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THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME

New UW President Michael Young





Joy Plein (left) at a geriatric pharmacy rotation site she and her late husband Elmer started in 1989



Assistant Professor Rheem Totah came to the UW as a Plein Fellow for Excellence in Pharmacy Education

“I’ve gotten a lot of satisfaction from giving back.”



Joy and Elmer Plein

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Education is extremely important to me, as it also was to my late husband Elmer. We had long teaching, research and clinical careers at the School of Pharmacy. We wanted future generations to have the same opportunities, so we established endowments to support research and help others prepare for faculty careers. It’s been gratifying to see the impact.

In 2007 I gave my IRA to the research fund established in Elmer's name that supports research projects by faculty, students and alumni. To those considering a gift, I’d say, ‘Don’t wait. Enjoy the results now.’

— School of Pharmacy Professor Emeritus Joy Plein, ‘51, ‘56



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THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF A MAJESTIC SNOWY OWL—alertly scanning the snow-covered landscape for a delectable rodent for dinner—is one of many featured in the Burke Museum exhibit “The Owl and the Woodpecker.” The exhibit features stunning photographs by author and photographer Paul Bannick, '86. The display highlights how important these two birds are to the health of the entire ecosystem. The exhibit runs through Aug. 7. Active UW Alumni Association members receive \$2 off museum admission and \$5 off Burke Museum memberships.





MICHAEL YOUNG'S SELECTION as president-designate of the University of Washington (he starts July 1) turned a glum spring into one of celebration. While the cold, damp weather and discouraging state budget negotiations had cast a pall over Montlake, Young's hiring drew kudos from all corners.

Young, under whose watch the University of Utah emerged as a nationally recognized research university, comes to the Emerald City at a historic time as the UW works to reinvent itself in the face of a constantly challenging economic picture. With his impressive background in higher education and government service, he is the right person at the right time.

His arrival also coincides with the end of the academic year, when we celebrate commencement and recognize our best teachers and mentors (see page 28). But this year, we also honor Interim President Phyllis Wise and Interim Provost Mary Lidstrom for the superb job they did after Mark Emmert, '75, left a year ago to head the NCAA.

Wise and Lidstrom aren't the only UW women we salute today. We also honor our Alumna Summa Laude Dignata, Jane Lubchenco, '71, who last year became the first woman director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She is the latest in an impressive list of women alumnae who have established themselves as leaders in the "STEM" fields – science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

There's Rita Colwell, '61, first woman director of the National Science Foundation; Shirley Malcom, '67, who heads the American Association for the Advancement of Science's programs in education and minority outreach; Nobel Prize laureate researcher Linda Buck, '75; Bonnie Dunbar, '71, '75, an engineer who while at the UW helped create the ceramic tiles used on the space shuttle, then worked at an aerospace company that built the shuttle and later became an astronaut who went into space five times; and Suzanne Darcy-Henneman, '81, Boeing's first woman test pilot and the first person to pilot a 747-400 and a 777.

Big challenges await our new president. But one of the big reasons he came here was to be part of a university that boasts a superb faculty, lively student body and alumni like those mentioned above who make a difference.

Jon Marmor, '94



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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As an alum of the University of Washington, I enjoy reading *Columns* magazine and was recently touched by your message in the March edition, regarding quality health care for children [*Message from the UW Foundation Chair*, March 2011]. I, too, have a special place in my heart for the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) and wanted to share my story with you.

My husband and I were recently expecting our first child and unfortunately, went into pre-term labor during our sixth month of pregnancy. Our son, Hudson, was born Jan. 27, 2011. He was transported to the UWMC's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where he was cared for until his passing on Jan. 28.

In honor of our son, my husband and I have set up a memorial foundation in his name, in which all proceeds will benefit the UW NICU.

As parents who have lost their child, we are doing everything we can to spread the word about his life and what remarkable care he had. Giving back has provided us hope and healing.

HEATHER A. MCNEEL, '96
Issaquah

A NOTE OF PRIDE

I just wanted to say thanks for encouraging alums to take pride in their standing as graduates of the University of Washington [Prelude column, *Taking Pride in Being a Husky*, March 2011].

Your thoughts really struck home with me as you used the word "pride" several times. It is also the focal sentiment of the UW's new "Song of Washington," *Rise Up With Pride for Washington*, which I composed in 2008.

If any university were a country unto itself, its school song would be its national anthem and *Rise Up With Pride* is no exception. For my part, I am proud to be a Husky grad and honored to have been given a lifetime membership in the UW Alumni Association.

If there's ever anything I can do to help promote the song as a means of creating an emotional draw for alums to "rise up with pride" for any occasion associated with the UW, please feel free to call on me. I love [Bill] Conti's musical score to my lyrics and will be forever grateful and proud of the honor I was given.

Go Dawgs!

CATHERINE HENDERSON, '08
Shoreline

WHERE'S THE PURPLE AND GOLD?

The March 28 issue of *Sports Illustrated* has a photograph of Husky basketball players Darnell Gant, Aziz N'Diaye and Justin Holiday at the end of the game against North Carolina.

Why is the prominent uniform color black? You have to look hard to find the purple or gold.

I remember, to my surprise, seeing the same color scheme at the Husky-UCLA football game last fall. Please get back to purple and gold.

ROGER FLODIN, '52
Bellevue



WHERE ARE THE OLDER CLASS NOTES?

I was disappointed in your recent issue as it seems there are no living alums who graduated prior to 1960, as your "Alumnnotes" start with 1960. For the record, I graduated in 1954 and I know some of my classmates are still living.

ROBERT C. HAMBLIN, '54
Estes Park, Colo.

Editor's Note: *A strange thing happened when we were putting together our March issue—we did not receive any class notes from alumni earlier than the class of 1960. We encourage alumni from all classes to send class notes to us.*

THE WRONG IMAGE

I am delighted to learn that, "For the first time in history, the UW has at its helm five female commanders-in-chief" [*Madame President*, March 2011]. However, I found the photo spread disheartening and undermining of that progress.

Look again at poses, clothing and affect—would professional men be presented in the same manner? Women have a long way to go, and we can be our own worst enemies.

We have not won the battle for equality and continue to need to be discerning and vigilant about the images we project. And where was the accompanying story about these history-making women?

BARBARA DAVIS, '80, M.S.W.
Amherst, Mass.

A CAPITAL MISTAKE

Recently a colleague forwarded me your [magazine] highlighting the announcement of the new PACCAR Hall [*"PACCAR Hall Opens for Business"*, December 2010]. As a former employee of PACCAR, I was disappointed to see you had spelled it "Paccar."

PACCAR is an acronym for Pacific Car and Rail and has been a Northwest institution for more than 100 years. I understand it is a common mistake but it's up to those who know to educate those who don't. I think that the UW should be one of those who know.

DANIEL ETULAIN
Via e-mail

RECOGNIZING SOLDIERS

Thank you for publicly recognizing [*"Working with Soldiers Battling Substance Abuse"*, March 2011] that many of us:

- Are veterans
- Are college graduates
- Have addictive personalities and behaviors
- And, quite possibly, [are] in need of substance-abuse assistance, one way or another

I will surely pass this on to my friends who are substance-abuse counselors at the local VA Medical Center.

Unfortunately and fortunately, substance abuse is not something that is not age- or war-specific. It can strike anywhere and to any war veteran.

ROBERT HENRY WALZ, '73
FOUNDER, LAST FRONTIER EXPEDITIONS
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We want to hear from you. Send your letter to columns@uw.edu or comment online at uwalum.com/columns. Letters subject to editing for clarity and length.

A commitment that never wavers

WHEN MICHAEL YOUNG TAKES OFFICE NEXT MONTH as our next President, he will find ample evidence of what has made the University of Washington what it is today and what it can become. He will find students engaged in learning and discovery, trailblazing research in a broad spectrum of fields, a deep history of partnerships



and collaboration with local and global communities, fertile ground for innovation, and a culture that values diversity, responsibility, service and integrity. He will also find plenty of challenges.

Like many public higher education institutions across the nation, we are contending with a host of issues: from rapidly evolving demographic and social trends to ubiquitous technological advances, globalization and changes in how students learn. Plus, the one I am going to focus on—the steady erosion of state support. Simply put, we need a new model for funding public higher education.

Despite another round of deep state funding cuts in the next biennium, the beginnings of such a new model may be taking shape. Just last month, the state, in a landmark piece of bipartisan legislation, granted the UW and all four-

year institutions the ability to set tuition rates for resident undergraduates for the next several years. While this authority is not a replacement for state support, it is a critical tool that will help us better weather the current economic storms.

We greatly appreciate this expression of confidence by the Legislature to entrust to our Board of Regents the authority to establish tuition rates for all of our students. It is a responsibility I assure you will not be taken lightly.

We understand the financial pressures that higher tuition places upon students and their families. We also recognize we must provide increased financial aid for low- and middle-income families who cannot afford to pay as much tuition. At the same time, we must enable our faculty to offer the kind of learning experience all UW students expect and

deserve. It will take careful planning, consultation and a fine balancing of interests, but I'm confident we will produce a reasonable and fair plan to keep this University strong.

While we are in difficult times, people throughout our campus communities have not wavered in their commitment to sustain the quality of our learning, discovery and engagement programs. Their dedication has been inspiring and heartening, made all the more so by the tireless commitment shown by the greater community. People across the state—including business leaders and you, our UW alumni, through such initiatives as UW Impact—have banded together to advocate more effectively than ever before for higher education. This strong current of support was utterly essential in helping us to gain tuition-setting flexibility as we work toward an improved economy and brighter days.

While the challenges we face at the UW are not unique, our capacity to respond to them is. Our size, scale and market forces will enable us to develop creative solutions to meet the needs of our state. In doing so, we can be a model for other public research universities across the nation. I think Michael Young is a wonderful choice to lead the UW as we do this. With his extensive experience in academia and public service, he understands our challenges and the need for change. At the same time, he knows how important it is to cherish the things that have made the UW such a unique and special place.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as president of this remarkable University for this interim period. Everywhere I have gone, I have come away feeling impressed by the enormous extent of the UW's reach and its profound impact. It's due to the efforts of many people—our faculty, students, staff, retirees and, of course, our wonderful alumni. I'm so proud to be part of the Husky family.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Phyllis M. Wise".

PHYLLIS M. WISE, *Interim President*



THE DOCTOR. THE ROBOT. THE FUTURE.

THERE WAS A TIME when life-saving robots only existed in the world of science fiction. Today, Drs. Ellis, Goff, Mendez and the surgical robotics team at UW Medical Center are pushing world-class surgical technology to its fullest potential, delivering unprecedented patient outcomes. They are making surgeries less invasive, resulting in less pain and shorter post-surgical recovery time. Tumors that previously would have been considered inoperable are now within reach, allowing some patients to avoid chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

As part of a world-leading academic health system, UW Medicine doctors are not only working to develop new methods and techniques, they're also training other surgeons here and across the country, so that patients everywhere can benefit from this remarkable new technology. To some, surgical robots might still sound like something from the distant future, but at UW Medicine they are just another way our world-changing health system is bringing the future to you—today.

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GET A CLUE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE fanatic Jeff Chen, '02, doesn't just fill out crossword puzzles, he writes them, too. He recently had one published by *The New York Times*. And here, on the facing page, he created a special crossword puzzle for *Columns* readers. The theme: Huskies. Good luck. You can find the answers at UWalum.com/Columns

HUSKY PRIDE

Across

- 1 "Winning" writer Welch
- 5 Hit the slopes
- 8 "Chicago Hope" Emmy winner Christine
- 13 Citrus fruit named for its unattractive appearance
- 14 Iota
- 15 First-rate
- 17 HUSKY
- 19 Hired gun
- 20 1978 Nobel winner Anwar
- 21 "East of Eden" director Kazan
- 23 Roz portrayer on "Frasier"
- 24 HUSKY
- 27 Negligent
- 31 Khayyam or Sharif
- 32 Scored perfectly on
- 33 AAA part
- 36 Answers an invite (abbr.)
- 40 HUSKY
- 43 Arabic word for God
- 44 ____ Mawr
- 45 "Nasty" Nastase of tennis
- 46 Sainted pope called "the Great"
- 48 Hold in high regard
- 50 HUSKY
- 55 Continent crossed by Polo
- 56 Emulate Icarus
- 57 Essential points
- 62 Nissan sedan
- 64 HUSKY
- 66 Language named for a mathematician
- 67 Pen's point
- 68 None at all
- 69 Giggly laugh
- 70 Gasteyer of "Saturday Night Live"
- 71 Product with a rabbit mascot

Down

- 1 Makeshift band instruments
- 2 Home of the Taj Mahal
- 3 Outfitted
- 4 "Loans that Change Lives" sloganeer
- 5 Arch site: Abbr.
- 6 Superman's birth name
- 7 Pastoral composition
- 8 Hebrew toast that means "to life"
- 9 Yellowfin tuna
- 10 Intense chase
- 11 Kitchen counter?
- 12 Words of sympathy
- 16 Lady of Arthurian romance
- 18 Investment vehicles such as SPY and DIA
- 22 (sigh)
- 25 B-52 letters
- 22 Duds
- 27 ____ Nui (Easter Island)
- 28 Biol. branch
- 29 Kitten's cry
- 30 Dater's dream
- 34 Abruptly, on a musical score
- 35 Abbr. on many cameras
- 37 Foul
- 38 Ballet bend
- 39 Wine glass part
- 41 South Korea's first president Syngman ____
- 42 California's Santa ____ Valley
- 47 Slashed, perhaps
- 49 Game company behind Sonic the Hedgehog
- 50 Fight for breath
- 51 Words after have or take
- 52 Dentist's direction
- 53 Hot spot
- 54 Golf champion Hale
- 58 Ain't as it should be?
- 59 Sign of damage
- 60 Musical Amos
- 61 "Mr. Roboto" band
- 63 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- 65 Exec's degree, often

Jeff Chen and his custom crossword puzzle for *Columns* readers were photographed by Michael Clinard.

Charles Wick was photographed on a bee farm in Street, Md., by Thomas Arledge.

Saving *the* Honeybee

BY TOM NUGENT

Charles Wick, '71, '73, '79, may not wear the trademark deerstalker hat and smoke a long-stemmed pipe but when it comes to bees, he's an ace detective. In fact, his acumen helped provide the answer to one of the most troubling mysteries in today's natural world: What is killing the honeybees?

Officially called "colony collapse disorder," the bee "plague" is so serious it has been threatening U.S. food production. Some experts suggest that because bees are essential pollinators for many different kinds of plants, up to one-third of America's yearly food crop could be wiped out eventually if the epidemic spreads throughout U.S. agriculture.

While insects have not been his field of study, Wick brought to the problem a 28-year career as a nuclear, chemical and biological weapons expert with plenty of molecular detective experience. Wick retired from the Army in 1999 as a Lieutenant Colonel with 25 decorations and cita-

tions for his cutting-edge research.

Currently a microbiologist with the Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center northeast of Baltimore, Wick holds the patent for the Integrated Virus Detector System (IVDS) that allows the military to test for and identify biological threats.

In the case of the bees, Wick used mass spectroscopy imaging—measuring a compound based on its mass and recreating it as an image—to track peptide sequences in the bee protein. By pinpointing the structure of the peptide DNA, he and his team were able to identify a "foreign" protein from viruses and fungi that had attacked the dead bees.

After two years of investigation, Wick's team discovered that every dead bee was carrying a unique peptide belonging to a bee-attacking "iridescent virus," as well as a protein from a fungus (*nosema ceranae*) known to be lethal to bees.

Wick and his team worked with research-

Who:

Charles Wick, '71, '73, '79

Known As:

Cutting-edge Microbiologist, U.S. Army

Known For:

Discovering the reason why honeybees are dying off

ers at the University of Montana in Missoula and at Montana State University in Bozeman to discover that a virus/fungus combination was giving the bees a killer double-whammy. It appears the combination of the two did the deadly damage as neither the virus nor the fungus can kill bees independently.

“After two years of investigation, Wick’s team discovered that every dead bee was carrying a unique peptide...”

How did Wick and his team of Army researchers end up working with academic researchers in Montana? Nothing less than serendipity. Wick’s brother, David—who studied botany and microbiology at the UW from 1971 to 1976—understands how his brother’s rapid virus screening instrument worked. David, a Montana entrepreneur, happened to catch a television interview with a Montana researcher who talked about bees. He also happened to have met the researcher and retained his business card. The two research teams with their disparate perspectives came together because David Wick imagined the possibilities.

Although the army/academic liaison did not produce a cure for the problem, figuring out the cause produced concrete advice for beekeepers. Because both pathogens—the virus and the fungus—flourish in cool, wet conditions, Wick counseled beekeepers to keep the bees as warm and dry as possible.

Ask Charles Wick how he and his germ analysts figured out the puzzle and he’ll tell you it was “mostly a mostly a matter of looking

at what was right there in front of your nose.”

Wick credits his ability to really “see” as a scientist to an experience he had as a UW undergraduate walking around campus with Forestry Professor Reinhard Stettler, now a UW professor emeritus. Wick asked Stettler what he should study to become a scientist. Stettler pointed to a pine tree and said, “Why don’t you study that? See what you can learn about it on your own, then get back to me.”

“What Professor Stettler taught me that day was how to look closely at things,” Wick says. “That’s the first step on the road to discoveries.”

Tom Nugent is a Michigan-based freelance writer who has written for a range of publications including The Washington Post and People magazine.



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—Dr. Rheba de Tornyay, Dean Emeritus, University of Washington School of Nursing

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Pulling for Paul

When alum Paul Dann's cancer returned, a team headed by his daughter joined the Relay for Life to raise funds—**and spirits**

Top: Paul Dann, '83, greets daughter Claire before the start of the UW Relay for Life in Husky Stadium. **Right top:** Claire, with sign, poses with family and friends who make up Paul's Pals. **Below right:** Kasha Browning, right, Claire's best friend, embraces Claire before the opening ceremonies.

STORY BY JULIE GARNER /PHOTOS BY ANIL KAPAH

When cancer strikes a family member, people react differently. Some people feel powerless. Others are immobilized by fear. Not Claire Dann. Never one to take a passive approach to difficult news, the UW junior kicked into high gear this spring when her father experienced a recurrence of a rare form of kidney cancer. While Paul Dann, '83, of Richland, received treatment at the UW Medical Center, Claire got busy and organized a Relay for Life team she named "Paul's Pals."

Relay for Life is the main volunteer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society (nearly 7,000 of these events are held worldwide). The UW Relay for Life is the largest such event in King County and one of the largest youth events in the

nation. People form teams and raise money for advocacy, research, patient services and education.

During the weekend of May 21-22, 18 members of her team (as well as more than 3,000 other participants) walked around the Husky Stadium track for 18 hours at the UW Relay event. "Everyone really came together for this. Family members came to support us even if they didn't walk. It's like a tangible support system for my dad," Claire says.

With Claire as the driving force, her team thus far has raised \$5,300, putting Paul's Pals in third place among teams raising the most money. As *Columns* went to press, Claire was in second place for most money raised by an individual. This is no small feat considering that there

were 213 teams that raised more than \$240,000 as of the event. She and her team of family and friends have until August to complete their fundraising.

Claire sees a direct line from the money raised at events like this to benefiting people living with cancer.

"[The money we raise for] cancer research really matters because the drug my dad is on was not even available four years ago," she says. "My dad is one of the 5 percent of kidney-cancer patients with a rare type, yet his hope and optimism does not falter. Participating in the Relay for Life is the least I can do to support him."

As for her father, he couldn't be more proud. "Being away from home and having a parent with cancer adds stress to a



“Cancer research really matters because the drug my dad is on was **not** even available four years ago.”

college student’s already stressful circumstances,” Paul says. “I am so proud of Claire and how she has chosen a positive outlet to channel her anxiety in a way that will help others. Of course, I think she is an amazing girl because I’m her dad. Her Relay for Life supporters think she is pretty amazing, too.”

Claire and her father aren’t the only family members who fancy the purple and gold. Her twin brothers, Geoff and Greg, graduated in 2010 with bachelor’s degrees in biochemistry. Claire is studying honors art history and plans to continue her education so that she can become a professor.

Like Claire’s team, the entire UW Relay for Life is student-managed. Almeera Anwar, a junior studying journalism and anthropology, and Loren Carlson, a junior studying the comparative history of ideas and pre-nursing, co-chaired the event along with a committee of 35 coordinating volunteers.

Julie Garner is a contributing editor to Columns



FUNDRAISING FOR THIS EVENT continues until the end of August. Visit UWRelay.org to donate to Paul’s Pals or any of the 213 UW teams.



Rousing Housing

New residence halls are first part of west campus' urban village



Left, students like what they see of Cedar Apartments. Above, spacious rooms and natural light are key features. Photos by Karen Orders.

The University of Washington's plan to turn its west campus into an urban village will take a big step this fall with the opening of two new residence communities.

Students who in the spring toured Poplar Hall, a traditional-style residence hall, and Cedar Apartments, are raving about the green-built facilities that feature amenities such as private bathrooms, glass entryways, customizable furniture and lots of natural light.

And that's just the start. The new residence halls, which are part of a 20-year, \$800 million capital plan, will be part of an urban village the University is creating near N.E. Campus Parkway, a few blocks west of 15th Avenue N.E.

Featuring a wellness center, auditorium, gathering spaces, a restaurant and a neighborhood market, these new residence halls are a far cry from the dorms with bolted-down furniture and shared bathrooms down the hall.

"We want to enhance the student experience," says Pam Schreiber, the UW's director of Housing & Food Services (HFS).

The opening of Poplar Hall, on N.E. Campus Parkway, and Cedar Apartments, at the corner of N.E. 41st Street and 12th Avenue N.E., is the first phase of the project that will help the UW deal with overcrowding in residence halls and an increasing demand for on-campus housing. But there's even more to it.

"The new buildings," says Chris Jaehne, assistant director for residential life, "offer well-designed community space where students will want to be—to study, visit with friends, or just hang out."

By placing residence halls in what is called the "west campus," the University is working to create an urban village where students get the best of both campus and city life.

"It harkens back to the idea of main street," says Rob Lubins, associate director for facilities and capital planning for HFS. "Students living there will have

excellent access to the future light rail station; to buses and businesses in the University District."

At the same time Cedar and Poplar halls are about to open, Mercer Hall will close and be torn down in July, pending approval from the Board of Regents. In Fall 2012, two more residence halls (Elm Hall and Alder Hall) will open. In addition to creation of new communities, the capital plan includes renovation of the existing residence halls.

For more information about the new residence halls, visit www.hfs.washington.edu.

With the demolition of Mercer Hall on the horizon for this summer, UW Housing & Food Services is looking for Mercer alumni remembrances of their time living there. Submit your short stories—humorous or serious—to HFS at wrproc@hfs.washington.edu or www.facebook.com/UofWhfs.

Reaching out to girls in Rwanda



Members of the first class at Gashora Girls Academy. Photo courtesy Rwanda Girls Initiative.

THIS PAST FEBRUARY, Shalisan Foster, '92, and Suzanne Sinegal McGill, '91, were 8,872 miles from home, standing on the red Rwanda soil, beaming with pride as they attended the opening of the Gashora Girls Academy—a school they created as part of their Rwanda Girls Initiative.

Founded in 2008, the Rwanda Girls Initiative is a nonprofit organization and NGO whose mission is to open a financially independent school. Besides academics, the boarding school teaches

leadership and life skills to develop girls into future leaders of the small African nation.

To make their dream a reality, the two Eastside moms turned to the University of Washington for help. They consulted with faculty and graduate students from the College of Education, Evans School of Public Affairs, Information School, Foster School of Business and its MBA Program, as well as Ed Taylor, the UW's Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

Other universities and Puget Sound-area businesses donated pro-bono architecture, legal, agricultural, engineering and accounting services.

"We were overwhelmed by how quickly leaders from the Seattle community embraced our idea," Foster says. —Jon Marmor

For more information on the Rwanda Girls Initiative, go to www.rwandagirlsinitiative.org

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Tarhouni Joins Libyan Opposition Government

Students at the University of Washington are used to their professors doing amazing things, but few were prepared for the announcement that came from Ali A. Tarhouni, 60, earlier this year.

Tarhouni, senior lecturer in the Foster School of Business, told his microeconomics class that despite the death sentence on his head, he would be moving back to Libya, his homeland. He was named the finance minister for the Libyan opposition national council, the rebel army that is working to form a transitional government. He left for Libya in March.

Tarhouni holds a doctorate in economics and finance and has taught at the UW since 1985. Many students know him for making microeconomics engaging and understandable.

He is a native of Libya and has opposed Moammar Kadafi for 40 years. His family and wife have known for years that he would return to Libya should he get the chance. He says he doesn't consider himself to be a hero, rather just a man rising to this extraordinary, once in a lifetime occasion. —Almeera Anwar



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For an interview with Ali Tarhouni, go to <http://www.washington.edu/news/articles/alitarhouni-reflects-on-decision-to-leave-uw-help-lead-libyan-opposition>

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“I beat them all.”

—**DIANA INCH, '96**, high school librarian, who was the only participant out of approximately 3 million in the Yahoo! University to correctly pick the Final Four of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Eighty percent of participants in the Yahoo! Tourney Pick 'Em game failed to select even a single Final Four team.



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UW Graduate Programs Among Nation's Best

The University of Washington has been ranked first among primary-care medical schools in the nation for the 18th consecutive year, according to the annual rankings of graduate and professional programs issued March 15 by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The School of Nursing also retained its top ranking for the 27th year. Its master's program tied for No. 1 with Johns Hopkins and the University of Pennsylvania. The School of Medicine ranked ninth among research medical schools, ahead of such schools as Columbia, Michigan, University of Chicago, UCLA, Cornell, Vanderbilt and Northwestern. The rankings:

School of Medicine Rankings

- 1 Primary care, family medicine, rural medicine
- 5 AIDS, geriatrics
- 8 Internal medicine, pediatrics, MEDEX program for training physician assistants
- 9 Research medical school

School of Nursing Rankings

- 1 Community/public health nursing
- 2 Adult nurse practitioner, Family nurse practitioner
- 3 Pediatric nurse practitioner
- 9 Psychiatric/mental health

Other Rankings

- 5 Biomedical/bioengineering graduate program, computer systems, elementary education
- 6 School of Public Health master's/doctorate programs
- 6 Artificial intelligence program
- 7 Computer science graduate program, computer science theory program, special education
- 9 College of Education graduate program, education curriculum/instruction, secondary education
- 10 Education administration/supervision

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Maestro of Music and Dance *to Step Down in September*

FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS, Matt Krashan has worked to attract world-renowned artists to perform at the UW, nurturing the World Series program from its infancy in the early 1980s to the present day when greats such as Grupo Corpo and Pilobolus the dance companies regularly appear at Meany Hall.

Krashan, the UW's maestro of music, dance and more, will retire in September from his position as director of the UW World Series, a program that is recognized nationally for its excellence and innovation in the performing arts.

Krashan was also instrumental in exposing young minds and hearts to music and

dance in the public schools. He developed Community Connections, an education and outreach program that reaches more than 10,000 students each year and provides local public schools with nearly 100 free workshops, matinees, artist residencies and master classes with visiting artists.

"It's been a wonderful 29 years of bringing so many great artists to our stage and sharing them with our community. Being able to present them in a world-class facility like Meany Hall has been a real pleasure," he says.

A grand gala will be held June 24 at Meany Hall to honor Krashan and to benefit the



Matt Krashan

Matt Krashan Endowed Fund for Artistic and Educational Excellence in the Performing Arts. A nationwide search is being conducted for his successor.

—Julie Garner

UW PHYSICISTS: No Radiation Threat

IN THE AFTERMATH of the earthquake damage at Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Plant, UW physicists decided to find out if the leaked radiation had travelled 5,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean to Seattle's UW campus.

They detected radiation in the air but not enough to cause a public-health concern.

From samples taken from the Physics and Astronomy Building air filter, physicists detected the first trace amounts of radioactive isotopes on March 18, about six days after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan. The amount of radioactivity found was thousands of times below EPA levels and all traces of radioactive isotopes from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant have disappeared.

The scientists, led by Jonathan Diaz Leon, conducted the research and published their study because they wanted to confirm that there were no health risks after rumors spread about the harm the radioactivity could cause in Washington. Andreas Knecht, a co-author of the study, said, "The biggest incentive was the curiosity whether we would be able to detect the radiation at all." —Marissa Loew

Noteworthy

Interim UW President

Phyllis Wise selected Seattle native Debra Friedman, '79, '83, as the new chancellor of UW Tacoma. She will replace Patricia Spakes, who is retiring in July after six years in the position. Friedman comes from Arizona State University, where since 2005 she was dean of the College of Public Programs and professor of public affairs. Friedman worked at the UW Seattle campus from 1994 to 2005 in a variety of positions: assistant dean and associate dean of undergraduate education, associate provost for academic planning and director of special projects in development and alumni relations. She holds a master's and Ph.D. in sociology from the UW.



Friedman

The UW's International Training and Education Center for Health received a \$300 million, five-year cooperative agreement from the federal government for health training in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

A team of computer science & engineering students from the University of Washington captured first place in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition in March. Texas A&M finished second while the University of Louisville was third.

Four undergraduate students earned Goldwater Scholarships, one of the nation's most prestigious awards for students aspiring to be scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

The UW Faculty Senate has established the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence to try to compensate for budget losses at the UW Libraries. Faculty members rate University Libraries as their most important source of information for their work. Due to budget cuts, the UW Libraries' ranking in the Association of Research Libraries fell from the top 15 percent to the top 25 percent.

The University of Washington Press and three other university presses—Duke University, Penn State and Pennsylvania—received a collaborative publishing grant of \$1.257 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to publish first books by scholars in the field of art history.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Two University of Washington alumni

were elected to the National Academy of Engineering: Professor Henry M. Levy, '81, the Wissner-Slivka Endowed Chair in Computer Science and Engineering; and Franklin D. Robinson, '57, retired president and chairman of Robinson Helicopter Co.

Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, '34, the late World War II ace pilot, was honored with a plaque at the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, Calif., on Memorial Day. For his heroic actions, Boyington, who died in 1998, received the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross.

Edward H. Wagner, ▶

professor of health services in the UW School of Public Health, received the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research from the Baxter International Foundation and Association of University Programs in Health Administration. It is the highest honor a health-services



Wagner

researcher can achieve. He founded the Group Health Research Institute in 1983.

Two physicians who did residencies in medicine and fellowships in medical genetics in the UW School of Medicine will be honored by the school of medicine alumni association. Lawrence K. Altman, '68, '69, a 40-year member of *The New York Times* science news staff and one of the nation's most prominent medical journalists, will receive the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Marshall S. ▶ Horwitz, professor of pathology and adjunct professor of medicine and genome sciences, will receive the 2011 Alumni Early Achievement Award. Horwitz is director of the UW's Medical Scientist Training Program.



Horwitz

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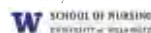
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After the Whistle: NEW HOOPS HOPE

Kevin McGuff arrived in Seattle this past April with a monumental challenge awaiting him: restoring the Husky women's basketball team to the elite status it held in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

McGuff, who turned struggling Xavier University in Cincinnati into a perennial national contender, was hired April 4 to replace Tia Jackson, who resigned after going 45-75 in four seasons.

In nine seasons with Xavier, McGuff turned a losing program into one that enjoyed nine consecutive postseason berths, including six appearances in the NCAA Tournament. In the past six seasons under McGuff, Xavier averaged 25 wins. And the Musketeers went undefeated in the Atlantic 10 conference the past two seasons.

McGuff, the first male head coach in the 37-year history of UW women's basketball, will need to draw on every bit of

that experience to bring the Huskies back to the status they once held during the days of coach Chris Gobrecht, who from 1984-95 led the Huskies to nine NCAA tournament berths and eight 20-win seasons.

But McGuff, 41, can barely contain himself about this opportunity. "I am really excited," he says. "It's a great place to build something very special. The potential for success in women's basketball at Washington is amazing."

McGuff arrived in Seattle with a reputation for recruiting nationally, and an aggressive, fast style of play on both ends of the court.

"It's going to be exciting to have Kevin as a leader in this community that for decades has passionately supported women's basketball," says Athletic Director Scott Woodward. "Our Huskies will love him."



PHOTO BY RON WURZER

NEWS FROM THE DAWGHOUSE

YOUNG **W** TYEE CLUB

HUSKY ATHLETICS has launched the Young Tyee Club as a way of building the next generation of Tyee Club members. Designed for alumni and fans under the age of 30, Young Tyee Club members support Husky Athletics while enjoying great access to exclusive events like private viewings of practices and social hours with Husky coaches.

To find out more, go to gohuskies.com/tyeecub or call 206-543-2234.

Former All-American running back Greg Lewis, '94, has been nominated for the College Football Hall



of Fame. Lewis, the fifth-leading rusher in UW history with 2,903 yards, received the Doak Walker Award in 1990 as the nation's best running back when he rushed for 1,407 yards (third on the UW all-time single season list behind Corey Dillon's 1,695 in 1996 and Chris Polk's 1,415 last season). Inductees will be announced on Dec. 6.

The Husky men's crew edged California to win the 2011 Pac-10 Championship at Gold River, Calif. It was the 34th conference title in UW history and the fourth in the past five years. As *Columns* went to press, the Huskies were going to participate in the IRA Championships in New Jersey in early June.

After a fourth-place finish in the Pac-10 Championships, the Husky women's crew was invited to participate in the 2011 NCAA Rowing championships. The Huskies are one of just three programs to make the NCAA Championships every year since their inception in 1997.

Led by freshman Kelli Bowers, the UW women's golf team finished 16th in the

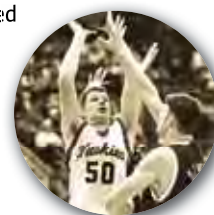
NCAA championships in May. Bowers led the Huskies in the individual standings. She tied for 26th.

For only the second time in the past 10 years, the Husky men's golf team did not make it to the NCAA Championships. The Husky men, who were led by Tze Huang Choo's seventh-place finish, fell one shot short at the NCAA Southwest Regional.

Todd MacCulloch, who led the Huskies to back-to-back appearances in the NCAA basketball tournament in 1998-99, was inducted into the Pac-10 Hall of Honor. The 7-foot center is the UW's all-time field goal percentage leader (66.4 percent).

The UW women's gymnastics team finished third in the Pac-10 championships, led by Samantha Wailor, who shared the bars championship title. She is the first individual champion in any event for the UW since 2007.

Follow Husky sports at gohuskies.com





CULTURAL STEREOTYPES

STEER GIRLS AWAY FROM MATH

By Molly McElroy

ANDREW MELTZOFF SAT DOWN at the kitchen table with his daughter to help her learn the multiplication tables. “She was doing great,” says Meltzoff, a UW psychology professor, “but when she reached a difficult part of the nine times tables, she looked up at me and said, ‘Dad, don’t you know that girls don’t do math?’”

Meltzoff was surprised. “We were trying to raise her in a household that was gender-neutral regarding who does math and science,” he says. “My wife is great at math and a scientist herself.”

Meltzoff and his wife Patricia Kuhl, a UW professor of speech and hearing sciences,

Parental and educational practices aimed at enhancing girls' self-concepts for math might be beneficial as early as elementary school, when youngsters are beginning to develop ideas about who does math.

co-direct UW's Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, a world-renowned interdisciplinary research center focused on early learning, brain development and helping kids reach their full potential. "We want to understand how culture seeps into the brain to influence kids' choices and aspirations," Meltzoff says.

The "math is for boys" stereotype has been used as part of the explanation for why so few women pursue science, mathematics and engineering careers. The cultural stereotype may nudge girls to think that math isn't for them, which could affect what activities they engage in and their career aspirations.

But the stereotype that girls don't do math is not universal across cultures. Dario Cvencek, '07, a postdoctoral fellow at the UW Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, was born and raised in the former Yugoslavia. "We didn't have that stereotype where I grew up," he says. "People there thought that math went with girls just as much as it did with boys."

In a recent study, Cvencek found that for girls, lack of interest in mathematics may come from culturally communicated messages about math. With Meltzoff and Anthony Greenwald, another UW psychology professor, Cvencek studied whether American children have adopted the "math is for boys" stereotype during elementary-school years, and if so, whether they apply that stereotype to themselves.

The research was funded by a National Science Foundation grant to the LIFE Science of Learning Center.

The researchers used a computer-based categorization test, the Implicit Association Test, to assess how school children link math with gender. Greenwald created the test, which when used with adults can predict actual math performance and real-world choices.

The kids, boys and girls in grades one through five in Seattle-area schools, sat in front of a large-screen laptop computer and used an adapted keyboard to sort words into categories.

In one part of the test, children sorted four kinds of words: boy names, girl names, math words and reading words. What the researchers discovered was that as early as second grade, children demonstrated the American cultural stereotype for math: boys and girls associated math words with boy names. In another part of the test, boys identified themselves with math more than girls did.

"Our results show that cultural stereotypes about math are absorbed strikingly early in development, prior to ages at which there are gender differences in math achievement," says Meltzoff,

who holds the Job and Gertrud Tamaki Endowed Chair at UW.

Parental and educational practices aimed at enhancing girls' self-concepts for math might be beneficial as early as elementary school, when youngsters are beginning to develop ideas about who does math.

Math is "alive, joyful and creative. If girls get more messages that math is imaginative, they might identify with it more," says Elham Kazemi, associate professor of curriculum and instruction in the UW College of Education. "It's easy for people to express dislike for math, and to say 'I'm just not a math person,' but people do lots of math outside of class."

Kazemi helps elementary school teachers feel more confident in their math skills. She says that emphasizing persistence and problem solving—rather than speed and competition—and using open-ended math problems with different solutions and different ways of thinking about each problem could help girls with math.

Parents can help kids' interest in math too, by pointing out the mathematics of daily life, such as in cooking, shopping, saving money toward a goal and playing board games. Kazemi's two children, for example, calculated that a six-day vacation in a rental cabin with a bunk bed meant three nights for each sibling on the top bunk.

"I did math in the car with my daughter," says Fran Partridge, a former math coach for Seattle Public Schools. During a car trip to Portland, Ore., for instance, Partridge told her young daughter how fast they were going and how many miles they had left and asked her what time they would arrive.

Partridge, who is a STAR mentor for first-year teachers in Seattle Public Schools, has heard kids say that boys are better than girls at math or that a student is good at math "because he is a boy." She helped come up with strategies for teachers to use to encourage girls during math lessons, such as being careful to call on girls at least as often as boys and recognizing girls' math achievements.

Partridge emphasizes the use of gender-neutral language, saying that during math lessons teachers should address their students as "mathematicians" not "you guys."

"Language is very important," she says, suggesting use of girl names and "she" pronouns when explaining math problems in class. "Teachers should constantly be aware of how their language communicates the message that males are more important. This can be particularly true in math."

GIVING WOMEN IN PRISON A VOICE TO BE HEARD

THE UW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK is partnering with Washington State Department of Corrections, known for its progressive history of working with women behind bars. One departmental innovation allows pregnant incarcerated women to maintain custody of their newborns, and provides a special unit where the babies remain in their mothers' care.

The thinking is clear: a mother with a strong connection to her baby becomes more emotionally available and socially responsible. The relationship fosters maternal self-esteem and mitigates self-destructive behavior. The baby feels secure and loved, develops a healthy sense of self, and the lifelong ability to form healthy attachments. A cycle of incarceration—which sometimes crosses generations—may, for the first time, be upended.

However, after 10 years of operation, this program, long lauded for its humanity, lacked any solid science that it was ending a cycle of abuse, depression and drug dependence that often leads to prison and high recidivism rates. So Social Work doctoral candidate Marie-Celeste Condon assembled a research panel of mothers, corrections officers and early childhood professionals—three groups that wanted a deeper understanding of the mother-child connection in prison.

The research model supports the dignity, worth and contribution of everyone involved in the study, merging research with advocacy. People with the least amount of power are now making some of the most insightful proposals. And those at the top of prison hierarchy are listening. This dynamic approach to research will provide the kind of real-time data that leads to real-world action that keeps mothers and children together—and women out of prison. —Julie H. Case



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UNCLOAKING THE SWEDISH MURDER MYSTERY

MENTION SCANDINAVIAN crime fiction and most may think of Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and its two sequels. That's likely because those books were the first by a Swedish author to hit the No. 1 spot on *The New York Times* Best Sellers list. To date, more than 40 million copies of the trilogy have sold worldwide.

Those books, however, didn't appear out of thin air: They're part of a crime novel tradition dating back to at least 1965 in Scandinavia—a tradition Andrew Nestingen, associate professor of Scandinavian Studies, has followed for years. His first book, *Crime and Fantasy in Scandinavia: Fiction, Film and Social Change*, was published by UW Press in 2008. And this year he co-edited *Scandinavian Crime Fiction*, a collection of essays about the genre.

"I started studying this subject because it was a puzzle to me how a region so small—25 million people or so—could have this global brand in crime

fiction," Nestingen said, noting that Larsson isn't the only successful author. In fact, modern authors like Henning Mankell and Liza Marklund have also sold tens of millions of books.

His answer is that in 1965, Swedish writers Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahloo began writing crime fiction that told a good story, but also provoked debate about social issues.

"They had an enormous impact on other crime writers," Nestingen said. "They revitalized that genre. What they did was make it both entertaining and a serious form." They also started a movement in Scandinavia that made crime novels an arena of debate about social change.

The books, Nestingen said, became a means to get ordinary citizens talking about social issues. Their rise coincided with a time when people's belief in the government's ability to solve problems began waning, leading ultimately to Larsson's heroine Lisbeth Salander, lone operator extraordinaire. —Nancy Wick

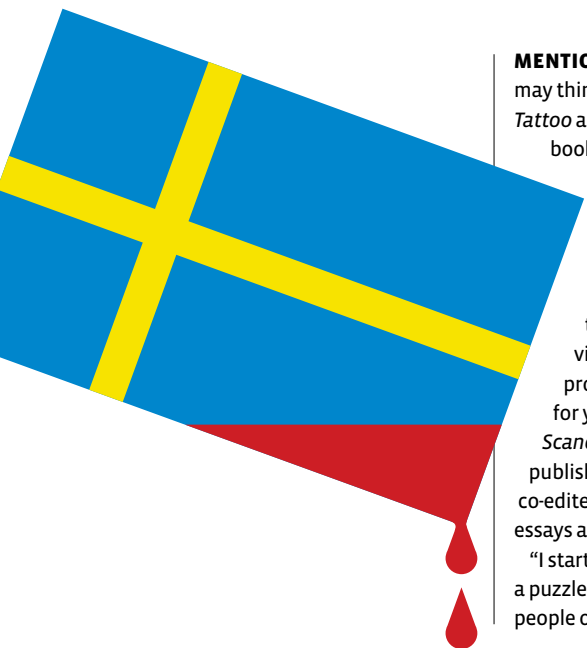




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TRANSIT, WORK-RELATED NOISE AND THE COMMUTE

MANY PEOPLE are exposed to health and safety issues in the workplace, but how many think about the risk of the commute? Rick Neitzel, research scientist in the UW Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, does. He studies health and safety issues in the workplace, with a focus on noise and vibration.

Most recently Neitzel, along with researchers from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, has been measuring noise levels at transit platforms and stations and inside New York City subways, buses and ferries. Their findings concluded that subway noise could increase the risk of noise-induced hearing loss to some frequent transit riders.

The research team is now delving into how long people are exposed to noise levels and what groups of people may be most at risk of hearing loss.

Which means, says Neitzel, what people do in their spare time—hunting, going to sporting events and rock concerts, listening to MP3 players and even commuting—may present the biggest risks for hearing loss. —Mary Guiden

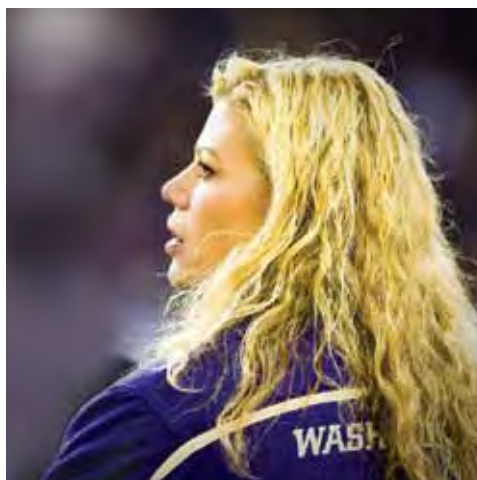


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ATHLETES AND CARDIAC ARREST: THE BIG RISK

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH affects about 1 in 43,000 NCAA athletes, according to a new UW study in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*. The death rate—higher than many estimates for young athletes—could influence health-screening guidelines for youths in organized sports.

According to UW researchers Kimberly Harmon (above) and Jonathan Drezner, 273 NCAA athletes died between 2004 and 2008, 80 due to medical causes. Fifty-six percent were cardiovascular-related sudden deaths. Basketball had the highest rate of sudden cardiac arrest followed by swimming, lacrosse, football and cross-country track. —Julie H. Case



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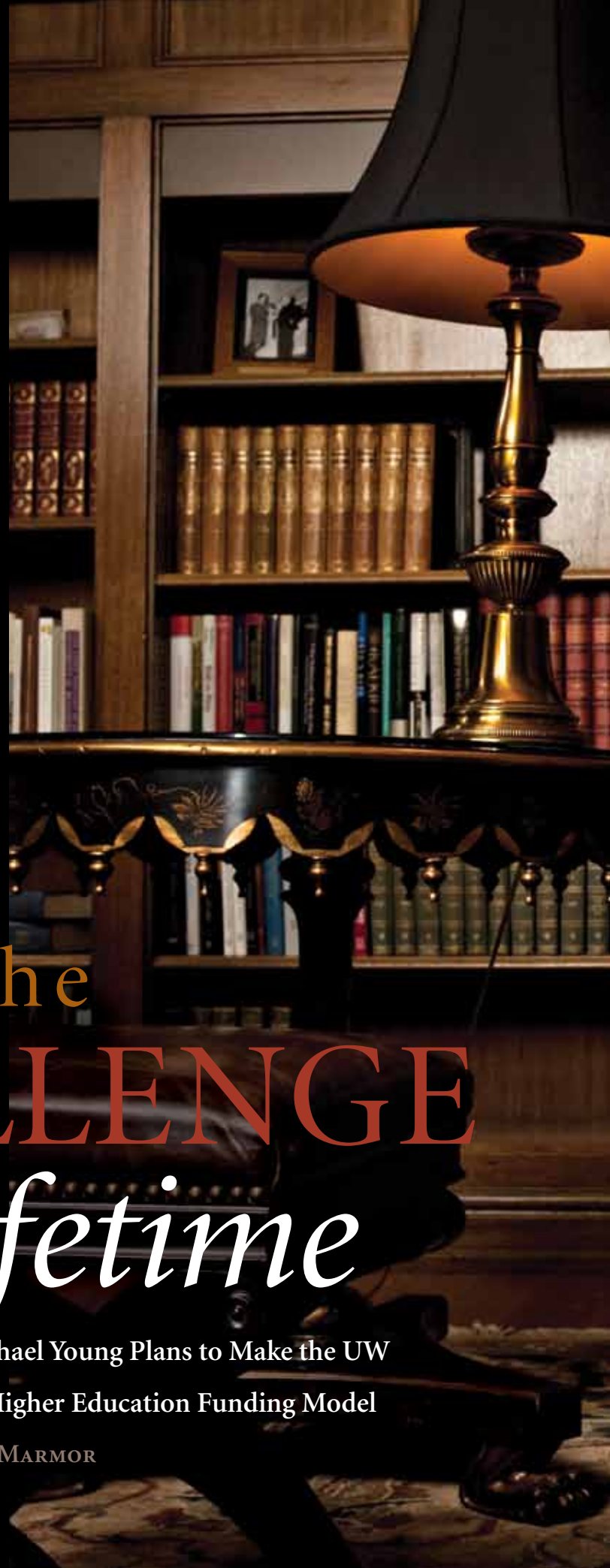
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When Michael K. Young was introduced as the University of Washington's new president at an April press conference on the UW campus, the very first thing he did was tell a joke. A newspaper profile that appeared a few days earlier informed readers that he preferred the Rolling Stones to the Beatles. So when Young stepped to the lectern before a room full of reporters and TV cameras to issue his first words in his first public Seattle appearance, he said, "I want to issue a heartfelt apology to all Beatles fans," drawing a big laugh from everyone inside the Gates Commons of the Paul G. Allen Center for Computer Science & Engineering.

The CHALLENGE OF A *Lifetime*

With an Adventurer's Spirit, Michael Young Plans to Make the UW
a Leader in Solving the Public Higher Education Funding Model

BY JON MARMOR





Michael K. Young was photographed April 14, 2011 at Hill-Crest, the UW President's Residence, by Rick Dahms.

Easy going, self-assured, and equipped with a great sense of humor, the 61-year-old new leader of the University of Washington takes office July 1. He arrives at one of the most critical junctures in the history of the Pacific Northwest's largest, most respected public research university.

The economic downturn, decreasing state support, rising tuition and uncertainty about the future of public higher education gave Young pause before he accepted the job as the UW's 31st president. He was, after all, quite comfortable as president of the University of Utah, which under his watch grew in national stature, partly because it became the nation's leader in creating spinoff companies from university research.

But taking on big challenges has been part of Young's life for as long as he can remember. His first job after graduating from Harvard Law School? Clerking for an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. First faculty job? Teaching at Columbia University Law School, from where he took a break from academia to hold several senior-level positions in George H.W. Bush's administration.

where he experienced the wonder of the rain forest. "Absolutely amazing," he recalled.

That sense of adventure will serve him well in Gerberding Hall. He has not yet set up shop on campus and already he has zeroed in on the challenge of finding a new way to fund a public flagship university in a wrenching economic environment where state support continues to dwindle and people don't want to pay higher taxes.

Right away, he goes into his educator's mode: "The role of the public university has been absolutely essential for 200 years," he said. "Public universities are the epicenter for training students and economic development. They are the institutions that educate America, that produce the technology and innovations that have made America the world's economic and political leader for more than a century.

"I understand the acute pressure on legislatures, but we have to look at our model of funding. I hope to develop a genuine partnership with the Legislature, to help everyone understand that we are not an expense line in the state budget; we are an investment



Young (second from right) meets with former Gov. Daniel Evans, '48, '49, and his wife, Nancy. Photos by Ron Wurzer.



Young is accompanied by Kellye Testy (left), dean of the UW School of Law and chair of the presidential search committee, and Herb Simon, '65, chair of the Board of Regents, to the press conference.

Then he was dean of George Washington University Law School before assuming his role at the University of Utah.

In other words, a sense of adventure, confidence and courage are in his DNA. Or, as Young confessed: "My son always said I am more comfortable walking on a tight rope over the Grand Canyon."

So here he is in Seattle, about to guide the UW through its biggest challenge in recent memory. And he couldn't be more excited.

"Whatever nervousness I might have is outweighed by a tremendous sense of excitement," he said during an exclusive interview with *Columns*. "The University of Washington is extraordinary by any measure. I am very fortunate to be a Husky."

While his name may be new to some in the UW alumni family, Young—an indirect descendant of Brigham Young—is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest. A native of Northern California, he attended the 1962 Seattle World's Fair as a youngster. His uncle also took him to explore the Olympic National Forest,

line. We are not a problem for the state to solve or address, but rather we are a major part of the solution.

"The University of Washington can be a national and global leader in figuring out how we can tackle this challenge. We have superb faculty, remarkable students and the most entrepreneurial community I have ever seen. We have the capacity to think through these challenges and devise creative, effective solutions. No one is better positioned than the UW. It is going to be very exciting."

The excitement of that challenge ultimately enticed Young to leave the University of Utah after seven years packed with eye-popping success on many fronts, from athletics (where the Utes football team went undefeated twice in seven seasons) to overtaking MIT as the nation's leader in turning university research into spinoff companies, from building more than 2 million square feet of new research and teaching facilities to doubling research funding.

He was also enticed by the opportunity to run an academic en-



MICHAEL K. YOUNG

■ EDUCATION

B.A., Political Science and Japanese, Brigham Young University, 1973 (Summa Cum Laude); J.D., Harvard Law School, 1976 (Magna Cum Laude)

■ CAREER

1976-1978: Clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist

1978-1998: Columbia University Law School

- Fuyo Professor of Japanese Law, 1978-1998
- Director, Center for Japanese Legal Studies, 1985-98
- Director, Center for Korean Legal Studies, 1995-98
- Co-Director, Program on Religion, Human Rights and Religious Freedom, 1994-98

■ FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Deputy Legal Adviser, U.S. State Department, 1989-91
- Deputy Undersecretary for Economic and Agricultural Affairs, 1991-93
- Ambassador for Trade and Environment affairs, 1992-93

1998-2004: George Washington University Law School Dean and Lobinger Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence

2004-2011: President, University of Utah

July 1, 2011: 31st president of the University of Washington

■ BOOKS PUBLISHED

The Fundamentals of U.S. Trade Law and Japanese Law in Context, and *Readings in Society, The Economy, and Politics*, both published in 2001.

■ ALSO

Served two terms as Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a major federal advisory commission created by Congress in 1998 to advise the President, the Secretary of State, the National Security Advisor and the Congress on U.S. foreign policy.

terprise that he says is unparalleled in excellence, collaboration and breadth. "There are many universities that are great in one area or another," he said. "But here, the health sciences is only second to Johns Hopkins in federal research funding. The School of Social Work leads the nation in federal grants. The arts and sciences are unparalleled. It's unique to have a university with that kind of breadth and depth of excellence.

"I loved my time at Utah, it was a real love affair," Young added. "Personally, the opportunity for a new challenge was something I could not pass up. I think this is the most exciting challenge in higher education in the country."

And despite the problems and challenges awaiting him here, he is quick to add: "This university is not in need of a makeover. It is extraordinary in every respect and we will just work together to make it even greater."

Young says he plans to spend the next several months listening so he can learn the lay of the land. That will include visiting faculty in their classrooms and labs several hours every week. "The faculty is the heart and soul of a great university," Young explained. "And I love being part of the faculty. After all, I'm just a country lawyer. There are lots of brilliant people here from whom I need to learn."

Teaching and learning have inspired Young ever since he was a child, when he caught the bug to go into law. "I cannot recall a time when I didn't want to be a lawyer," he said. "My mother must have whispered that to me when I was in my crib. I just love being around and involved in issues, the solutions to which might make people's lives better."

Young is thrilled with one new solution that will kick in next fall—the new TV deal that the Pac-12 has entered into with Fox and ESPN. It is the largest TV contract of any college league, worth approximately \$3 billion over 12 years. But more than the financial windfall (approximately \$21 million to each school every year), the deal will bring something Young says is vital: national exposure. "The Pac-12 has some of the best academic institutions in the world," Young said. "This TV contract is one way we can get national exposure."

In addition to presiding over the most important economic engine in the Pacific Northwest, Young will hold a faculty appointment in the UW School of Law. In the near future, the second editions of two books, one he wrote on international trade law and another he co-authored on international environmental law, will come out, and Young—an expert on Asian law who spent his Mormon mission in Japan—has a large-scale research project in Japan in the works. "I want to keep my hand in it," he said. "I love being a professor."

Along with joining a faculty that ranks among the best in the world, Young also loves the prospect of having the support of an engaged alumni community.

"The faculty is the heart and soul of a university," he said, "but what makes a University truly great is its partnership with alumni. Alumni are the absolute lifeblood of a university. Alumni support their university, not only financially, but also by helping people understand what a university can do and then helping the University do it." ■

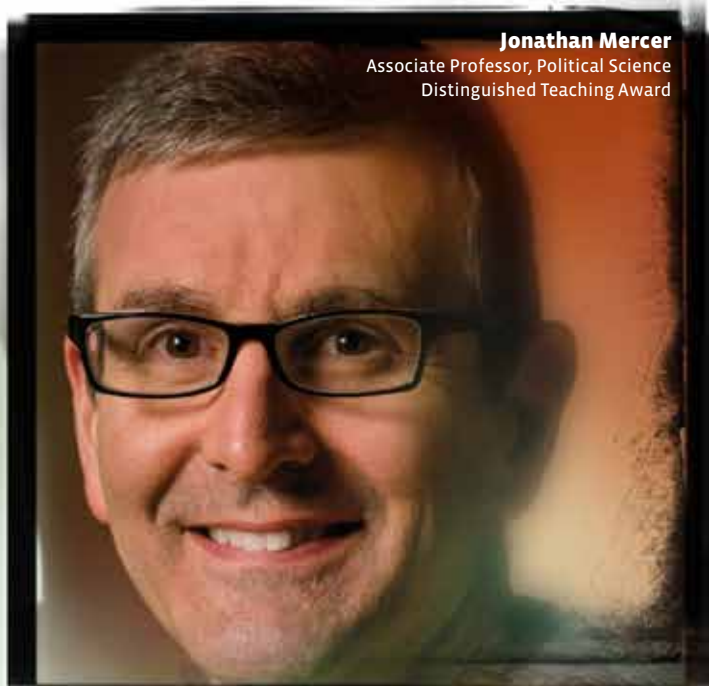
—Jon Marmor is managing editor of Columns

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Associate Professor, Political Science
Distinguished Teaching Award



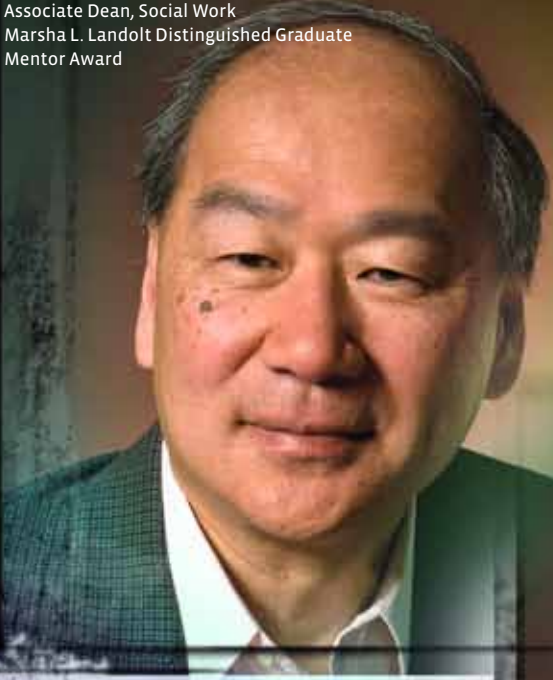
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Assistant Professor, Management & Organization
Distinguished Teaching Award

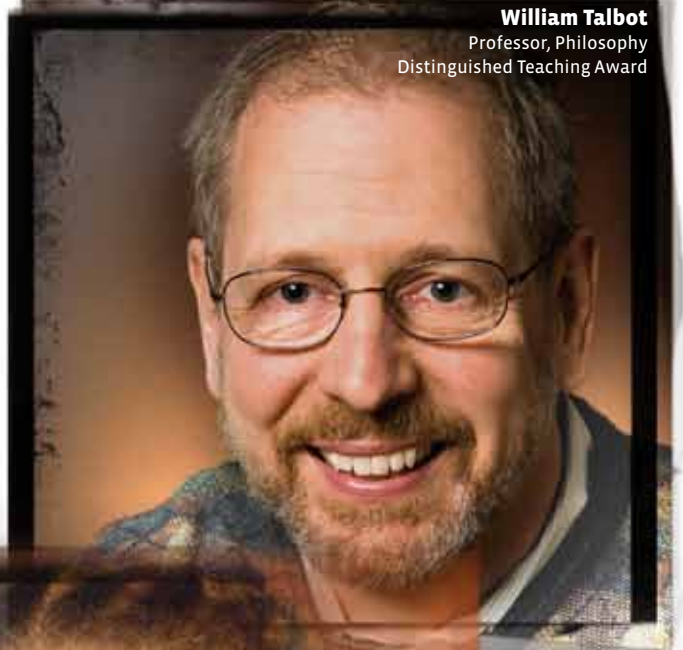
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Distinguished Teaching Award



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Head of Directing Program
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Matthew Weinstein

Professor, Education, UW Tacoma
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JANE LUBCHENCO, '71

< RECIPIENT OF THE UW'S HIGHEST ALUMNI HONOR >

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The NATURAL

Jane Lubchenco's ability to bring real-world approaches to scientific inquiry led her to become the first woman director of NOAA

By Sarah DeWeerd

In a slim, 36-page typescript thesis submitted for her UW master's degree in zoology in 1971, Jane Lubchenco recounts her efforts to document the eating habits of two species of sea star, *Pisaster ochraceus* and *Leptasterias hexactis*. For a full year, she painstakingly counted and measured barnacles, mussels, snails, and limpets taken by the predatory sea stars at Point Caution, a jetty of rock on the eastern side of San Juan Island.

Pisaster can grow larger, which should make it the superior competitor, but Lubchenco found that when size is equal, *Leptasterias* is better at catching nutritionally dense prey. The results explain nothing less than, as Lubchenco writes, "How does *Leptasterias* manage to exist at all?"

This attention to detail and willingness to tackle the big questions, leavened with what her former adviser and UW Professor Emeritus of Zoology Robert Paine calls "a lot of charisma," have vaulted Lubchenco to the top of her profession as a marine ecologist. These qualities have made her an effective advocate for greater scientific engagement with policymakers and the general public, and led President Barack Obama to nominate her to be the first female administrator (and ninth overall) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where she has served since March 2009. They also explain why Jane Lubchenco is UW's Alumna Summa Laude Dignata for 2011. It is the highest honor an alumnus can receive from the University.

Lubchenco arrived in Seattle in the fall of 1969, having chosen to study at the UW "for its stellar reputation in marine biology and ecology," she says. Initially, she was interested in animal physiology, but coursework and impassioned conversations among fellow graduate students introduced her to what was then the next big thing in ecology—combining real-world experiments and an understanding of evolutionary theory to figure out how natural communities work. "I was very quickly caught up in that new approach," Lubchenco recalls. "The real excitement was the power of using rocky seashores to gain insights into general ecological world principles"—hence her thesis on resource use and competition in sea stars.

The abstract of that thesis includes the citation "Menge, pers. comm.," or personal communication—scientific convention for when a colleague tells you something important that hasn't been formally written about and published yet. It's a hint at one of ecology's most fruitful and long-lasting collaborative relationships. Bruce Menge is Lubchenco's husband; the two met as graduate students at UW, where Menge was also working on sea stars. "Bruce was doing his field work, so I would often go out and be a field assistant for him initially, and then when I started doing my research he would reciprocate," Lubchenco recalls.

After Menge received his Ph.D. in 1972, the team continued their studies of rocky intertidal habitats in New England (Menge taught at the University of Massachusetts in Boston and Lubchenco earned a Ph.D. from Harvard), having learned something about resource partitioning from the species they were studying. "They

began to divide up the organic kingdom," Paine observes, with Lubchenco focusing on seaweeds and herbivores like snails, and Menge on predators such as sea stars.

In 1977, the pair negotiated a groundbreaking arrangement that gave them each a half-time professorship at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Lubchenco still considers this one of her proudest achievements. "Both of us wanted to spend time with our kids that we wanted to have, and both of us wanted to continue to teach and do research," she says. "I think there need to be more choices in how people—both men and women—can combine family and career."

Since then, Lubchenco has authored some of the world's most frequently cited papers in marine ecology, and along with Menge launched PISCO, the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans, a long-term effort to map intertidal communities from Mexico to Alaska and the climate cycles that affect them. The project was instrumental in, for example, identifying the Oregon dead zone, a summertime upwelling of oxygen-poor water that affects many coastal species, such as Dungeness crab. Julia Parrish, UW professor of fishery and aquatic sciences, calls the discovery "first-rate science" with enormous practical importance, typical of Lubchenco's engagement with real-world problems.

Though Lubchenco has taught at the same institution for more than 30 years and has been studying rocky intertidal habitats for more than 40, she is by no means a sessile organism (meaning "rooted in one place"). She has served as president of the Ecological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1998, she founded the Aldo Leopold Leadership Program, which trains ecologists to communicate with the policymakers and the media. "She has played an enormous role in getting all sorts of folks to daylight their science in ways that both their kids and their grandparents can understand," says Parrish.

As NOAA Administrator, Lubchenco is in charge of nearly 13,000 employees and a \$4.7 billion budget that encompasses everything from regulating ocean-bottom fisheries to predicting hurricanes. The job is in many ways the logical conclusion of Lubchenco's advocacy for scientists to engage in public policy debates. And there have been public policy debates aplenty: fisheries management, climate change, and the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill last year, to name just a few.

Lubchenco gets things done. "We've been working on so many different things," she says. She has championed a proposal to establish a National Climate Service, modeled on the National Weather Service; was instrumental in developing the first National Ocean Policy, an Executive Order issued by President Obama last summer; and is currently engaged in a campaign to emphasize the importance of weather satellites.

Lubchenco says that she has been gratified to hear NOAA employees' enthusiasm at having a scientist head the agency. Many of Lubchenco's academic colleagues share those sentiments. "The more scientists, particularly those of her caliber and leadership," says Paine, who are willing to "involve themselves politically at the level she's at, the better." ■

—Sarah DeWeerd is a frequent contributor to Columns

SPACE OUT

**UW grad Janet Kavandi soared into space
on the space shuttle three times—
but now she oversees the end
of the NASA program**

By Julie Garner



JANET KAVANDI knew when she was young that she had the “right stuff.” As a child on her parents’ farm in Missouri, she would sit on her dad’s lap, look at the stars and watch NASA’s flights in the 1960s. “I knew I had the adventure in me to go to new places and try new things,” she says. “I had the characteristics internally to leave the planet but I needed the technical qualifications.”

Kavandi earned some of those qualifications at the University of Washington, where she earned her doctorate in analytical chemistry in 1990. During that time, she also worked as an engineer for Boeing, but NASA was always on her mind. Selected to be in the 15th class of NASA astronauts in 1994, Kavandi has logged more than 13.1 million miles in space on three shuttle missions. While Kavandi does not go out of her way to court risk, she does like the adventure of blasting off into space.

“I always drive the speed limit, I wear my seatbelt and I change the battery in the smoke detector. But I really enjoy the front seat of a roller coaster. Launching into space is the best roller coaster ride ever,” she says.

For Kavandi and her colleagues, it’s a bittersweet time to be an American astronaut. NASA is winding down the shuttle program in June and the Obama administration canceled the two programs that were slated to replace the shuttle, humanity’s first reusable spacecraft. Kavandi, who has been with NASA since 1994, was put in charge of the phase-out of the shuttle program.

Commercial space flights are the wave of the future and NASA

has already awarded four companies \$270 million to continue development of commercial rockets and spacecrafts. From now on, NASA astronauts will compete for slots on the International Space Station by flying on a Russian *Soyuz* capsule that will launch from Kazakhstan.

Kavandi’s current NASA job as director of flight crew operations will be no less important as the future unfolds. It will take two years and six months for astronauts in training to learn Russian and the *Soyuz* and space station systems and Kavandi’s work will help prepare them for this future.

Part of Kavandi’s focus has been to support the International Space Station. She was a mission specialist on the ninth and final Shuttle-*Mir* docking mission in 1998. Kavandi also served on the Radar Topography Mission in 2000, which mapped more than 47 million miles of the Earth’s land surface.

She says viewing the Earth from space gave her a different perspective. “It’s hard to comprehend bad things happening on such a beautiful planet when you’re looking down on it. You can see the Middle East and Africa all at once. It’s hard to understand why people can’t find peace when you’re in space away from politics,” she says.

While Earth may be her planet, the Puget Sound region is the part of the planet Kavandi loves best. She and her husband, an airline pilot, and two children, come to the area regularly to hike and enjoy the region’s water and mountains. ■

—Julie Garner is a contributing editor to Columns.

Huskies who played key role in shuttle program

As director of flight crew operations, NASA astronaut Janet Kavandi, '90 (left, showing the Obama family around Cape Canaveral in April), is presiding over the end of the U.S. Space Shuttle program. Kavandi is a veteran of three shuttle flights. Here is a list of other people from the UW family who have been involved with the space shuttle program.

JOSEPH P. ALLEN, Research Associate, UW Nuclear Physics Lab (early 1960s)
Mission specialist, *Columbia* (first Shuttle flight), November 1982; Mission specialist, *Discovery*, November 1984.

MICHAEL P. ANDERSON, B.S., '81, Physics/Astronomy
Mission specialist, *Endeavour* (eighth Shuttle-*Mir* docking mission), January 1998; Mission specialist, *Columbia*, February 2003.

DOMINIC “TONY” ANTONELLI, M.S., '02, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Pilot, *Discovery*, March 2009; Pilot, *Atlantis* (delivering equipment to International Space Station), May 2010.

MICHAEL BARRATT, B.S., '81, Zoology
Mission specialist, final mission of *Discovery*, February 2011.

YVONNE CAGLE, M.D., '85, Medicine
A certified flight surgeon, Cagle designed the medical protocols for select NASA remote duty operations.

RON DITTEMORE, B.S., '74, M.S., '75, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
He worked for NASA for 26 years and was manager of the Shuttle Program from 1999-2003. He served as flight director for 11 Shuttle missions.

BONNIE DUNBAR, B.S., '71, M.S. '75, Ceramic Engineering
Five missions: *Challenger*, October 1985; *Columbia*, January 1990; *Columbia*, June 1992; *Atlantis* (first Space Shuttle mission to dock with the Russian Space Station, *Mir*) June 1995; *Endeavour*, January 1998. She is now Executive Director of Wings Over Washington.

JIM DUTTON JR., M.S., '94, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Mission specialist, *Discovery*, April 2010 (resupplying the International Space Station).

JOHN M. FABIAN, Ph.D., '74, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Mission specialist, second mission of the *Challenger*, June 1983; Mission specialist, *Discovery*, September 1993 (as part of an international crew deploying communications satellites).

GREGORY C. JOHNSON, B.S., '77, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Pilot, *Atlantis*, May 2009 (final Hubble Telescope servicing mission).

GEORGE D. (“PINKY”) NELSON, M.S., '74, Ph.D., '78, Astronomy
Mission specialist, *Challenger*, April 1984; Mission specialist, *Columbia*, January 1986; Mission specialist, *Discovery*, September 1988 (first flight after *Challenger* accident)

DAFYDD “DAVE” RHYS WILLIAMS, Postgraduate research, Friday Harbor Labs
Mission specialist, *Columbia*, April 1998; Mission specialist, *Endeavour*, 2007.

—Julie Garner

W making a difference

STORIES AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UW FOUNDATION

From *the* Navy to Nursing

AS AN AVIATION ELECTRONICS EXPERT IN THE NAVY, MIGUEL ARTEAGA ASSUMED HE'D WORK IN AEROSPACE AFTER RETIRING. BUT HIS WIFE PAT HAD A DIFFERENT IDEA: WHY NOT JOIN HER IN NURSING?

Miguel thought back on his entire Navy experience, particularly his voluntary counseling work with sailors and their families. He realized that nursing would allow him to combine his technical skills and passion for helping people.

"After my first experience working with patients, I was hooked," Miguel said. "It satisfied the part of me that loves to serve people — and the part that loves to solve problems. Since then, I've followed in Pat's footsteps." He completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UW Bothell in 2008 and will graduate next June with a Master of Nursing degree, also from UW Bothell. Pat and Miguel both teach in the nursing program at Whatcom Community College.

Going to school, working and keeping up with five grown daughters has been challenging at times for the couple. At one point, Miguel asked his adviser for an extended leave because of financial strain. She laughed and told him to check his e-mail — he'd just been sent a scholarship award notice.

"If it weren't for the Worthington Endowed Scholarship and other support, I would have had to stop. It made all the difference. Now I can focus on my nursing education. It's tremendously gratifying to encourage students and give them hope that they too can become a nurse. It's the best decision I've ever made." ■

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LEFT: With his wife's encouragement, Miguel Arteaga decided to pursue nursing degrees at UW Bothell after retiring from the Navy.

Innovative Doctor Values Mentorship

DR. BRANT OELSCHLAGER, WHO SPECIALIZES IN TECHNIQUES TO MAKE SURGERY LESS INVASIVE, PLANNED TO STAY IN SEATTLE JUST A FEW YEARS FOR HIS SURGICAL TRAINING. THAT WAS A DECADE AGO.

"I fell in love with the area. I fell in love with the UW, with the leadership and mentorship in the department of surgery," Brant explains. "There's a willingness to innovate, to think of the future. Credit for that goes to my mentor, Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, a world leader in minimally invasive surgery."

Today, Brant directs UW Medicine's Center for Esophageal and Gastric Surgery. His team sees more than 1,000 patients a year, who benefit from the center's innovative procedures, including ones Brant pioneered. Brant uses his experience with minimally invasive techniques, using tiny cameras attached to long flexible tubes, to develop and advance less invasive procedures for diseases of the stomach and esophagus. "That's one of the main ways surgery evolves," Brant explained. "Procedures evolve out of other procedures."

Brant continues the tradition of mentorship by training surgical fellows in videoendoscopy, using a scope to view a patient's stomach and esophagus — and conducts ongoing research as the Byers Endowed Professor in Esophageal Research.

"Taking care of patients is what I'm most passionate about, but I have a big interest in making sure the next generation of surgeons is well trained, to make sure we're doing surgery in the best ways possible. My endowed chair gives me the time and resources I need to do research and pursue new ideas." ■

BELOW: Dr. Brant Oelschlager (center) trains UW School of Medicine surgical fellows in less invasive surgery techniques.



Message from the Foundation Chair

Through my husband Jerry's volunteer leadership work with UW Medicine, both of us have become acutely aware of the shortage of nurses, primary care doctors and other medical professionals in many areas of our region and beyond. Throughout my life, I've had great access to quality healthcare, and I hope for the same for my family and all of your families, no matter where they choose to live. I'm encouraged to learn about UW students like Miguel Arteaga, who are committed to educating future nurses to help alleviate the shortage we face.

An interesting aspect of Miguel's story is that he came to nursing later in life. He decided not to do the given thing, the safe thing, when he retired from the military. Instead, he looked back at the experiences that most inspired him and discovered that nursing was a natural fit for his interests and skills. This inflection point in Miguel's life made all the difference.

Both Miguel and Dr. Brant Oelschlager would not have guessed a decade ago that they would be where they are today. They also share in common a dedication to helping teach the next generation of care providers. And neither would have the opportunities he has today without the generous support of UW donors.

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Out and About

1. HUSKY SPIRIT ON THE LINKS

Lee, '57, and **J. Shan**, '58, **Mullin** at the Desert Dawgs Golf Tournament, part of the annual Dawg Days in the Desert in Indian Wells, Calif.

2. DAWG DAYS

Yuri and **James**, '51, **Suzuki** at the Chow Down to Washington reception and dinner at Dawg Days.

3. CELEBRATING THE UW

(L to R) **Ellen Kauffman**, **Jean Reid**, '47, and Jean's granddaughter, **Sarah Reid**, at Chow Down.

4. SUPPORTING HARBORVIEW

(L to R) 19th Annual UW Medicine Salute Harborview Gala Community chairs, **Albert Rosellini Jr.** and **Vicki Rosellini**, celebrate with gala guests **Sheri** and **Howard Schultz**.

5. DRAMA GATHERING

(L to R) **Sally Williams**, '60, with her son-in-law **Joel McHale**, '95, '00, host of *The Soup* on E! and a School of Drama grad, **Mark Jenkins**, the head of the Professional Actor Training Program, and **Sarah Nash Gates**, executive director of the School of Drama at the school's annual Celebration.

6. HONORING AUTHORS

Candis Litsey, '69, '76, playwright and novelist **Nancy Rawles** and **Sheila Arthur** at Literary Voices, the annual UW Libraries event. This year's keynote speaker was Erik Larson.

7. LITERARY ARTS

Charlotte Côté, author and associate professor of American Indian Studies, and **Marty Sands**, '04, at Literary Voices.

8. MARSHALLING GOOD TIMES

Mark Ericks, U.S. Marshall and former Bothell police chief, with UW Bothell Chancellor **Kenyon Chan** at the UW Bothell Chancellor's Dinner.

9. PHARMACY RECEPTION

(L to R): **Joann Warren**, '89, '00, **Kate Atienza**, '05, and **Carl Atienza**, '96, at the School of Pharmacy Dean's Club 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception.

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UWAA looks ahead, celebrates top alumni

FOR ME, THE HONOR OF SERVING AS your UW Alumni Association president this past year has been rewarding in so many ways. I have worked with scores of devoted alumni and University of Washington staff, and I have been inspired by the more than 50,000 UWAA members who passionately represent our UW community.

The thing I am most proud of is the establishment of UW Impact (uwimpact.org) as a resource for mobilizing alumni to speak out on behalf of the University. Through UW Impact, we are engaging alumni and friends across the state on the issues important to public higher education. We are making a difference, and as we look to the future and the UW's 150th anniversary in 2011, we are very fortunate to have Susan Williams, '73, taking over as UWAA president on Aug. 1.

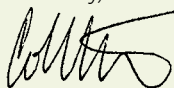
As the relationship between the state of Washington and its flagship university continues to evolve, budget cuts have received much of the attention, and rightfully so. Approximately half of our state funding has been eliminated in the past three years. But that should not overshadow the wonderful things continuing to happen in the UW community. There is much to celebrate.

Our schools and colleges remain among the highest ranked in the nation. Our star quarterback was picked No. 8 in the NFL Draft. And we have graduates like NOAA Director and Alumna of the Year Jane Lubchenco, '71, and Distinguished Service Award recipient Trish Bostrom, '72, who are honored on pages 30 and 39 of this issue, respectively.

This issue of *Columns* also introduces Michael K. Young as the next UW president. A charismatic leader and renowned scholar, President Young brings renewed vigor to our institution and shares our commitment to a strong alumni community. Interim President Phyllis Wise served the University admirably throughout this transition, and I want to recognize her efforts and express my gratefulness for her inspirational leadership.

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CALLING ALL 1962 ALUMS!

Speaking of top alumni, the Class of 1962 will begin holding 50-year reunion-planning meetings in June. For more information and to get involved with the planning committee, contact Jill Edinger at the UWAA at jedinger@uw.edu or 800-289-2586.



Trish Bostrom Receives Top UWAA Honor

Trish Bostrom, '72, knew how to make a big impression as a student-athlete at the University of Washington in the pre-Title IX days. She challenged the UW because she wanted to play on the men's tennis team. And she won.

Today, the former tennis pro turned Seattle attorney still makes a big impact as one of the most dedicated volunteers for the UW Alumni Association.

Bostrom spent a decade on the UWAA Board of Trustees and was president in 2000. For the past 11 years, she has been one of the most beloved and hard-working hosts for trips offered by UW Alumni Tours.

And that's on top of myriad volunteer roles she has held throughout the University.

"Volunteering for the alumni association gave me a great appreciation for how important the UW is for Seattle, the state of Washington, and even the nation," says the energetic Bostrom. "You really get to understand how critical the UW is. Besides, it is really fun."

To honor her work, the UW Alumni Association is pleased to recognize Bostrom as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed upon UWAA volunteers and members.—Jon Marmor



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breaking the poverty cycle CHRISTINE UMAYAM

CHRISTINE UMAYAM, '99, THOUGHT HER TRIP to the Philippines a few years ago was going to be a chance to get away and enjoy a hard-earned vacation. But that changed the moment she encountered children living in deplorable conditions and parents who kept their kids home from school so they could work to help support their families.

A year after returning home to Seattle, Umayam couldn't get those images out of her head, so she created Child United. Since its inception four years ago, the Lynnwood-based international relief agency has been a godsend to thousands of poverty-stricken families. It provides schools with books and supplies, financial sponsorships for students, and emergency food and supplies for those ravaged by natural disasters.

For her work, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society in March selected the 35-year-old UW grad as a finalist for its prestigious Citizen Service Before Self Award.

Umayam, who has a bachelor's degree in communications and American Ethnic Studies from the UW, was the only Washingtonian and the only Filipino-American among the 20 national finalists for the honor. The award goes to "ordinary Americans who become extraordinary by going above and beyond."

Umayam was nominated "for demonstrating a willingness to sacrifice for others and for changing the lives of the world's poorest children by offering education opportunities and breaking the poverty cycle."

From its modest start, Umayam's all-volunteer organization today serves people in the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Japan and Haiti.

"My dream is to have 10 offices worldwide," says Umayam, who spends untold hours volunteering for Child United. She recently joined fellow volunteers to pack 160 boxes of clothing, computer equipment, books and other items to be delivered to families in Haiti and the Philippines. "But I am still trying to get things going. This is a never-ending process."

The daughter of a Navy officer, Umayam grew up in Oak Harbor. She picked the UW because she wanted to go into broadcast journalism.

As much as she loves communications, there's an equal place in her heart for the young faces she saw in the Philippines five years ago. "Whenever I feel that I am having a hard day," she says, "I think back to those kids."

She hopes to get a grant so she can maintain Child United as a full-time organization and expand her offerings to other poor countries. "I never thought I would do anything like this," Umayam says. "But I realized it was important."

—Jon Marmor

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ALUMINARIES

TEMPLE MATHEWS, '76

Writing his way to the screen

Temple Mathews, '76, describes himself as someone who never shies away from a challenge. He credits this attitude for getting him to Hollywood.

As a screenwriter for Disney, the Southern California-based Mathews authored a number of recognizable titles, including the 2002 animated film *Return to Never Land*.

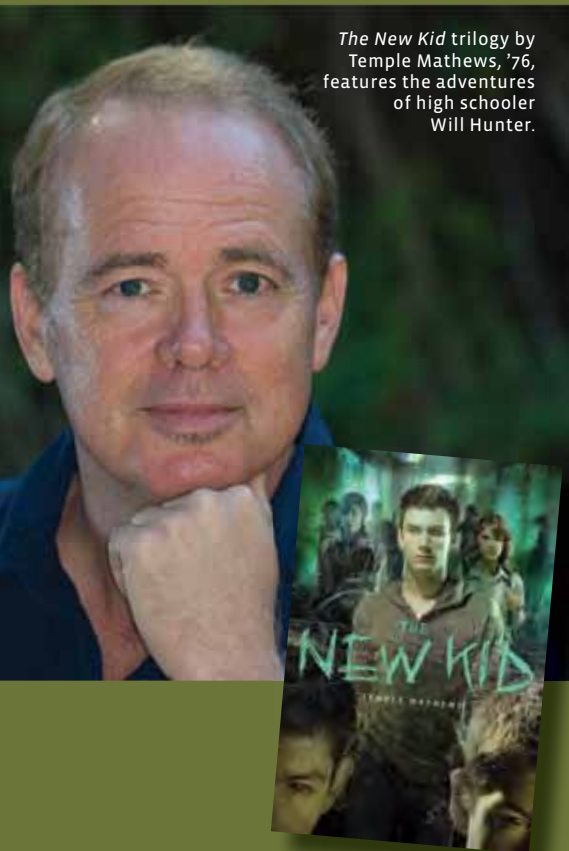
"I managed to be one of the fortunate ones," Mathews says. "Writing has provided me with a living over the years."

Mathews has written a number of books as well. During the 2007-08 Writers Guild of America Strike, he wrote *The New Kid*, which later became a trilogy. He hopes to see it become a film.

In the future, Mathews would like to direct small or independent films. One of his movies on YouTube, *Driving while Italian*, has gone viral and has been viewed more than 750,000 times.

"You can think all you want," says Mathews, who has a bachelor's degree in communications from the UW. "But half of the creative process occurs simply by putting your hands on the keyboard and typing." —*Almeera Anwar*

The New Kid trilogy by Temple Mathews, '76, features the adventures of high schooler Will Hunter.



30s

JOHN WOODWARD, '38, (below, right, with his wife, Lois, at the Sun Valley Ancient Skiers ski weekend in February) was on the first UW ski team in 1935. Woodward, 95, started the Armstrong & Thompson Sports store in Seattle and outfitted most of the earlier Seattle skiers. ►

60s

JAMES S. ROGERS, '69, a Seattle attorney, received the Outstanding Plaintiff's Trial Lawyer of the Year award from the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers.

70s

IRENE MATLOCK, '74, was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. She played four years for the Husky volleyball team and was team captain in 1973-74. She coached Sandpoint (Idaho) High School to four state titles and then led the Community Colleges of Spokane to four conference championships.

MARTHA CHOE, '76, chief administrative officer for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, received the "trailblazer award" at the Women of Valor Award ceremony in February.

80s

DAN ASHE, '82, was appointed by President Obama to be the head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He served as the agency's deputy director since August 2009. Before that, he was science adviser to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service director.

JULIE ANN ELSTON, '82, '92, associate professor of business at Oregon State University, received a Fulbright Fellowship to study the impact of science on policy formation in the European Union.

SEAN SMITH, '89, was named 2010 Commissioner of the Year by the city of Covington for his work as chair of the city's planning commission.

90s

GEORGIE ANN WEATHERBY, '90, was promoted to professor in Gonzaga University's Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice in September.

DAVID A. HAMMOND, '94, '07, of Lake Forest Park, was appointed internal audit director for Sound Transit in January.

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John Woodward, '38, right, with wife, Lois

IN MEMORY ALUMNI

HELEN MARGARET SHANSTROM RUSSELL, '31, Issaquah, age 101, Jan. 10. • **BARBARA ROBBINS ANDERSON, '36**, Redmond, age 97, Feb. 21. • **ROBERT STANLEY McKINSTRY, '36**, Bellevue, age 96, Feb. 20. • **TREVOR DIGBY ROBERTS, '36**, Coupeville, age 96, Feb. 22. • **WALTER COY MEREDITH JR., '38**, Redmond, age 93, Feb. 26. • **MARJORIE V. LEV, '39**, Seattle, age 92, March 11. • **MARY LOU BRYANT ROYAL, '40**, Phoenix, age 92, Dec. 24. • **FLORENCE M. FUJITA, '41**, Seattle, age 90, Jan. 7. • **ROBERT MOOHR LICHTENSTEIN, '41**, Oakland, Calif., age 90, Dec. 7. • **FLORENCE FREEMAN POWELL, '41**, Des Moines, age 92, March 1. • **MARTHA ROSE ROEBKE HEDGCOCK, '42**, Seattle, age 89, Dec. 23. • **BYNG W. NIXON, '42**, Stanwood, age 92, March 17. • **WILLIAM E. RASMUSSEN, '42**, Renton, age 89, Feb. 16. • **GLEN THOMAS SPARROW, '42**, Mercer Island, age 91, Feb. 19. • **ROBERT H. VAN EATON, '44**, Kenmore, age 87, Feb. 9. • **DONNA M. HENDRIX, '45**, Shoreline, age 83, Sept. 24. • **ROBERT W. GATHMAN, '47**, Kent, age 88, Dec. 25. • **WILLIAM H. HUNT, '47**, Yarrow Point, age 88, Feb. 22. • **FRANCIS "FRANK" WAY-**

LAND PATTISON JR., '47, Seattle, age 91, Jan. 10. • **THADDEUS RICHARD PERRY, '47**, Des Moines, age 89, March 1. • **GLENN LOWELL GOODSON, '48**, Seattle, age 85, Feb. 16. • **PAUL THOMAS NAEHER, '48**, Bellevue, age 91, Feb. 4. • **GEORGE ROSS SAINSBURY, '48**, Mercer Island, age 85, March 13. • **ROBERT SWANBERG, '48**, Bremerton, age 88, Feb. 7. • **KENNETH HELLING, '49**, Seattle, age 86, Jan. 20. • **JAMES D. TUTTLE, '49**, Redmond, age 89, Dec. 24. • **ARTHUR HENRY WILSON, '49, '54**, Normandy Park, age 92, March 9. • **LELAND J. BARNECUT, '50**, Carlsbad, Calif., age 83, Jan. 25. • **THOMAS PAUL BLEAKNEY, '50**, Normandy Park, age 82, March 9. • **JOHN ALDEN HENDRON, '50**, Seattle, age 90, Dec. 16. • **KAZUO KUMASAKA, '50**, Seattle, age 83, Nov. 18. • **ROBERT GORDON MEREDITH, '50**, Seattle, age 87, March 3. • **GRETA PEARCE NOFFSINGER, '50**, Seattle, age 84, Jan. 7. • **RICHARD V. PETERSON, '50**, Kirkland, age 88, Dec. 12. • **RAYMOND FREDERICK SANDALL, '50**, Washington, D.C., age 85, Feb. 28. • **WILLIAM W. CLARKE, '52**. • **OTTO M. JOHNSON, '52**, Seattle, age 80, Dec. 30. • **GORDON W. RODLAND, '52**, age

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• **ROBERT T. WONSETLER**, '70, Randolph, N.J., age 63. • **DOMINIC EAMON PUZZO**, '71, Seattle, age 68, March 2. • **MARION "BEBE" WATSON**, '71, Mercer Island, age 83, Feb. 27. • **RANDI C. BRAUNE**, '72, Shelton, age 67, March 2. • **MARLENE "MALKA" FRICKS**, '72, Woodinville, age 76, Jan. 13. • **JOHN J. CRANE**, '72, Bainbridge Island, Sept. 29, 2008. • **SANDRA SUE SPAUGH REITER HARTWELL**, '72, Anaconda, Mont., age 72, Dec. 31. • **M. ANNE VERBON**, '72, Seattle, age 68, Jan. 11. • **ROBERT H. BRUNELLE**, '73, Lynnwood, age 69, Feb. 13. • **D. MICHAEL WORTHINGTON**, '73, Duvall, age 66, Feb. 28. • **CHRISTIAN CASAD**, '74, '77, Port Orchard, age 57, Nov. 26. • **JULIANNA KAE DAUPHINY**, '74, '92, San Diego, age 75, Dec. 10. • **MARJORIE ANN MOORE**, '74, '79, Minneapolis, age 58, March 14. • **SCOTT P. SAUNDERS**, '74, '94 Snoqualmie, age 58, Dec. 18. • **KARL A. FROST**, '75, Reno, age 59, Feb. 16. • **JOYCE EUNICE RADKE**, '75, Everett, age 85, Dec. 9. • **EIRENE CARLSON BONI**, '76, Tulalip, age 83, Dec. 29. • **JUDY M. SORENSON**, '76, '89, Bellevue, age 56, Feb. 10. • **CHERYL M. LEPLA**, '78, Seattle, age 59, Dec. 24. • **WENDY LYNN MARKER**, '78, Seattle, age 55, Feb. 9. • **ROBERT SCOTT GILSON**, '79, Bellevue, age 54, March 9. • **JOSE STRAZZARA**, '79, Litchfield Park, Ariz., age 87, Feb. 1. • **JOSEPH MARTIN KELSEY**, '82, Shoreline, age 55, Jan. 18. • **BRUCE A. WHIPPO**, '82, '86, Federal Way, age 63, Feb. 23. • **LAURA DAVIDHEISER**, '83, Washington, D.C., age 49, Feb. 17. • **LAYNE KEVIN JOHNSON**, '84, Long Beach, Calif., age 48, Dec. 4. • **JACQUELINE ANN OSAL ADAIR PRIEN**, '84, Kent, age 74, Dec. 21. • **ROSS WALTER STERLING JR.**, '84, '85, Seattle, age 56, Feb. 14. • **ANTHONEY PIERRE**, '85, Woodinville, age 49, Feb. 8. • **MICHAEL HOWARD OGILVIE**, '91, Lake Stevens, age 52, Jan. 3. • **DONNA JABS WALSH**, '91, Seattle, age 48, Dec. 31. • **KAREN STEINER MULLEN**, '93, Mercer Island, age 48, Dec. 15. • **MONICA MacDONALD TORREY**, '02, Bend, Ore., age 54, Dec. 30. •

FACULTY & FRIENDS

DICK CHAPPELLE, one of the founding fathers of UW Bothell, died Feb. 27. He served on the UW Bothell Citizens Advisory Board, taught courses and helped create the UW Bothell Founders Endowed Fellowship, the campus' first endowed graduate fellowship. He was 81. • **WARREN "KIPP" HARRISON DAVIS JR.**, who spent more than 30 years as a sign painter at the UW, died March 12. He was 59. • **MARY CARNEY HEALEY**, who spent a decade working in the UW's Experimental Education Unit, died Jan. 20. She was 82. • **WILLIAM LARSEN**, '53, an All-American Husky football player in the 1950s, died March 3. He was 67. • **TAKIKA SUSANNE LEE**, '61, '62, who worked as a faculty member in the UW School of Law and in the Gallagher Law Library, died Feb. 22. She was 88. • **DOUGLAS W. LUNA**, '70, a lawyer who served on the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, died Feb. 23. He helped create a judicial court for the Tlingit and Haida Tribes in Alaska. He was also a founding member of the Asian American Bar Association. He was 67. • **G. ALAN MARLATT**, professor of psychology and an international leader in the study of addictive behaviors, died March 14. Marlatt, who joined the UW faculty in 1972, was director of the UW's Addictive Behaviors Research Center and advocated what he called "harm reduction," a more moderate approach to treat addiction instead of complete abstinence. He was 69. • **DEAN E. McFERRON**, who joined the faculty of the UW mechanical engineering department in 1958 and later became department chair, died March 2. He was 87. • **BEVERLY ALETA LAVECK MCCALL**, '60, '66, a former professor of psy-

THE TEACHER YOU DON'T FORGET KARMA HADJIMICHALAKIS 1944-2011

Karma Hadjimichalakis, principal lecturer in business economics and finance in the UW's Foster School of Business and one of the University's most beloved teachers, died Feb. 21. She was 67.

Winner of 45 teaching awards during her long career at the Foster School, Hadjimichalakis had taught at the UW since 1970 and was universally described as one of those teachers you never forget. Alumni say her concepts and lectures were so embedded into their minds that they still think of her every time they open *The Wall Street Journal*.

For years, she hosted annual talks called "Breakfasts with Karma," routinely drawing standing-room-only crowds.

At times, Hadjimichalakis would get so excited emphasizing a point that she would start to dance across the room. Students remember her for making a tedious subject unforgettable.

Born in Utica, N.Y., she earned degrees from Elmira College and the University of Rochester. She interrupted her UW career in 1980 to spend two years as a visiting economist with the Federal Reserve Board. —*Almeera Anwar*



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TRIBUTE TO A TRAILBLAZER

C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM JR. 1931-2011

C. Benjamin Graham Jr., '58, '62, the first student in a wheelchair to graduate from medical school at the University of Washington—and possibly the first in the nation—died March 19. He was 80.

Graham, who contracted polio while an undergraduate student at Washington State University, put his studies on hold and left WSU to get treatment for polio. Afterward, he finished his bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois because it had accommodations for wheelchairs.

A top chemistry student, the Missouri native was denied entrance by numerous medical schools because he was in a wheelchair. The UW School of Medicine—then in its infancy in the 1950s—was the only school to admit him. "The UW has a young staff and progressive ideas. I am honored to find myself a part of such an institution," he wrote to his parents.

He earned his M.D., and did his residency, at the

UW School of Medicine.

Graham, who met his wife, Pearl, while both were at the UW, was the first pediatric intern at Children's Orthopedic Hospital (now Seattle Children's) in 1958 and the first University Hospital radiology resident in 1959.

He was appointed to the UW medical school faculty in 1963, and was named professor of radiology and pediatrics in 1974. He also was director of radiology at Seattle Children's. He was named an emeritus professor but continued to work at Children's after his retirement.

Graham also played wheelchair basketball and helped organize the first wheelchair basketball team in Seattle. He was the 15th player in the nation inducted into the Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame.

—Jon Marmor

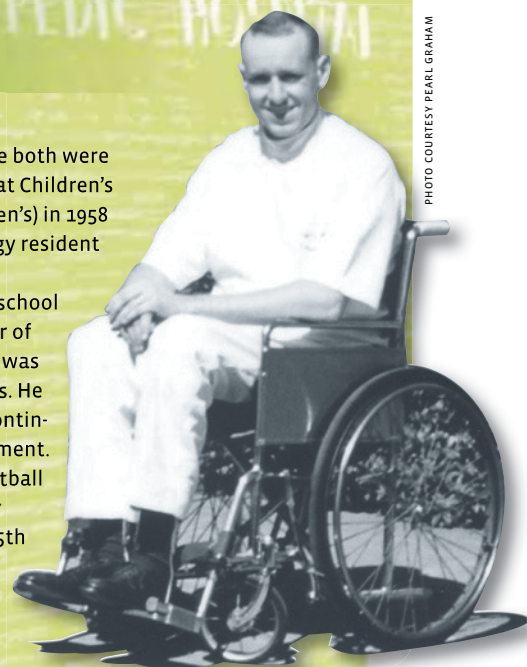


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chology who worked at the UW's Center for Human Development and Disability, died Feb. 22. She also was a competitive race walker who in 1996 was inducted into the USA Master's Track and Field Hall of Fame. She was 74. • **DOROTHY J. MITCHELL**, a former UW faculty member of more than 30 years, died Feb. 26. She was 83. • **FRED A. OSTERHOUS JR.**, '47, who played for the Husky football team from 1944-45 and served as student body vice president in 1947, died March 18.

He was a member of the Big W Club, UW Alumni Association, Military Officers Association and several other organizations. He was 87. • **HOWARD P. PRUZAN**, '48, a trial lawyer won two big cases of discrimination against African Americans, died Feb. 21. He challenged the Seattle Police Department for discrimination in promotion practices. He also represented a family that was not allowed to bury their young son in a cemetery because he was African American. He was 88. • **WILLIAM NATHAN SCOTT**, a senior manager at Sellen Construction who was inducted into the UW Builders Hall of Fame in 1996, died Jan. 20. He was also a longtime Tyee member and philanthropist to the UW. He was 87. • **JAMES C. STEINER**, '66, former acting dean of the UW School of Dentistry, died Dec. 7. He spent more than 21 years on the dentistry faculty, mostly in the Department of Endodontics, and retired in 2008 as associate dean for student services. He was 80. • **ALENA SUAZO**, '10, who overcame a childhood filled with drugs and crime to earn a law degree from the UW in 2010, died Feb. 9. She was in Guatemala on a Bonderman Travel Fellowship when she suddenly fell ill and died soon thereafter. She was 30. • **TIMOTHY**

H. THOMPSON, '83, '87, a Seattle-area business consultant who before coming to the UW was valedictorian at Lakeside School, died Jan. 4. He was 55. • **SEFTON ROBERT WELLINGS**, '51, '53, who served on the faculty of the medical schools at the University of Oregon and the University of California, Davis, died March 8. He is credited with discovering the earliest form of pre-cancerous breast cancer cells, which helped pave the way for earlier treatment of the disease. He was

83. • **MYRON LESTER WHITE**, '43, '58, who spent nearly 40 years on the faculty of the College of Engineering, died Feb. 13. He co-founded and became director of the Technical Communication Department (now the Department of Human Centered Design and Engineering). He was 92.

To report an obituary, send it to columns@uw.edu.

A BEACON OF GIVING

ALTHEA D. STROUM 1922-2011

Althea Diesenhaus Stroum, one of the UW's most renowned philanthropists, died March 14 in Santa Barbara, Calif. She was 88.

Stroum and her late husband, Samuel, to whom she was married for 58 years before his death in 2001, dedicated their lives to giving; their generous contributions benefited 300 education, arts, health-care and Jewish organizations and causes.

The couple created the UW's Stroum Jewish Studies Program, which enables students to major or minor in Jewish Studies. The program also awards the Hazel D. Cole Fellowship in Jewish Studies to a doctoral or postdoctoral student. In addition, they established the annual Samuel & Althea Lectures in Jewish Studies.

Their philanthropy stretched far and wide. From the grand lobby in Seattle's Benaroya Hall to countless Jewish groups, the Stroum name can be found on buildings and programs across the region. The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle in 1991 created the Althea Stroum Woman of Distinction Award, given to a woman who exemplifies the desire to give back. —Almeera Anwar





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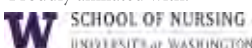
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