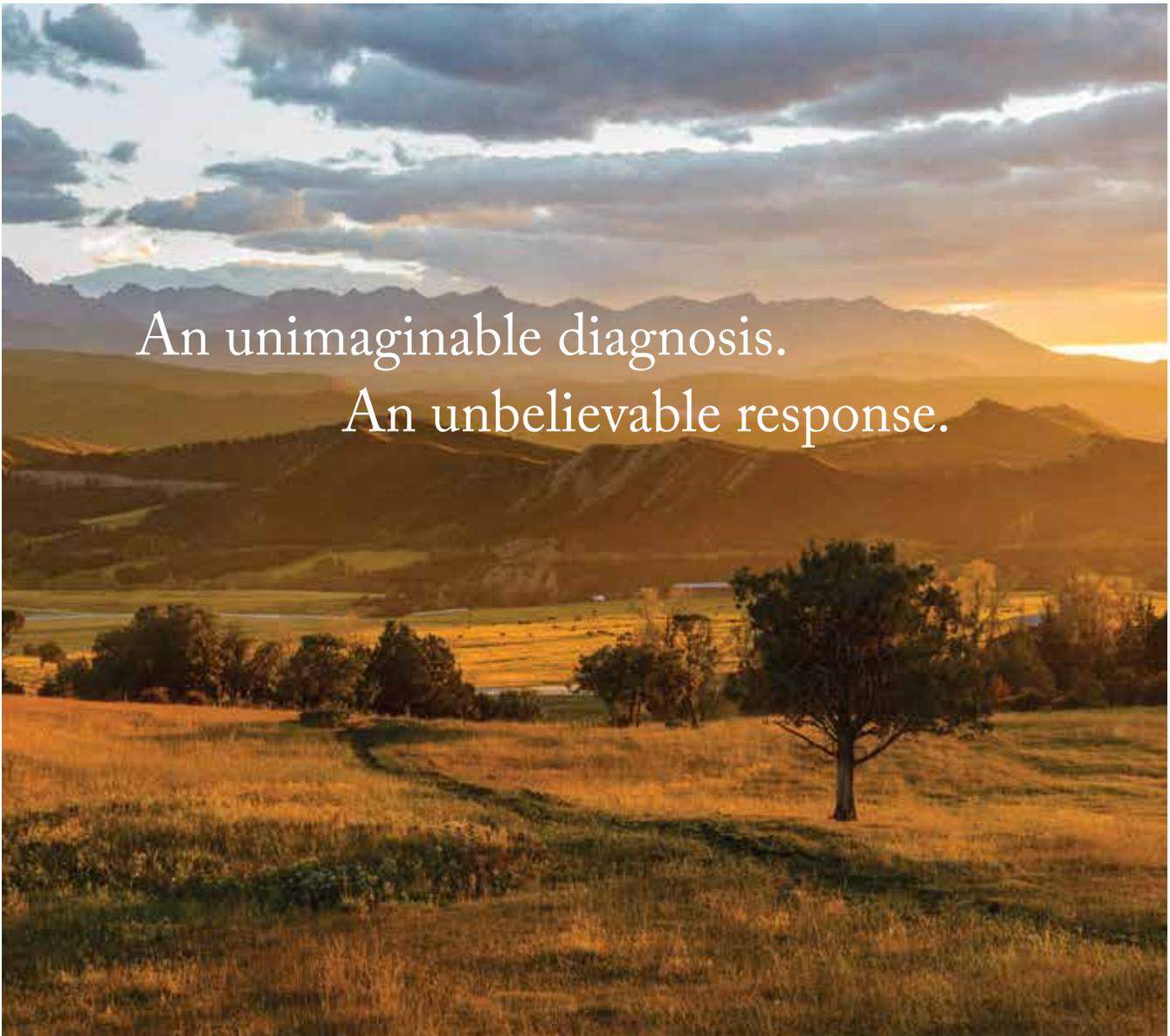
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# PRIMAL

I made it maybe 10 feet inside the grounds of Yad Vashem, the Israel holocaust memorial, before I choked up. Despite it being a warm March day in Jerusalem, I felt anything but sunny: tears welled up as I made my way down the path called the “Righteous Among The Nations.” It honors those who risked everything to save the Jews during the Holocaust.

With every step I took, I could feel my heart pounding in my ears. In my chest, the very palpable sense of dread and repulsion grew as I neared the entrance to the triangular building featuring the exhibits. The memorial’s design is insidiously ingenious, making you feel like the walls are closing in and that you are trapped forever among the horrors. Ironically, though, once I was inside and my eyes locked onto the lone source of light at the opposite end of the building, I felt a glimmer of hope—in the form of a UW grad by the name of Thomas Peter Lantos.

The Lantos family were Hungarian Jews. At the age of 16, the boy from Budapest was separated from his family and sent to a Nazi labor camp. He escaped, was captured and beaten but he escaped again. This time, he hid with an aunt who lived in a safe house run by Raoul Wallenberg. Thanks to his “Aryan” looks—blond hair and blue eyes—the teenager was able to move around Budapest, sneaking food and medicine to fellow Jews in hiding. But his deeds were not rewarded in the end;

when Budapest was liberated in January 1945 and he was no longer hunted by the Nazis, Lantos learned that the rest of his family had perished.

So he left Europe for this glorious place called America, and decided he wanted to settle in Seattle and attend the UW. He would go on to become one of the greatest advocates for human rights this nation has ever seen. He remains the first—

and only—Holocaust survivor ever elected to Congress. It was his legacy that gave me hope amid the museum’s exhibits of suffering and cruelty. Lantos, who died in 2008, perhaps the unlikeliest UW graduate of them all, spent his life standing up for the oppressed. “I had seen what a police state does to people,” Lantos told me for a 1999 profile. “I had to be part of the policy part, to make things better. I have a passion to make sure we prevent others from going through what I did.”

Once outside the grounds of Yad Vashem, I couldn’t wait to tell my traveling companions—20 alumni and friends who joined me on a UW Alumni Tours trip to Israel—about Lantos and his humane imprint on the world. I don’t think I have ever been prouder to be a Husky.



A plaque honoring a Dutch woman who provided forged documents and hid Jews from the Nazis on display along the “Righteous Among The Nations” path at Yad Vashem, the Israel holocaust memorial.

*Jon Marmor*  
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**ON THE COVER** Miha Sarani, '15, a UW grad student and former Starbucks barista, created the portrait of Orin Smith by using coffee and wine to stain the paper.



### Furry Heir

I can sit here like a good boy and wait for a treat, but I'll level with you—all I want to do is run onto the Husky Stadium field and make 70,000 fans go crazy. I want to hear the touchdown siren wailing. But nooo, I have to wait until next season because big Dubs is still here for one more year. I'll just keep training and be patient, even though I can barely contain myself. Oh, if you want to read about my wonderful trainer, see page 12. Anne-Lise Nilsen is the best.

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Coming off their gold medal in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the UW crew in the late '30s (left) was preparing to repeat at the 1940 Games. But when World War II broke out, the Games were cancelled, which meant a change of plans for many. One reader's uncle became a Marine pilot instead.

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

## Crew, Cabernet, Crows

★☒★ One of my prized possessions is a painting of a canoe house made by my uncle, who was on the UW crew that intended to win gold at the 1940 Olympics (*Tour de Oars, March 2018*). But World War II intervened so he became a Marine pilot instead. I also connected with [Canlis sommelier] Jackson Rohrbaugh (*Character, March 2018*) because I have been making my own wine since 1980, being forced to do so initially by living in a dry country. Such wine is often the inspiration for my doggerel poetry I write to make my friends laugh. And what I wouldn't give to spend a week in Yellowstone with John Marzluff [professor of wildlife science], whose book on crows and ravens instructs my daily interactions with them. When I was in Yellowstone this summer, I was delayed by a "bison blockade" (a group of them blocking the road for three hours after a thunderstorm). They were finally cleared by a group of teenage boys waving their arms and shouting.

Clydia J. Cuykendall, '74  
Olympia

## A Collective Lift

My favorite takeaway (*50 Years of the Movement for Diversity, Access and Equity, March 2018*): no one person is going to be able to transform the institution. It takes all of us pushing and lifting.

Chris Hicks  
Columns Online

## Husky Deli Delight

★☒★ During the Great Depression, the family who owned the Husky Deli (*Heart, Soul, Ice Cream and More, March 2018*) gave credit to neighborhood residents who did not have cash to buy groceries. It harkens back to a time when community meant something. It is like the story of Martin & Eckmann [a department

store that existed from 1923 to 1974] on the Ave. They gave students a new suit for their first job interviews with the understanding that the graduates would continue to patronize the store after they got a job.

Larry Matsuda, '67, '73, '78  
Seattle

★☒★ Husky Deli not only caters to their walk-in customers, they treat their old-time customers like family. For years, our Aunt Mimi shopped at Husky Deli. When she became unable to get out much, they would happily bring food over to her and give her a hug. They are the best!

Patti and Bob Berry  
Columns Online

★☒★ Best deli, ice cream shop and family in town! Actually, the Husky Deli is the best place of its kind in the country; every time I move somewhere else for a few years I find myself craving Husky Deli and can't find a substitute that comes even close. It's also the only place where I can find some of my favorite treats that I acquired a taste

for on my trip to Germany in high school!

Anna Weaver  
Facebook

★☒★ Having left West Seattle after 50 years to move to the East Coast, one of the things I miss most is Husky Deli and the wonderful Miller family.

elephantadvocate  
Columns Online

★☒★ The Millers are wonderful people and they buy local products from small local companies like mine, Confectionately Yours English Toffee! Thank you, Heidi and Jack!

Susan Elizabeth Desjardins Burns  
Facebook

★☒★ I've been a customer for 57 years and counting. Top-quality deli plus the ice cream is the bomb.

Paul Jaramillo  
Facebook

★☒★ One of my favorite childhood memories! I still pop in for a scoop (or three) of Dollar Mint whenever I'm in town.

Michelle Johnson  
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Heidi and Jack Miller's venerable Husky Deli has been a West Seattle mainstay for 85 years. Besides making tasty sandwiches and homemade ice cream in the back of the shop, the two former UW students are known for treating customers old and new like part of the family.

ERIN LODI

★✉★ Husky Deli is such an amazing part of the West Seattle community. The glue, really. Thanks to the Miller family for all the love.

Julie Shennum Cahill  
Facebook

## Deep Thinking

I wonder if I would have reached a good point in my life sooner had I had the benefit of such a program (*Playdough to Plato, March 2018*) and education? I think so and I am envious. I believe the young people that benefit from such programs will be inordinately represented in bringing harmony and peace to the world.

Michael O'Neal  
Columns Online

## Higher Honor

★✉★ Jon Marmor's column (*Civilian, March 2018*) caused me to reflect on my time on campus from 1969 to 1973. A uniformed military man or ROTC student at the UW would never be treated to lunch or even a simple courtesy by students or staff. Hundreds of us went on to

serve honorably across the military command and more than a few lost their lives. Many later served in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hotbeds of conflict. It was a dark period in contrast to the positive experience and empathy our veterans feel and deserve today. I am glad today's veterans sit on a higher pedestal.

Tim Donohue, '73  
Chico, Calif.

## Whirlybird Visitor

Concerning Richard Bryant's response to Jon Marmor's essay (*Takeoff, December 2017*), the name Frank Robinson rang a bell. My late father, Wilbur Gilbert, was a teacher, coach and ultimately superintendent of schools at South Whidbey, before taking the same position in Oak Harbor in about 1951. He and Frank kept in contact, and when my father moved to Crista Shores Retirement Community later in his life, Frank landed one of his helicopters nearby, thrilling all the residents, and took my father for a ride. What a fine guy!

Gail Gilbert Temple, '64  
Bainbridge Island

**CORRECTION** In our March 2018 profile of Dr. Rayburn Lewis, we said that International Community Health Services offers programs in 15 languages. It actually offers programs in 50 languages.

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energy, more vibrant arts and culture, a more educated workforce, and innovation and discovery of every kind.

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Universities are today's modern "river confluences," serving as magnets for talent and producing prosperity for the region. So it's perplexing—and deeply concerning—that the vast public good created by higher education is now under attack, with misperceptions about the real costs and benefits of a college degree taking root in the popular imagination.

I don't mean that higher education should be immune to scrutiny. Higher education must take seriously its obligation to look at the world our students will enter and ensure they're being prepared for an economy and job market that is global, high-tech and very fluid. We must work more closely with state, county and city government so that our research can better inform their decision-making. And we must work to make the boundaries of the UW more porous—whether by inviting our community to stroll the new path in the Arboretum that is jointly managed with the city of Seattle, tour the Burke Museum or Henry Art Gallery, attend a sporting event or listen to one of the countless lectures on campus on everything from the art of the Renaissance to gravitational wave astronomy.

For generations, the value of college was so widely accepted that it barely needed to be articulated. A huge part of the American experiment has been the systematic expansion of access to higher education as a means of increasing equity—from the creation of the first land-grant colleges under the Morrill Act of 1862 to the GI Bill of 1944. But complacency became the enemy of progress, and as a community of people who know and cherish the value of higher education, we must champion this unparalleled tool for equity and prosperity.



President Cauce visits participants in the UW Dream Project program at Evergreen High School. UW students started the Dream Project in 2007 as a way to encourage and support first-generation and low-income high school students in their efforts to attend college.

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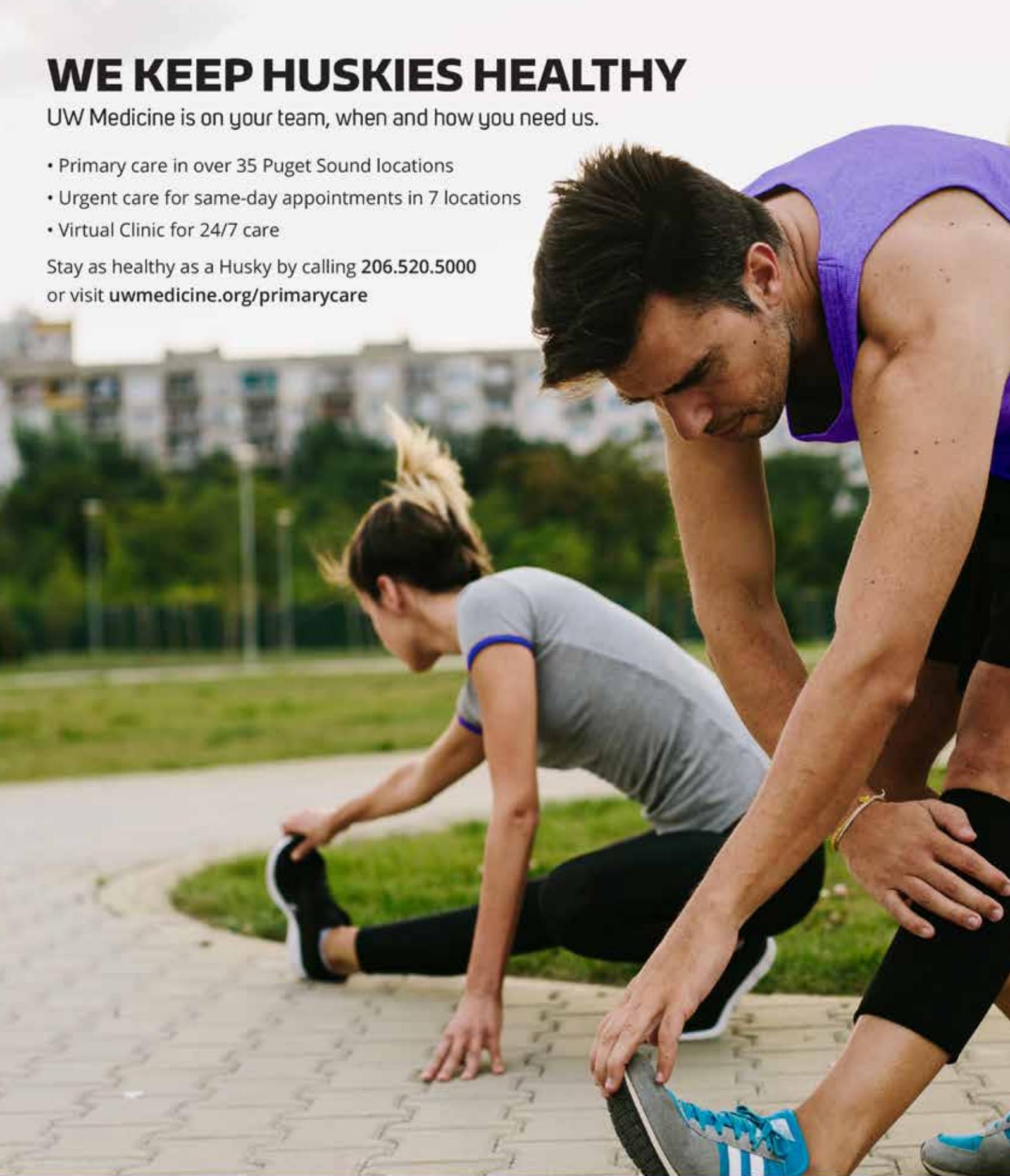
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## Anne-Lise Nilsen Mascot Mentor Dubs' Trainer Dog Person

### **I was a student handler for Dubs I**

from freshman year until I graduated in 2014 with a B.S. in Psychology, specializing in animal behavior. I'm currently the official trainer for Dubs II.

### **Dogs have shaped my life. My parents**

enrolled me in dog 4-H and I started to learn dog training when I was 7 years old. Over the years, my dogs and I competed in conformation, obedience and agility shows in 4-H and AKC and won many state and national awards.

### **As a puppy, a lot of Dubs II's training**

is socialization and exposure to new situations to make novel experience positive for him: riding elevators, camera flashes, meeting a 250-pound linebacker wearing pads and a helmet, while keeping his focus.

### **Dubs appears at about 40 events**

per year. Both Dubs I and Dubs II are Alaskan Malamutes, an independent breed and yet very conversational. Dubs loves entering rooms with a dramatic, WooooWoooo! The younger Dubs is already a talker, too!

### **BJ, Jake and Charlie. Growing up,**

our family eventually grew to include three dogs. My mom and I actually have dog allergies, so they were all Bichon Frises, which is a more allergy-friendly breed.

### **Pick of the litter. I first met Dubs II**

when he was 9 days old. His eyes weren't even open! He stood out as a confident puppy who takes in all the information before making decisions. And he has the mascot look!

### **Tail out and running like the wind!**

Malamutes are sled dogs and born to run and pull. It's perfect for game days. Dubs



plays an important role leading the football team onto the field. Everyone hoots and hollers for him!

### **I come from a house divided. There**

is a rivalry in my extended family between Huskies and Cougars. I've always been a Dawg person, so the mascot is a huge bonus for me. It contributes to why I've always favored UW and I am so honored to be able to train our next live mascot!

### **Dog training is science: the neuro-**

biology of how dogs think, behavioral aspects of biology and psychology. It's what made me pursue STEM. It's a powerful way of getting girls involved in the sciences.

### **Approximately 90 families applied**

to be Dubs II's caretakers. His family includes two kids and a dog named Lucy. It's a unique responsibility to share Dubs II with the entire UW community. The couple are alumni and have past experience with Malamutes.

### **Dubs turns 10 in November. He'll be**

at the 2018 football games with Dubs II shadowing him. It's sort of like his redshirt season. Dubs II was born in January and will be ready for full-time mascot duties by the 2019 season.



➤➤ As told to **DEANNA DUFF** ➤➤ Photographed by **RON WURZER**

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Miha Sarani, '15, isn't one to rest on his laurels as he makes a name for himself as an innovative painter. Go to our website for the lowdown on our cover artist.



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—Planned Parenthood frontwoman Cecile Richards stopped by campus to talk about her new book "Make Trouble." Visit our website to watch a video of her chat with New York Times columnist Lindy West.

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### Tiny House, Big Heart

A group of two dozen alumni headed up by Foster School graduate Don Dockter, '72, built a tiny house that will be donated to a village for those less fortunate. This abode offers far more than shelter; it's got Husky spirit!

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## Global Greatness

*Prestigious, international awards are bestowed on two of the UW's most renowned professors*

A pair of professors who have earned global reputations for their relentless work to save human life and preserve wildlife have received two of the most prestigious awards the world has to offer.

In April, Biology Professor Sam Wasser joined one of the world's most select groups of people who have been recognized for dedication to the advancement of animal welfare. Sen. Maria Cantwell presented Wasser, who holds the endowed chair in Conservation Biology at the UW, with the Albert Schweitzer Medal. Other recipients include Jane Goodall and Rachel Carson. "I started working in Africa when I was 19 years old because I loved animals," says Wasser. His life's work has resulted in remarkable strides in the fight against wildlife trafficking, especially in the ivory trade. Wasser has developed painstaking noninvasive methods for measuring human impacts on wildlife and his efforts have led to the prosecutions of major transnational ivory traffickers.

Meanwhile, Mary-Claire King, the UW Medicine professor who is credited with connecting a gene mutation to breast cancer, is among the recipients of Israel's Dan David Prize this year. King is the American Cancer Society professor in the UW Department of Medicine (Division of Medical Genetics) and the Department of Genome Sciences. King demonstrated the inherited predisposition to breast and ovarian cancer



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LEFT: Biology Professor Sam Wasser has played a leading role in stopping the poaching of African elephants and the trafficking of ivory. RIGHT: Mary-Claire King was honored by the Dan David Foundation for her work that "changed the understanding of hereditary cancer predisposition."

as the result of mutations in a single gene. The prize is named after philanthropist Dan David and administered by Tel Aviv University. It holds special meaning for King. Since 1995, she has worked with Israeli and Palestinian scientists despite conflict in the region. This is the latest in a series of prestigious honors for King. She received the United States National Medal of Science in 2016 and the Lasker Foundation Special Achievement Award for Medical Research in 2014.



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## Coffee WITH A TWIST OF TECH

Paul Tupper, '14, started Onda Origins, a Seattle-based coffee company with a technological spin, to further his environmental agenda. A graduate of the UW's master's program in museology who lived for a time in Costa Rica, Tupper is strengthening links between coffee growers and coffee drinkers.

Plenty of coffee companies tout their sustainability efforts, "but we didn't feel like it was as accurate nor as [environmentally] beneficial as it was tabbed to be," says Tupper, who co-founded Onda with his brother, Scott. "So we thought about how we could create a business model that reflects and rewards best practices in sustainable coffee."

They are using virtual reality and other technologies to tell the story of their coffee. They are also sharing more revenue with coffee growers and making use of blockchain technology to make the supply chain more transparent. Blockchain—best known for keeping cryptocurrency exchanges secure—is a list of digital records, or blocks, that turn a supply chain into a "glass pipeline," Tupper explains. Customers will be able to see exactly how the coffee makes its way from the grower's farm to their cup.

Because the company is headquartered in UW's Startup Hall it can collaborate with other startups including a virtual reality company to help them bring a 3D experience of life on a coffee farm to Seattle customers.

In addition to ordering Onda's coffee online, you can also find the coffee at the downtown Seattle Nordstrom and cafés like Mr. West and Urban Coffee House. —Meg Cressey



## Three-Minute Thesis

Tackling topics from Pippi Longstocking to animal predators, and distilling down years of their research into the briefest of presentations, five students stood out in this year's Three-Minute Thesis (3MT<sup>®</sup>) competition, an annual event sponsored by the Graduate School.

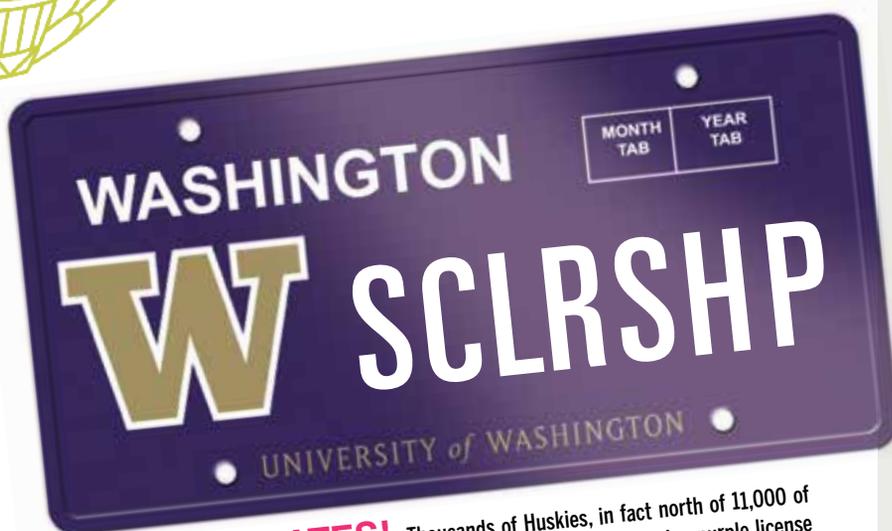
With just one slide and 180 seconds to explain his work of the last four years and nine months, Amey Khanolkar, the all-campus champion, took his final audience—about 75 alumni and donors on the UW Foundation Board—on a journey into quantum mechanics and his doctoral work with the phonon (a quantum of sound or vibratory energy.)

Joining Khanolkar and the other top contenders in the campuswide contest, social work master's student Benjamin Beach talked about his study of juvenile diversion programs—alternatives to criminal court—and his exploration of how they work and how they are legally authorized. Then Carol Bogezi, a College of the Environment Ph.D. candidate, talked about how wolves and cougars interact with the modern Washington ranch.

Liina-Ly Roos steered the room into Scandinavia with her study of children in Nordic cinema and literature.

"These graduate students are on the forefront of our research and learning ecosystems," said Kelly Edwards, associate dean in the Graduate School. They help the University attract top faculty and they take on challenges for the world.

While each thesis brought the audience to the edge of their seats, mechanical engineering student Evan Schuster took home the event's \$3,000 prize. The master's student is developing a walking cane that provides haptic biofeedback.



**HOT PLATES!** Thousands of Huskies, in fact north of 11,000 of them, have taken their pride on the road this year by purchasing purple license plates. Since each plate sold or renewed directs \$28 to the UW for the general scholarship fund, the Huskies have brought in more than \$311,000 to help students just this year. While we're one of the top contenders in the state plate game (Western, for example, has just 832), we lag behind our cross-state rival, which is closing in on 24,000. FYI, you don't have to be an alum to get one and you can purchase your plate anytime. [washington.edu/huskyplate](http://washington.edu/huskyplate)

# The UW and Seattle welcome the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games

BY JIM CAPLE



## A Special Time of Year

On July 1, roads and paths on the University of Washington campus will be lined with thousands of people cheering, applauding and high-fiving athletes as they wind their way from residence halls to Husky Stadium. These won't be Husky football or basketball players, however. Instead, they will be the approximately 3,000 athletes competing in the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games.

"These athletes will be walking down that gantlet, with everyone cheering and making them feel good about themselves," says Special Olympics volunteer recruiter Paul Strohmeier, '77.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the USA Special Olympics. And for only the fourth time in the organization's history, Special Olympics will hold its national games from July 2-6 with competitions ranging from gymnastics and track to flag football and standup paddleboarding. Half of the 14 events will be at the UW—Meany Hall will be the weight-lifting venue!—with the other half taking place at sites such as Willows Run Golf Club in Redmond, Seattle University, Celebration Park in Federal Way and Angle Lake in the city of SeaTac.

Gov. Jay Inslee, '73, will speak at the July 1 opening ceremony at Husky Stadium while musicians including Ann Wilson from the band Heart, Allen Stone, the hip-hop dance group Massive Monkees, and a chorus of 2,018 singers will perform. There also will be the lighting of the Special Olympics cauldron with the flame having been carried to the stadium by several Special Olympics athletes and law enforcement officials. Among the ambassadors for the Games are such alumni as Kate Deines, '12 (soccer); Brock Huard, '99 (football); Damon Huard, '95 (football); Rob Munn, '12 (rowing); Chuck Nelson, '82 (football); Courtney Thompson, '08 (volleyball); and Izaic Yorks, '16 (track).

This likely will be the most notable sporting event at the UW and the Puget Sound region as a whole since the 1990 Goodwill Games, when Husky Stadium was the site for the track and field events plus the opening ceremonies, with both President Ronald Reagan and Arnold Schwarzenegger speaking. More than 2,300 athletes (including Carl Lewis)

from 54 countries were on hand, too. These Games will draw even more athletes, though just from the United States. They will be representing every state in the country. And they will be generating good will.

The Special Olympics got their start in 1968 from efforts by the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver to help people with intellectual disabilities. While her brothers John, Robert and Ted Kennedy reached the White House and Senate, her sister, Rosemary, had intellectual issues and was institutionalized for most of her life. Kennedy Shriver's drive to give people with intellectual disabilities the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else, using sports as a common ground, led to her founding Special Olympics.

The youngest athlete at these Games will be 9-year-old gymnast Frannie Ronan from Washington while the oldest is 74-year-old Shebbie Eubanks from Arkansas.

"It's important for people to remember that these athletes in many cases have grown up with a lot of hardships," 2018 Special Olympics USA Games CEO Beth Knox says. "They have been bullied, they have been discriminated against, marginalized—all the things we wouldn't wish on anyone. At the same time, they have found their way into the Special Olympics. It's an organization that gives them not only a platform to become active and healthy but also help them develop life and leadership skills, find employment and showcase the value they bring to their communities."

Joining the more than 10,000 volunteers supporting the USA Games will be approximately 1,200 UW volunteers who will be aiding the athletes in many ways.

"Most people come into it as a volunteer, thinking 'I'm going to help them, I'm going to help these athletes,'" Knox says. "What they find once they get into it, though, is their own lives are transformed. Being with these athletes, seeing the accomplishments they bring forth, seeing the joy in everything they do, the perspective. The majority of our volunteers will walk away saying, 'I'm the one who got helped.'"



## PITCH PERFECT

After Joe DeMers pitched the first perfect game in Husky history on Feb. 24, he was mobbed. He even heard from Felix Hernandez following his 2-0 victory over UC Riverside: "Hey brother, awesome perfect game." DeMers threw just 84 pitches and had only one three-ball count. "I was in an unbelievable rhythm," DeMers says. The UW's previous no-hitter? In 2006, a combined performance by future major leaguers Tim Lincecum and Nick Hagadone.

## GIVE ME FIVE

DO-RE-MI!



### Shannon Drayer SPORTS RADIO JOURNALIST

A trumpet player in the Husky Marching Band during the late '80s, Drayer gave acting a try before becoming a sports radio journalist. She is the excellent Mariners reporter for radio station ESPN 710.

#### 1.▶ WHAT CAREER DID YOU PURSUE FIRST ?

When I was in high school, it would have been either a sports reporter or an opera singer. But there weren't women doing sports then.

#### 2.▶ HOW DID YOU GET INTO SPORTS MEDIA ?

I worked as a barista at Starbucks and people would come in to talk sports. One day, a customer told me that KJR was having a sports hack wannabe contest. He said, 'You need to do this.'

#### 3.▶ WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB IN RADIO ?

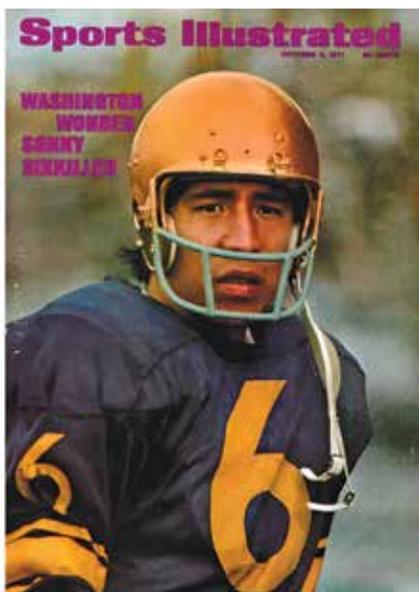
My first beat was Husky basketball. I idolized the beat reporters. That's what I wanted to be. I didn't want to be stuck in a room all day talking at a microphone.

#### 4.▶ WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PLAYER ?

Ken Griffey Jr. I appreciated him as a person. When he rejoined the Mariners [in 2009], he was so intuitive. If somebody needed something or was having a bad day, he would do something to lighten up the day. There was a warmth to him that I really appreciated.

#### 5.▶ WHAT OBSTACLES DO YOU FACE TODAY ?

They're far less than they used to be. The hardest thing now is there are people that you write for or that listen to your broadcasts that are not going to take their sports from a woman. And I don't think that's ever going to change. You can't fight it continually. And we do. We want to stand up and we're equal, darn it. We're going to prevail!



## Sonny Sixkiller Honored Anew

The Pac-12 Hall of Honor opened in 2002 and was originally limited to basketball players. That changed this year—and one new inductee is Husky quarterback Sonny Sixkiller. "To be the first non-basketball player to represent the UW, I'm honored," he says. He set school passing records from 1970-72 and made the cover of Sports Illustrated. Sixkiller, '74, recalls "the accomplishments I made being an undersized quarterback in high school to getting a full-ride scholarship at UW, and being able to start my first game as a sophomore—it was great. And I still get Sports Illustrated."

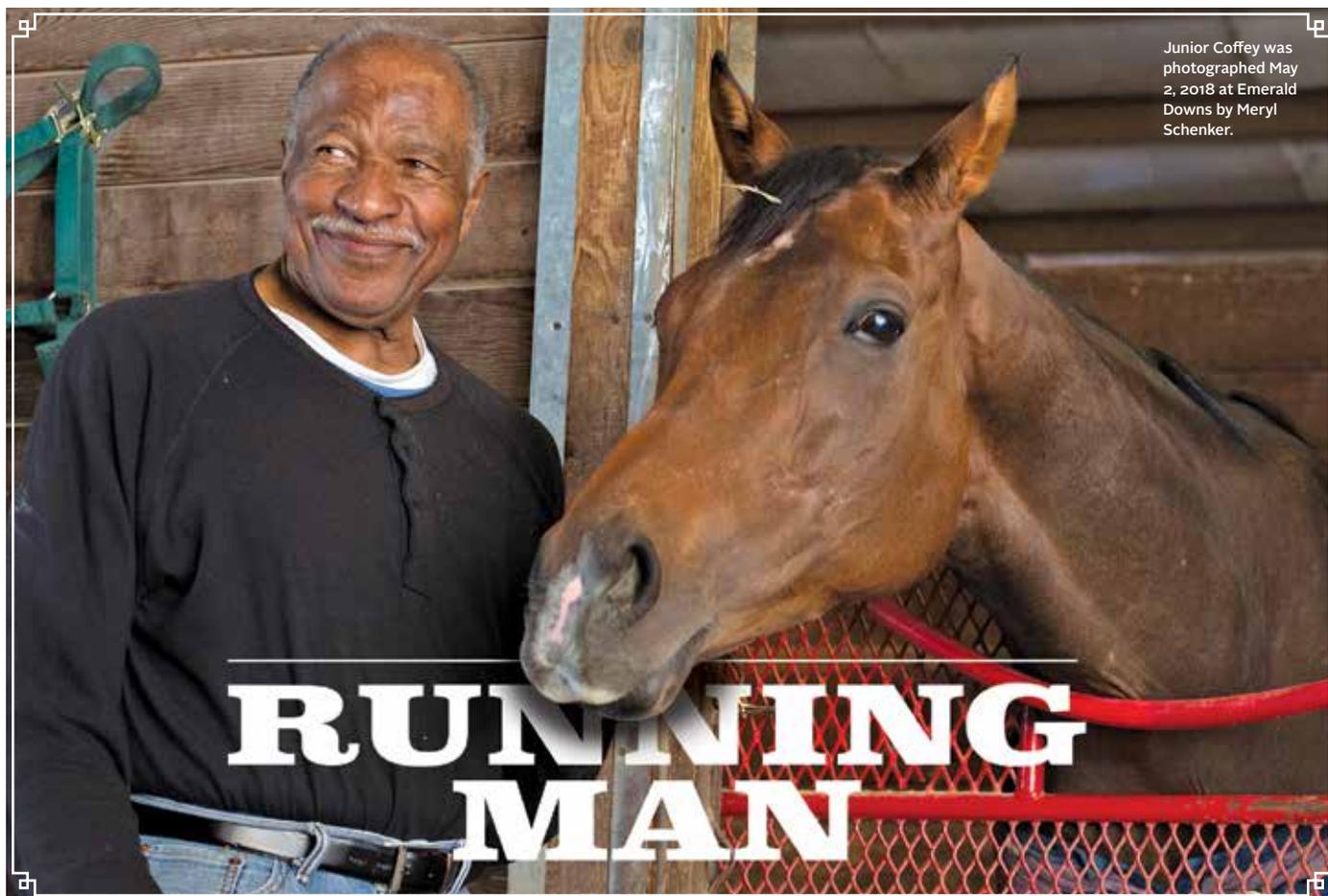


## Tim Time?

Tim Lincecum is likely the best Husky baseball player ever, winning the most games in UW history, then capturing two Cy Youngs and three World Series rings with the San Francisco Giants. "The thought (of retiring after an idle '17) went through my head," he said at spring training. Lincecum, '06, is now with the Texas Rangers, whom he beat in Game 5 of the 2010 World Series. "Texas fans will be like, 'we're still trying to forgive you for 2010.'"

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS (3)

BEV VANHOOTEN / SEATTLE MARINERS



Junior Coffey was photographed May 2, 2018 at Emerald Downs by Meryl Schenker.

## Junior Coffey went from the NFL to training racehorses *By Jim Caple*

Junior Coffey has enjoyed successful careers in college football, the NFL and horse racing. Yes, horse racing—he’s been a horse trainer for decades. He became interested in the sport when he came to the UW to play football and was taken to a race at Longacres back in the 1960s.

“I saw these animals competing and the crowd was all nice and quiet. When the horses came into the stretch, people would start standing up and yelling. And it resonated,” he says. “I was like, ‘Wow, that’s pretty neat.’ And then I see these little jockeys and I knew I couldn’t ride. But in some way I wanted to participate.”

He started training horses after his football career ended in the early 1970s. At Emerald Downs, Coffey has been one of the track’s most successful trainers, with his horses winning more than 170 races.

Coffey grew up in the 1950s in the little town of Dimmit, Texas, where he was the first Black player on his high school football team. He was so good—and inspirational—that a former teammate once told a reporter, “He was sort of the Jackie Robinson of the area.”

“I know it’s changed a lot (since then),” Coffey says. “People have changed but those were some trying times.” When Coffey’s high school team would be on the road and stop to eat at a restaurant, he would sometimes have to eat in the kitchen because of his skin color. After graduating in 1961, he could not play college football in his home state because the Southwest Conference and other Southern schools still did not allow Blacks to play. “You just can’t fathom being in those situations,” Coffey says. “It was really traumatizing.”

His high school coach said he was talented enough to play anywhere else, including the West Coast. Recruited by several universities, in-

cluding USC, Coffey wound up choosing the UW. “I came to Seattle and I spent two days here and that’s what convinced me to come to school here,” he says.

Coffey credits his aunt with helping him with his life and career. For instance, she got him a short-term job at a slaughterhouse. “She said (to the hiring manager), ‘I want you to give him a job working in the slaughterhouse or somewhere so that he understands that if you’re going to gain anything, you have to work for it.’”

Coffey enjoyed a great career at UW, where he played running back and linebacker, helping the Huskies to the 1964 Rose Bowl. “My running style was no Jim Brown,” he says with a smile, “but it was similar to men making contact (with the defense) and then breaking out of it. ‘Oh, he’s down.’ And then, ‘No, he’s still going. I can’t believe it!’”

After his Husky career, he played seven seasons in the NFL. During that time, Coffey bought a couple of horses and decided to become a trainer. “During the offseason, I would hang around horse races and I thought, because conditioning is a big part of football, maybe I can start trying to train horses and see what else I have to learn,” he says. “Rather than coaching athletes, I’ll coach a horse. I sort of trained the horses the way I thought I trained myself, to build up slowly, build the muscles up. I could recognize ability, timing, how fast they worked, how much recovery there was.”

Although Coffey is now 76 years old, he wants to continue training for a few more years. And he remains grateful for his UW experience. Says Coffey: “I wouldn’t be where I am now if it hadn’t been for the opportunity to come here and play.”

# MR. SMITH'S JOURNEY

With core values formed by his Chehalis upbringing,

Orin Smith went on to become a business leader

who knew how to treat people right

By Hannelore Sudermann



**RIN SMITH** *never sought the limelight.*

*But once in a speech to about 6,000 Starbucks employees, the soft-spoken CEO used his last moments on stage to deliver a big message. He urged his employees to a more noble purpose—to inspire and nurture the human spirit.*

During several minutes of unending applause, a video shows the emotions sweeping across Smith's typically stoic face, finally turning to tears and smiles. Caring for his fellow man and caring for the world: Those were the ideals he lived by from his humble childhood in Chehalis to his post-retirement years as a philanthropist, director for some of the country's most iconic companies and leader for the University of Washington.

Smith was a fan of E.O. Wilson, he drank his coffee black and had a well-hidden competitive streak. He delighted in being an uncle and looking out for his sister and two brothers. He also adored being a father figure to his wife Janet's two sons and to their three grandchildren. Smith, who died at the age of 75 on March 1, touched many lives through his humanity, leadership, friendship and generosity.

Smith was born in 1942 in Ryderwood, a Cowlitz County logging camp tucked into the woods at the end of a southwest Washington road. Though it was one of the largest logging camps in the country back then, it was still literally at the end of the road.

His mother, Vernetta, was the rock of the family. She had grown up in Ryderwood, was her high school's valedictorian and earned a college scholarship. But in the late 1930s, she didn't have the means to continue her education. In 1941, she married Curtis Smith. Soon after Orin was born, the family moved to Chehalis, a town of a few thousand that had grown up alongside the Northern Pacific Railroad line.

The family scraped by but Smith did his share: He had a paper route, picked strawberries and loaded hay into barns in the heat of the summer. For entertainment, Vernetta's children relied on the library.



Orin Smith, '65, this year's Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus, was a longtime friend to the University of Washington. As CEO of Starbucks, a UW Regent, and tireless advocate and volunteer, he championed the causes of education and the environment—as well as his hometown of Chehalis.

As a teen, Orin rose to prominence as a starting guard for the W. F. West High School basketball team. To the delight of the town, the 1960 Bearcats took the league title before winning the district championship. Then, to everyone's surprise, they brought home the first and only state basketball title in the history of Chehalis.

The Class A championship game was played at the University of Puget Sound field house before 6,500 spectators. "For kids from a little community in Chehalis to play in front of a crowd like that and play extraordinarily well ... was really exhilarating," Smith later told the local newspaper, the Chronicle.

When Smith was a senior, townspeople urged him to consider college. His coaches mentored him, helping him identify a school and find scholarships. Their efforts forged in Smith a lifelong interest in giving back to that community.

After two years at Centralia College, Smith moved on to the UW to study business. He credited a constitutional law class taught by William Greiner with motivating him to pursue graduate school. "It was a

class of 10, 11, 12 people, a pretty intimate setting. The interaction was terrific and we had a great instructor," Smith told the newspaper at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where Greiner later became president. "(Greiner) challenged us with the issues of constitutional law, forcing us to think and speak and articulate our position. It was such a challenging course, like nothing any of us had had before."

But Smith also cited lessons he learned at his first job after college at Boeing. Six months in, he realized his future wasn't among the "rows of engineers working at desks." So he applied to Harvard Business School. "I was a late applicant, so I charged in and took the admissions test," he told the East Coast university paper. He was admitted in June of 1966 and completed his MBA in 1967.

After Harvard, he moved back to the Pacific Northwest and joined a consulting firm that is known today as Deloitte. He eventually led the firm's Northwest practice. But in the 1970s, he shifted his focus to public service as chief policy and finance officer for Washington Gov. Dixie Lee Ray. He returned to state government in the 1980s to



Orin Smith and President Ana Mari Cauce at a 2016 brunch for the Foster School of Business.

perform the same job for Gov. Booth Gardner, '58.

In 1990, Smith was working as an executive for an international shipping company when Starbucks called. The company needed a chief financial officer who could help it grow from local coffeehouse to international powerhouse. A headhunter had submitted some high-profile names, but Jeff Brotman, '64, '67, co-founder of Costco and an early Starbucks investor, urged the company to consider Smith.

The Washington native was a great fit—his cool-headed, thoughtful personality contrasted well with the high energy of company leaders Howard Schultz and Howard Behar. Smith understood big companies, managing major initiatives and nurturing a healthy corporate culture. At the time, Starbucks had just 45 stores in two countries; Smith took a pay cut for the job.

Working closely with Schultz and Behar, Smith became the final piece of a formidable team. They quickly became known as H2O, Howard, Howard and Orin. Schultz provided the vision, Behar the soul and Smith the fiscal responsibility. But Smith's work shaped much more than the bottom line. He helped the company live the values it expressed: prioritizing employee experience and sustainable environmental practices. Starbucks kept its character while becoming one of

the world's fastest-growing global brands.

"When he came to Starbucks ... we didn't know what we were doing," Schultz said. The company decided to expand to Japan, for example, simply because there were nonstop flights from Seattle. Smith came to Starbucks to learn, Schultz said, but "Orin Smith became our teacher."

"Our culture, values, core principals and reason for being: That is the signature of Orin Smith," Schultz said. "And his deep sense of humanity was something quite extraordinary."

Knowing the value of human interaction, Smith was caring and thoughtful to the core, Behar said. "He was a guy who added something to everybody he touched."

With Smith onboard first as CFO then COO and finally CEO, Starbucks expanded to more than 10,000 locations worldwide and more than \$5 billion in sales. Smith also led Starbucks to

link coffee production to the protection of rain forests. "Orin was a pioneer," said Peter Seligmann, chairman of the nonprofit environmental group Conservation International. He understood biodiversity and human well-being, Seligmann said, "And when he spoke—usually softly—people learned, they leaned in and they opened their minds."

Though Smith retired from Starbucks in 2005, he didn't retire from work he loved. He joined the boards of the Walt Disney Company and Nike, and the advisory boards at the Foster School of Business and UW Medicine. He also served as chair of the UW Foundation Board, which supports efforts to raise money for University students and programs. In 2010, he joined the UW Board of Regents and helped shepherd the school through a time of significant growth and two changes in presidents. Most recently, he and his wife, Janet, volunteered to co-chair the University's Be Boundless philanthropic campaign.

"His legacy is something to truly celebrate, even in our sadness," UW President Ana Mari Cauce told more than 500 friends, family and former employees at Smith's memorial service, which was held on the UW campus in April. "Whenever he saw a way to do some good, he stepped up and did it—quietly and with kindness and good humor."

Smith was also widely known for his generosity—giving his time and

## High school. Chehalis.

*While Orin Smith's public persona was that of a cool-headed corporate executive, attendees of Orin Smith's memorial service in April were treated to personal stories that showed another side of the beloved UW alumnus. In the words of friend and former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz:*



**ORIN WAS A FIERCE,**

fierce competitor. In 1995, we were involved in a joint venture with Pepsi Cola. At the time, we were struggling with the two cultures of the compa-

nies. We had an off-site (meeting) with them at my home on the East Coast. There were about eight of us and eight of them and we started kidding around during the afternoon lunch that when this is all over and we were finished, we would play a game of basketball. We can decide it on the court.

I never knew that Orin played basketball. I never knew that Orin was an All-State basketball player and that Chehalis won the state championship. Orin never said anything about anything that he ever succeeded on. This was an incredible thing.

Anyway, we were losing in the game. We were playing to 15 and I think the

score was 11-7 or something like that. All of a sudden Orin says, "Huddle up."

What are you talking about? And the guy starts screaming at us. I never saw this side of him in my entire life. And the huddle was like you were right in his face and he started spitting at you. And he said, "Just give me the goddamn ball."

And all of a sudden Orin Smith turns into this 18-year-old Chehalis basketball player and starts hitting jump shots. I said, "Who is this guy?" And the Pepsi guys said, "Man!" After the game, which Starbucks won, they started asking Orin, "Did you play college basketball?" And he said, "No. High school. Chehalis."

money to environmental causes, public education and the welfare of Chehalis. He supported the renovation of the city's library, which was renamed in honor of his mother, and he gave \$10 million to the community foundation to support student achievement in a school district where half the families qualify as low-income.

Once built, Chehalis' newest school will be named Orin C. Smith Intermediate School. The honor springs not from his generosity to the town, but because his "story tells every kid in our community that you can make it," said J. Vander Stoep, '89, of the Chehalis Community Foundation. "It even tells them that with hard work and initiative, you can make it to the top."

At the UW, the Smiths established student fellowships and scholarships, supported medical research and funded a deanship at the Foster School of Business. "Orin loved working with people who were nurturing the human spirit," said Connie Kravas, the UW's vice president for advancement and someone who witnessed Smith's deepened engagement with the University over nearly 20 years. Smith is the only UW alumnus whose name graces a campus coffee shop. Orin's Place in PACCAR Hall inside the Foster School of Business draws not only business students but people from across campus.

"Orin Smith was one of the finest individuals Jeff and I ever knew," said Susan Brotman, Jeff's wife and a UW volunteer who served alongside Smith for many years. "He was a great source of wisdom and support." She cited his work with Starbucks and the boards of major U.S. companies, his service on many UW boards, and his support of his hometown Chehalis. "I miss his wit, his friendship, his many contributions to our community. He was the best of the best."

Last summer, after Smith was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he turned his focus to loved ones and welcomed visitors to his home in Wyoming. He traveled back to Chehalis one last time and—in typical Orin Smith detail-focused fashion—worked with Janet to plan his memorial.

"Orin Smith was a remarkable person. And his love for the UW was immeasurable," President Cauce said. "He leaves the world more educated, more sustainable and kinder than he found it." ■

## ASLD

The Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a University of Washington graduate and is presented annually by the UW and UW Alumni Association. It recognizes a legacy of achievement and service built over a lifetime.



Starbucks leaders Howard Behar, Orin Smith and Howard Schultz. The trio was affectionately known as H2O.



Orin Smith was a starting guard for the W. F. West Bearcats, 1960 state basketball champions.

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\* Sociology professor Alexis Harris, who first came to the UW as an undergrad, is the author of the 2016 book "A Pound of Flesh: Monetary Sanctions as Punishment for the Poor." Her students learn to see how race and class intersect with the criminal justice system, and they get to listen to Tupac along the way.



# What if your class schedule put you in a room with each of this year's best teachers?

Take an imaginary tour de UW and learn about Civil Rights, sea cucumbers and colonization. And see why these nine individuals deserve this prestigious recognition.

## It's 9 a.m. I'm late.

I need to go to bed sooner. My roommate took my last Red Bull, so I'm stopping at Suzzallo for coffee before class. When you're running late for a lecture in Kane Hall, you should always go through the back door. Otherwise you have to walk right by the professor.

That's the mistake I made on the first day of Introduction to American Politics, the class I'm headed to now. I was five minutes late and I walked through the front door, right past Professor Megan Ming Francis. *"If you don't want to be here,"* Professor Francis said as she looked down at her computer, *"feel free to drop the class. There are plenty of people who would love to take your place."* I'm still not sure if she was talking about me.

I'd heard a lot of good stuff about Professor Francis. "Tough, but really fun," my friend said. I follow her on Twitter and saw that she's a fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute, which is part of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. I'm thinking about law school, so it will be great to know her. And I don't just want a letter of rec, I really want to learn this stuff. But a letter of rec would be great.

OK, here we are—Kane 210. I'm slipping in the back door. Today we're talking about "I've Been to the Mountaintop," the speech Martin Luther King gave the day before he was killed. We were supposed to read it, but I listened to it on YouTube. This is my favorite line: "All we say to America is, 'Be true to

what you said on paper.” This class is about what America said on paper, what America promised. And MLK says that the promise hasn’t been kept. It’s funny to see the way Professor Francis teaches this stuff compared to how MLK talks about it. He’s slow and steady with dramatic pauses. She moves around and waves her hands and talks fast.

This is our second day on the Civil Rights era. Professor Francis, who is half-Black and half-Chinese, is telling us why the court cases from that time period are so important. *“Do y’all see me? It’s possible for me to be your professor because of the legal precedent laid down in cases like Brown v. Board of Education.”*

Two hours fly by with a professor like that. Now I have a 20-minute walk to the Fishery Sciences Building, down by Portage Bay, for Biology of Shellfishes with Professor Chelsea Wood. It’s a pretty tough class because we have to memorize a bunch of Latin words, but we also get to watch videos of animals hunting. Did you know a starfish is a predator? They have tubes on their feet and a mouth on the bottom of their body, and they crawl around and suck up their prey.

Professor Wood starts today’s lecture with a story from her grad school days. She sailed for a week straight to get to a remote island with a research group. One day they were wading through shallow water, and she warned her students that



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As the associate director of the Communication Leadership program, Ekin Yasin teaches night and weekend classes to students pursuing a master’s degree. That means entertaining until 10 p.m. Born in Florida but raised in Turkey, Yasin goes out of her way to reference companies and pop culture from around the globe.

the area was full of tiger sharks. All of a sudden, something latched onto her foot. *"The horrified students stood behind me, probably wondering, 'How do we get back to the boat? Should we bring her body with us?'"* Professor Wood clicks her laptop to reveal a picture of a stretched-out tentacle, which kind of looks like an octopus. *"This is what attacked me. I was attacked... by a sea cucumber!"* The kid next to me gasps. *"They can liquify themselves on command,"* Professor Wood says, *"because they have mutable connective tissues. Those tissues liquify when a threat approaches and then re-solidify when it's safe. Now you will never forget what mutable connective tissue is."*

Alright, two classes down. Now I have to catch a bus to Bothell. It's 12:20, and I have a 1:15 class on the UWB campus. Each quarter I can take one class at a different UW campus, so I signed up for Politics of the Middle East with Professor Karam Dana. One of my friends told me that this class changed his life. But he also said Coachella changed his life. I mostly signed up for the class because Professor Dana has great reviews on RateMyProfessors.com.

The bus took forever today. I'm ten minutes late, and this isn't a big class, so Professor Dana will definitely notice. I'm going through the back door anyway. *"You're late,"* he says as soon as I walk in. *"The rule is, if you come in late, you give me a compliment."* I tell him I like his shirt. He nods. *"In about 10 days, Ramadan will start. I probably won't be as friendly*

*as I am now. It gets harder the older I get."*

Professor Dana has a booming presence. He knows everybody's name and he calls on you even if you don't raise your hand. Today we're talking about migration. Professor Dana asks each of us to think about what it's like for us when we cross a border—what advantages and disadvantages come with our identities? *"Hell, I'm Palestinian,"* he says. *"I have a very complicated relationship with borders."* We're talking about Israel and Palestine for the next two weeks of class, and pretty much everyone in here has an opinion about it. *"I want you guys to stretch your thinking, to recognize your own biases, to go beyond the typical media coverage,"* Professor Dana says. *"How can we think creatively about peaceful and democratic coexistence?"*

I'm grabbing coffee before I take the 372 back to Seattle. I have six minutes before the next bus and there are five people ahead of me in line. The woman behind me looks like she's in a hurry, too. I tell her we must have come at the wrong time. She says she's using the downtime to change her Twitter username, because she applied for a research grant on Twitter, and the grant makes you put your full name on your profile. It turns out she's an education professor who teaches a storytelling workshop, and her students use iPads to tell multimedia stories about their lives.

I tell her I mostly use Instagram, and that it usually feels like I'm mindlessly scrolling. She says I should take control



Danica Miller, assistant professor at UW Tacoma, uses Native American literature to show students the effects of colonization. "I grew up in a storytelling family, even if it wasn't traditional storytelling," says Miller, a member of the Puyallup Tribe. "Novels gave me that ancestral comfort, and academia was an excuse for me to read."



of my digital identity. *"Digital identity... like my brand?"* I ask. She says to think about it less as marketing, and more as being civic-minded. *"You're not selling yourself. You're not the product,"* she says. *"It's about how you can contribute, what you have to offer, and who you want to connect with."* I tell her I'd love to take her workshop. *"In the meantime, you can find me on Twitter,"* she says as the barista hands me my coffee. *"It's @jvg, for Jane Van Galen."*

I had to run to catch the bus. The driver looked annoyed. I need to call my mom when I get home, then I'm heading to the Ave. Some friends are meeting for dinner, and then I'm doing homework at TeaRepublik. I have so much reading due tomorrow. I'm starting to wonder if I took too many classes this quarter.

## OK. I'm awake.

I'll just lie here a couple minutes. My first class is at 9:30 on Tuesdays, which means I can sleep an extra 30 minutes. But last night I stayed up 45 minutes later than usual, so I actually lost sleep. I never made it to TeaRepublik.

It's nice living off-campus. I lived in McMahan last year. There was a dining hall downstairs and one week I ate spaghetti for every meal. For a few months the kid living next to me kept a baby anaconda in a box under his bed, because the fraternity he wanted to join said he had to. This year I have an apartment just north of 45th Street, near Greek Row, so that kid is still my neighbor. I don't know what happened to the snake.

I only had to walk 10 minutes to my first class today, Social Problems with Professor Alexes Harris. There's a full house,

300 people. We have an exam this week, so even the slackers showed up. We spend the first 15 minutes reviewing sociology theories. *"Now, let's bring it all together by listening to our urban sociologists,"* Professor Harris says. She pulls up YouTube and plays the song "Changes" by Tupac. When it's over, she asks how many social problems we can identify. *"A lot!"* someone shouts. *"Differential access,"* another student says, *"because he doesn't have food. He says, 'My stomach hurts so I'm looking for a purse to snatch.'"* Professor Harris nods. *"Raise your hand if you think Tupac is a structural functionalist,"* she asks. A few people raise their hands, but I don't. *"What about a conflict theorist?"* The people in the front row raise their hands, so I do. You wouldn't sit in the front row if you didn't do the reading. Our assignment for next week is to find a song that's about social problems and then about it. *"It can be old or new songs,"* Professor Harris says. *"I've gotten Willie Nelson before. I don't want you to ever listen to music the same again."*

I've got two hours before my next class. I need to stop by the Ave to grab a book, and a snack. I always walk by this Wells Fargo because I love hearing this man who sings on the corner: *"Don't know much about history... Don't know much biology ... Don't know much, what a wonderful world this could be ..."* When he forgets the words he goes back to the chorus. A few months ago I gave him \$5 because he let me record him singing a song for my dad's birthday.

I'm on the second floor of the Book Store, in the fiction section, and I've got the book I was after. There's a woman next to me with some really cool tattoos. I've thought about getting one, but I can't decide what I want. This woman has hummingbirds, three of them fluttering down her right



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Assistant Professor Chelsea Wood teaches about marine ecosystems in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. When asked her favorite species, she picks "diphyllobothrium latum," a tapeworm you can get from sushi. "It connects people to nature in a way that they don't anticipate. If you're feeling brave, try a Google image search."



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Megan Ming Francis, associate professor in the Department of Political Science, researches and writes about the role of race in American politics and constitutional law. "I am not your parents' professor," she writes on her website. "I am somebody's homegirl. Wanderlust addict. Truth teller."

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shoulder. *"Excuse me,"* I can't help but say, *"I really like your tattoos."* She turns and thanks me with a bright smile. I ask her if the hummingbirds have any significance. *"In my tribe, the Puyallup, hummingbirds represent rebirth. If you see a hummingbird, it means something good is about to happen. I have three kids, so I got three hummingbirds."*

She tells me her name is Danica Miller, a professor at UW Tacoma. We're both heading to the Book Store Cafe on our way out, so we decide to sit and chat for a few minutes. Professor Miller grew up on the Puyallup Reservation and moved to New York City for grad school. She got a few degrees in English and even dressed up like a mermaid every year for a parade on Coney Island.

I ask her about the book she bought. It's called *Cogewea*,

*The Half Blood*. She says it's considered the first novel written by a Native American woman, a Northwest author named Mourning Dove, who picked apples in the field during the day and wrote the book in her tent at night. *"It's a love story about two mixed-blood Indians,"* Professor Miller says. *"Mourning Dove subverts this typical frontier text, the dime-store novel, and makes it very indigenous."*

Wow, I don't know how there's not a movie about Mourning Dove. Professor Miller teaches with these kinds of books as a way to show what native communities have to deal with because of colonization. I admit to her that I don't know much about the history of colonization. She understands, but she corrects me: *"We are in a state of colonization. This is a contemporary active state. These books address bad*

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Karam Dana, assistant professor at UW Bothell, teaches about U.S. foreign policy and Middle East politics, including the Israel-Palestine conflict. Dana, who's wearing a Palestinian scarf called a keffiyeh, urges his students to think creatively about coexistence.



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Bioengineering professor Suzie Pun runs a laboratory that makes plastic materials for medical applications, such as mimicking clots to stop bleeding and changing gene expression in the brain. For her collaborative, hands-on work with students in her lab, she received the 2018 Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.



*things happening in our communities, and they make the link between these things and colonization. Without that link, there's a sense that it's our fault."*

Now I need to get to the Quad. I have a class in Smith Hall. There are two ways you can get from the Ave to the Quad: by the Burke Museum and past the business school, or down by Parrington Lawn and behind Kane Hall. One time a business school professor told me the fastest way through campus is taking diagonal routes, not 90-degree angles. That would mean the better route goes by the business school. So he could be biased.

That book I got from the Book Store? It's a collection of short stories by Raymond Carver. My next class, in Smith, is Reading Fiction of the Pacific Northwest. It's taught by a real writer, Frances McCue. She's one of the founders of the Richard Hugo House, a place for writers in Seattle. This quarter we've been reading stories by people who went to UW, like David Guterson and Marilynne Robinson. One time somebody had a question about Guterson's book and Professor McCue emailed him and he answered it for us.

Today we're talking about a Raymond Carver story, and I can't really contribute because I just bought the book. There's a business major in the back of the class who really hates the main character in the story. "*What the hell is wrong with this guy?*" the student says. "*This is such a downer. The guy is living in a trailer and abusing his wife and drinking. Why doesn't Carver focus on something positive?*"

Professor McCue asks the student to think about the time period in America when the story happened. The student says it was during a recession, and then he lights up like he finally understands the story. "*Oh, well then this is an eco-*



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Poet Frances McCue, a founder of the Richard Hugo House in Seattle, teaches the work of Pacific Northwest fiction writers in the Department of English. During free writing exercises in her class, she connects her computer to the projector and scribbles her thoughts along with the students. Sometimes, she admits, she just types “Uhhhhh ...”

*conomic problem,” he says. “It was a time when a lot of people were feeling left behind by the economy.” That will be good to know when I read the story. Raymond Carver died in Port Angeles. I have a cousin who lives there. She’s obsessed with CrossFit and tells me not to drink Red Bull. Next time I visit her I’ll check out Carver’s grave. Now I’m heading back to Portage Bay. I’m meeting a professor in Foegen Hall. I’m trying to decide if I want to go to grad school, so my roommate got me an appointment with his research adviser. He says she’s been a really great mentor for him, and that she can help me even if I don’t want to do science. Her name is Suzie Pun, a bioengineering professor.*

As we sit down, Professor Pun looks at me intently, in a let’s-get-down-to-business sort of way. I guess I should start. I ask about her research. She picks up a Ziploc bag and a coffee cup lid from her desk. *“Do you know what plastics are?”* she asks, which sounds like a trick question. *“We work with plastic materials, but in the human body. We’re making plastics for biomedical applications: targeting cancer for drug delivery, making materials that mimic clots to stop bleeding, even changing gene expression in the brain.”*

I tell her that I’m thinking about grad school, maybe in law or political science or even anthropology. As I say those words, I realize how all-over-the-map my future sounds. She says it’s not a big deal. *“The number one thing you need to do is try it first. Volunteer, or do research, or follow a lawyer for a day. I think you can tell within three to six months if it’s something you’re going to love or not. A tiny bit of investment can save you years of your life.”* I ask her how many letters of recommendation I’ll need. She says not to worry about that yet. She tells me to remember to call my mom tonight, since I forgot to last night.

Now I’m heading to my final stop of the day. It’s another grad school thing. The other day I ran into Ekin Yasin, who taught my Intro to Communication class last year. I told her I’m thinking about grad school and she invited me to sit in on a master’s class she teaches, called Narrative and Networks in Digital Media. The class is only once a week, so



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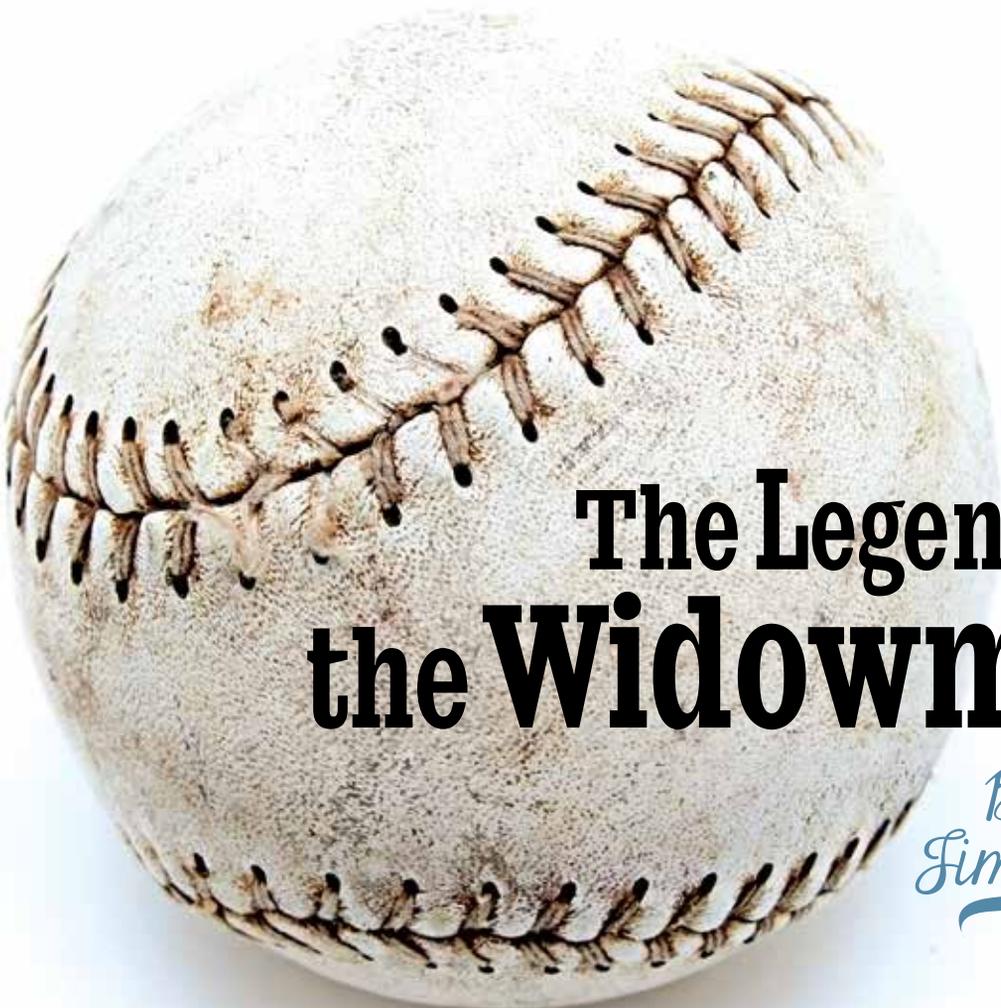
it's 6 to 9:50 p.m., and I have to be back on campus at 9 a.m. tomorrow for class in Kane. I can't even think about that, it makes my head hurt. Professor Yasin starts class by talking about diversity policies. *"How can a company show its customers, and the public, that these things matter to them?"* she asks. When Professor Yasin gives examples, they're not just about big American companies. It's stuff from all over the world. She says she does that because she was an international student, from Turkey, and she knows what it's like to miss out on cultural references from a professor. *"I remember looking up '80s movie references and spending my weekends just watching old shows that people were referencing,"* she tells me. *"That was on top of the course content, just so I could be included in the conversation."* I never thought about

studying communication, because I'm not good at writing, but this class is really fun. It's almost 10 and I'm starting to crash. I'll walk home up 15th and turn onto 45th so I can stay under the streetlights. What's crazy is that I've been thinking about getting a job. Now I can't imagine adding that to my schedule. I really need some extra money, though. Not just for fun—for like food and books and coffee. I don't even know how much money I have right now because I'm too scared to look at my account. I think I just need to ask my mom for some more. Yeah, I'll do that. But she's probably asleep, so I'll call her tomorrow. ■

—*Imaginary teacher tour written by Quinn Russell Brown, who also took this series of photos by lighting the teachers with their favorite tool, the slide projector.*



Jan Van Galen, the winner of the DTA Innovation with Technology Award, is a professor in UW Bothell's School of Educational Studies. With a nifty case full of iPads and microphones, she teaches a mobile storytelling workshop that helps first-generation students find and share their voices through narrative exercises.



# The Legend of the Widowmakers

By  
*Jim Caple*

**As a sportswriter** for three decades, I've had the pleasure of covering events on six continents (unfortunately, no spring training in Antarctica—yet). That includes 20 World Series, 12 Olympics, Final Fours, Super Bowls and even the World Wife Carrying contest in Sonkajärvi, Finland, where my wife and I finished in the top 10 of contestants who were actually married.

Among other highlights, I was there when my favorite boyhood teams, the San Francisco Giants and Boston Red Sox, each won their first World Series in more than 50 years. I caught Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey throwing his famous knuckleballs. I cycled with Tour de France winner Floyd Landis (after the title had been taken from him when he tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs).

But my happiest sports memory was playing for the Widowmakers softball team, which won the 1989 IMA championship with some of my closest friends. It wasn't the equivalent of the Mariners winning the World Series but at least we actually reached the championship—and won it.

I was the left fielder who played shallow enough that fly balls regularly sailed over my head but I wrote about our title run later in a four-page "Widowmaker Illustrated" that I printed for my teammates. My lead graph: "And then the Widowmakers swarmed the infield, leaping and

dancing and shouting, suddenly as light as the ether now the weight of a decade of monkeys had been lifted from their backs."

Not that there was a photo of us leaping and dancing. Instead, I went with a photo from the New York Giants' historic 1951 playoff win over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Why didn't I use a photo of us? Because second baseman "Hot" Rod Mar accidentally double-exposed the negatives while photographing us. This was back when cameras still used film.

Fortunately, Rod did not repeat this problem during the rest of his career. You see, he went on to become one of the best sports photographers in the world. He has won the international Pictures of the Year competition and the best feature photo at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, photographed three covers for Sports Illustrated, shot pictures for ESPN (including one of me posed naked on a bicycle) and is currently the team photographer for the Seattle Seahawks.

This is just one of the fine and sometimes unexpected careers from that softball team. In addition to Rod, two players on our championship team went on to work full time for ESPN: myself and third baseman James "The Meal Ticket" Levison. That is by no means all of the notable accomplishments, though.

Catcher Chip Lydum became the Husky's associate athletic director

while right fielder Dan "Sarge" Lepse is Seattle Pacific University's assistant athletic director in charge of media relations. First baseman Luke "Boog" Esser became a state senator in Washington as well as the state's Republican party chairman. He currently represents two of the state's Native American tribes. Outfielder Dan "Danimal" Little was Nordstrom's vice president and chief information officer. Center fielder Eric "Rags" Radovich is the stadium announcer for Husky football and basketball, and occasionally the Mariners, as well as the Washington state beer commissioner. And our best player, shortstop Erich "Beethoven" or "Wiggler" Ludwig, was so good that he went to play softball in New Zealand, a country that takes its softball very seriously.

And those are just the players from that championship team. Other Widowmakers over the years included The Wall Street Journal's former Europe and Central Asia news editor and its current sports editor, Bruce Orwall; Mariners media relations director Tim Hevly; ex-smoke-jumper and current Cornish University professor Chuck Sheaffer; and former ESPN Emmy award-winning journalist Tom Farrey.

"There was no tryout process for new players," Sarge recalls. "Somebody just showed up on game day to play the open position and they were embraced by the veterans. The rookies instantly became Widowmakers. This colorful collection of misfits shared only two bonds—a desire to hang out once a week with a really good group of guys, and most of us were huge Husky fans."

Yes, we were a colorful lot. Almost all of us had nicknames that several of us still go by all these years later. Three teammates wore Mets caps, Sarge wore a Cubs cap, I wore a Red Sox cap and Luke would always wear a striped Chevron shirt in each game. We would all go to Roundtable Pizza after each game.

One of our pitchers, Steve Strom, even threw a no-hitter, though he was not experienced enough to know it. "We were like, 'Oh my God, you just pitched a no-no,'" Hot Rod recalls. "And he said, 'What's a no-no?'"

The season we won the championship, our pitcher was Mark "Scooter" Thomas, then a 42-year-old Everett Herald employee and Vietnam War veteran. Unfortunately, he broke his ankle in a collision at home plate during our semifinal victory. In his place, his son, Mark

Jr., pitched us to victory in the championship final.

Sadly, Mark Jr. died in 2014 from pancreatic cancer. Another player, Tom Verhulp, who played shortstop before Beethoven joined us, died from cancer as well this past summer.

So yes, the name Widowmakers can sound a little inappropriate now. Why did we call ourselves that, anyway? Well, we started as the Deadliners due to the connection several of us had with the UW Daily and its deadlines. Then Boog came up with the Widowmakers name after seeing commercials for monster truck rallies in the Kingdome, where competitors would race up the "Widowmaker" hill.

We made it to the IMA's final four several times before. In the spring of 1989, we rallied from a 3-2 deficit in the championship game to beat the Residuals, 6-3, with Chip driving in two key runs in the bottom of the sixth. And boy, were we excited, especially when we received our IMA championship T-shirts.

Alas, 28 years later, I must now sadly confess that the Widowmakers stretched the rules a bit. We did not gamble, cheat or take steroids. It's just that very few of us were officially eligible as UW students. Chip and Sarge were borderline eligible because they worked in the school's athletic department. We only had one actual student: Boog, who was then in law school at the UW. "I was the one legitimate player," he says.

Most of the rest of us had already graduated from the UW, some as much as five years earlier. So why did we keep playing? Because we loved softball and the IMA league was much more fun than other leagues. And we really wanted those championship T-shirts.

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# WE WIN!

It was like V-J Day when the Widowmakers won their first IMA championship.

## Widows finally get t-shirts

By Max Mercey  
 Widowmaker Illustrated

SEATTLE (June 1) — And then the Widowmakers swarmed the infield, leaping and dancing and shouting, suddenly as light as the ether now the weight of a decade of monkeys had been lifted from their backs.

Boog bashed elbows with Sarge. Rags exchanged high fives with Danimal, and Cuffs, Hot Rod, and Beethoven hugged near third base.

After nine years of trying, after 18 seasons of striving, the Widowmakers were champions of the IMA with a 6-3 victory over the Residuals.

"That one was for Chuck," said the Clonster, whose clutch two-run single in the sixth inning put the final nails in the Residuals' coffin.

"No, this was for Cuffs," said the Danimal, whose classmate since kindergarten went out a winner in his final game as a Widowmaker.

"What are you looking at?" said the Wiggler, whose 3-for-3 day at the plate earned him game MVP awards.

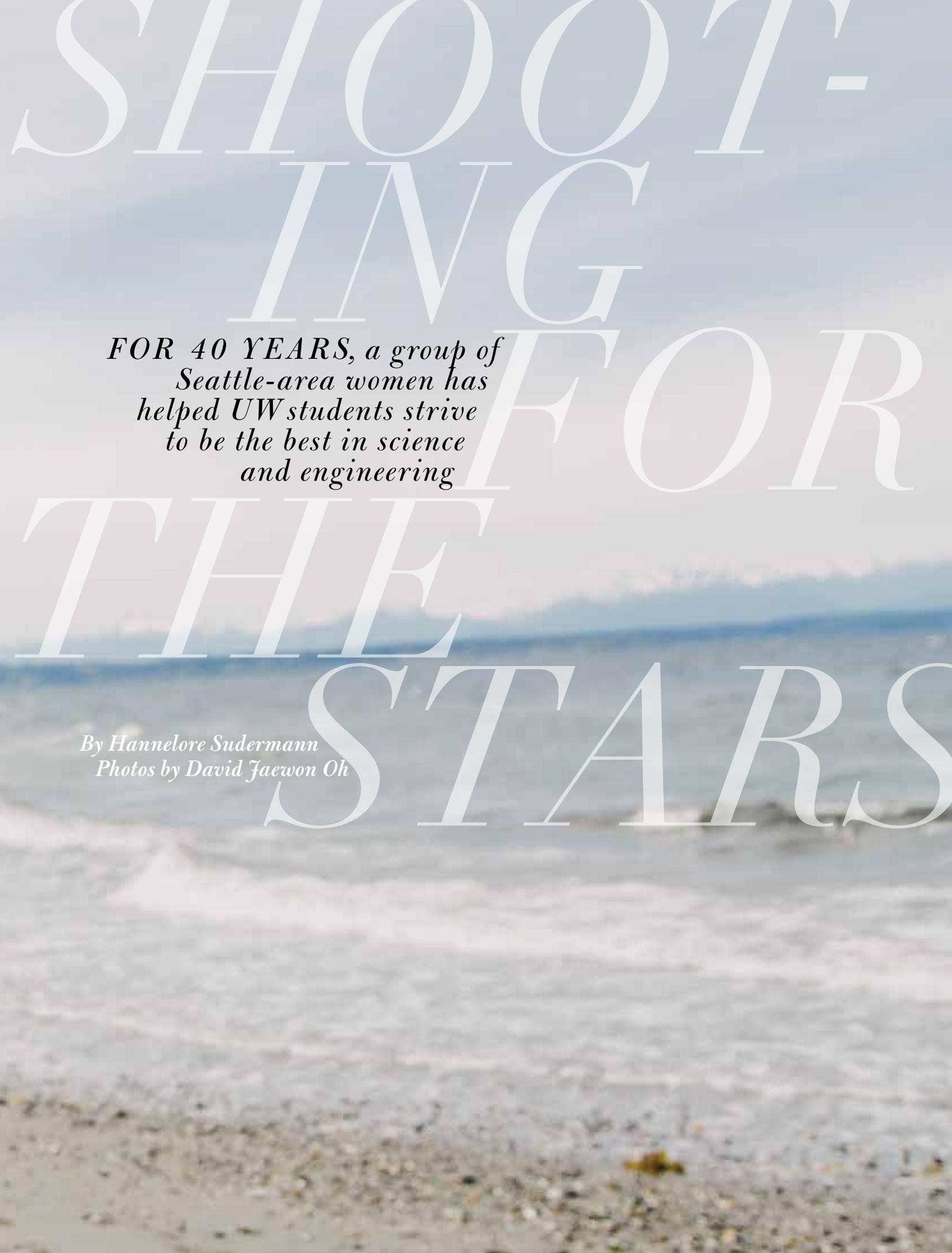
"It's about time," said IMA coordinator Gary Leonard.

Was it ever.

For though the victory was the Widowmakers' 17th win in their past 18 games, and 26th in their past 28, though it brought Cuffs' winning percentage to a glittering .823, though it capped an undefeated season, it was their first victory in an IMA

Elizabeth Ng studies populations of ground-fish in Puget Sound with the goal of guiding fishing practices to protect fragile species. Her funding comes, in part, from the Seattle chapter of the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation. Now in its 40th year, the ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter has awarded more than \$17 million in fellowships to more than 1,200 students.





*SHOOTING FOR  
THE STARS*

*FOR 40 YEARS, a group of  
Seattle-area women has  
helped UW students strive  
to be the best in science  
and engineering*

*By Hannelore Sudermann  
Photos by David Jaewon Oh*

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ome groundfish are so rare they might soon vanish from the ecosystem. Others are so common they may be overwhelming the sea floor. “But the thing is, around here we think a lot about salmon and killer whales,” says Elizabeth Ng, a graduate student in marine ecology and conservation. “We need to also understand these other really dynamic fish and sharks.”

Ng’s mission is to figure out how populations of Puget Sound groundfish like rockfish, sole, halibut and spiny dogfish have changed over the years. The information will help fishery managers make scientifically informed decisions to ensure the sustainability of certain species. “But it’s hard work,” she says. “Fish move and are difficult to track.”

Ng fell in love with field ecology as an undergraduate in California. After graduation, the New Jersey native landed an internship at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and got hooked on fish. Earning her master’s at the University of Idaho allowed her to focus on fish and wildlife with a serving of statistics on the side—excellent background for a future UW Ph.D. student in the Quantitative Ecology and Resource Management program.

By looking at how species interact over time, ecologists can build a fuller picture and know whether certain species are thriving or at risk, Ng says. “Right now there are holes in the data, and by using data collected by UW fisheries classes decades ago, I’m trying to fill in some of those holes.”

Ng can pursue this work in Puget Sound thanks to financial support from 155 passionate and forward-thinking Seattle-area women who are tackling the urgent need for more scientists and engineers. As members of the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Foundation, they currently fund 120 graduate students in 36 departments at the UW, as well as 35 at Washington State University.

ARCS Foundation offers three-year fellowships that provide students with \$7,500 the first year and \$5,000 for each of the next two. This funding is often the very thing that tips a talented student’s decision to come to the UW. “It was one of the factors that helped me pick,” Ng says. “I use the money now to defray living costs—rent here is five times what it was in Idaho—and to go to conferences where I can present my work.”



When they’re not attending medical school or furthering their research into human health in underserved communities. Their ARCS funding helped them have time last year to le

These awards come without restriction so students can spend the money where needed. Often they buy computers or equipment, pay moving expenses, cover rent or child care, or travel for research. At the UW, the Graduate School manages the selection of students, with help from department leaders for the eligible programs.

ARCS Foundation started in Los Angeles at the height of the Cold War in 1958 by a small group of philanthropically minded women concerned about the future. Russia had just launched the Sputnik satellite into orbit around Earth, and America was afraid of falling even further behind in science. Already donors and fundraisers for education, these women focused their efforts on providing scholarships for American graduate students in engineering and science.

In 1978, about 30 influential and like-minded women in Seattle formed their own ARCS Foundation chapter to support graduate students at the UW. The founding members were already forces in the region, among them UW alumnae and community leaders with ties to Longacres racetrack, The Seattle Times, PACCAR, the founding families of Seattle and Tacoma, and the region’s leaders in business and development.

Armed with impressive records of volunteering and fundraising for



th issues, UW ARCS scholars Alec Gibson, left, and Ted Gobillot provide medical care to ad a free clinic at the Aloha Inn, which provides transitional housing for the homeless.

art museums, the Seattle Opera, children's theater and hospitals, they laid the groundwork for what has become one of the most successful ARCS chapters in the country. (There are 15 nationwide.) As a non-profit, the Seattle Chapter ARCS Foundation relies on individual and corporate donors, and has awarded more than \$17 million in fellowships to more than 1,200 students.

"This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Seattle Chapter ARCS Foundation," says Amy Addison Rudolf, '80, the current chapter president. "It is a proud and thrilling moment in our history. Our mission of advancing science in America resonates with our current membership as strongly today as it did with our formidable founding members."

Micki Flowers, '73, a former broadcast journalist and Seattle philanthropist, was invited to an ARCS Foundation meeting two decades ago by the late Dottie Simpson, '82, a city luminary who in her 50s enrolled at the UW to earn an MBA. Simpson, who died this spring, was a long-standing ARCS member, adventurer and well-known volunteer (see page 59).

"ARCS has brought me great friends and given me a place to connect with people with whom I have so much in common," Flowers says. The

foundation also allows Flowers to support her alma mater. The group can use the ARCS award as a carrot to get certain students, she says. "In that way, we are able to help the University, too."

"ARCS has a tremendous impact on the UW's graduate students," says Rebecca Aanerud, interim dean of the UW Graduate School. "Not only does the generous financial support give them freedom to pursue their research, but the moral support and personal interest from the ARCS sponsors is invaluable."

Currently, students with ARCS support are working on the Zika virus, drug addiction, oral biology, solar cells, computer learning and ocean acidification. They come from many disciplines, including computer science and engineering, biology, physics, astronomy, medicine, and atmospheric sciences.

"Without my ARCS funding, I wouldn't have been able to come here at all," says Gabriella Tosado, a chemical engineering student who used some of her first-year funding to subsidize her relocation from Miami. Once she had started her studies, she realized that the ARCS award on her resume strengthened her candidacy for a rare National Science Foundation fellowship in clean energy research. "It meant so much that ARCS chose me," she says. "It was a vote of confidence that was really key for me to move forward."

The money Alec Gibson receives from ARCS has allowed him to live on Capitol Hill near the UW Medicine Harborview Medical Center building where he studies serotonin and the role it plays in addiction. Gibson is working on a medical degree as well as a doctorate. His partner, Ted Gobillot, another ARCS fellow and M.D.-Ph.D. student, researches the Zika virus in the Overbaugh lab at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

"We're often going in late at night and on weekends to check on our experiments," Gibson says. "This lets us avoid what can be up to an hour of commuting a day." It also means Gibson doesn't have to take an extra job to cover travel home to South Carolina during the holidays. "Moving to the West Coast was really difficult," he says. "And this is a long program. Being able to fly home to see my family is keeping me from burning out."

Free time is a rarity for Gibson and Gobillot, but what extra time they do have is given to patients with the fewest resources. Last year, the pair led a free clinic at the Aloha Inn, a former Aurora Avenue motel in Seattle that was converted to transitional housing for homeless and low-income people. This year, they're spreading their efforts among several clinics.

Gibson's ARCS funding comes from a McCaw family endowment. Understanding that the McCaws have a long history in the region deepens his connection to Seattle. Having that money and recognition gave him the confidence to apply for the National Institutes of Health grant that now covers much of his research and tuition. "Knowing there are people out there willing to support and fund the work that I'm doing was a factor in my confidence level," Gibson says.

Gobillot's support comes from Winky and Peter Hussey, who, like a number of ARCS donors, take a direct interest in the scholars they support. "We feel so much more connected, thanks to them," Gibson says. "They have been generous with their time and encouragement to both of us."

One of the best things about being an ARCS donor is meeting the scholars and hearing about their work, Flowers says. The foundation holds regular events in which students with ARCS funding can share the details of their research and meet the donors. And many ARCS donors go the extra step of offering friendship and mentorship to the students they fund. "ARCS is the place for energetic and focused women who have a passion for science and want to be in the know," Flowers says. "And to be able to connect with these talented young scientists, well, that's just amazing." ■

# A Hire Purpose

Accommodating autism in the workplace  
By Julie Garner

**The din inside** Café Allegro, a coffee bar wedged in a U District alley, is the usual: students discussing their social lives, classes and career goals. David Alvarez, who will graduate in June with a bachelor's degree in communication, is sipping a hot chocolate. The background noise is substantial, so he slips on a pair of specially designed ear buds so he can hear more clearly. Focus is often a big issue for Alvarez, whose autism was diagnosed in 2016 when he was age 27.

The road to his Husky cap and gown has been an unusual one. But persistence, resilience and a strong will to succeed will make graduation day especially joyous. His next step: entering the world of work. To do that, he will need to beat the odds.

Young adults with autism have many talents, but only 58 percent of them are employed (estimates vary), compared to 99 percent of young adults who don't have disabilities. Talented young adults with autism who are of average or above-average intelligence are three times less likely to be employed than those with intellectual disabilities. Studies say the low employment rate of young adults with autism and no intellectual disabilities is caused by a lack of social skills, not the lack of ability to do the job.

The issue of employment for people with autism after the age of 21, when most school services end, is an urgent one. Gary Stobbe, a physician who is director of the UW Medicine Adult Autism Clinic, says, "The services for adults lag far behind early-intervention and school-age services. A lot of adults with autism are suffering. There are a lot of mental-health issues including depression and anxiety that also affect people with autism. The suicide rate is 10 times higher than for people who are typically functioning." He says there is solid evidence showing that employment improves social skills, self-esteem and the ability to work with others. "It has a therapeutic effect," he says.

A company in our own backyard is leading the way when it comes hiring people with autism. The Microsoft Autism Hiring Program consists of a one-week interview academy to prep candidates for job interviews, as well as a program to guide managers, colleagues and employees with autism toward success in the workplace. So far, Microsoft has hired more than 50 adults with autism since the program started three years ago.

Microsoft's commitment to diversity and inclusion starts at the top.

Brad Smith, president and chief legal officer of Microsoft, is the honorary chair of the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, which kick off July 1 on the UW campus with 4,000 athletes and coaches as well as thousands of volunteers and fans. Microsoft is also the presenting sponsor of the Games. "Rise with Us" is the theme of this year's Games and is also Smith's invitation to Seattle residents and the global community to make this year's event the most inclusive ever.

The UW has more reason than ever to prepare UW students with autism for the workplace. Jill Locke, research assistant professor in Speech & Hearing Sciences, says that in 2012, only five students disclosed that they had autism. Today that number is more than 80.

The UW is taking measures to prepare students with autism for employment. Locke, Stobbe and Hala Annabi, associate professor in the iSchool, received a research grant to study the effects of a program and curriculum designed to prepare UW students with autism who want to work in IT.

The approach is innovative because most research and services concentrate on the transition from high school to college but not to the workforce. There isn't much research about what young people with autism need in order to make the move from higher education to the workforce.

Autistic UW students in this program are mentored, coached and then given the opportunity to shadow IT workers and visit companies like Microsoft, where they'd like to work.

"One of the things we know about people with autism is that structure and explicit directions are needed," Annabi says. "When you think of preparation, you have to think of recruitment, onboarding, retention and advancement. That's the life cycle of the workplace. Jill and I developed a program that helps students gain skills and to advocate for themselves. They learn about soft skills like networking, communication and collaboration. It's a research program with a curriculum component."

Right now, the program only applies to students with autism who want to work in IT. The goal, though, is to expand the program to include other disciplines and fields of work—and then create a program that can be replicated by other universities. Microsoft, which is collaborating with the UW, has staff on the program's advisory board.

The UW has implemented Project Search. Students with autism in their senior year of high school in Seattle Public Schools are placed in internships at various sites on the UW campus. Through a series of three targeted internships, students learn competitive, marketable skills that will make job interviews and success more likely. Some sites include the IMA and Waterfront Activities Center, the School of Music, Transportation Services and the Classics Department.

Seven young men and women, all ages 20 or 21, spent time during the past school year at 10 locations on campus. By next year, the program aims to serve 10 students through 15 internship sites at the UW.

Since 2015, the UW Speech & Hearing Sciences Department led by Locke and Lauren Nehilla joined the Disability Resources for Students Office to offer peer mentoring through a program called MOSSAIC, which was originally developed by the University of Montana.

Currently, peer students are being recruited all across campus. Peer mentors help with such issues as: How do I ask my professor for a meeting? How can I manage my time better so I can be on time for my 9 a.m. class? What is the etiquette during a dinner that's part of a job interview? The program also involves a study café, undergraduate seminar and bi-quarterly social events.

During the program's first years, student mentors were recruited only from Speech & Hearing Sciences. Next fall, any UW student who wants

to be a mentor can apply.

Nawal Syeda, a senior who plans to become a speech language pathologist, served as a mentor to Alvarez for the 2017-18 school year. At first, she was cautious in her weekly meetings with him.

"I was afraid to say the wrong thing," she explains. "I had a shallow idea of the autism spectrum because of media portrayals. I have been lucky to gain new insight."

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) poses significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. People with ASD may communicate, interact, behave and learn in ways that are different from most people. The learning, thinking and problem-solving abilities of people with ASD can range from gifted to severely challenged. Some people need a lot of help in their daily lives; others need less.

Alvarez's story is a bit unique because he was diagnosed considerably later than most people with autism.

"I wish I had had this diagnosis at age 7 instead of age 27," he says. Although it came during his time at the UW, the diagnosis allowed him to receive an accommodation; he was allowed to take a lighter course load and still retain his financial aid. This accommodation helped him reach his goal to graduate in June. He didn't achieve a 4.0 grade-point average or make the dean's list until he received the accommodation.

"The reduced credit load of 10 credits allowed me to focus and go in-depth in my classes, rather than having breadth and being overwhelmed. It's hard to explain but taking two classes made a significant difference in my physical and mental capabilities instead of taking three or sometimes more classes," says Alvarez.

Alvarez eventually wants to work in higher education. He believes there are two few Latinx (a gender-neutral term for Latino/a individuals) people in leadership positions at colleges and universities. Eventually, he plans to attend graduate school, although his short-term goal is finding a job.

Alvarez has been offered a position as NASPA undergraduate fellow at the University of Missouri Inclusive Excellence Strategic Mapping Program. NASPA is the leading association for the advancement, health and sustainability of the student affairs profession. In fall 2018, he will begin as Unite UW Early Fall Start Program leader. Unite UW is an on-campus cultural exchange program that builds bridges between domestic and international students. Alvarez hopes to continue doing research on transfer students as part of his thesis and/or work an administrative position at a community college before going to graduate school in two or three years.

Alvarez explains his autism, having a job interview and potential employment this way: "There are people who audition well but can't act. Then there are people who don't audition well but do a great job. That's me." ■



The UW became a world leader in medical genetics thanks to a refugee who dedicated his life to medicine



Arno Motulsky (in black blazer at right) and his team interview a patient at UW Medical Center in 1962.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL GENETICS

# Healing Humanity

By  
Julie  
Garner

**In 1939, Arno Motulsky** was a 16-year-old German Jew fleeing for his life from the Nazis. Along with his parents, brother and sister, he boarded the MS St. Louis, bound for the U.S. Their hope: making it to Chicago to live with an uncle. But the ship was turned away in Miami because the State Department considered refugees a security risk. Separated from his family, Motulsky was sent to a camp in Vichy-controlled France that was riddled with typhus, cholera and dysentery.

At that moment, there were few indications that Motulsky would go on to become a founder of the field of medical genetics. Or that he would be among the first scientists in the world to suspect, and then prove, that genes affect drug actions. Or that Motulsky would mentor a UW student who would go on to win a Nobel Prize. Amazing for a young man who wasn't allowed to finish high school because the Nazis expelled Jewish children from Germany's schools.

Motulsky, who founded the UW Division of Genetics in 1957 along with another revered UW geneticist, Stanley Gartler, is the father of pharmogenetics, the field devoted to understanding how drugs affect patients differently, depending on their genes.

When the rebuffed MS St. Louis steamed its way back to Europe, Motulsky dreaded the horror that awaited him in his homeland. But within a few days of the ship's arrival, four countries courageously announced that they would each take one-fourth of the passengers. Motulsky was sent to Belgium.

However, he was considered an enemy alien and was sent by cattle car to the Gurs internment camp in France. But miraculously, 10 days before his 18th birthday, Motulsky managed to make his way to Portugal through Spain to board another ship bound for the U.S. Had he been 18, Spain's fascist government would not have allowed him passage out of the country. Once he arrived in the U.S., Motulsky worked to pass high school equivalency tests. He then joined the U.S. Army, and as part of the Army's program to rapidly train physicians, he earned his

medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1947. Eventually, he landed at the UW, where his scientific imagination bore fruit.

During the 1960s, his interests included the global role of genetic variation in human disease and in genetics as a tool to understand biological processes. He also studied and taught extensively about Jewish genetic diseases and their origins. He researched the genetic basis of color blindness as well as a host of other conditions and diseases.

Motulsky liked nothing better than tackling a thorny genetics problem with a young colleague. Probably the most famous student Motulsky mentored was Joseph Goldstein, '72, now chairman of molecular genetics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Motulsky watched proudly in 1985 when Goldstein and Mike Brown (both at the University of Texas at the time; Brown is still there, too) were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine "for their discoveries concerning the regulation of cholesterol metabolism." Motulsky continued to research lipids throughout his career and put in place the basic building blocks that eventually led to the development of statins, a class of drugs that has saved millions of lives because of their cholesterol-lowering abilities.

Mary-Claire King, the UW geneticist who discovered the BRCA 1 and 2 gene mutations that cause breast cancer, told The New York Times "that because of Dr. Motulsky's work in medical genetics, the field is now integrated into every other field of medical practice, and has become the soul of precision medicine."

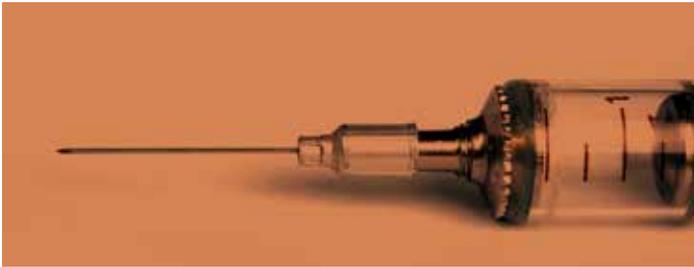
Motulsky, who died Jan. 17 in Seattle at the age of 94, may be gone but his influence lives on in many ways. More than four decades ago, he obtained one of the first training grants in medical genetics from the NIH. That grant is now in its 41st year.

Motulsky's life's work was a response to the inhumanity that he fled almost 80 years ago. Thanks to his innovations, the UW is an international leader in medical genetics research and training. ■



## Studying Narwhals No Easy Tusk

**As a child** growing up in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Kristin Laidre was fascinated by whales. Now a marine biologist at the UW's Polar Ice Center and the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, she's living her dream of studying narwhals, the mysterious 2,000-pound mammals that are notoriously tricky to find. "Narwhals are elusive and skittish and difficult to study. They spook really easily," says Laidre, '99, '03. Once, she waited on a boat in the Arctic for an entire month without seeing even one. Laidre spends three months every year in the Arctic. She is especially interested in learning why narwhals seem to prefer congregating near the fronts of glaciers. This summer, she'll take a research vessel to the Arctic and drop a special anchor, affixed with sound equipment, to the bottom of the sea to capture the sound of narwhals year-round. Her team will also anchor a video camera to a rock outcropping so researchers in Seattle can see what the narwhals are up to day or night. Cool facts about narwhals: They have no teeth and gum their prey, even huge Greenland halibut. They can dive a mile beneath the ice and while they don't sing, they do click, squeak and buzz.



## The Cost of Defeating Diabetes

**There's a new blockbuster** drug that could save the lives of thousands of people with type 2 diabetes in the U.S. But UW Medicine professor Irl Hirsch is fighting mad because the medication costs between \$500 and \$600 per month—and not all insurance covers it. "The bottom line is that in other countries, the drug is cost-effective because it reduces cardiovascular death," Hirsch says. That is so significant because about half of type 2 diabetics eventually die of a cardiovascular problem. While data on cost-effectiveness in the U.S. will be available this summer, Hirsch fears that many patients won't have access to the medication because of the cost. A study involving 7,000 people showed that the drug, Jardiance, reduced deaths from heart complications by 38 percent. It also reduced deaths from any cause by 32 percent and hospitalizations from heart failure by 35 percent. In fact, the drug was so effective that it is now being tested on people who don't have diabetes but suffer from cardiovascular disease. Still, Hirsch laments, "Many health insurers cover it but sometimes, the co-pay is unaffordable." Hirsch also bemoans the fact that thousands of primary care physicians are not even aware of the study results.

# Science Shorts

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### Acapella in the Ocean

Dive into the ocean east of Greenland during the winter and you will be treated to bowhead whales singing loudly 24 hours a day. That was one of the findings of research by Kate Stafford, an oceanographer at the UW's Applied Physics Laboratory. A 2012 study by Stafford reported that the whales were singing continuously during the winter breeding season, the first hint that there may be a healthy population in the area. Bowhead whales were hunted nearly to extinction in the 1600s.

### Cavities, Beware: Peptides are Coming

Imagine not going through costly and uncomfortable dental treatments to rebuild tooth enamel and treat dental cavities. The UW has designed a natural product that uses proteins to fix those problems. "Remineralization guided by peptides is a healthy alternative to current dental care," says lead author Mehmet Sarikaya, professor of materials science and engineering. "Peptide-enabled formulations will be simple and would be implemented in over-the-counter or clinical products."

### Alternative Energy Equals Better Health

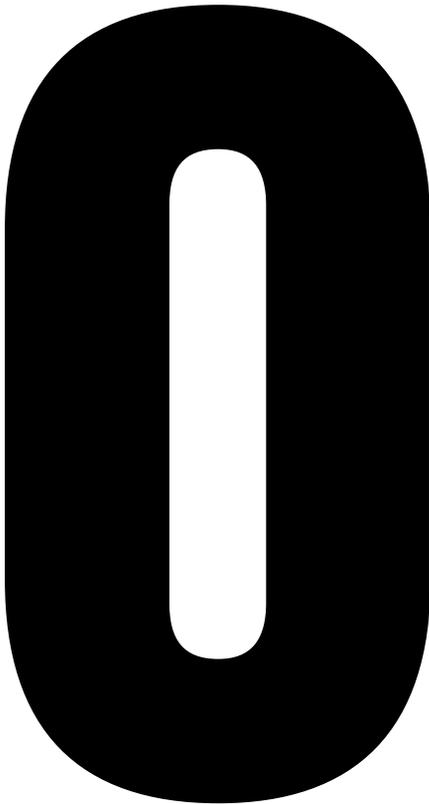
Global health stands little chance of getting better as long as electricity and transport fuels are still in use. That is the finding of Scott Montgomery, geoscientist and affiliate in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, who says that diseases caused or worsened by air pollution and unsafe drinking water go hand in hand with rapidly growing economies. "Energy is the key to many things dealing with public health," he explains.

### Paparazzi Catches Up with this Runaway Star

A supergiant star is hurtling through space at 300,000 miles per hour, a velocity that would get you from the Earth to the Moon in about 48 minutes. Kathryn Neugent, a doctoral student in astronomy and the lead author of a paper in *The Astronomical Journal*, was part of the team that discovered this runaway star in one of the Milky Way's satellite galaxies. What are the chances of it hitting anything? Not great. "Space," Neugent says, "is big!" Whew.

### Where Have You Been Hiding all these Years?

Never had humans laid eyes on a fearsome-looking anglerfish and her parasitically attached mate that makes its home deep down off Sao Jorge Island in the Azores, west of Portugal. Then a submersible operated by the Rebikoff-Niggeler Foundation recorded video footage of these elusive creatures. "This is a unique and never-before-seen thing," raved Ted Pietsch, professor emeritus of aquatic and fishery sciences and curator emeritus of fishes at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.



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

## The Husky 100

If you ever needed reminding how great our students are, check out the new Husky 100. It recognizes undergraduate and graduate students from our Bothell, Seattle and Tacoma campuses in all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the UW. [Washington.edu/husky100/](http://Washington.edu/husky100/)

## A Major Minor

The UW introduced a minor in Oceania and Pacific Islander Studies this past spring. The 25-credit, interdisciplinary program is believed to be the only such program outside of the University of Hawaii. It is housed in the Department of American Indian Studies and includes classes from the departments of American Ethnic Studies, Anthropology, English, and the School of Marine and Environmental Affairs.

## First in Her Field

Associate Psychology Professor Kristina Olson, the creator and leader of the TransYouth Project, which is considered the first large-scale long-term study

of transgender children in the U.S., was named the winner of the National Science Foundation's Alan T. Waterman Award. It is the U.S. government's highest honor for an early-career scientist or engineer, recognizing an outstanding individual under the age of 40 or within 10 years of receiving a Ph.D.

## Safeco Field Sage

The government agency that owns and operates Safeco Field welcomed Paul Mar, '62, '71, as a board member. He is the director of real estate development for the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority. The Seattle Public Facilities District operates Safeco Field on behalf of taxpayers. Mar, who also is a board member of the Wing Luke Asian Museum, was appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee, '73.

## Top Performers

Nearly 50 graduate and professional programs and specialties of the UW are among the top 10 in the nation, according to the U.S. News & World Report's 2019 Best Graduate School

rankings. Several schools and departments placed prominently in the 2019 rankings, including medicine, nursing, social work, computer science and public affairs. See [uwnews.com/best-graduate-schools](http://uwnews.com/best-graduate-schools)

## Community Devotion

Two alumnae were honored by OCA, formerly known as the Organization of Chinese Americans, at its recent Golden Circle Awards banquet: Diane Narasaki, '77, the retiring executive director of the Asian Counseling and Referral Service; and the Kurose family, represented by Ruthann Kurose, '74. The awards recognize the contributions made to better the community and improve the lives of Asian Pacific Islanders in the greater Seattle area.

## Hall of Fame Nurse

Another Husky has been inducted into the Washington State Nurses Association Hall of Fame. Karen Matsuda, '78, is deputy regional health administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington).

## Our New Law Dean

The UW School of Law will welcome its new dean next month. Mario L. Barnes, professor and senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of California, Irvine, will join the UW in July as the next Toni Rembe Dean of UW Law. He is nationally recognized for his research on the legal and social implications of race and gender, primarily in the areas of employment, education, criminal and military law. As an attorney for the Navy, he was a member of the commission that investigated the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

## Career Kindness

Evans School graduate Harold Taniguchi, '90, received the Honorable Ray LaHood Award from the Puget Sound Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar. He was recognized for mentoring women who work for the King County government, developing plans for their career success.



## Scott Kurashige

**Mr. President** | UW Bothell's already impressive reputation got a boost when interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences professor Scott Kurashige was elected president of the American Studies Association. Beginning July 1, he will serve as president-elect for a year and take office as president on July 1, 2019. The association promotes interdisciplinary research on American culture and history. Kurashige's research examines the complex questions, contradictions and possibilities arising from the prevalence of diversity in the U.S., particularly from the Black and Asian perspectives. He is the author of two books, his most recent being "The Fifty-Year Rebellion: How the U.S. Political Crisis Began in Detroit." Says Kurashige: "I strive to make education meaningful and powerful by understanding its crucial role in catalyzing personal and social transformation." —**JULIE GARNER**



Faculty Profile

INGRID WALKER

## Talking About Drugs

**I**ngrid Walker wants to change the way you think about drugs. ♦ Not cold medications and aspirin, though. Instead, she's referring to what most people consider illicit drugs and the way media and the government frame our perceptions about them. And the people who use them. ♦ "There's so much misinformation and uninformed conversation about illicit drugs. Just the way we talk about the opiate crisis is maddening to me," says the UW Tacoma associate professor of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. ♦ Part of the problem is that we tend to view drugs as "good" or "bad," Walker says in her recently released book "High: Drugs, Desire and a Nation of Users." For example, drugs like alcohol and marijuana are "good" because the general population considers them acceptable. It's even OK for a doctor to prescribe Ritalin for Attention Deficit Disorder, but it's not OK to use "bad" drugs like methamphetamines, even though both drugs are amphetamines. ♦ Since the drugs they use are bad, it stands to reason that the fate of users is even worse. As Walker puts it, "The way the media casts drug users as disgusting people is a big part of the media campaign that I follow through the different decades." ♦ The reality is far more nuanced,

according to Walker. Drugs aren't good or bad. They're just agents to accomplish a goal, whether it be treatment or stress reduction. ♦ "The whole reason the drug war continues is because criminalization has silenced users," she continues, pointing out that more than 90 percent of users of every drug do not suffer addiction. "It means there are all these self-regulating users. How come we never talk about them?" ♦ Those are just a few of the highlights in a book that has pushed the cultural studies scholar into the limelight and a new role as an advocate for changing drug policy. As part of the effort, she's also done a TEDx speech on the subject, written op-ed pieces about safe consumption sites and had the Drug Policy Alliance ask her to lead an event to discuss ways to make drug research reach across multiple disciplines to create more cohesive policy. ♦ Although the book was written primarily as an academic work, she also did a six-month tour of bookstores and libraries throughout the Pacific Northwest. The excursion led to the sale of 1,200 copies of the book and gave her the chance to talk about drug policy and perceptions with people from all walks of life. ♦ "General audiences have really been fascinating," she says. "I think people are hungry to talk about these issues in ways that are more complicated than the media representation of what's going on." ♦ And that's the point of the book, she says: "My goal is to inform, to get people to think differently. I want people to ask the right questions."

Story by **David Volk** Photo by **Karen Orders**

## June Speaker

Dr. Benjamin Danielson, '92, a pediatrician at Seattle Children's and director of the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic in Seattle's Central District, will be the featured speaker at the UW Commencement ceremony on June 9 in Husky Stadium. The Seattle Times has called Danielson "a quiet hero of health care" for his work that helps shape children's lives and supports the entire community.

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## Fifteen Candles

Student-run Rainy Dawg Radio celebrated its 15th anniversary in April. The online-only streaming station, which boasts a staff of more than 100 disc jockeys, plays everything from rap to hip hop to Japanese music and Korean pop. The station is in early talks to stream its music live into Parnassus Café in the Art Building. Groovy.

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## Dean Cheng

Renee Cheng, honored twice as one of the 25 most admired design educators in the U.S., has been named dean of the College of Built Environments. Cheng, whose appointment begins Jan. 1, is professor and associate dean of research at the University

of Minnesota, where she has been directing an innovative graduate program linking research with practice and licensure. She has pioneered research surrounding the intersection of design and emerging technologies, including work on industry adoption of Integrated Project Delivery, Building Information Modeling and Lean.

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## Striking Gold

Three undergraduate students are among 211 students nationwide who were named 2018 Goldwater Scholars. Barry Goldwater Scholarships are awarded to students who show "outstanding potential" and plan to pursue research careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering. The winning students are Nelson Liu, Kimberly Ruth and Tyler Valentine. Andrew Luo earned an honorable mention. This year's scholars were chosen from among 1,280 students nominated by faculty members at colleges and universities nationwide.

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## Caring Keiro

Frank Fukui, '73, is the new board president of Keiro Northwest, a Central Area senior center formerly known as Nikkei Concerns. Keiro cares for Asian seniors. Fukui, a Seattle native who graduated

from Garfield High School, and his family were sent to the Minidoka relocation camp during World War II. He is the owner of Everett-based Woodburn Co., which specializes in office imaging equipment, managed print services, document management systems and IT services.

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## Runstad Real Estate

The College of Built Environments Department of Real Estate, formerly the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, has been named in honor of Jon, '65, and Judy, '74, Runstad. The UW's real estate program has grown significantly since its inception and was elevated to department status in 2017.

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## Guggenheim Honor

More than 3,000 applicants sought to be recognized as a fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation. One of the 173 recipients was Christian Lee Novetzke. He is the director of the UW Center for Global Studies and professor of South Asia studies, religious studies and global studies at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. Novetzke's research specializes in studies of India, religion, history, culture and politics as linked to questions of public ethics.

## ASSOCIATION AWARDS



**RALINA JOSEPH**

UW Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award

In 2015, after UWAA and The Graduate School presented the Equity & Difference lecture series, friends and alumni who attended asked, "Where now?" Ralina Joseph, associate professor of communication and founding director of the Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity, had the answer. Working with UWAA staff and the UWAA Board of Trustees, she developed "Interrupting Privilege," a national-award-winning course of lectures and discussions for students and alumni.

DENNIS WISE



**ROBERT CRAWFORD**

UW-UWRA Distinguished Retiree Excellence in Community Service Award

In our book, Robert Crawford is a superhero. A founding UW Tacoma faculty member, Crawford builds coalitions and educates Washingtonians about the need to end torture, guarantee humane treatment of prisoners and ensure fundamental human rights. You may have read one of his op-ed pieces in The Seattle Times or heard him on a podcast. Although Crawford retired in 2016, he remains active in developing programs as a faculty associate with the UW Center for Human Rights.

DENNIS WISE



**VIVIAN O. LEE**

UWAA Golden Graduates Distinguished Alumna Award

Vivian O. Lee's list of accomplishments is staggering. She was the first African American student to be admitted to the special accelerated bachelor's degree program in nursing in 1955, the first African American RN hired at the Seattle VA Hospital; and the first hired by the U.S. Public Health Service, where she became director of the first federal regional office on women's health in the nation. Lee, '58, '59, also co-founded the UWAA's Multicultural Alumni Partnership.

KAREN ORDERS

## Samantha Pak

**Big News** | Now here's a story about someone working their way up in the world. Samantha Pak, a former intern for Columns and Viewpoint magazines, has been named senior editor of Sound Publishing's Eastside editions. She oversees all online content and social media for the company's Eastside websites. When Pak, '08, studied at the UW, digital journalism and social media had not yet become standard in university classrooms. She recalls taking a class on blogging in which Twitter was mentioned. "I remember thinking, really, what is the point of Twitter?" Pak especially champions stories about underrepresented minorities. "I am Asian American and I don't see myself that often in the media. When I do, it's not always positive." —**JULIE GARNER**



COURTESY SAMANTHA PAK



Alumni Profile

VIRGINIA MORRISON  
KELVIN WESTBROOK

## Model Mentor



ven as a child, Kelvin Westbrook rarely took no for an answer. When, at age 10, he was told he was too young for a newspaper route, he talked the manager into a tryout and ended up with routes in Tacoma and later Spanaway.

◆ When his high school counselor tried to steer him into a trade, he enrolled in community college and set his sights on

attending the University of Washington. When he discovered that he was more than 20 credits short to be a business major, he found Virginia Morrison, '52, the UW administrator who would become his friend and ally. ◆ "I can't say enough about her care, concern and mentorship," says Westbrook, the sixth of 11 children and the first in his family to graduate from college. Morrison, who started working on campus as a chemistry secretary, had become director of undergraduate programs in the business school. She wasted no time contacting faculty and getting Westbrook into the necessary classes, confident he could shoulder a demanding schedule and—with extra classes every quarter—meet his goal of graduating in two years. ◆ She was impressed by his drive and enjoyed his regular visits to her office. "Sometimes he would just stop by to say hello," she recalls. He also opened her eyes to the experience of

an African American student at the UW. And their friendship, forged that day in 1974 when Westbrook first stepped into Morrison's office, has lasted more than 40 years. ◆ Once Westbrook earned his business degree in 1977, he set his sights on law school. Morrison had introduced him to the dean of the UW law school, so he thought he might have a chance at getting in. Then he took his LSATs. "I had to break the news to Virginia that I wouldn't be coming to the UW," he says. His scores were so high that he had his choice of schools. He landed on Harvard. ◆ Early in his career as a corporate lawyer, Westbrook became a partner in a national law firm based in New York City. He later co-founded one of the largest minority-owned broadband services companies in the country. Today, he sits on the boards of several Fortune 500 companies, including Archer Daniels Midland and T-Mobile. He is also board chairman for BJC HealthCare, one of the largest employers in Missouri. ◆ He married Valerie Bell, a Harvard law classmate, and made their home with their three children in St. Louis. While he and his wife are fixtures in Missouri philanthropy and business circles, Westbrook often returns to the Northwest for board meetings and to see family. He always makes time to check in with Morrison. She always delights to see him at her door. "I'm so proud of what he has accomplished," she says. "He was as much a mentor to me as I was to him."

Story by **Hannelore Sudermann** Photo by **Quinn Russell Brown**

# BUILDING BRIDGES

**From a small Washington town to one of the world's largest cities, Caleb Huffman is on a quest to connect with others — and expand his own perspective.**

BY JAMIE SWENSON

Caleb Huffman, '18, admits that his transition to the University of Washington was daunting. The number of undergraduates alone is 30 times larger than the population of his rural hometown of Onalaska, Washington.

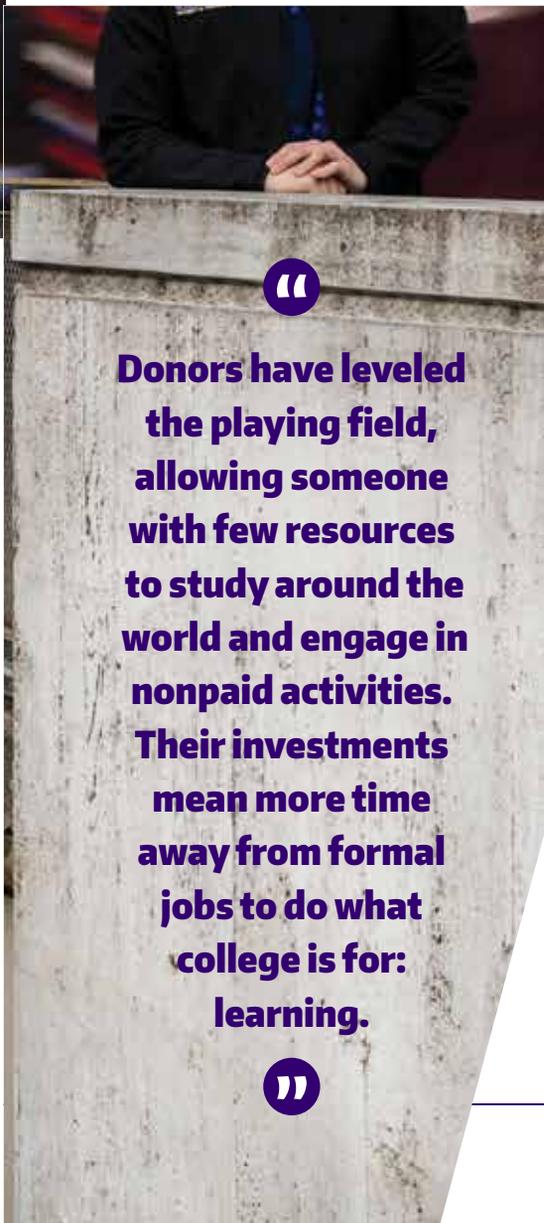
Now a UW senior, Huffman is again on the cusp of uprooting himself to a much larger city. This fall, he'll move to Beijing to spend two years studying

they still left a significant gap. Then the philanthropically supported Husky Promise, which covers tuition and fees for Washington state students from low-income families, brought him over the finish line. "The support I received made all the difference," he says.

#### **Exploring points of view**

Without a financial burden to worry about, Huffman hit the ground running





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**Donors have leveled the playing field, allowing someone with few resources to study around the world and engage in nonpaid activities. Their investments mean more time away from formal jobs to do what college is for: learning.**

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that divide.”

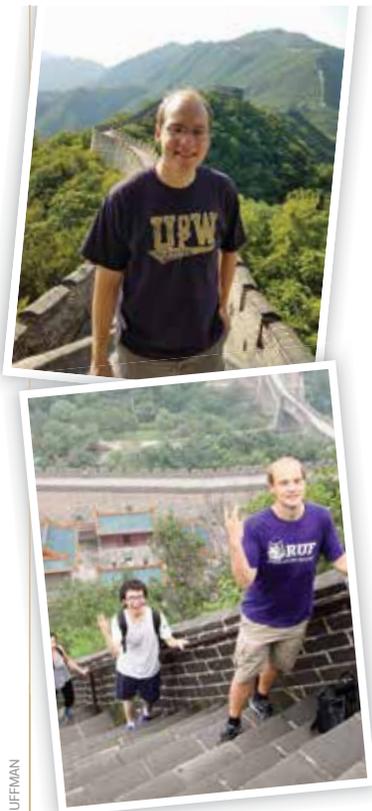
Huffman’s growing interest in U.S.–China relations made him want to return and keep learning, and he’s since been back several times with various academic and cultural programs.

**The next stage of the journey**

After graduate school in Beijing, Huffman hopes to earn a J.D. and work in the U.S. legal system to help strengthen our country’s relationship with China.

“The U.S.–China relationship will be the most critical bilateral relationship of my lifetime. How we will shape each other’s, and the world’s, international norms is a question of utmost importance,” says Huffman.

As he prepares to move to a place that differs dramatically from Seattle in size and culture, Huffman recalls the time when he was nervous about coming to the UW: “Now that seems kind of silly to me, because you can find your community anywhere. There are seven billion people in the world. What community are you going to find? Where are you going to go?”



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CALEB HUFFMAN

**Top:** A sunny day at Mutianyu, a portion of the Great Wall to the northeast of Beijing.

**Bottom:** Huffman poses on a steep section of the Great Wall with a friend and fellow UW student from China. They met in Beijing as part of the Husky Presidential Ambassadors program.

# BREWING SUCCESS

**With support from the Foster School's Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship, four co-founders are turning a UW classroom project into a budding beverage company.**

**WORDS** JANE YANG AND MEG CRESSEY  
**PHOTOS** DENNIS WISE

Founding a startup isn't for the faint of heart—many try, but only a handful truly make it. Like the perfect cup of tea, success takes the right combination of ingredients and time. It's a recipe that Minnie Yuan, '17, Karin Soyama, '17, Kathy Tuan, '18, and Amie Hsieh, '17, know well.

The four co-founders of Nastea & Co. met on the first day of winter quarter in 2017, in a Foster School of Business class called Creating a Company. What made the class special was its participants: Students came from a range of non-business majors, from biology to communication to engineering. Each student group was tasked with starting a company from scratch.

Using their various strengths—Yuan's optimism, Tuan's love of food science, Soyama's analytical mindset and Hsieh's pragmatism—the Nastea team began brainstorming. Inspiration struck when Soyama and Tuan proposed the idea of white coffee dirty chai. A chai tea latte with a shot of white coffee espresso, the drink is increasing in popularity but still relatively hard to find.

From the beginning, Foster School instructor Rob Adams could see the Nastea team's potential for real-world success. "When you're an entrepreneur, you need to be a little overly optimistic," says Adams, now the director of the UW's Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship. "That optimism enables you to overcome all the obstacles you can run into, and the Nastea team definitely has that."



**Clockwise from above:**

*Straining spices for a batch of chai tea.*

*Nastea's first release: a chai tea latte with a shot of white coffee espresso.*

*Amie Hsieh (right) melts and measures honey for Nastea's matcha flavor.*





## Help UW students innovate

The Jones + Foster Accelerator is supported primarily by private donations and sponsorships. With your gift to the program, you can help students like Yuan, Tuan, Soyama and Hsieh share their (delicious) creativity with the world.

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**Kathy Tuan, '18**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**Minnie Yuan, '17**

CHIEF DESIGN OFFICER



**Karin Soyama, '17**

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



**Amie Hsieh, '17**

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

They also had skill and luck on their side: Their first successful bottled product took just two and a half weeks, despite the 40 different combinations of ingredients. By the time the class ended, the team had a viable product and a plan to take Nastea to market. With Adams' encouragement, they started building their business.

### Full speed ahead

In spring 2017, the Nastea team began ramping up production in a shared kitchen space in Seattle's South Park neighborhood. Three of the founders graduated in June, allowing them to devote more time to growing the company. But they didn't leave the UW far behind—the team was soon admitted to the Jones + Foster Accelerator program offered through the Buerk Center.

Designed for early-stage and student-led businesses, this donor-supported six-month program provides mentorship from local entrepreneurs and investors, as well as a no-strings-attached \$25,000 in funding for those who make it through successfully.

During Jones + Foster, teams must hit a number of milestones tailored to their businesses. Nastea aimed to grow their brand on social media, boost their weekly production and prolong their product's shelf life. Initially able to produce a batch of 50 bottles in six hours, the team now makes upward of 300 bottles in half that time. They also expanded their product line to include a matcha flavor.

When their program ended in February 2018, the team received the \$25,000—a huge vote of confidence in the company.

"I felt very grateful and stoked, but mostly proud of the team for what we've accomplished," Soyama says. "The funding also gives us a lot of flexibility in continuing our company."

### Keep calm and brew on

During the process of creating Nastea, the founders have learned to embrace and adapt to uncertainty. "We're still figuring it out as we go," Tuan says.

But bolstered by knowledge from Creating a Company, along with mentorship and funding from the Jones + Foster Accelerator, the team is excited to keep expanding. Currently, Nastea beverages can be found in 14 different cafés and grocery stores across Seattle.

As they look forward to the challenges and rewards ahead, Yuan, Soyama, Tuan and Hsieh hope that those who dream of becoming entrepreneurs will be inspired by their story. "There are a lot of ups and downs, but I would trade nothing for this experience," Tuan says. "And knowing that people will take a sip, smile and think 'This is so good'—it's worth it."

# A LEGACY BUILT ON LANGUAGE

**Janet Heineck, '70, '72, has studied Arabic, Turkish, Hebrew and Japanese. Now she's making a lasting investment in future language students.**

BY JAMIE SWENSON



PHOTO BY DENNIS WISE

Janet Heineck's mother, Catherine, always had a taste for armchair adventure.

"'Of Men and Mountains' was a favorite," Heineck says. "So were 'The Swiss Family Robinson' and 'West with the Night.' In her later years, my mother would also come down to the UW and take ACCESS classes in all kinds of things when she was able. She really enjoyed it."

Heineck inherited her mother's interest in continued learning—especially when it came to the cultures of distant lands. When the epic film "Lawrence of Arabia" was released in 1962, it sparked in Heineck such a strong interest in the Near East that she came to the UW to study Arabic.

In 1970, she became the first woman to earn a B.A. in Near Eastern Languages & Civilization from the UW. On her path to an M.A. from the department in 1972, she spent a summer studying Arabic in Cairo, Egypt, and also broadened her language studies to include Turkish.

## Cataloging a career

But Heineck's interest in language, culture and history didn't stop when she earned her M.A.—and neither did her relationship with the UW. In 1980, she landed a job as the Middle East cataloger at the University Libraries, where she stayed until her retirement in 2014. In this role, she catalogued Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish and some Persian, as well as a range of subjects in English.

Along the way, she took two years of Hebrew at the University through the Washington State Employee Tuition Exemption Program. She also became the Libraries' system selector for Jewish Studies, which made her responsible for acquiring books in Hebrew and Western-language Judaica.

"It was a treat to spend a few minutes each week looking at the selector review shelves to note the new books arriving," says Heineck.

As a selector, Heineck relied on donor support to purchase special items.

One fund in particular, she recalls, had a major impact: the Stuart H. Gould Endowed Library Fund for Jewish Studies, which was created by Linda Gould and her husband, Howard Cottrell, in memory of Gould's brother. "Because of this fund, I was able to buy high-ticket, briefly available things for the Libraries that we wouldn't have been able to buy on a single budget line," says Heineck.

## Leading with curiosity

During her time with the Libraries, Heineck's interest in other parts of the world continued to grow. After visiting friends in Kyoto, she began studying Japanese language and literature as an ACCESS student. Her first such course, taught by Paul Atkins, chair and professor in Asian Languages & Literature, was on Japanese literature. "It was fascinating," says Heineck, who has returned to Japan several times since.

Once she retired, Heineck began thinking of how she could support

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the learning experiences of others. Ultimately, she decided to create a discretionary endowment in the Department of Asian Languages & Literature. "By defining the endowment as a discretionary fund, I intended to provide current and future chairs with additional financial freedom to meet department needs as they arise," she says.

And in honor of the woman whose adventurous spirit inspired her own, Heineck decided on a special name: the Catherine E. Heineck Endowed Fund for Asian Languages & Literature.

"In Japan, there is an especially strong respect for older people," says Heineck. "With the many gifts my mother gave me, I wanted to remember her with this endowment."

Heineck's gift is a lasting investment in the future of language study—and, more broadly, in the study of the humanities at the University of Washington. As a truly flexible fund, it will support students, faculty and the department when they need it most.

"I'd like to share with prospective donors the following thoughts," says Heineck. "Follow your interests, and take advantage of what the University offers in the way of satisfying that curiosity. Then, if you're so inclined, help them do more of what you like so much."

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This June, the last of our four children graduates from the University of Washington. Together, they'll hold five different degrees: economics, English, psychology, biology and finance. I've enjoyed watching them follow their own paths at the UW, and I'm excited to see how each of them builds on the lessons they've learned as they venture forth into the world.

As my children receive their diplomas, I can't help thinking about my own transition from UW student to alumnus. The education didn't stop when I graduated. As I set out on my career, every day was a new adventure—and I approached each one with the foundation of genuine curiosity and inquiry that I developed at the UW.

I'm thrilled to see that the University has cultivated that same spirit in my kids, as well as countless other UW alums. Take Caleb Huffman (p. 48), who kept pushing himself out of his comfort zone and challenging his own perspective throughout his undergraduate experience. Diploma in hand, he'll soon set off on the next stage of his journey: graduate school in China. Or take the student-entrepreneurs (p. 50) who are forging their own path in the business world—with an idea they spun out of a UW class.

Then there's Janet Heineck, at left, whose connection to the UW has lasted far beyond graduation. Her passion for learning, lifelong relationship with the UW and recent philanthropic commitment are all meaningful reminders that even after we graduate, we're still part of the UW community.

My wife, Laurel, and I give to the UW because of the profound effect the University has had on our entire family. It helped mold us into who we are today—and the UW continues to make a difference in our lives and the lives of those who are most dear to us.

College may last only a few years, but being a Husky is forever.

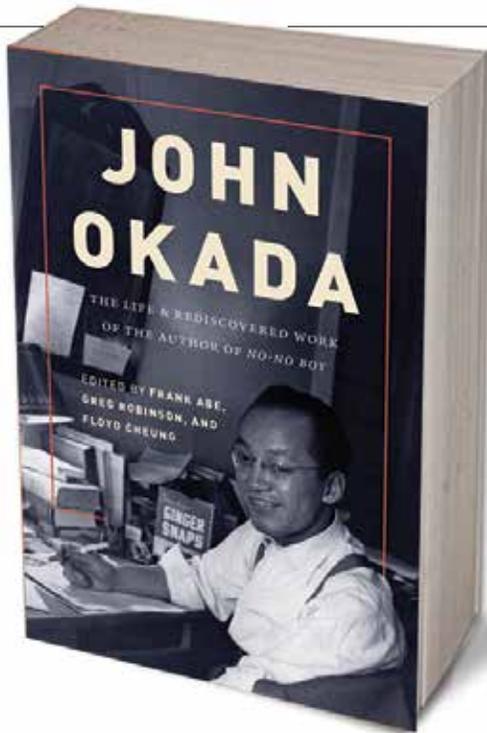
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**Pete Shimer**  
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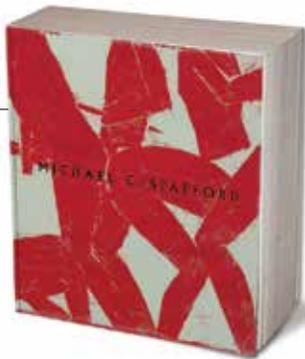
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**John Okada: The Life and Rediscovered Work of the Author of No-No Boy**

Edited by Frank Abe, Greg Robinson, and Floyd Cheung (Okada was a UW alum)  
July 2018

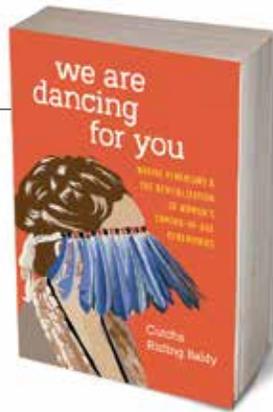
This compelling collection offers the first full-length examination of Okada’s development as an artist, placing recently discovered writing by Okada alongside essays that reassess his lasting legacy. An essential companion to Okada’s only published novel, “No-No Boy.”



**Michael C. Spafford: Epic Works**

By Bruce Guenther  
Distributed for Lucia | Marquand  
June 2018

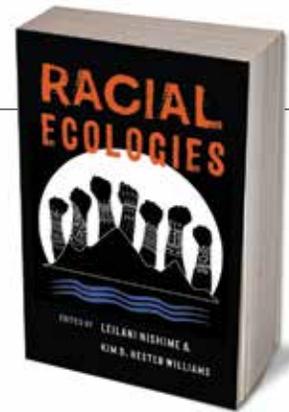
Michael C. Spafford, a UW School of Art professor emeritus, is one of the most respected and admired painters in the Northwest. He has created a cohesive body of work of rare intelligence and power. This book, the first monograph devoted to the artist, seeks to glimpse the breadth of Spafford’s explorations.



**We Are Dancing for You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremonies**

By Cutchá Risling Baldy  
June 2018

Deeply rooted in Indigenous knowledge, Risling Baldy brings us a personal account of the revitalization of the Flower Dance, a women’s coming-of-age ceremony for the Hoopa Valley Tribe that had not been fully practiced for decades.



**Racial Ecologies**

Edited by LeiLani Nishime and Kim D. Hester Williams (Nishime is UW faculty)  
July 2018

This interdisciplinary collection illustrates how race intersects with Indigeneity, colonialism, gender, nationality and class to shape our understanding of both nature and environmental harm, showing how and why environmental issues are also racial issues.



## Trail of Tranquility

A new path in the Washington Park Arboretum offers the glorious opportunity to connect with nature just a stone's throw from the UW campus.

## Outdoors

### *Gardening With the Seasons: Summer*

**June 13, 7–8:30 p.m.**

UW Botanic Gardens  
Center for Urban Horticulture, Douglas  
Classroom, 3501 NE 41st St., Seattle

Summer brings an abundance of growth, blooms—and sometimes garden problems. Managing weeds and irrigation are prime targets for attention at this time of year. Timesaving tips for garden care will help give enthusiasts more time to enjoy their gardens. Key topics will include care of seasonal containers, watering practices, potential weed and pest problems, and specialized pruning practices for the season.

**Cost: \$20**

**To register, go to [uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org](http://uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org)**

### *Arboretum Running Tour*

**June 17, 8:30–10:15 a.m.**

UW Botanic Gardens, Washington Park  
Arboretum, Graham Visitors Center,  
2300 Arboretum Drive E, Seattle

Combine exercise, education and entertainment on a fun running tour through the 230-acre Washington Park Arboretum, one of Seattle's Olmsted Parks and home to the UW Botanic Gardens' world-class plant collections. You will learn about the history and design of the park, get the lowdown on a few choice plants, and learn traditional and modern uses of various plants along the route. This tour will cover about 3 miles and be held at a leisurely running pace (11 to 12 minutes per mile). We will slow to a walk at points of interest but run between, so be prepared to be moving the entire time. We will be running over both paved and uneven terrains, with some elevation change. Participants should dress for the weather and bring a water bottle.

**Cost: \$25**

**To register, go to [uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org](http://uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org)**

### *Hummingbirds*

**June 20, 7–8:30 p.m.**

UW Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban  
Horticulture, Douglas Classroom, 3501  
NE 41st St., Seattle

These tiny, living jewels of nature delight us with their fairy-like flights, but they are tougher than you think. Join master birder, author and Seattle Audubon Conservation Chair Constance Sidles to discover the secrets of hummingbird survival and the many niches they occupy, from Argentina to Alaska. Find out what these amazing dynamos can do.

**Cost: \$20**

**To register, go to [uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org](http://uwbotanicgardenscatalog.org) or call 206-685-8033**

## ALUMNI

### 1930s

**Thomas Takao Kobayashi**  
'38 | Seattle, age 101, Jan. 4.

### 1940s

**Patricia R. Kresge**  
'41 | Portland, Ore., age 99, Dec. 19.

**Marie Stack May**  
'42 | Seattle, age 97, Dec. 17.

**Wil Thomas Knight**  
'44 | Seattle, age 95, Nov. 26.

**Betty Rotermund Stewart**  
'44 | Bellevue, age 95, Dec. 28.

**Bruce F. Meyers**  
'45, '48, '50 | Issaquah, age 91, Aug. 7.

**Raymond William Dow**  
'47 | Shoreline, age 95, Jan. 8.

**Mary Rogers Duncan**  
'47 | Kirkland, age 92, Jan. 31.

**C. William Frankland**  
'47 | Seattle, age 90, Feb. 3.

**Jennings Marvin Hanseth**  
'47 | Palm Desert, Calif., age 98, Jan. 5.

**Mary E.B. Melton**  
'47 | Simi Valley, Calif., age 92, Sept. 16.

**Sylvia Palmer**  
'47 | Rollingbay, age 92, Feb. 8.

**William Harold Stewart**  
'47, '55 | Kent, age 93, Jan. 13.

**Alison Smith Andrews**  
'48 | Shoreline, age 91, Feb. 8.

**Wayne D. Purcell**  
'48, '49 | Longview, age 96, Nov. 2.

**Alvin Ernest Thornton**  
'48 | Des Moines, age 96, Jan. 31.

**Inez Leona Foss Turner**  
'48 | Bonney Lake, age 91, Feb. 17.

**Brooks Keith Whittle**  
'48 | Seattle, age 89, Feb. 24.

**Rud H. Okeson**  
'49 | Edmonds, age 92, March 4.

**Marjorie Rorrison Olmsted**  
'49 | Seattle, age 88, Jan. 8.

### 1950s

**Virginia Lee Meyer**  
'50, '78 | Ellensburg, age 90, Dec. 24.

**Lila Ruth Boswell Osborn**  
'50 | Bellevue, age 91, Feb. 1.

**Phyllis Ann Parthemer**  
'50 | Sammamish, age 87, Nov. 20.

**Barbara Jean Larson**  
'51 | Medford, Ore., age 88, Dec. 17.

**Martha Louise Dunn**  
'51 | Seattle, age 89, Jan. 10.

**Arthur Myrlyn Ferris**  
'51 | Edmonds, age 93, Dec. 4.

**Lloyd A. Frissell**  
'51 | Port Townsend, age 88, Sept. 26.

**Elmer Ivar Lindseth**  
'51 | Seattle, age 92, Feb. 15.

**Joanne Marie Acheson Stubbs**  
'51 | Bellevue, age 88, Jan. 31.

**Donald W. Bennett**  
'52 | Seattle, age 90, Feb. 22.

**Georgia (Marilyn) Breindl**  
'52 | Seattle, age 87, Jan. 27.

**Philip Joseph King**  
'52 | Ellensburg, age 91, Feb. 14.

**Roland Norvell Lindstrom**  
'52 | Seattle, age 88, Jan. 17.

**William David Parker**  
'52 | Seattle, age 87, Feb. 19.

**Earl Vladimir Prebezac**  
'52 | Edmonds, age 93, Feb. 9.

**Irene Kovacs Anderson**  
'53 | Redmond, age 87, Feb. 13.

**Walter Edward Brewe**  
'53 | Redmond, age 86, Jan. 22.

**John Charles D'Amico Jr.**  
'53 | Kirkland, age 86, Jan. 10.

**Charles J. Dunsire**  
'53 | Issaquah, age 86, Feb. 1.

**Susan H. Green**  
'53 | Seattle, age 85, Jan. 28.

**Roy L. Hendrickson**  
'53 | Lake Forest Park, age 90, Jan. 8.

**Harold M. Olden**  
'53 | Edmonds, age 87, Dec. 2.

**Elisabeth M. Toth**  
'53 | Seattle, age 95, Feb. 14.

**Barbara Wallace Cathey**  
'54 | Colville, age 86, Feb. 6.

**William C. Chandler**  
'54 | Seattle, age 87, Feb. 9.

**Donna Lee McArthur**  
'54 | Olympia, age 87, Feb. 2.

**James John Walters**  
'54 | Normandy Park, age 86, Feb. 16.

**Bernt M. Skylstad**  
'55 | Clearlake Oaks, Calif., age 84, May 17, 2016.

**Robert Aujla**  
'56 | Bellevue, age 85, Jan. 13.

**Kenneth E. Cottingham**  
'56 | Seattle, age 88, Nov. 16.

**Joan Adel Lankford**  
'56, '71 | Friday Harbor, age 83, Jan. 2.

**J. Shan Mullin**  
'56, '58 | Seattle, age 83, Feb. 21.

**Carolyn May Lewan**  
'57 | Des Moines, age 83, Feb. 5.

**Wilhelm L. Sandvik**  
'57 | West Chester, Penn., age 89, Feb. 1.

**Gordon Harris Stavig**  
'58 | Seattle, age 87, Feb. 20.

**Edward Friend Stern Jr.**  
'58 | Mercer Island, age 81, Dec. 10.

**Richard (Dick) Thompson**  
'58 | Burien, age 83, Jan. 5.

**Theodore O. Braid**  
'59, '63 | Seattle, age 88, Feb. 4.

**Sally Newell Mairer**  
'59, '60 | Seattle, age 90, Feb. 4.

**Lawrence Reuben Ross**  
'59 | Seattle, age 80, Feb. 26.

### 1960s

**Prahlad Ayengar**  
'60 | Seattle, age 85, Dec. 17.

**Frances June Boroughs**  
'60 | Seattle, age 88, Jan. 5.

**Richard Theodore Mattler**  
'60 | Tacoma, age 79, Nov. 27.

**Keith K. Clarno**  
'61 | Kent, age 79, Jan. 16.

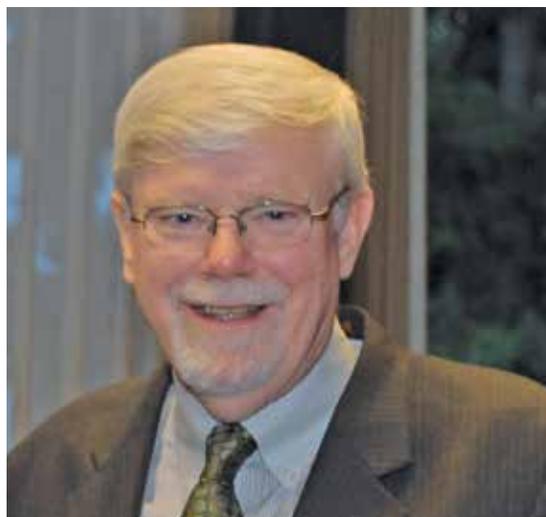
## Charles Chamberlin

1947-2018

After graduating from Marshall University in West Virginia, Charles Chamberlin and the love of his life, Marcia, joined the Peace Corps, where they taught English for two years on the island of Kosrae in Micronesia. It's no surprise that throughout his life, he made friends all around the globe and believed that international exchanges could help make the world a better place.

Charles and Marcia traveled to all 50 states of the U.S. and dozens of countries. They en-

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**Willard J. Filion**  
'61 | Seattle, age 87, Feb. 1.

**Robert McAlister**  
'61, '66, '74 | Bellevue, age 82, Aug. 31.

**Dwight G. Shaw**  
'61 | Seattle, age 83, Jan. 27.

**Robert H. Tinker**  
'61 | Seattle, age 78, Jan. 15.

**John Ashford**  
'62, '71 | Seattle, age 82, Dec. 21.

**Robert L. Carlson**  
'62 | Bothell, age 90, Jan. 5.

**Lawrence Ivan Flammer**  
'62 | San Jose, Calif., age 83, Dec. 13.

**William Lawrence Hanson**  
'62 | Bellevue, age 77, Jan. 25.

**Paul C. Newell**  
'62 | Des Moines, age 77, Jan. 12.

**Gerald L. Anderson**  
'63 | Redmond, age 76, Feb. 2.

**Robert LeRoy Betcher Jr.**  
'63 | Seattle, age 77, March 13.

**Eleanor Todd McCall**  
'63 | Seattle, age 92, Jan. 30.

**Germaine Arsove**  
'64 | Seattle, age 93, May 3, 2017.

**Henry Roland Dunn**  
'64 | Seattle, age 84, Feb. 18.

**Meta Margaretha Gibbs**  
'64 | Cheney, age 75, Dec. 31.

**Henry Eldridge Perry Jr.**  
'64 | Seattle, age 96, Feb. 9.

**Benjamin Harrison**  
'66 | Issaquah, age 92, Jan. 21.

**John Allamano**  
'67 | Seattle, age 72, Feb. 28.

**Leigh Shipman Davidson**  
'67 | Bellevue, age 72, Jan. 7.

**Allan John MacDougall**  
'68 | Bellevue, age 75, Jan. 20.

**Celia Cloud Whitman**  
'69, '70, '71 | Seattle, age 83, Jan. 2.

## 1970s

**Richard (Dick) Bryant**  
'70 | Corvallis, Ore., age 70, Dec. 12.

**James Joseph Coatsworth**  
'70 | Issaquah, age 80, March 4.

**Richard Brian Dodd**  
'70 | Seattle, age 73, Feb. 6.

**Eloise Rasmussen**  
'70 | Bellevue, age 95, Jan. 30.

**Eric Keith Barnum**  
'71, '77 | Bothell, age 68, Jan. 6.

**Harold Daniel Mueller II**  
'71 | Milton, Fla., age 68, Dec. 28.

**Philip Whitmarsh**  
'71 | Shoreline, age 82, Feb. 28.

**Kay Joyce Kinghammer**  
'72 | Seattle, age 72, Jan. 19.

**Ellen Solveig Bakke**  
'73 | Seattle, age 67, Dec. 24.

**Evelyn Jean Parks**  
'73 | Seattle, age 76, Feb. 28.

**Anne-Marie Saveria Elia**  
'75 | Seattle, age 64, Jan. 5.

**Margaret (Peggy) Garner**  
'75, '77 | Seattle, age 66, Dec. 30.

**William James Fisher**  
'76 | Seattle, age 66, Dec. 3.

**Theodora Ann Sherman**  
'76 | Bellevue, age 91, Jan. 2.

**Negash Atsbeha**  
'77, '79 | Seattle, age 76, Jan. 3.

**Linda Ann Harmon**  
'78 | Palo Alto, Calif., age 62, Jan. 19.

**Craig Anthony Bunker**  
'79 | Federal Way, age 60, Dec. 22.

## 1980s

**Catherine Robinson**  
'80 | Anacortes, age 62, Feb. 21.

**Steven James Hawkins**  
'82 | La Quinta, Calif., age 60, Feb. 11.

**Kenneth Yuji Ogami**  
'82 | Bothell, age 60, Jan. 31.

**Kenneth John Cooper**  
'84 | Apple Valley, Calif., age 55, Feb. 24.

**Marni Lynn Gittinger**  
'86 | Seattle, age 54, Jan. 20.

**Deirdre Diane Greer**  
'88 | Seattle, age 54, Jan. 8.

**Craig Michael Gayton**  
'89 | Washington, D.C., age 52, Feb. 4.

## 1990s

**Paul Robert Kemp**  
'93 | Seattle, age 55, Aug. 12.

**Jennifer Lynn Graham**  
'94 | Seattle, age 45, March 22.

## FACULTY & FRIENDS

**Dick Berg**, who attended law school at the UW, helped Seattle acquire an NBA team and later served as the Sonics' first marketing director, died March 2 at the age of 74.

**Dick Bonesteel**, '53, '56, who as a junior was ranked fourth in the nation in badminton, died Jan. 11 at the age of 86.

As Director of UW Libraries from 1977 to 1988, **Merle Boylan** turned the University's library system into a vibrant organization that embraced technology and soared to national eminence. He died Oct. 10 at the age of 92.

**Janet Brandt**, '58, a local newspaper executive who served as chair of the Columns Advisory Committee from 1995 to 1998, died March 11 at the age of 82.

In more than 25 years on the faculty of the Foster School of Business, **Kathryn Louise Dewenter** was a renowned and beloved educator. An expert in international finance, she was the Joshua Green Family Endowed Professor and faculty director of the Global Business Center from 2000 to 2006. Dewenter died Feb. 16 at the age of 58.

**Judith Eileen Fingar**, '81, once served as director of student services at the UW. She died March 15 at the age of 77.

**Lewis D. Fink** taught pharmacology at the new UW School of Medicine from 1950 to 1953. He died Nov. 11 at the age of 102.

**William Laverne Frantilla**, '51, '55, '59, '60, worked as an engineer for the Applied Physics Laboratory at the UW and became an expert on machinery noise and vibration analysis. He died Jan. 19 at the age of 94.

**Lewayne D. Gilchrist**, '77, was the first associate dean for research at the School of Social Work, from 1988 to 1995. She died Jan. 25 at the age of 76.

**Benjamin Edward Greer** was a longtime UW Medicine professor of obstetrics and gynecology as well as an affiliate investigator at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He died March 24 at the age of 77.

**Frank Guisness**, '52, one of the best basketball players in UW history and a member of the Husky Hall of Fame, died April 5 at the age of 87.

**Sue Ellen Jacobs** was a longtime women's studies professor who was known for her work on Indigenous language restoration projects with the Pueblo people of northern New Mexico. She died Nov. 6 at the age of 81.

**Maryonda Scher**, '54, was one of only two women in her class when she received her M.D. from the UW in 1954. In addition to practicing psychiatry for more than 40 years, first at the VA and later at UW Medicine Harborview Medical Center, she taught at the UW School of Medicine. She died Jan. 31 at the age of 86.

**Irving Shain**, '49, '52, was a Seattle native who served in the Army during World War II and was appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs at the UW from 1975 to 1977. He died March 6 at the age of 92.

**Stephen Glenn Soderland** conducted pioneering research at the UW in a branch of AI known as information extraction, in which the computer learns to combine words of online text to form meaning. Recently named one of the 50 "most influential scholars" in artificial intelligence, he died Dec. 13 at the age of 68.

**Louis Soriano**, '51, a guard for the Husky basketball team that won the 1951 Pacific Coast Conference title, died Feb. 22 at the age of 88.

**Gerard R. Torrence**, '49, served the UW as a longtime professor of architecture and building construction. He was a member of a collective known as The Architect Artist Group that designed the More Hall Annex/Nuclear Reactor Building on the UW campus. Torrence died Jan. 5 at the age of 92.

**Richard Vernier's** childhood in France was marked by constant movement and instability during the German occupation. He taught modern French literature at the UW from 1966 to 1972. He died Feb. 19 at the age of 89.

**Loren C. Winterscheid**, '62, held a variety of leadership positions at UW Medical Center, including medical director. He died Dec. 22 at the age of 92.

Seattle will never be the same. We lost four individuals who helped make the Emerald City, and the UW, what it is today.



## Herb Bridge

Business Icon, Military Man  
1925–2018

■ Anyone who had the opportunity to meet Herb Bridge immediately felt his lively charm. For example, in 2012, when Bridge received the UW's first Distinguished Alumni Veteran Award at the age of 86, he proudly showed off how he fit perfectly into his original Navy uniform. He also was quick to show off his boxing skills from his Navy days. That personal charisma, coupled with Bridge's fierce love of his hometown, is one reason we enjoy a thriving downtown Seattle today.

Beginning in the 1950s, America fell in love with shopping malls—and that spelled doom for downtowns. Bridge knew that Seattle's downtown core was in trouble unless the community took action. So he joined other civic leaders in forming the Seattle Central Association, which took on projects like Westlake Center to keep shoppers and residents coming downtown. That earned him the nickname "Mr. Downtown."

Bridge and his brother, Bob, built the family business, Ben Bridge Jewelers, into a chain of 75 shops from Minnesota to Hawaii. The Ben Bridge name was virtually synonymous with downtown Seattle.

Before he began his illustrious business career, Bridge enjoyed a career in the U.S. Navy that spanned almost 50 years. He joined the Navy at 17 and saw action in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After his World War II service, Bridge returned to Seattle to earn a liberal arts degree from the UW in 1947. Trim and wiry, he also took the intramural senior welterweight boxing title.

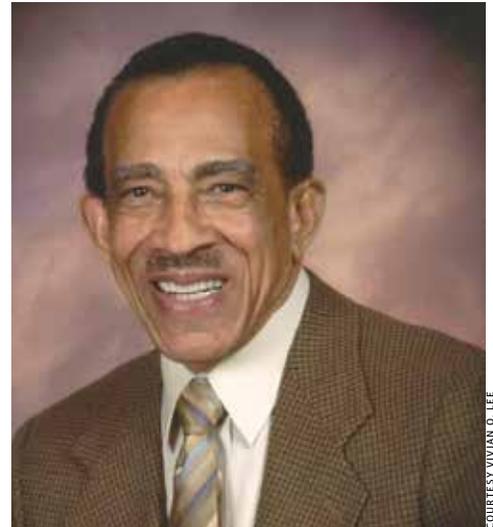
In addition to his Naval and business careers, Bridge dedicated himself to philanthropy as a matter of principle. Bridge and his son, Jon, '72, '76, co-chaired the 2000 United Way drive that raised more than \$90 million. He championed housing for the poor, education, national parks, civic ventures and the Jewish community. A staunch Democrat, he toughed it out with Sen. Henry M. Jackson, '35, on the presidential campaign trail in 1972 and 1976.

Bridge died in Seattle April 2 at age 93.

BOB WUZZER

## Harold Booker

His Goal: Ending Discrimination  
1933–2018



COURTESY VIVIAN O. LEE

■ Harold Booker spent his entire life working for social justice, defying racist situations at every turn. But facing discrimination did not embitter him. Booker always saw the best in people.

Booker, '55, was born in Spring, Texas, in 1933. Because of segregation, Booker had to walk 2 miles past the white high school to catch a bus that took him 45 miles to Houston to the high school for African Americans. No matter. He graduated at the top of his class at age 15. By age 19, he had already earned a bachelor's degree in organic chemistry.

His sister, Vivian O. Lee, '58, '59, recalls that when Booker applied to the UW for graduate school in organic chemistry, the department head warned that he would never earn a master's degree. Booker nonetheless excelled and became the first Black person to receive an advanced degree in organic chemistry from the UW.

Despite his job as a Boeing engineer, Booker could not buy a home in Federal Way because real estate agents would not sell to African Americans. So, with his wife, Verda, he bought land from a colleague and friend at Boeing and built his own house.

The discrimination he faced didn't stop with real estate. A visit to the community pool triggered an uproar, and their son endured racist taunts on the playground. Booker also earned a law degree and helped form the Federal Way Committee for Human Rights to work against racial discrimination.

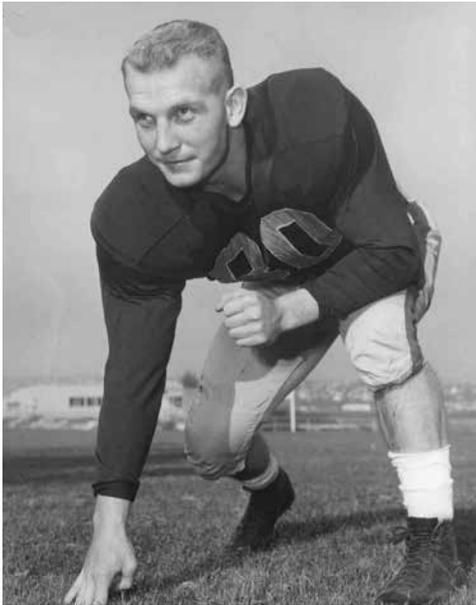
Booker also served as chair of the Seattle King County Economic Opportunity Board, and served multiple terms as chair of the King County Housing Authority. Under his leadership, the public housing program grew from 1,000 units to 10,000 housing units. He was the longest serving Commissioner in the history of the Housing Authority.

The UWAA Multicultural Alumni Partnership recognized Booker as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2007.

Booker died Feb. 14 in Seattle at age 84.

## Jim Houston

Football Star, One-of-a-Kind Friend  
1933–2018



■ In 1955, because of Jim Houston's lateral pass to tight end Corky Lewis, shocked fans saw the No. 18 Huskies stun No. 10 USC in the fourth quarter of a game that's still talked about today. That storied pass and the man who threw it became the stuff of legend in Husky football history, although for reasons that far exceed what happened on the gridiron. But first, a look at that terrific pass in Houston's own words.

"I ran about five yards before a USC halfback got a hold of one leg," recalled Houston, who earned the Tyee Club's 2016 Orrico Award for his outstanding commitment and volunteerism. "As I was about to fall on the 45-yard line, I lateraled the ball to Lewis and he rumbled into the end zone 55 yards away for the winning touchdown. It stood for a long time as the longest scoring pass play in Washington history."

In addition to his famed sports career, Houston, '56, was one of the most generous former athletes in UW history, according to UW Athletic Director Jennifer Cohen.

For several years, Houston and his wife Jackie Lee, '56, were the legendary hosts of UWAA's annual Dawg Days in the Desert signature event held every March in the Palm Springs area.

Says Cohen: "I knew Jim for years. He was one of a kind—a wonderful combination of care and compassion for others, quick-witted, intellectual, curious, and more than anything, really giving of his mind, spirit and resources."

A native of Prosser, Houston supported a variety of programs at the UW. He never forgot his humble roots—or his early years at UW.

"The UW took me in, just a kid from a little town, someone who could never have gone to college without that scholarship," he recalled. "They helped me get a degree in engineering, which eventually led me to become quite successful. I met my wife there. I felt that I owed them big time."

Houston died March 23 in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 84.

## Dorothy L. Simpson

Determined, Gracious, Generous  
1924–2018



■ Dorothy Simpson was one of a kind. She didn't take "no" for an answer at a time when women weren't considered full participants in sports, employment or other arenas of public life.

Before she married W. Hunter Simpson in 1951, she had traveled the Yukon River in an 18-foot riverboat and she had flown around the world. At age 76, she rode in a Russian MiG 25 to 80,000 feet at Mach 2.4. And four years later, the Guinness Book of Records recognized her as the oldest woman to have experienced weightlessness.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., in 1924 to parents who strongly believed in the value of education, Simpson became a great friend to the UW, where she earned her master's degree in business administration in 1982. She was a big supporter of the Husky women's crew program.

Her husband, Hunter, earned his bachelor's degree from the Foster School of Business in 1949. His career at IBM took them all across the country with each promotion. But Seattle was home, and they returned to the Pacific Northwest when Hunter became the president and CEO of Physio-Control Corp., a position he held from 1966 to 1986.

The Simpsons' generosity touched almost every part of the Seattle community, especially the UW. Hunter Simpson served as a UW regent from 1987 to 1993 and was a founding director of the UW Foundation.

Dorothy Simpson was especially supportive of UW students and faculty in science and technology, particularly through the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Foundation, which this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary. (See story on page 36.)

The Simpsons were honored with the University's first Gates Volunteer Service Award in 2002 to thank them for their 50 years of service to the UW. That award recognizes individuals who give generously through both philanthropy and service, not only shaping the trajectory of the UW, but encouraging others to do the same.

Simpson died Feb. 13 in Seattle at age 93.

# SOLDIER SHAKESPEARE

Acting out the Bard's works enables veterans to access feelings of rage, isolation and grief—and heal the invisible wounds of war

By Julie Garner



**PREVIOUS PAGE:**  
The founders of Feast of Crispian, Inc., Nancy Smith-Watson, '83, Vietnam War veteran Jim Tasse and Bill Watson, '82, plan to meet with VA staff and active duty personnel while they are in Seattle later this month in hopes of establishing a Feast of Crispian branch to support area veterans.

**THIS PAGE:**  
Veterans dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders and other invisible wounds of war access their feelings by acting out Shakespeare plays. The program is so effective, says one veteran, because Shakespeare "knows all our stories." Photos courtesy Feast of Crispian

We've known for decades that Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) makes re-entry into civilian life difficult, if not deadly. The stress of combat, if left untreated, wrecks lives and sometimes takes them. Every day, 22 veterans commit suicide.

In 2013, Nancy Smith-Watson, '83, and her husband, Bill Watson, '83, launched "Feast of Crispian: Shakespeare with Veterans" in Milwaukee. It's a way for veterans to access feelings of rage, isolation and grief without directly confronting them. Working with hundreds of veterans around the country, the couple have seen the healing effects of Shakespeare's language on troubled vets suffering from the invisible wounds of war. One veteran said this about the experience: "Shakespeare is scary, he's sneaky, and he knows all our stories!"

Smith-Watson puts it this way: "We offer strong and descriptive words to those who can't find words of their own. We offer the mask of character that gives a sense of anonymity to the 'actor's' personal story." The program involves three-day Shakespeare intensives and a full-on Shakespeare play at least once a year. The intensives consist of simple acting exercises that help promote emotional response in the 250 to 300 veterans who participate each year.

"Studies show that Shakespeare affects the brain. It works differently in the brain than factual language. The veterans feel different after the intensive," says Smith-Watson. The first play the program actors performed? "Julius Caesar," of course. The Feast of Crispian plans to do an intensive in Seattle June 9 and 10. ■



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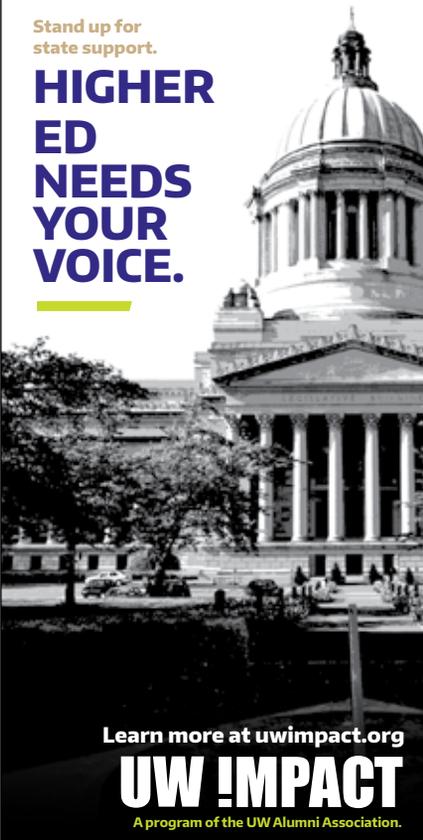


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# The Widowmakers

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A month after we won that championship, I moved to Minnesota to take a job covering the Twins for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The rest of the Widowmakers stayed together and reached the summer semifinal game. That was when the opposing team pointed out that the Widowmakers were not currently enrolled at the UW and therefore were ruled ineligible.

I still have my IMA championship T-shirt as well as another keepsake. Before I moved to Minnesota, I had Ebbets Field Flannels owner Jerry Rubin make us old-style jerseys with each teammate's favorite number on the back. They were definitely better jerseys than Luke's Chevron shirt. Most of us still have those Widowmakers jerseys today. And why not? As the Wiggler says, we're a "Band of Brothers."

"We've all played on about a hundred different sports teams but this was not a team. It was just a bunch of guys having fun," he explains. "We had so much fun. Probably because we were winning but mostly because we were just having fun. It was a unique group of guys. I've been on so many teams but this team was stupidly close. And it's still going on."

Each December, Sarge holds an annual Widowmakers Christmas party in which we gather at his home to share drinks, stories and presents. "Nearly every year, a teammate will attend Widowmakers Christmas for the first time and it's like those 25-plus years never passed," Sarge says. "He fits right back into the conversation and camaraderie."

Sarge's wife, Tricia, by the way, was one of the few "fans"—often the only one—who would attend our games. An enormous Cubs fan, Sarge proposed to her in front of Wrigley Field at the Cubs' 1993 home opener. After marrying, the two went on to name their three daughters for the Cubs: Sammy (after Sammy Sosa), Kerry (after Kerry Wood) and Addison (after the street outside of Wrigley). Sarge, Boog and I also went to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs play their first night game in 1988 as well as the 2016 World Series, their first in 71 years.

So obviously, almost three decades later, we still love the game, even though we no longer play it (hey, we're getting older). And we also take photos together at the Christmas parties. Fortunately, the photos are taken with camera phones, so the pictures are not double-exposed. ■ —*Jim Caple, '97, wrote for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and ESPN before becoming a freelance writer. And yes, he is still nuts for the Red Sox.*

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**New York Salmon BBQ**  
Greenwich, CT | 12 p.m.

Join your New York Husky family for an afternoon of friendship, fun and delicious salmon at the home of Susan Bevan, '76, and Tony Daddino.

**17** 19th Annual  
**DC Salmon BBQ**  
Potomac, MD | 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a taste of the Pacific Northwest at the home of Joseph, '64, and Kathy, '63, Ryan. The whole family is welcome!

**21 UWAA Member Movie Night**  
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**July**

**14 Seattle Storm vs Dallas Wings**  
Key Arena | 6 p.m.

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**21 Mariners vs Chicago White Sox**  
Safeco Field | 7:10 p.m.

Root for the home team and get a free commemorative baseball cap. Don't miss the pregame party at the top of Safeco Field, with great deals on brews and bites.

**August**

**25 Seattle Reign FC vs North Carolina Courage**  
Memorial Stadium | 1 p.m.

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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 in the center of the image, partially obscuring the people. The people are scattered around the circle, some sitting on the grass, others on a paved path. The Starbucks logo is visible in the top right corner.

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## Charles Chamberlin

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joyed trips to Easter Island and Fiji in the Pacific, and, locally, to his Whidbey Island home, where his love for birdwatching, boats, Washington wines and libraries filled his time.

His calm and kind manner, his egalitarian spirit and his quiet sense of humor won over colleagues everywhere. It was a real shock when Chamberlin—Librarian Emeritus and Senior Associate for Budget and Administrative Policy—died April 4 at the age of 70. It is telling that one of the first condolence emails received by the Libraries came from a heartbroken librarian at Peking University.

Chamberlin arrived at the UW in 1981 from Nebraska to become UW Libraries' Head of Personnel and Administrative Services. He was soon promoted to deputy director and later senior associate dean of Libraries. Since his retirement as librarian emeritus in 2012, he worked part-time as senior associate for budget and administrative policy.

Lizabeth (Betsy) Wilson, vice provost for digital initiatives and dean of University Libraries, recalls, "Like many of my colleagues, I accepted a position at the UW, in large part, because of the kindness of Charles Chamberlin and his infectious enthusiasm for the UW and the Puget Sound."

Chamberlin had a keen eye for talent and leadership promise. During his tenure, more UW librarians were selected for nationally competitive leadership programs than from any other research library in North America.

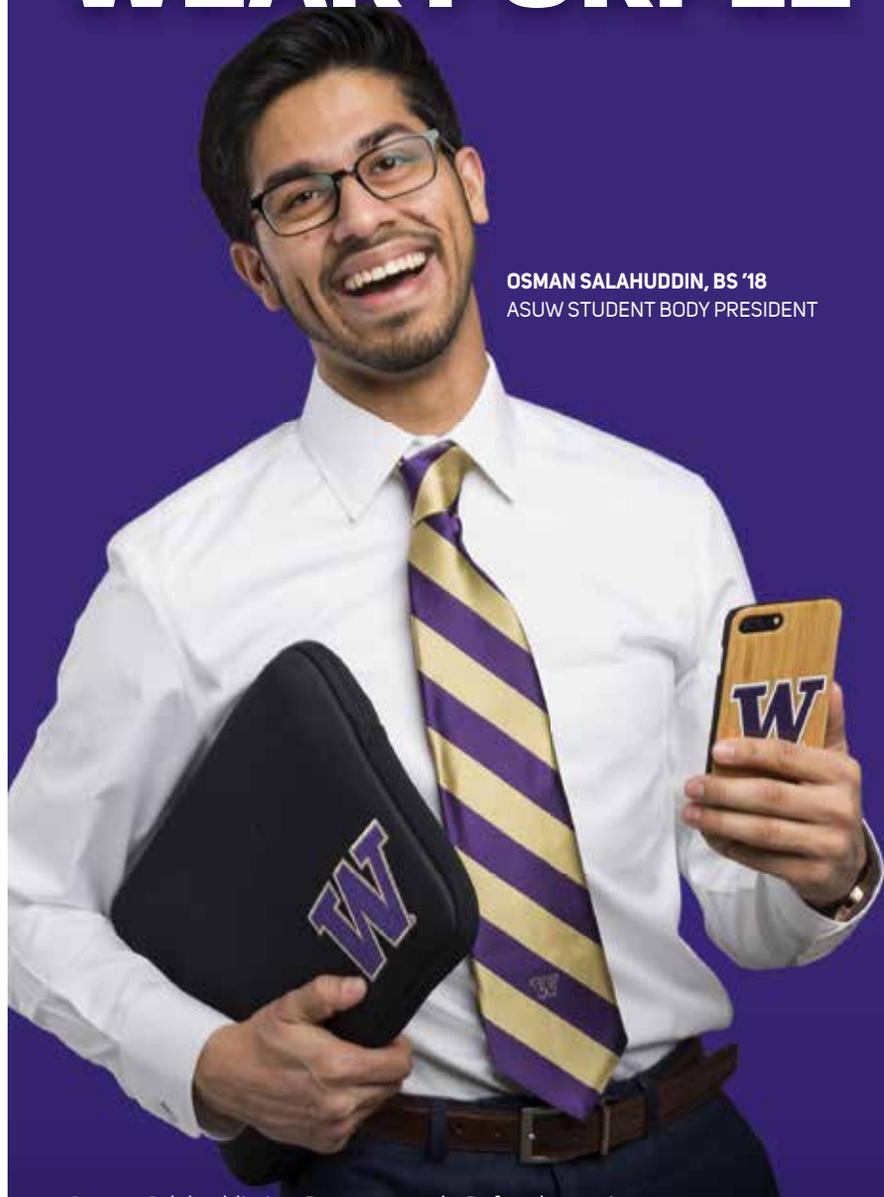
On his watch, many new libraries were planned, funded and built: the Kenneth S. Allen Library, the Foster Business Library, the UW Bothell Campus Library and the UW Tacoma Library. Moreover, iconic Suzzallo Library underwent a major seismic retrofit.

In 2016, the UW Retirement Association board presented Chamberlin with a bottle of NorthStar wine to honor his presidency from 2015 to 2016, toasting, "Charles, you have been our 'North Star.' While other stars change position, you, like the North Star, remained constant. You have been our guide to travel from where we are to where we want to be."

Chamberlin is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marcia; daughters Megan (Scott Strasser), Cara (Matthew Grayson), and Caitlin (Colin Bunnell), all of Seattle; brother John Chamberlin (Marsha) of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and five granddaughters.

The Libraries has established the Charles E. Chamberlin Libraries Student Employee Scholarship Endowment, which will provide an annual award in Chamberlin's name to a deserving student working in the Libraries. In addition, a memorial bench will be sited in view of his beloved Suzzallo and Allen Libraries, where many will pause to remember him. ■

# REAL DAWGS WEAR PURPLE



**OSMAN SALAHUDDIN, BS '18**  
ASUW STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Osman Salahuddin is a Dawg to watch. Before becoming president of the ASUW, he put his boundless energy to work for the Muslim Students Association, the UW Leaders mentorship program, the student senate and research at the UW Medical Center and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. All the while, he worked toward a degree in neurobiology and deepened his commitment to ensure equitable access to healthcare. Next, he plans to pursue an MBA with a focus on health administration. Stay tuned — clearly, there's more to come.

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