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Prelude

Making Change

BY EDUCATING OUR STATE’S CITIZENS, searching for solutions to overcome the vexing problems of our time, and creating art and culture that uplifts and challenges us, the University of Washington serves us in many ways.

A few examples: Students in the UW’s Department of Communication are taking part in an innovative partnership with The Seattle Times to inform us with on-the-street digital media coverage of the 2012 election season (see page 26); Our piece The Warrior and the War Reporter (page 30) brings us lessons from an alum-turned-Medal-of-Honor recipient, as learned by another alum who is a Edward R. Murrow Award-winning war correspondent.

And then there’s our story on Community for Youth, a local nonprofit organization that pairs mentors with freshmen attending the Seattle high schools with the highest dropout rates. Greg Hay, ’77, ’05, ’07, is a software engineer who earned four degrees from the UW—in interdisciplinary arts, anthropology, information technology—but his volunteer job is lifesaver. He and a few dozen other volunteer mentors spend their free time working with kids who experienced the worst kinds of chaos: homelessness, parents who abandoned them, or were drug dealers, or worse.

It should not come as a surprise that many of those volunteer mentors are UW grads; or that many of the organization’s board members are alumni; or that a good number of these struggling students—such as Vanny Chham and Marcel Buckner, who you can read about on page 32—were able to overcome devastating challenges, thanks to their UW mentors, to attend the UW.

“Huskies helping Huskies is one of our mottos,” Hay tells me.

This is service at the gut level, where one life is turned around one hour at a time, through a late-night phone call, or a last-minute get-together on a Sunday afternoon to discuss a problem at school—all because someone who went to the UW cared enough to do something.

Then again, that description is apt for the legions of students, faculty, staff and alumni serving in the military, researchers working to cure cancer, or people like Greg Hay spending their free time to help kids overcome monumental challenges to reach for the stars. It’s a legacy we can be proud of.

Jon Marmor
EDITOR
Charting a Sustainable Future

To help make CenturyLink Field feel more like home, we adapted a cherished Seattle Seahawk tradition. In place of the 12th man flag raised before every Seahawk home game to recognize the loyal (and loud) fans who give their team a decided lift, our two Rhodes Scholars from the class of 2012, Cameron Turtle and Byron Gray, hoisted the University’s own standard, a gold “W” on a field of purple. Seeing our W flag flying high above the stadium sent shivers of pride down my spine and inspired me to muse about what a vitally important 12th man the University of Washington is for our state. For 150 years, the University has provided an unequivocal boost to all of Washington’s citizens through our teaching, research, and service programs.

Now, three months later, Cameron and Byron are embarking on their studies at Oxford, their fellow graduates following their own unique paths. On our three campuses, final touches are being put on preparations to welcome an array of new faces, along with plenty of familiar ones, as we all experience the rush of excitement that comes with the start of a new school year.

This year at the UW, we have even more reason than usual to feel optimistic. We appear to have reached a transition point from which our community can put behind us the herculean effort that was required to make it through the “Great Recession” and its immediate aftermath. It is now time to turn our attention and energy to the future.

At this critical juncture, it’s more important than ever that we focus on our core mission as a premier public research university and what it takes to achieve it. Charged with educating and serving Washington’s citizens, the University has achieved tremendous success. The key to this success is relatively straightforward: our people.

Michael K. Young, president
Laura Gilbreath uses her body as an instrument, expressing energy and emotion on the stage of the Pacific Northwest Ballet. In season, she’s rehearsing and performing nearly every hour of the day. So it’s important that she find a primary care physician that’s in tune not just with the unique demands of her art, but with her schedule as well. With one of nine UW Neighborhood Clinics just a short walk away, Laura has found both. Not only can she count on the region’s most highly trained healthcare professionals, but should she ever need it, she also has access to the entire UW Medicine health system — and some of the most highly skilled specialists in the country.

You may never use your body quite the way Laura does. But you can get the same world-class care just a few minutes from home, even if you don’t look nearly as graceful getting there.
Longing for Lander

Thank you for a particularly interesting issue of Columns. Though not much of a sports fan (even of UW sports), I read it from cover to cover. I am following the rebuilding of Husky Stadium with particular interest, since my deceased husband’s father was football coach in the “new” stadium in the 1920s.

I hope you will write more about all the new dorms, which either have been built recently, or are about to be built. I remember when Lander Hall was new. I was a student adviser in the very beautiful red brick Women’s Residence Halls near 45th Street. Perhaps these four “halls” are now dated inside, but on the outside, no other living facility on campus can compare with their beauty.

Regarding the rebuilding of Lander Hall, you ask ‘What’s not to like?” My response is “The cost of living there, perhaps?” Is there now, or will there be, a range of living facilities at different prices?

—Elizabeth Jallie Bagshaw
B.A., Sociology, ‘53
M.S.W., ’76
Seattle

As one of the first residents of Lander Hall—I moved over from Terry Hall as soon as construction was complete—I read the article in Columns with mixed feelings.

Compared with the needs of current students, Lander may have seemed spartan, but for us it was great. All the deficiencies of Terry had been corrected. The food at Lander, while not great was OK, by ’50s standards. All in all, a good experience; I lived there for three years.

I have recently learned that my high school in Buenos Aires, Argentina is to be torn down, property sold and a new campus created; now this. I haven’t been on campus for at least 40 years. Until I go back, I guess Google Earth will have to keep me up to date with changes.

—Anthony Aguirre
B.S., Chemistry, ’60
Master of Librarianship, ’72
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Hail the Olympians

Your excellent article regarding UW Olympians (June 2012) omitted Libby Ludlow. Libby competed in alpine skiing at the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics. Libby is a Bellevue-area native, and though her undergraduate degree is from Dartmouth, she is a current UW law student. She is also extremely active in sports physiology and psychology for women and youth athletes in the Seattle area. As my daughter says, “Libby Rocks!”

—Pat McCabe
B.S., Architecture, ’85
B.S., Building Construction, ’86
Seattle

A UW Winter Olympics medal winner not mentioned in the recent Columns article is Peter Kennedy, who holds a 1955 B.A. degree in economics and whose UW career stretched from 1946 to 1955 in large part because of the demands of a highly successful ice skating career.

Peter and his sister Karol (non-UW), known as “The Kennedy Kids,” participated for the United States in pairs figure skating in the 1948 and 1952 Winter Olympics, earning silver medals in the latter; they skated in six World Championships, winning gold in 1950 and silver in four other years; and they won five U.S. Championship titles from 1948 to 1952.

Also, unless it’s been moved within the past year, the classic Pocock-built cedar eight-oar shell that the UW-Olympic crew rowed to victory in Berlin is suspended from the ceiling in a place of honor in today’s Conibear Shellhouse.

—Mike Dederer
B.A., Communications, ’53
Certificate of Military Science, ’53
Seattle

Don’t Dis the Tri-Cities


We have lived and worked in the Tri-Cities for almost 35 years. We want to assure your readers that Ms. Flenniken’s growing up “in Richland... next door to the Hanford Reservation” was not, in any sense, a “tragedy.” We are very proud of the contributions the Hanford Project made over the years to national defense, scientific knowledge, energy production, and economic prosperity. Even now, in the waste cleanup and res-
toration phase of the Reservation’s life, Hanford employs highly educated, skilled professionals who are proud of the Reservation’s history and heritage, the important work they do, and the community in which they live. Even in today’s stagnant economy, the Tri-Cities has a better rate of employment than anywhere else in the state. It also has a comfortable climate, good schools, beautiful vistas, thriving agriculture, and many opportunities to enjoy our three rivers.

There is nothing tragic about the Tri-Cities. It’s a great place to raise a family, to visit, to live. We do not know that the sentiments expressed in the book description are Ms. Flenniken’s; we hope they are not because they display considerable ignorance and prejudice on the part of the book description’s author.

—Karl Hadley
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, ’71
B.S., Industrial Engineering, ’72
M.B.A., ’80

—Kyle Hadley
B.A., Communications, ’72
B.A./B.S., Nutritional Sciences & Foods, ’72

Valentinetti Puppetry
Celebrating the 15th anniversary of its founding, the Valentinetti Puppet Museum in Bremerton preserves the legacy of Aurora Valentinetti, ’43, ’49, and the early founders of the puppetry program in the School of Drama.

Under the direction of Professor Glenn Hughes, the art of puppetry was introduced as an integral part of the drama curriculum in the early 1930s. In 1942-43, as the male members of the department faculty were being drafted for WWII, young Valentinetti was hired to take on the task of teaching puppetry.

For the next 50 years she taught hundreds of students the art and craft of making puppets. Generations of Northwest audiences were introduced to this spectacular art form, first through the University Puppeteers, and later her own company, Valentinetti Puppeteers as well as her own program on KCTS-TV.

In 1993, former drama student, Marshall Campbell, ’65, invited Valentinetti to contribute some of her collection to Camp-
First Take

NASA's odd-looking cargo plane, the Super Guppy, swooped into Seattle June 30 to deliver the nose section of the Space Shuttle Full Fuselage Trainer to the Museum of Flight. The museum, headed by Douglas King, '71, wanted a retired Shuttle but the fuselage trainer is even better because the public will be able to explore it like the astronauts, says retired astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, '71, '75, who spearheaded the museum's efforts for a NASA donation.

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High Fliers

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Defeating Disease

BY DEANNA DUFF

Dr. Bill Foege, former director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), was instrumental in eradicating smallpox. A 1961 UW Medical School graduate, he was part of the first generation of students after the school opened in 1946.

As CDC director, Foege oversaw health crises such as the AIDS epidemic. “On average, there is a newly recognized infectious disease every year that surprises us and there is every reason to believe that will continue.

“The scope of the global health community has to increase beyond infectious diseases to include more chronic diseases plaguing us such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

“There is no place that isn’t local and global simultaneously. Things don’t happen in isolation and we need to see the world as an organic whole. It’s the idea of a butterfly in Indonesia causing a tornado someplace else.”

He witnessed tragedies during his years in Africa such as widespread famine. “You shouldn’t have to step over the bodies of children who died from hunger.

“You have to be an optimist to work in global health. There are many days of discouragement, so you can’t already be a pessimist. I’m still an optimist because of the changes I’ve seen. Smallpox was eradicated, measles occurs in low numbers—we keep improving what’s possible.”

Success stories fuel his hopefulness. “I returned to a Nigerian village looking for a woman treated for tuberculosis. She came bounding from a house and leapt into my arms. That was a case of seeing someone who actually benefited from the science we had to offer.”

Do vaccines cause autism? “There have been costly studies that prove it’s not true. We in the health field obviously need to do a better job of communicating those facts. The State of Washington has reason to understand the importance of vaccinations with the recent pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak.

“These things come back to hurt us when parents decide not to have their children immunized.”

Humanity and healthcare are synonymous for Foege. “I emphasized (at the CDC) that we should always remember that there are faces behind the graphs and numbers. We can’t become blind to why we do this work.”

Foege was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012, but feels “the work itself is the biggest award” because it impacts future generations such as his three grandchildren.

“When my grandson was seven years old, he asked, ‘What do you think is the most important thing we can do to make the world better?’ My answer was with every decision, think of the implications for your grandchildren.”

Seattle freelance writer Deanna Duff is a regular contributor to Columns.
Hubba! Hubba!

The verdict is in. The newly renovated Husky Union Building (HUB) is 100 percent “Husky Wow.” Alumni and the rest of the UW community are invited to the full-scale HUB Open House set for Tuesday, Sept. 25. Tours will be offered and the grand opening ceremonies will begin at noon.

The UW student body is invited to the grand-reopening of the HUB on Wednesday, Sept. 22, held in conjunction with Dawg Daze, when the campus comes together to welcome new students, build community and have fun.

The HUB doors officially open Monday, Sept. 10 with limited service while last-minute work is finished.

The renovation was a student-driven initiative paid for with student funds. The original HUB was built in 1949 to serve 26,000 students. The campus now serves close to 50,000 students.
Molecular Professor

The Hub

BY DIANE MAPES  She’s been profiled everywhere from Forbes to Elle to Simplystatistics.org. She has received prestigious awards from the NIH and the American Statistical Association. And she's just 28 years old.

But awards and honors aren't what it's about for the School of Public Health's Daniela Witten, assistant professor in the nation’s No. 1 rated Biostatistics Department. She's in it for the work.

“It’s really fun being a statistician these days,” she says. “We hold a lot of keys to bridging the gap between the data that's available and the questions that people want to answer in a variety of fields.”

The Stanford-educated Witten is honing in on a revolution in biomedical research: designing individual medical treatment based on a patient’s DNA, created with the information she gathers and analyzes. “We’re not there yet,” she says. “It’s a process that's going to require hard work. But hopefully we'll be able to bridge that gap soon.”

To get there, Witten, who has been at the UW for two years, is conducting research in statistical machine learning; that is, developing statistical tools for the analysis of large data sets.

“Various technologies have been developed—a lot of them at the UW—that make it possible to determine what's going on within a particular tissue or even a particular cell. We can get a very detailed molecular snapshot of what an individual’s DNA looks like, which genes are turned on or turned off, and which proteins are circulating in an individual's bloodstream.”

And with that information—and the tools to interpret it—she thinks we’ll one day be able to create pinpointed solutions to vexing medical problems such as cancer and other complex diseases.

“Biomedical researchers all over the world are generating huge data sets that could correspond to an individual’s DNA sequence or the gene expression levels of patients with a particular type of cancer,” she says. “The statistical challenge involves taking this huge amount of data and turning it into information that can be used to inform patient treatment.

“That's what makes biomedical research really exciting. The questions that are being solved are so important.”—Seattle freelance writer Diane Mapes is a regular contributor to Columns

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Designing DNA-based Medical Treatment is Daniela Witten’s Goal
A NEW $25 MILLION venture capital fund will provide seed money for early stage start-up companies drawing on research and innovative technology developed at the UW, Washington State University and other Washington research institutions.

Although the W Fund is separate from the UW, the University is an investor in it (using private, donated money), partnering with venture capital firms and individuals who support the fund’s mission. The Fund has the goal of investing the majority of its capital in UW spin-outs.

In the most recent rankings from the National Science Foundation, the UW was ranked first in research funding awarded to U.S. public universities. Given the vigor of research at the university, UW President Michael Young and Linden Rhoads, Vice Provost of Commercialization, are committed to doubling the rate of companies spinning out from the UW over the next three years.

Rhoads, who is also general manager of the W Fund, says, “We will invest in companies that can deliver clinical advances, new technologies and products, jobs and a stronger regional economy to the people of Washington.”

To learn more about the New Ventures program or to talk about how this UW program can help you design a customized business solution, call Joanna Glickler, Assistant Vice President, Corporate and Foundation Relations, at 206-685-6736 or email her at glickler@uw.edu.
After 15 years, a late UW grad is honored publicly for her work with the CIA

The Hub

**Preserving Posterity**

Two alumni were among 13 people receiving the highest honor given to an American civilian—the Presidential Medal of Freedom.


Foege, 76, who earned his medical degree from the UW, is credited with devising the global strategy that led to the eradication of smallpox in the late 1970s. He later served as director of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and most recently was a Senior Fellow at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, advising on global health strategies. He also is affiliate professor in the UW School of Public Health.

Hirabayashi, who died in January at the age of 93, was an American sociologist who was known for his resistance to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II when he was a UW senior. Hirabayashi was convicted by a U.S. federal court for defying a curfew order for Japanese Americans. His appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was overruled, but in 1987 a U.S. Court of Appeals overturned his conviction. He earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in sociology from the UW, and later went on to become a noted college professor.

Highest Honors

Foege, Hirabayashi recognized with Presidential Medals of Freedom

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Reel History

Restoring a Husky Athletics Legacy

Amid leaf blowers and the remnants left by some raccoons, a treasure trove of UW athletics history sat gathering dust for years in a storage room in Husky Stadium.

The collection of 3,100 film reels and 4,200 videotapes, featuring games and training and recruitment films dating back to 1928, was brought to the attention of Hannah Palin, Film Archives Specialist in Libraries Special Collections, in 2009.

Since then, Palin, along with Visual Materials Curator Nicolette Bromberg and a team of student volunteers, has been painstakingly assessing and organizing the material. Many of the films are badly damaged and some are in obscure formats that require special equipment to view.

An estimated five years of restoration still lies ahead before the collection will be accessible to the public, though. A generous donation has funded the early work on the films. That same donor will match all gifts, up to $250,000, until Dec. 15, 2012.

Give to the Husky Reels fund: www.bit.ly/Flt45V
When my sister Leslianne Shedd, ‘90, was killed in the 1996 crash of a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines plane, my family not only went into mourning. We also continued to keep a secret: Leslianne didn’t work for the U.S. State Department, as she told everyone. She worked for the CIA, fighting terrorism in Africa.

When Lesli (right) was killed, there was a private memorial ceremony at CIA headquarters at Langley. Then in May of the following year, she was given an anonymous star on the CIA Wall of Honor.

The CIA told us that at some point, we would be able to talk about her. This past May, the CIA revealed Lesli’s name as well as the names of 14 others who are memorialized on the CIA’s Wall of Honor.

For the agency and the families, this memorial is a constant reminder of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and of the risks inherent in the intelligence profession.

We have always been so proud of her and the work she did. It is good to fully acknowledge how brave and amazing Lesli really was.

When Leslianne died, we created a memorial scholarship at the UW in order to give other students a chance to have a little adventure in the pursuit of their dreams.

Lesli would have been impressed to see what the Shedd scholars have achieved. Through them, her spirit of adventure lives on.

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Keeping Secrets
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BY CORINNE COLLIE

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An educational partnership between UW Bothell and the Kushagra Institute of Management Studies in Odisha, India, was announced June 8. This initiative opens the doors to cross-cultural educational opportunities and cooperation between faculty members, departments, institutes and other research centers at the two institutions.

Dr. Elaine Scott has been appointed director of the Science and Technology Program. She was previously professor and director of engineering programs at Seattle Pacific University.

Dr. Leslie Ashbaugh, UW Bothell lecturer and 2012 Distinguished Teacher of the Year, has been named director of the Center for University Studies and Programs for a five-year term.

Jason Pace is the new director of the Center for Serious Play. The Center provides unique opportunities for students interested in game design, interactive media, entrepreneurship and the impact of games and interactive media on contemporary culture.

UW Tacoma will offer its first doctoral degree, in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.), with classes starting in Summer 2013. The three-year program will enroll approximately 30 students. The application deadline is in December.

Nine UW Tacoma students are interning with the Museum of Glass to put together two upcoming shows.

The new Tioga Library Building will open in September, offering expanded library and studying space for students. Part of the library’s current space (attached by a skybridge) will be remodeled as a learning commons.

UW Tacoma will start a new tradition on Sept. 28 with its first convocation ceremony that connects students and the local community. Processionals from several locations will convene for a program on the grand staircase, which will be followed by a campus-wide reception and fair.

The state supplemental budget, adopted by the Washington state Legislature this spring, included a directive for the UW and WSU to increase enrollment in engineering programs in order to graduate more engineers. Neither university has been able to keep pace with student and industry demand for engineering graduates.

In recent years, hundreds of qualified students have been turned away from engineering despite the fact that Washington’s employers—including Microsoft and Boeing—urgently need graduates in these high-demand majors.

The UW and WSU each were directed to reallocate $3.8 million from current resources to fund the additional enrollments.

“IT’s exciting, it’s a growth opportunity. It also recognizes that this isn’t just a UW problem. It affects all of us and we will all need to pull together to solve this issue,” says Matt O’Donnell, Frank & Julie Jungers Dean of Engineering.
In contrast to the free-trade status quo, Fair Trade relies on informed consumers to choose more direct supply chains that minimize the role of middlemen, offering economic justice and social change as a viable and sustainable alternative to charity. But does it work? Fair Trade from the Ground Up documents achievements at both the producer and the consumer ends of commodity chains and assesses prospects for future growth.

For more information or to purchase, please see www.washington.edu/uwpress or visit your local retail or online bookseller.
RESPECT: AN EXPLORATION BY SARAH LAWRENCE-LIGHTFOOT has been chosen as the seventh UW Common Book for 2012-13. The common book project welcomes freshmen and transfer students through a shared reading experience.

THE UW INSTITUTE OF Translational Health Sciences has been awarded nearly $65 million over the next five years by the National Institutes of Health to continue its groundbreaking work helping scientists accelerate the translation of research discoveries into practical applications to improve public health.

THE EVANS SCHOOL 50TH Anniversary Gala Dinner and Fundraiser will be held Oct. 4 in the HUB Ballroom. Melinda French Gates, co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. Visit evans.washington.edu/50th-Anniversary/Gala for more information.

A TEAM OF AERONAUTICS & Astronautics students won a national competition to figure out how to conduct mining on the moon. The Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts-Academic Linkage contest was sponsored by NASA and the National Institute of Aerospace.

THREE ALUMNI FROM THE School of Nursing have been inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Nursing: Marie Driever, '85, a self-employed consultant; Barbara Habermann, '82, associate professor of family health nursing at Indiana University; and Charleen Tachibana, '89, chief nursing officer at Virginia Mason Medical Center.

BATYA FRIEDMAN, PROFESSOR IN THE UW Information School, has been named University Faculty Lecturer for 2012-13. The award honors faculty whose achievements have had substantial impacts on their profession.

THE NEW SENIOR VICE provost for student life and academic affairs is Jerry Baldasty, '72, '78. Baldasty most recently was vice provost and dean of The Graduate School.

THREE ALUMNI OF COLOR, two government leaders and one organization will be honored at the Multicultural Alumni Partnership Bridging the Gap Breakfast on Oct. 29. Justice Bobbe J. Bridge, '76, will receive the Dr. Samuel E. Kelly Award; Judge Jose E. Gaitan, '76, and Earl Richardson, '75, will receive Distinguished Alumnus Awards; State Sen. Claudia Kauffman of the Nez Perce Tribe and State Rep. Sharon Tomikos Santos will receive Distinguished Community Service Awards. The Seattle Fandango Institute will receive the 2012 Diversity Award for Community Building.

THE HUSKIES CAPTURED two national championships this past spring in men’s crew and women’s track. The men’s crew won its second consecutive national title at the IRA Championships in Cherry Hill, N.J., in June. Meanwhile, sophomore Katie Flood won the 1,500 meters at the NCAA Track & Field Championships at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Beginning this fall, Husky fans will be able to catch every UW football and men’s basketball game on TV, thanks to the Pac-12 Networks, an innovative partnership with FOX and ESPN.

But football and basketball are only a fraction of the new content that will be available to fans throughout the state of Washington. Approximately 850 Olympic sports events are scheduled to be broadcast during the 2012-13 athletic season, meaning Husky fans will be able to see volleyball, softball, soccer, gymnastics, crew, you name it.

“Husky fans will be able to get much more content than they do now,” said O.D. Vincent III, ’91, senior associate athletic director. “We are going to have exposure for sports that have never had it before. This is great for our fans, our coaches and for recruiting.”

The brainchild of Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott, the Pac-12 Networks is made up of six regional networks. The Pac-12 Washington network, for instance, will offer extensive coverage of the Huskies and WSU.

But the Pac-12 Networks is not just about promoting the conference’s athletic programs. Academic programming for every school will be broadcast on a regular basis as well. “This is a way for the schools in the Pac-12 to get the kind of national exposure they deserve,” Vincent says.

Scott came up with the plan for the Pac-12 Networks as a way to garner more attention for a conference he—and many others—long felt was undervalued on a national scale.

Fans can catch receiver Kasen Williams (left) and the Huskies on TV all season long thanks to the Pac-12 Networks. Photo and digital imaging by Michael Moore / MrPix.Com
Patients’ own stem cells may heal damage

H O P E
for broken hearts

Cardiology researchers at the UW are engaged in exciting work to explore whether a patient’s own stem cells can foster the regeneration of damaged heart muscle.

The need for new therapies for damaged hearts is acute. There are about six million people in the U.S. with heart failure—mainly the result of heart attack—and there aren’t enough donor hearts available for transplant. April Stempien-Otero, associate professor of medicine
Here’s a glimpse at other research happening at UW

**MEDICAL STATISTICS**
Predicting future health problems
Statisticians at the UW have devised a model for predicting what other medical problems a patient might expect based on analyzing medical records from thousands of patients. The algorithm makes predictions based on what a patient has already experienced as well as the experiences of other patients showing a similar medical history. > [www.bit.ly/N1OVt9](http://www.bit.ly/N1OVt9)

**FLOWER POWER**
How do plants know when to bloom?
UW biologists believe they have pinpointed the last crucial piece of the puzzle of how plants “know” when to flower. It involves a sequence of molecular events, a plant’s circadian clock and sunlight. Understanding the mechanism may give researchers the tools to increase crop yields of wheat, rice and barley. > [www.bit.ly/R0RXPw](http://www.bit.ly/R0RXPw)

**DEVELOPING DRUGS**
A faster track to clinical trials
The School of Pharmacy and AstraZeneca, Genentech and Merck are collaborating on research that will facilitate drug development. The goal is to make better predictions about the fate of new drugs early in development so that promising drugs can be hastened into clinical trials and harmful drug interactions can be predicted. > [www.bit.ly/Pi8GN6](http://www.bit.ly/Pi8GN6)

**GAY IDENTITY**
First impressions often accurate
Research by Joshua A. Tabak, doctoral candidate in Psychology, found that after seeing faces for less than a blink of an eye, college students have accuracy greater than mere chance in judging others’ sexual orientation. Their “gaydar” persisted even when they saw the photos upside down. Gay versus straight judgments were more accurate for women’s faces than for men’s. > [www.bit.ly/PVSoFS](http://www.bit.ly/PVSoFS)

**MEDITATION**
The payoff: more calm, less stress
Meditation training can help people stay calm when multi-tasking stress hits, according to a study by UW Information School researchers David Levy and Jacob Wobbrock. The study showed those who received meditation training stayed on tasks longer with fewer distractions, improved memory and experienced less stress. > [www.bit.ly/OsHGfF](http://www.bit.ly/OsHGfF)

and Craig Tall Family Endowed Professor in Heart Failure Research, is taking stem cells harvested from a patient’s own bone marrow and injecting them into the hearts of the same patients who are critically ill with coronary artery disease. These patients are waiting for heart transplants, and are using left ventricular assist devices to stay alive until transplant.

Because these devices are pumping blood to the body, the stem cells can be injected into the heart without risk to the patient’s health. After the patient has a transplant, Stempien-Otero examines the diseased heart to see if the injected cells helped regenerate heart muscle tissue.

Stempien-Otero’s program is important to heart patients everywhere because it represents “first-in-humans” work. “April’s work is not just like a standard clinical trial; it’s a scientifically driven study to understand the effect of the cells on the surrounding tissue,” says Chuck Murry, UW professor of pathology and bioengineering and Arra and Eva Woods Endowed Professor.

Stempien-Otero’s experiment has two goals. The first is to determine how certain marrow and other stem cells can improve blood-vessel formation and decrease scar-tissue formation in hearts that are receiving insufficient blood. The second is to have her study serve as a “proof of principle” for the process of injecting cells into damaged heart tissue and then examining the cells after the heart is retrieved.

*The need for new therapies for damaged hearts is acute.*

She said that UW Medicine is one of the few places in the country where she could do this research. “It’s because of the combination of resources – including clean rooms for processing the cells, experts in bone marrow cells, experts in stem cells and a robust advanced heart disease program with patients willing to participate,” she says. “Everyone from all of these different areas has been highly collaborative.”

To date, Stempien-Otero has studied five patients out of the 12 needed to complete an initial study. Her project is part of a suite of studies at UW Medicine funded by a grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

“We’ll never be able to prevent heart attacks entirely, but for those patients who do have one we hope to regenerate the heart back to what it was,” says W. Robb MacLellan, professor of medicine and the Robert A. Bruce Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Research.

MacLellan said that the broader goal of the research is for the UW to become the first institution to actually do pluripotent stem cell therapy. Pluripotent stem cells can give rise to any type of cell in the body except those needed to support and develop a fetus in the womb. Thus, it may hold promise for problems other than cardiac disease.
FOSTER CHILDREN
Building trust is key to success

A study by the Social Development Research Group at the UW School of Social Work found the biggest problem between foster children and caregivers is lack of trust. Researchers revamped a curriculum called “Staying Connected” to address the issue and they are now recruiting foster families to test the program. > www.bit.ly/PaWD4U

GENTLE GENOME SEQUENCING
Maternal blood, saliva provide answers

UW scientists announced that they successfully sequenced the genome of a baby in the womb without invasively tapping its protective fluid sac. Maternal blood sampled at 18 weeks and a saliva sample from the father contained enough information for scientists to map the DNA of the fetus. > www.bit.ly/OsF1Ta

FIGHTING THE FLU
Proteins could fend off influenza

Computer-designed proteins are under construction to fight influenza. Professor David Baker’s lab is showing that proteins found in nature—that don’t normally bind the flu—can be engineered to act as antiviral agents against a variety of flu virus strains including H1N1. > www.bit.ly/O8ckVV

BIOENGINEERING
Growing blood vessels to study disease

UW bioengineers have developed the first structure to grow small human blood vessels, creating a 3-D test bed that offers a better way to study disease and test drugs. Ying Zheng, assistant professor of bioengineering, says scientists will be able to see how diseases start to progress at the intersection of blood and tissue. > www.bit.ly/OWWf72

HIV PREVENTION
UW plays key role in testing effective drug

When the Food and Drug Administration recently approved the use of a drug for reducing the risk of acquiring HIV, the agency relied on a study conducted by the UW’s International Clinical Research Center in nine sites in Kenya and Uganda. The study found the drug—branded as Truvada™—reduced HIV transmission chances by 75 percent. > www.bit.ly/NyoWYq

CHAMPIONS
for children

UNDER A NEW ARRANGEMENT with the State of Washington, the UW School of Social Work will lead the first comprehensive statewide program to train social workers and caregivers who work with Washington’s vulnerable children and families.

The newly formed Washington State Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence unites the resources of the School of Social Work, UW Tacoma’s Social Work Program and Eastern Washington University’s School of Social Work with the expertise of the state’s Department of Social and Health Services.

Additionally, Partners for Our Children, a center for child welfare policy and analysis affiliated with the School of Social Work will be in charge of evaluating training effectiveness—a first in the nation.

“The alliance is a groundbreaking collaboration designed to strengthen professional expertise and enhance the skills of foster and adoptive parents—creating better futures for Washington children and families,” says Eddie Uehara, dean of the UW School of Social Work.

About 9,500 children and 7,800 families receive state child-welfare services every month. About 800 to 1,000 children receive these services at home while the rest receive services in foster care. Previously, service-provider training was the exclusive province of DSHS.

In 2012, U.S. News and World Report ranked the UW School of Social Work’s master’s of social work program third among the nation’s 153 social work graduate schools.
BIG BENEFIT
from bigger trees

WHEN IT COMES TO TREES, bigger is better. Big trees generate more seeds, provide more habitat for animals, and help forests resist disturbances. Big trees also occur in unique patterns and store more carbon compared to small trees. Big trees three or more feet in diameter accounted for nearly half the biomass measured at a Yosemite National Park site, yet represented only 1 percent of the trees growing there.

Professor James Lutz, UW research scientist in environmental and forest sciences, is the lead author of the largest quantitative study yet on the importance of big trees in temperate forests.

Lutz and his colleagues, along with help from students and citizen volunteers, are studying the new 63-acre study site in the western part of Yosemite National Park. A study in 2009 that involved Lutz found that the density of large-diameter trees in Yosemite declined nearly 25 percent between the 1930s and the 1990s.

“There are less large trees than there used to be,” says Lutz. “And tree mortality rates for trees bigger than 18 inches are higher than in previous decades.”

Scientists don’t know precisely how forests are changing, but because they will return every year to Yosemite they should gain valuable knowledge about why trees are dying and how the forest works.

USDA REPORT
full of baloney

IF YOU FILL YOUR SHOPPING CART with healthy foods, it will cost you less than if you purchased highly processed “junk” food full of high fat and sugar content, according to a report recently released by the research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Not so, says Adam Drewnowski, professor of epidemiology in the UW School of Public Health and director of the UW’s Nutritional Science program.

While USDA economists told USA Today that “the price of potato chips is nearly twice as expensive as the price of carrots by portion size,” Drewnowski says the government agency is misrepresenting the stats. The USDA, he says, is measuring food costs per gram as opposed to per calorie, thus making vegetables appear cheaper. One hundred grams of carrots may be cheaper than 100 grams of chocolate, but the carrots provide 40 calories as opposed to the 600 calories the same weight in chocolate provide.

Drewnowski’s latest research found that diets containing specific nutrients associated with lower risk of chronic disease cost more than diets with less of these nutrients. This cost variable may be one reason why lower income groups don’t comply with dietary guidelines and have the highest rates of diet-related chronic disease.

For more information about healthy diets and Adam Drewnowski’s work, go to www.bit.ly/KcJQOT
The UW Election Eye team had a hunch Colorado could be big for Rick Santorum.

The former Pennsylvania senator was gaining momentum in his quest to become the Republican Party nominee for president, and for 72 hours before the GOP primary, an intrepid crew of six students and two faculty from the UW Department of Communication fanned out across the Centennial State. They interviewed religious leaders in Colorado Springs, sat down with U.S. Army personnel at Fort Carson, and enjoyed brownies served up by Santorum’s children at a Denver rally.

The final evening, during Colorado’s Republican caucus, the team gathered at election headquarters. As vote totals trickled in, they overheard GOP officials preparing to announce Santorum as the victor. UW Election Eye tweeted the breaking news at 9:58 p.m., beating The New York Times, CNN and other major news outlets.

“Not that we noticed we were first,” wrote UW faculty member Anita Verna Crofts in a Feb. 8 blog post on the UW Election Eye website. Of course they noticed. That’s what reporters call a scoop, and it’s intoxicating.

“You just don’t get that in the classroom,” says David Domke, chair of the Communication Department and the driving force behind UW Election Eye, a unique blogging partnership between the UW and The Seattle Times. “This is the future of higher education. I call it ‘the immersion experience,’ and it makes me a better professor.”
UW Election Eye brings together students and faculty from the undergraduate level, Master of Communication in Digital Media (MCDM), and Ph.D. program. All told, about 40 students across these programs have participated. That’s not typical at institutions the size of UW, but it’s a model that pushes students to learn from each other. “We’ve really built a team,” Domke says.

This innovative partnership was privately funded by a supporter of the Department of Communication who wanted students at all levels to experience the democratic process up close. CityClub of Seattle and the MCDM program also contributed financially to the project, and Domke got *The Seattle Times* on board early.

“When we see opportunities for magic, I’m blessed to work with students and colleagues who seize the opportunity,” says Verna Crofts, associate director of the Master of Communication in Digital Media program and a faculty leader of the project. “It’s really a model for departments across campus to explore a structure of private funding and integrated learning.”

UW Election Eye began with a handful of students covering the Republican presidential primary campaign but has since grown to include other national, state and local issues as well. In the spring, it expanded to include two fully enrolled undergraduate and master’s-level courses. The team works closely with staff at *The Seattle Times*, which hosts and maintains the blog at <www.uwelectioneye.com>. Students and faculty have also appeared on KUOW and KCTS, and the project is expected to continue at least through Election Day in November.

“It’s been very cool, very compelling, and very different content for us to put in front of newspaper readers,” says Jim Simon, assistant managing editor at the *Times* who teaches political reporting at UW. “They’ve given us a really fresh, really Northwest view of what’s going on. That’s the sort of content we don’t usually get from wire services.”

In 2008, Domke and 16 undergraduates embarked on a similar blogging project, the forerunner to UW Election Eye, and focused on that year’s historic primary race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. Domke, a former journalist who has written two books on presidential politics, wanted more for the 2012 campaign. So he secured funding and led a small team to South Carolina for the hotly contested Republican primary on Jan. 21. UW communication alum David Horsey, ’75, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning political cartoonist, joined the crew for the trip.

In the eight months since, UW Election Eye has rubbed elbows with Callista Gingrich and Ann Romney in the “Green Room” just moments before the GOP debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They snapped front-row photos of Texas Gov. Rick Perry ending his bid for the White House in a small Charleston, S.C. hotel conference room.

“It just kept getting better,” Domke says. “Every step of the way, people were contributing new things. It’s been an indescribable learning experience for these students.”

Derek Belt is a frequent contributor to Columns
Columbia, South Carolina [January 18, 2012]—It was the first real day I was with UW Election Eye and we had just touched down in South Carolina. David (Domke) was getting the rental car, and I wandered over to baggage claim. This woman asked what brought me to South Carolina, and I explained the UW Election Eye project. • She told me she had just decided to enlist, and I asked what inspired her to join the military. It was one of those magical moments where you establish enough trust with someone in about 30 seconds that they feel comfortable talking to you, because she looked over her shoulder and said it was because of the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell. She said this was the first time she felt she could be herself in the military. • This was just an amazing moment when you’re witness to a part of the national story that humanizes what would otherwise be a sound bite. That’s when I knew I was hooked; that I would take UW Election Eye as far as it would carry me. —Anita Verna Crofts, MCDM Associate Director

Las Vegas, Nevada [February 4, 2012]—After successfully gaining access to the Nevada caucus “War Room,” UW Election Eye reporter and MCDM student Corey Christiansen and I roamed the bowels of the Venetian hotel, searching for the Newt Gingrich press conference. After busting in through an unmarked side door, we found it. Newt stood on a platform, looking the most comfortable I’d ever seen him, despite losing the state. His banter with the press was masterful, every response a witty jibe, and the room just ate it up. • I silently rehearsed my words and raised my hand. “Do you think the mistaken (Donald) Trump endorsement the most comfortable I’d ever seen him, despite losing the state. His banter with the press was masterful, every response a witty jibe, and the room just ate it up. • I silently rehearsed my words and raised my hand. “Do you think the mistaken (Donald) Trump endorsement was intentional, and are you hoping for any other endorsements?” Newt didn’t miss a beat. “Look, there are few people better at manipulating the press than Donald Trump and he proved it once again,” he retorted with arms outstretched. • The room chuckled while I floated to journalistic cloud nine. He later thanked me for my question. —Ilona Idlis, Undergraduate Journalism Student

Sandpoint, Idaho [March 5, 2012]—I was part of the team covering Washington and Idaho’s Republican caucuses earlier this year. We traveled something like 1,500 miles in five days, and I ended up live-tweeting a 9,000-person caucus while sitting next to a CNN reporter. Also, at one rally, Ron Paul and I wore matching outfits. • I call it the “All-American” look—blue denim jeans, plaid button-up shirt, cozy red sweater and black boots. Fashion is a serious consideration for candidates; one doesn’t want to look too formal or too casual. But I was a bit surprised by Paul’s copycat outfit because he’s not often spotted without a suit and tie. That morning, I looked at fellow UW Election Eye contributor Ilona Idlis and said, “This looks like something a politician would wear, doesn’t it?” That statement became really eerie later on. —Alicia Halberg, ’12, Journalism Graduate

Florence, South Carolina [January 15, 2012]—I’ve been with Dr. Domke twice counting my first time through, in 2008, and this year. Back then I was an undergraduate; now I’m a Ph.D. student. One of my favorite moments was running into Rick Santorum at a small restaurant. Domke and the rest of our group were in the gaggle of press that was following the former senator, but I had stayed behind at our table to watch our gear. • “Where is everybody?” Santorum asked me, shaking my hand. “They’re following you,” I told him. He smiled and said, “Ah, reporters.” It was surreal and also very human—classic retail politics. And always an honor to witness up close, as messy and nutty as it can get. —Will Mari, ’09, Journalism Graduate and Ph.D. Student

Milwaukee, Wisconsin [May 31, 2012]—It was obvious Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker’s first college professor, Janet Boles, wanted to show me his mediocre grades. The embattled Tea Party hero’s college grades were a hot topic during his May recall election and Boles, a Professor Emeritus at Marquette University, had archived the assignments and scores for every student she taught for 29 years. • Boles knew she shouldn’t show me her grade books. Marquette forbids it. I asked why it mattered if she’s retired. After declining to let me photograph the governor’s grades, I got up to leave with a favorite Columbo maneuver: “Ma’am, just one more thing. How about a picture of you just holding those books?” • Next thing I knew, she was opening up a page with the governor’s grades. “Oh, I suppose a quick picture wouldn’t hurt.” The key to persistence is politeness. —Thor Tolo, ’12, MCDM Graduate

Charleston, South Carolina [January 20, 2012]—The night before the South Carolina primary, we went to a dinner for Rick Santorum hosted at The Citadel. Now, I do not agree with nearly all of what Santorum stands for, but that night he told the story about how he and his wife had lost their youngest son, how hard it was for them as a family, and how that made him realize just how critical the gift of life is. He began crying on stage, and in the background you could see his wife was crying as well. Immediately following the speech, they embraced for a long time and the raw emotion of that moment could be felt all across the room. • Suddenly this political figure that I had watched for days and seen destroyed in the press for months was no longer someone just running for president; he was a human being. We see these people all the time in the news and sometimes forget they are real people with stories and reasons why they believe what they believe. • Santorum will never get my vote, but in that moment he earned a certain level of respect and connection from me that will last much longer than his candidacy did. —Almeera Anwar, ’12, Journalism Graduate
Crandall is the first to say that leaving a legacy away from combat is more important than fame or accolades. That is the message he and his fellow recipients share with school children around the country as part of the Medal of Honor Society's Character Development Program.

“This is a legacy for young people: things you should do as a citizen and a human. It’s about doing the right thing,” Crandall says. “Check your moral compass. We must all encourage doing the right thing in everyday life, such as having the courage to say no when friends are saying yes.”

Crandall's advice is not just for children but for students of all ages. “Continue your education for the rest of your life. Don't think university is the end of your learning,” he says. “Formal education is important because it gives you opportunities and prepares you for a career. But what you learn afterward is, learning to be a father, a mother, a husband, a wife has a lot more to do with happiness.”

I am blessed to call Bruce Crandall not only my dear friend, but also part of my “adopted family.” He has shown me, by example, how important love and commitment (to his children, grandchildren and dear, late wife Arlene) are. And, more importantly, that it is never too late to make amends for past mistakes.

Bruce Crandall is a good teacher of life lessons, after seeing death on the battlefield. He is one of our nation’s heroes who inspires me to keep doing what I do (war reporting), keep doing the right thing, and keep trying to make a difference in the lives of others, despite all obstacles. Which is good advice for anyone, not just for warriors or war reporters.

Alex Quade, ’92, is an award-winning freelance broadcast war correspondent whose work has appeared on CNN, Fox and other television networks.

Alumni Veteran Award to be presented at Veterans Day event
As a UW undergraduate earning degrees in communication, speech and political science, Alex Quade, ’92, knew that she wanted to be a combat reporter just like legends Ernie Pyle and Edward R. Murrow.

She has succeeded in a big way. For the past 15 years, Quade has served viewers as a fearless, ethical television war reporter and documentary filmmaker covering U.S. conflicts all over the globe.

A freelance “one-man-band” who has worked for CNN and Fox News Channel, Quade embeds with elite U.S. Special Operations Forces. She has covered military and secret actions in some of the world’s most dangerous places.

“It’s a responsibility I take seriously: to get viewers to care; so service, sacrifice and history are not forgotten, so Americans don’t ‘tune out,’ literally,” Quade says.

Her work has enthralled more than just her viewers. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society presented her with the Tex McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism for her unbiased coverage of the U.S. military. She serves on the board of Military Reporters & Editors, an association of journalists who cover national security and veteran’s issues. And she received the American Legion Fourth Estate Award this past summer.

But she received one of the most prestigious awards in her field this past May when the Radio Television Digital News Association honored her with an Edward R. Murrow Award for writing her latest documentary film, *Horse Soldiers of 9/11*, which premiered at the GI Film Festival in May. It’s about U.S. commandos who secretly waged war on horseback against the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan after 9/11.

“Sharing the stories of those quiet professionals is my small way of serving,” Quade says. “No, I did not drink the Kool-Aid; and no, I’m not a cheerleader for Special Operations. I just try to do what journalists are supposed to do, which I learned in Communications-101 at UW: I tell ‘their’ stories, not ‘me’ stories.”

*Julie Garner is a Columns staff writer*
Marcel Buckner

HE LIKES TO REFER TO HIMSELF AS AN “AVERAGE GUY.” But not much about his childhood or the path he took to becoming a systems engineer at Microsoft was ordinary.

Both of his parents were drug dealers. His father was murdered during a home-invasion robbery when Marcel was 8. While his mother continued to deal with addiction and was frequently incarcerated, Marcel and his siblings were shuttled between his grandmother’s and other safe havens.

By the time he arrived at Rainier Beach High School as a ninth grader, he wasn’t so much a troublemaker as someone who “needed something to do.” While he was aware that Community for Youth existed because his older brother Alonzo was involved, he was fuzzy on the details.

Some of what it entailed for Marcel was merely fun: Mariners games with his mentor, summer camp, movie nights. The bigger impression, however, was made by Greg Hay’s math quizzes, database demos, and friendly wagers over his grades.

“Since 9th or 10th grade I’ve been telling people that I was going to be a database administrator,” says Buckner. “The program kept me disciplined and focused, and offered good options for becoming successful.”

The possibility for a college education was one of those options that kept him away from the street life that claimed several of his friends. Despite his high-tech ambitions, Marcel chose geography as a major out of a desire to “learn more about the world.”

The diversity within the CFY ranks also suited his natural curiosity. The mentors he met ranged from tech execs...
to blue-collar guys with first-hand experience with rough teenage years. He also cites the range of personalities among the students as proof that CFY offers "something positive for everyone."

Though proud to be a Husky, his college career—during which he held a full-time job—"was a blur." Since graduation, he has hardly slowed the pace. He has taken a continuing education database course at UW and is eyeing classes to become a SQL Server specialist. In his remaining free time, he co-owns Higher Level Studios, a recording studio in SoDo where he makes, mixes and masters music.

Though humble about his accomplishments, Marcel (B.A. Geography 2011), marvels at how different life is now for him and his thriving siblings and mother. "[Community for Youth] changed my life. I can't really say where I'd be without it." "I'm not sure how to repay them," he sighs. One thing he does know for sure: "I will be a mentor."

**Community for Youth success story**

Vanny Chham

**HER HIGH SCHOOL CAREER COULD HARDLY HAVE HAD A ROUGHER BEGINNING.** As a 14-year-old freshman at Rainier Beach High School, her parents—who fled the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia—abandoned her, along with her older brother and younger sister.

"...My mother lost her parents when she was 12," she recalls. "Both her parents were killed in the war, and for some weird reason, my mom thought that because she was a teen and had lost her parents that we were old enough to take care of ourselves."

But Community for Youth saved her. Vanny (who actually signed up with the Seattle nonprofit organization before her parents abandoned her) came to rely on it as her personal life unraveled. She was homeless for a period before a teacher took her in temporarily. Housing would continue to be an issue throughout high school, as she "bounced around from relatives, strangers and group homes."

Having a mentor and other adult role models and friends at Community For Youth meant "I didn't feel so alone," she says. Still, Vanny considered dropping out of school because she was "overwhelmed with my personal life and figuring out how I was going to eat."

But one goal persisted: a college education. No one else in her family had gone to college and all of her older cousins had dropped out of high school. Without the support of her CFY mentors—or her mentor from a youth job program at a bank—it would have been impossible to make her dream a reality.

While she enjoyed more stability during her college years, she had to adjust to a new foster family while also working nearly 20 hours a week. Still, she was able to complete her degree in sociology—and found time to speak on behalf of Community for Youth at fundraisers and other events.

Today, Vanny works for a digital marketing company, but is also preparing to take the GMAT and GRE exams in order to go to graduate school to earn an M.B.A., and possibly an additional degree. It’s clear, however, that her primary concern is helping others. She plans to become a CFY mentor in a few years, but is now focused on being a role model for her cousins and two nephews. "I feel like it’s my responsibility to carry on the legacy and make sure they understand the value of an education." ■ **Paul Fontana is Associate Editor of Columns.**
Making a Difference STORIES AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UW FOUNDATION

MILES of SERVICE: Dan and Nancy Evans, 2012 Gates Volunteer Service Award Recipients

THROUGH THEIR DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF SERVICE, leadership and generosity, Dan, ‘48, ’49, and Nancy Evans have inspired countless others to follow in their footsteps, sometimes quite literally.

With a history of accomplishments on a grand scale, it’s easy to overlook the smaller gestures that Dan and Nancy often make, like the time Dan, at age 81, speed-walked a half-marathon to raise more than $100,000 for student scholarships. Or when both Dan and Nancy laced up their walking shoes to kick off a 50th anniversary run/walk for the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, attended by more than 300 people last October.

To honor their miles of commitment to the UW, the University has awarded Dan and Nancy the 2012 Gates Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes volunteerism that inspires others.

“They lead by example, the example of integrity, honesty and vision,” said Sandra Archibald, dean of the Evans School, renamed in 1999 to honor the former three-term governor and U.S. senator. The Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at the Evans School honors Nancy’s civic contributions. “I have witnessed first-hand how they inspire students, faculty and alumni to be better people, better public servants and better leaders.”

Dan and Nancy have left an indelible mark on the UW and beyond. At the University, they have provided philanthropic support for more than four decades and have held more than a dozen leadership roles. Dan has served two terms on the Board of Regents and as UW Foundation chair. Nancy served on the School of Public Health’s inaugural visiting committee and as honorary chair of the Evans School’s 50th Anniversary Gala. Their thoughtful and collaborative leadership is credited with making big things happen, including the renovation of Husky Stadium and construction of Benaroya Hall.

“If they take on an issue, they will follow through until the task is done,” says Judy Runstad, ’74, a 2009 recipient of the GVSA with her husband, Jon Runstad, ’65. “Dan and Nancy personify this award and what it’s all about, service.” And, in Dan and Nancy’s case, always going the extra mile.

Visit giving.uw.edu to learn more about the Gates Volunteer Service Award,
“The UW faculty and staff have shown me so much love and encouragement that I want to continue down the path of public service — the Dan Evans Fellowship started it all.”

— Vora Savengseuksa, Evans School student

The Evans Effect: Supporting and Inspiring Students

WHEN VORADA “VORA” SAVENGSEUKS received the Dan Evans Fellowship for Excellence in Public Service Scholarship, she giddily called up her West Coast connections to consult. She’d been offered a place in the graduate program at the Evans School of Public Affairs, but the 25-year-old from Minnesota had never been to Seattle.

“My friends said, ‘The fact you were offered this fellowship — from Dan Evans, no less — says something,’” says Vora, now a second-year student at the Evans School.

That ‘something’ was a shot of confidence in her abilities as a scholar and a signal of faith in her future contributions as a public servant.

Her passion for community affairs is a direct reflection of her life experience — the daughter of Laotian refugees, her parents instilled a strong work ethic and sense of duty to community. She knew those values would lead to opportunities — including education.

Vora has put her first-year Evans School research and administration skills to work in Laos over the summer break. She developed local partnerships and resources for Pencils of Purpose, a non-profit that builds primary and middle schools in developing countries.

While Vora initially planned to work overseas after graduation, she now plans to pursue a Ph.D. in public affairs or public health, explaining, “The UW faculty and staff have shown me so much love and encouragement and I want to continue down the path of public service — the Dan Evans Fellowship started it all.”

and meet two more students who have benefited from the Evans Effect.

Message from the Foundation Chair

How wonderfully fitting that this, my last chair’s message, brings me full circle in my four years on the University of Washington Foundation leadership team. The cycle ends as it began with our dear friends and the 2012 Gates Volunteer Service Award winners, Dan and Nancy Evans. Over the 30 years I’ve known them, they’ve recruited me to join them in a slew of meaningful adventures, including the University of Washington Foundation.

Nancy, while doing double time raising three boys and juggling first lady duties, was also chalkling up her own civic accomplishments in the arts, healthcare, public broadcast and higher education, particularly at her own alma mater, Whitman College, serving on their board of trustees. Last year she led the Seattle Symphony’s trustees in a search for a new music director, successfully recruiting a brilliant young star who is revitalizing Seattle’s classical music scene.

Working with Dan is its own education. He does not suffer irrelevancies; he gets stuff done. Long after he has left the table, his values, ethics, intelligence and humanity remain, setting a bar for every discussion. His only lost election was in 1942, for junior class president at Roosevelt High School. He learned well. From then on as a statesman, a conservationist, a college president, a businessman and a citizen, “straight arrow” Dan Evans has been a champion.

So that was my model for the UW Foundation chair. Big shoes? Ha — I’ll say. But no kindlier professor ever brought a student along than Dan Evans. He introduced me to the enormous privilege of getting to know the deans, challenges, issues and leaders of this exceptional institution. Thanks in large part to Dan’s tutelage, these four years as vice chair and chair have been every bit as inspiring as any traditional four years on a great university campus should be.

For us at the Foundation, the choice for the 2012 Gates Volunteer Service Award was obvious. Dan and Nancy have been powerhouses for the UW, Seattle, the state of Washington, and indeed this nation for half a century. They’ve been called upon often and broadly, and they’ve never declined, either one of them.

So it’s with great pleasure that I dedicate my last chair’s message in Columns to Dan and Nancy Evans. They are treasured personal friends, mentors, collaborators and extraordinary models for civic leadership. Presenting this award to them as my last official duty as UW Foundation chair is purely my honor.

Lyn Grinstein
Out & About

The UW’s friends and alumni showed their support for the University and each other at many recent events, from department celebrations to The President’s Club.

GIVING GATHERING: Carol, ’56, and Alvin, ’57, Seda attended The President’s Club Reception 2012 on the Sylvan Theater lawn. (1)

GARDEN PARTY: Professor Tueng T. Shen, Usha, ’68, and S. Rao, ’68, Varanasi attended The President’s Club, an annual donor celebration. (2)

SUNNY RECEPTION: Alumnae Betty Lou Wagner, ’51, Rose Broyles, ’45, and Margaret Morrison, ’45, at The President’s Club party. (3)

DC DAWGS: Hugo Prado, Michelle LaBuwi (center), ’07, and Annette Foster, ’82, attended the DC Dawgs Salmon BBQ, hosted by Joe, ’64, and Kathy, ’63, Ryan. (4)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: Angela King (center), ’95, honored endocrinology student Misha Averill (right) with the Educational Opportunity Program recognition scholarship at the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity’s 42nd annual Celebration, Fête and Honors. Misha’s mother, Debbie Averill (left) also attended. (5)

OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO: Kraig, ’95, and Devon, ’94, McCoy attended the Dr. Seuss-themed Experimental Education Unit’s 11th Annual Auction and Dinner at the College of Education’s Haring Center. (9)

SALMON ON THE BARBIE: Neil Azous, ’97, and his wife, Travis, attended New York’s Salmon BBQ alumni event in Chappaqua, hosted by Lex Gamble, ’59. (10)

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT: At the Graduate School’s spring All Hands Meeting, Jacque Doane, ’73, president of the Seattle chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS), was honored for her leadership with ARCS and her longtime support of graduate education at the UW. (11)

BOEING SCHOLARS FLY HIGH: iSchool Dean Harry Bruce, informatics student Bryan Dosono and UW President Michael K. Young celebrate student scholars at the Boeing Scholarship Breakfast. (7)

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Together we make our university stronger

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF the UW Alumni Association for the 2012-2013 academic year. In the year ahead, our primary goal is to inspire our alumni base to become more involved with the life of the University through advocacy, membership and activity.

When you get right down to it, the UWAA is the official UW loyalty group, devoted to supporting our world-class university. This institution means a lot to us on many levels: it’s where we got the education that propelled us to successful careers; it’s where we developed our most meaningful relationships; it’s where we were challenged and inspired to become our best.

And look what’s possible. Last year, alumni throughout the state of Washington pulled together and joined UW Impact to advocate for no further cuts to the state’s higher education budget—and it worked.

But that is only the beginning. We need even more alumni to become advocates so we can preserve for our children the opportunity we had for a top-notch education at an affordable price.

Advocacy, however, is just one part of the equation. I ask alumni everywhere to consider joining our member community of 53,000 strong so they, too, can make a stand and show how important the UW is to us—and our state.

And make no mistake: this is a time when the University needs our help more than ever. The funding issues facing the Legislature will not go away. Our role as advocates is absolutely vital to preserving the quality of the University.

I fully appreciate the impact of a UW education. I am one of 10 children, three of whom are UW alums. My father was diagnosed with leukemia when I was in high school, and he died while I was a junior in college. Although I was accepted by a number of excellent law schools, including the UW, the tuition at most of those schools was beyond my reach. Thankfully, the UW Law School was able to provide me with an affordable option for a first-class education. Access to public education—including graduate and professional education—is life-changing. And the UW, even with the tuition hikes, is still a fantastic bargain.

This is why we need you to join us and do what you can to support the University. Attend a lecture. Volunteer in a classroom. Tell your legislator how much the UW means to our community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve our 300,000-plus alumni.

—Patrick Crumb, ’88
UWAA President,
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The UW Alumni Association and Seattle Arts & Lectures are proud to present Professors David Domke and Mark Smith, who will try to answer that question during a five-part lecture series, “Faith & Finance: Visions of America & the 2012 Presidential Election.”

Domke is a professor and chair in the department of communications at UW, and is collaborating with journalists and students on Election Eye 2012 (see page 26). Smith is an associate professor in the political science department at UW.

**TOWN HALL SEATTLE**

UWAA members are invited to interact with the speakers before three upcoming Town Hall Seattle lectures and also save 35% when signing up for all three lectures and receptions. Share insights on science in the public sphere with UW Ph.D. Alex Berzow; learn about the last days of the Russian aristocracy with UW scholar Douglas Smith; and explore the story of skulls with bestselling author Simon Winchester.

**GRAD SCHOOL PUBLIC LECTURES**

Please join us for the opening events in the 2012-13 Graduate School Public Lecture Series. Professor Gary Jacobsohn will examine how politics and religion intersect in modern India and what America can learn from the ongoing conflict. Laurie Anderson will discuss her career—now at 40 years and counting—which has juxtaposed the worlds of technology, music, visual art, dreams, and the power of language. James Duderstadt, President Emeritus and Professor of Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan, will explore the economics and pressure points of the modern public university.

**MORE LECTURES**

Oct. 2—Delta Gamma Endowed Lecture with Investigative Reporter James Stewart

Oct. 3—College of the Environment presents Wildlife in the Modern American Landscape

Oct. 16, Nov. 3, Nov. 8—Engineering Lecture Series

Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5—2013 UWAA Winter Lecture Series

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Our 2013 tour schedule is now available online! Perennial favorite trips to China, Turkey, and Machu Picchu to Galapagos are again featured, as well as some intriguing new destinations. We are particularly pleased to announce our Patagonian Frontiers tour. Highlights include Magdalena Island, home to more than 120,000 penguins; Cape Horn National Park, where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans merge; and Torres del Paine, one of the most unspoiled nature preserves on Earth. For more information, visit UWalum.com/tours.

MEMBER-ONLY EVENT

Sept. 29th—UWAA Member Appreciation Night at the 5th Avenue Theatre. Members get discounted tickets to Memphis, and a chance to meet the producers Marleen, ’77, and Kenny Alhadeff.

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With its rugged mountains and beautiful islands, the Pacific Northwest is such an amazing place to live and play. What happens, however, if you or your family member is seriously injured in an area far from a hospital?

Medical transportation by air may be necessary, but many insurance plans do not provide full coverage for transport services. UW Medicine’s Airlift Northwest covers your out-of-pocket air transport expenses through the AirCare Program.

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Last year’s Dawg Dash was the biggest in the event’s 26-year history with over 4,000 participants. Let’s top that this year as Dawg Dash takes a completely new route through the UW campus. The free Husky Pups Run for kids will also have a new home. Dogs are welcome. Discounts are available for UWAA members and early registrants (before Sept. 15). SUNDAY, OCT. 21 at 9:30 a.m. on the UW Seattle campus
Learn more & register: dawgdash.com

REGIONAL EVENTS

Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 2, Nov. 17, Nov. 23—Washington Warm Ups ($5 discount for UWAA members)
Sept. 13—UW Night at Fidelitas Winery • Tri-Cities
Oct. 3—Dawgs on Wall Street • New York City
Oct. 5—UW Night at the Nike Employee Store (pre-registration for UWAA members in the Portland area) • Beaverton, Ore.
Oct. 16—Portland Lunch & Learn
Nov. 1—Bay Area Alumni Reception • Berkeley, Calif.

HOMECOMING

Oct. 21—27th Annual Dawg Dash ($5 discount for UWAA members)
Oct. 25—iSchool Spencer G. Shaw Lecture with Christopher Paul Curtis
Oct. 26—Class of 1962 50-Year Reunion Banquet
Oct. 27—Multicultural Alumni Partnership Breakfast
Oct. 27—Homecoming Football Game vs. Oregon State (members get a discount on single game homecoming football tickets)
Oct. 28—Purple & Gold Society Luncheon at Seattle Yacht Club

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Nov. 23

DAWG RALLIES

Join the UWAA and the Husky Marching Band Alumni Association for Friday night Dawg Rallies at Jillian’s Billiards Club. A portion of food and beverage sales will benefit UWAA and HMBAA scholarships. Fridays Aug. 31, Sept. 14 and Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Learn more at UWalum.com/football

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Aluminary: Tony Angell

A passion for nature

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BILL FOEGE, ’61, received the Spirit of Helen Keller Award from Helen Keller International for his leadership in public health and preventive medicine in the developing world.

WALLACE BERRET BROWN, ’62, and SANDRA STONEHOCKER MANGUM, ’63, were honored at a Brigham Young University Emeritus Alumni Awards Banquet last March.

STEPHEN WOODS, ’65, ’70, professor emeritus of the University of Cincinnati, has received that university’s Daniel Drake Medal. The award is the highest honor bestowed by that school’s College of Medicine and is given annually to honor distinguished living faculty and alumni. Woods is a former UW professor and chair of the department of psychology, associate dean for research of the graduate school, and vice provost for research.

SAVIO L.Y. WOO, ’66, received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers’ 2012 IEEE Medal for Innovations in Healthcare Technology for his contributions to biomechanics and its application to orthopedic surgery and sports medicine. He is the Distinguished University Professor of Bioengineering and the founder and director of the Musculoskeletal Center at the University of Pittsburgh.

1970

KAREN MCKELLAR, ’72, was named chair of the board of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Board of Trustees.

GERALDINE DAWSON, ’74, ’79, received the Association for Psychological Science’s Lifetime Achievement Award. Dawson, a former UW faculty member, pioneered a biological perspective to the study of autism.

DEAN G. JAMIESON, ’78, was reelected to a third two-year term as the Pacific Northwest Regional Councilor to the National Council of the American Guild of Organists. He has served as a church musician for more than 50 years.

LYNN THOMPSON, ’78, comes from a long line of Husky women. Gretchen Snow, her grandmother, graduated from UW in 1923 and her mother, Shirley Dawes, graduated in 1947. With this rich UW heritage it was with special pride that Thompson watched her daughter, Maddie Foutch, receive her diploma at UW graduation ceremonies in June 2012. To learn more about Thompson’s UW family story, read Alumnotes at UWalum.com/Columns.

1980

JAMES McKENNA, ’83, was nominated for three daytime Emmy Awards for Biz Kids, a series on public television that teaches children about business and money. He has won six Emmy Awards for writing, directing, and producing the PBS series Bill Nye the Science Guy.

JUD VIRDEN, ’83, was named associate laboratory director for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory’s Energy and Environment Directorate.

BETHANY REID, ’86, ’90, ’95, received the Kenneth and Geraldine Gell Poetry Prize for 2012. She teaches American literature and creative writing at Everett Community College.

SOONHEE JANG, ’88, vice president for intellectual property strategy and chief intellectual property counsel for DuPont Industrial Bioscience, was named one of Silicon Valley’s Women of Influence for 2012 by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal.

LAUREN SCHARF, ’90, is working in Japan for a non-profit organization funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Trade, and Industry to increase awareness of the traditional arts and culture of the city Kanazawa.

1990

JENNIFER HADLEY DIOGUARDI, ’91, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Friends of Public Radio in Tempe, Ariz. Dioguardi is an attorney for Snell & Wilmer LLP’s Phoenix office.

CLAY SCHWENNE, ’93, lead academic counselor for undergraduate academic affairs advising at the UW, was named Regional and National Outstanding Advisor of the Academic Advising Association.

SHANDA TAYLOR-BOYD, ’94, a U.S. Army veteran and survivor of a traumatic brain injury caused by a car accident, is touring the country to call attention to the needs of disabled veterans.

MELISSA MEADE, ’99, is associate professor of humanities at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire. She received the Gown Award for her contributions to raising awareness of issues critical to women at the 2012 commencement ceremony.

2000

ARI KHOH, ’05, received the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ 2012 Champion of Justice Award in recognition of his Post-Prison Education Program, which provides ex-offenders at high risk of reoffending with education and support services.

MATTHEW S. KORCH, ’08, is a program manager at the Plateau Club on the Sammamish Plateau, one of 11 Puget Sound-area golf courses of the Oki Golf company.

NICHOLAS JOHN TROST, ’10, has been named student articles editor of the 2012-2013 editorial board of the New Mexico Law Review.

ALEXANDRA GOODMAN, ’12, was selected as an educational leadership consultant for Delta Zeta Sorority for 2012-13.

NATHAN JHAVER, ’12, and his teammate Timothy Edgar took Best Overall App Grand Prize in the “Apps for Energy“ competition sponsored by the U.S. Energy Department. Their application is called Leafully and it helps people visualize their energy unit usage and set energy savings goals.

Together Again

Flower power ruled when a group of students graduated from the UW in the late 1960s. And today, the relationships that first blossomed during their days as Huskies are still going strong. For the past 42 years, a group of alums from across the U.S. and Canada have gathered for reunions to rekindle the spirit that drew them together in McMahon Hall, one of the UW’s first co-ed dorms. Here, at a recent gathering, six of the group are pictured near the Ivar’s restaurant in Mukilteo: (L-R) are Lionel E. Ditz, ’67; Susan Lemke, ’68; Douglas Thompson, ’67; Dr. Robert Malstrom, ’68; John Huguennin, ’69; and Mary Svela (nee Wescott), ’68. The group will meet again in the fall of 2013 with Lou Sackmann, ’68, David Tegeler and Gary Neemann hoping to attend. Those not pictured but still in touch include Charlie Zimmerman, ’72, Gary Wirt, and Pat Cranston, professor emeritus, who is still in touch with Lionel Ditz, a communications grad.
Fran’s Chocolates made big news in 2009 when it was learned that newly elected President Barack Obama was a big fan of her Grey Sea Salt Caramels. While that was nice, the truth is that owner Fran Bigelow, ’65, has always had a big following in the Pacific Northwest for the artisan chocolates she started crafting and selling in 1982.

This fall marks the 30th anniversary of Fran’s Chocolates, which has grown into a world-class chocolatier with three shops in Seattle, not to mention a thriving online and mail-order business. Fran’s is a family operation; her son Dylan is director of chocolate and manages production, while daughter Andrina is the CEO and manages sales and marketing. They work together in handling growth, production and development of new products. Truth be told, Bigelow didn’t expect this much sweet success. “My goal was just to open a European style chocolate shop,” she says. “I was a business major at the UW. My education gave the confidence that I could go into business. I knew I had the background to ask the right questions and where to get assistance when that was needed.”

Frederick Lowe, ’72, was named 2012 Entrepreneur of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists. Lowe is the founder and editor of The Northstar News & Analysis, an online weekly newspaper for black men.

Patrick Duffy, ’71, returned to TV this summer in a big way when Dallas came back for a 10-show season on TNT. Duffy played Bobby Ewing on the original Dallas, which was one of the highest rated shows on TV from 1978-91. The show was renewed for another season.

Phyllis Fletcher, ’00, ’11, a reporter for KUOW, received three national awards for her story, Secrets of a Blonde Bombshell, about her discovery that 1930s swing bandleader Ina Ray Hutton had passed for white from her childhood until her death. Fletcher’s work received an Edward R. Murrow Award, a Gracie Award from the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation and a UNITY Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association for outstanding achievements in covering diversity.
HEATHER BARBIERI, '85, has recently published The Cottage at Glass Beach.

JEREMY L. CARADONNA, '03, has written The Enlightenment in Practice: Academic Prize Contests and Intellectual Culture in France, 1670–1794.

EDWARD T. HEIKELL, '61, and his brother, Robert Heikell, have written One Chance for Glory, a book about Washington aviation hero Clyde Pangborn, who was the first aviator to fly nonstop across the Pacific.

STEVE RAYMOND, '62, is the author of In the Very Thickest of the Fight: The Civil War Service and the 78th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Raymond is a retired newspaper editor and the author of nine books.

JAMES E. ROBERTSON, '72, recently published The Turning-out of Boys in a Man’s Prison: Why and How to Amend the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

CHRISTOPHER VAN TILBURG, '94, has written Mountain Rescue Doctor, an account of practicing wilderness medicine in the extremes of nature.

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WITH A KILLER COMBO of book smarts and Husky pride, Kathy Wright, '84, won nearly $60,000 as a recent contestant on the Jeopardy! game show. Wright, a UW graduate and 15-year bookseller at University Book Store, is a lifelong fan who began watching during childhood visits with her grandparents. After decades of playing along at home, Wright auditioned, was selected and appeared in three episodes that aired in June. Wearing Husky purple for her prime-time debut, Wright’s love of reading paid off—literally. She aced categories such as Shakespeare’s Women and War Poetry. “It’s good to be curious about the world around you, which is why I’m a huge fan of reading,” says Wright.

She plans to spend her winnings on traveling and upcoming college tuition for her son—perhaps a future Jeopardy! winner. “It’s fun because I’ve been shouting answers at the TV for years,” says Wright, “but now he’s yelling along with me!” —Deanna Duff

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Husky Bookseller Wins Big on Jeopardy!

Utah Rotary Huskies

During the past few years, a common link has added a new dimension to the lives of four Husky alumni serving together as officers in Rotary International in the state of Utah. Jerry Summerhays, D.D.S., '73; Fred Berthrong, M.S., Nuclear Engineering, '72; Gene Banks, M.B.A., '72; and Wally Brown, D.D.S., '63, were pleased to discover the commonality of their Rotary service and the UW.

After each moved to Utah at various times, they were established in their business and professional vocations. With an interest in service, they joined local Rotary clubs and became very involved in community and international service in this organization.

Rotary is comprised of more than 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Rotary International is organized into 332 districts worldwide and Utah is one of those districts. After serving in their local clubs for several years, they were each elected club president and then later were nominated to serve as district governor, directing the activities of the more than 40 Rotary clubs in Utah.

Read more of this story at UWalum.com/Columns.
Marion McCaw Garrison

1917-2012

Marion McCaw Garrison, ’39, who died June 25 at the age of 93, had an amazing mix of personal qualities and interests. As a young woman, she showed her talent for numbers and business acumen, excelled in mathematics and became one of the first female accounting graduates at the UW.

She was known for being one of the UW’s generous supporters, as well as a booster of the arts in Seattle. Marion Oliver McCaw Hall—the region’s premier performance hall and home of the Seattle Opera—is named in her honor.

She started out early on her path to success, buying 40 acres of stump land near Olympia at the age of 22 and developing it into a subdivision.

In 1942, she married John McCaw and put her skills to work for the family business that included radio and television stations as well as real estate. The McCaws had four sons—Bruce, ’67; Craig; John Jr., ’74; and Keith. After her husband died in 1969, she continued her involvement in the family wireless communications business. —Julie Garner
CARMEN WESTWATER ANDERSON, who worked as an administrative assistant for UW Nobel Laureate-winning faculty members Edmond Fischer and Edwin G. Krebs, died May 31. She was 82. • MAX BADER, ’61, district health officer of the Seattle-King County Health Department for the Central District for 13 years and later epidemiologist for the state of Oregon, died April 30. He was 75. • JACK BENAROYA, a prominent Seattle philanthropist who endowed scholarships that allow four African American men from Garfield High School to attend the UW each year, died May 11. He was 90. • IRWIN B. BERCH, ’38, who retired as regional director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the West Coast and Hawaii, died June 11. He was 94. • RICHARD BEYER, a former UW student who created the iconic Waiting for the Interurban sculpture in Seattle’s Fremont neighborhood, died

Faye G. Allen, ’50, mother of UW philanthropist Paul Allen and widow of Kenneth S. Allen, longtime director of the UW library system, died June 2. She was 90.

A book lover of the first order, Allen earned money for college working at university libraries and married Kenneth Allen, who served as director of UW libraries from 1960-82 and is the namesake for Allen Library. The Henry Art Gallery, meanwhile, has the Faye G. Allen Center for the Visual Arts and the Seattle Central Public Library is home to the Faye G. Allen Children’s Center.

Allen lived in a home on the Mercer Island estate of her son, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, that had room for 15,000 books. The Seattle Times reported that she catalogued all of the books on computer according to the Library of Congress System.

Faye Allen taught fourth grade and instilled such a love of books into her students that they returned many years later to thank her, family and friends said. Paul Allen said the fact that she developed Alzheimer’s disease led him to start the Allen Institute for Brain Science in 2003.—Julie Garner

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April 9. He was 86. • CHARLES W. CASSINELLI, professor emeritus of political science who also taught at Cal and Whitman College, died March 22. He was 88. • BEN DAVIDSON, '63, a Husky defensive lineman who played 11 years in the NFL, died July 2. He was 72. • JOHN ENSINCK, '62, a longtime faculty member at the UW School of Medicine who published more than 100 papers about diabetes, insulin and calcium metabolism, died May 20. He was 81. • MAX E. GELLERT, former CEO of ELDEC, a Lynnwood-based avionics company and a major supporter of the UW College of Engineering and UW Bothell, died April 27. He advocated for the UW Bothell campus, served for many years on the UW Bothell Advisory Board and generously made the first donation to the Bothell campus. He was 84. • ROBERT EUGENE GREEGO, who spent more than 30 years as a UW professor of anthropology, died May 8. He was an expert on Pre-Columbian Meso-American history and loved a good pun. He was 89. • JOHN HAMMERBACK, an affiliate faculty member and member of the graduate faculty in the Department of Communication, died May 9. His traveling exhibit on the life and career of Cesar Chavez was once on display at the UW. He was 73. • A. BASIL HARRIS, professor emeritus of neurosurgery, died May 6. A pioneer in neurosurgery technique and instrument design, he also loved the beach at Camano Island, where he lived.

He was 83. • DONALD W. JOHNSON, a painter and maintenance supervisor at the UW for 25 years, died March 28. He loved the University’s beautiful, old buildings. He was 63. • RICHARD O. KUMMERT, who held the D. Wayne and Anne Gittinger Professorship in the UW School of Law, died April 17. An expert in corporate law, he taught at the UW from 1964 to 2010.

JEAN Ash Reid
1926-2012

Jean Ash Reid, '47, who served on the UW School of Nursing Advisory Board and was an extraordinary supporter of the school, died May 12. She was 86.

Reid and her late husband, Bob, '48, donated $5 million in 1999 to endow scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate student nurses. They also endowed the School of Nursing Deanship with a gift of $3.5 million in 2006.

Bob Reid died in 2011. Both he and Jean experienced hospitalizations in their lives and came to strongly value the nursing profession because of its mission of caring. Nancy Woods, former dean of the School of Nursing, says that Jean saw nursing education as an important solution to the problems facing health care in Washington state.

The Reids, who were also longtime Tyee members and lifetime members of the UW Alumni Association, were honored with the School of Nursing’s Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2006 and the Peter Dyer Heart of Nursing Award in 2011.—Julie Garner

Alvin Ulbrickson Jr.
1930-2012

If ever there was a UW athlete whose life was all about the purple and gold, it was Al Ulbrickson Jr. (far right) who died July 6 at the age of 81. He was the son of a legendary UW rowing coach of the same name, a consummate oarsman and a member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic crew team that brought home a bronze medal in the coxed fours event at the Helsinki Games.

Both he and his father were inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame and both helped shape the UW athletic department and its rowing program.

Ulbrickson, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in physical education, devoted many years of service to the UW. He served first as dean of men and later as vice president of Student Affairs. Not one to retire to a life on the golf course, Ulbrickson served as executive director of the South Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce after he left the UW.

He was a spirited man with a wide smile and the ability to make people feel welcome. He was involved with Community Services for the Blind, Kiwanis and Seattle Junior Crew, and worked hard to promote the Junior Crew Rowing program at Green Lake. He is survived by his wife, Monica; daughter, Rinda; son Alvin III; and three grandchildren.—Julie Garner

He was 79. • RONALD EDWARD LUMAN, ’57, onetime managing partner of the Seattle office of Ernst and Young, died June 22. He was a founding member, trustee and president of the UW Accounting Development Fund, as well as a member of the President’s Club, Tyee Club, Tyee Sports Council and lifetime UWAA member. He was 80. • EDMOND MIGNON, ’59, an information scientist and UW iSchool faculty member for 30 years, died Jan. 17 in Tucson. He was a former officer of the Seattle Costume Guild and a prolific composer. He was 83. • TRAVIS ALAN MORGADO, ’09, a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, was killed May 23 while on patrol in Afghanistan. After graduating with his degree in civil engineering, the California native informed his family he wanted to join the military to give back to his country. He was 25. • BRENDA MOSS, one of the first to receive a lung transplant at UW Medical Center, died May 2. She was 71. • MARGARET RAYMOND, former director of undergraduate studies in the UW Chemistry Department, died April 20. She was 88. • JOHN E. STEWART, ’36, an orthopedic surgeon who taught at the UW Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center, died April 17. He was 100. • ALVIN J. THOMPSON, one of the physicians who started the African American Mentor Program at the UW School of Medicine, died May 21. He was also the co-founder and president of the Washington State Association of Black Professionals in Health Care. He was 88. • MARVIN RICHARD YOUNG, longtime clinical professor in dermatology in the School of Medicine, died March 12. He was 77.
The nationally ranked UW School of Public Health is renowned for its work in a variety of fields. But the school is just as well known for its distinctive logo, the Soul Catcher, a Northwest Indian symbol for physical and spiritual well-being. Designed in 1981 by Marvin Oliver, UW professor of American Indian Studies and an internationally acclaimed printmaker, the Soul Catcher symbolizes the school’s mission to promote better health, prevent illness and injury, and ensure more efficient and cost-effective health-care services through education, research and service.
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