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FULL OF LIGHT**

The Hilton Bowen Gardner Memorial Fountain—better known as the Jones fountain—has been welcoming students, alumni, and friends back “home” since the 1967-68 academic year.

Coming Home to Puget Sound

Hello, my fellow Loggers! It is such a thrill to be writing my first editor’s message to you—people whose lives were, like mine, shaped in the classrooms, conversations, and communities at the University of Puget Sound.

I have to admit, this new job still doesn’t feel quite real to me. I mean, this is *Arches*! I have been reading this publication faithfully since my graduation in 1994. Whether I was working at my first jobs at the *Tacoma News Tribune* and the *South Pierce County Dispatch* in Eatonville, or during my days at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Allentown Morning Call*, or even when I moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, where my husband (a fellow Logger) got a job as a professor, and I thought we’d stay two years, max—the arrival of *Arches* was always exciting and so very welcome. Reading it felt like going to a little Logger reunion, three times a year.



Meanwhile, that two-year stint in Canada turned into 21 years, nearly 13 of which I spent working in communications and editing *Wider Horizons*, the alumni magazine at Lethbridge Polytechnic. During that time, I dove into *Arches* as a proud grad and as an industry colleague who was inspired by the stories I read in its pages. Growing up with *Arches*—while growing as a professional—made it easy to say yes when I had the opportunity to “come home” to Puget Sound last summer as the *Arches* editor.

My plans for the magazine this first year are shaped by what you told the university you loved about this publication in the reader survey last May. So you’ll see more Class Notes and Scrapbook items, as well as some adjustments to the front of the magazine that we hope will give you a sense of what student life looks like today. I am also aiming to tell at least one story per issue this first year that spans the decades (as we’ve done in the feature on wonderful Logger love stories that starts on p. 12).

Aside from that, I want to keep *Arches* doing what it does best—celebrating the people who make Puget Sound so special and helping all of us feel connected to this place and each other. I want you to feel as excited to see this magazine in your mailbox as I have been these past 30 years. And I want to hear from you. Do you know an amazing grad with an inspiring story to share? Do you work with a group of Loggers across the decades? Did you meet fellow alumni in your travels or on the job? I’d love to hear about it. Email me at arches@pugetsound.edu.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the reality of my new job will have finally sunk in. Even when it does, though, I think I’ll still be feeling like the luckiest Logger around.

We hope you enjoy this issue! Thanks for reading.

—Lisa Kozleski '94

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The President's Perspective

On coming together as a community to support Tacoma's children's hospital.



The Arches team asked President Isiaah Crawford to share his thoughts on partnering with the community to benefit students and a good cause.

“The university was proud to host the 38th annual Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital Festival of Trees in late November and early December, an event that raised more than \$2.4 million to rebuild our community’s children’s hospital in Tacoma. Our tennis pavilion was transformed into a glittering, magical space that brought scores of people to campus to admire the trees and help the hospital reach its goal of opening the doors of its new facility in early 2026,” said Crawford.

“Hosting this event in support of our community’s youngest members is one of the many different ways our university works to be a good neighbor,” Crawford added. “And of course, the children’s hospital is a place where many of our graduates go on to work and many of our students get hands-on experience caring for patients during their experiential learning opportunities. These experiences bring classroom learning to life, which is fundamental to their liberal arts education.”

What We're Talking About on Campus



LONGTIME LOGGER LEADER RETIRES

Amy Hackett, the longest-serving athletic director in the history of the University of Puget Sound men's and women's athletic program, retired in December. In her 21 years heading up the Logger athletic program, Hackett oversaw 23 varsity teams involving nearly a third of all students. Upon arriving at Puget Sound in 2003, Hackett ushered in the organizational structure needed to meet the demands of the university's transition to NCAA Division III. During her two-decade tenure, Puget Sound won 36 Northwest Conference titles while competing in more than 110 NCAA championships.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Peter Hodum, professor of biology and chair of environ-

mental studies and sciences, was featured on the popular podcast **BirdNote** in October. In the **BirdNote Daily** segment, Hodum emphasized the importance of taking action, even if it is small, to address environmental issues to protect birds. His advice? If you can't directly contribute to a solution, find someone who can, and support their efforts.



A MUSICAL TRIBUTE

The Tacoma Concert Band, under the direction of the university's **Director of Bands Gerard Morris**, treated its audience to a powerful evening of music and community in November. "This Side of the Rainbow" was a tribute to the late Kevin Oldham, whose voice continues to inspire, even decades after his passing due to AIDS-related compli-

cations. Performed by pianist Kim Davenport, adjunct professor of musicology, the performance featured the premiere of Oldham's poignant *Concerto for Piano and Concert Band, Op 14*, which reflected his journey through illness, transforming his battle with HIV/AIDS into a moving and triumphant musical work and representing a voice for those silenced during a time of crisis and stigma.



LEARNING FROM LECTURES

The Puget Sound community was treated to world-renowned speakers on campus this fall, including:

—**Robin Wall Kimmerer**, renowned botanist, author, and Indigenous scholar, who captivated a sold-out audience in September with her insightful **Swope Endowed Lecture**. Known for her acclaimed book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer explored themes of restoration, reciprocity, and healing relationships with the natural world.

—**Frank Pasquale**, professor of law at Cornell Tech and Cornell Law School, who delivered the **Susan Resneck Pierce Lecture**

in October. In his talk, "AI vs. Democracy: Post-Truth Politics and Manipulated Publics," he explored how AI undermines democratic principles and discussed threats like predictive analytics and deepfakes.

—**David Latimer**, professor and chair of the Physics department at Puget Sound, who gave the 52nd **John D. Regester Lecture** in November, titled "Is It Correct? Particle Solutions to Cosmological Problems." He is the author of more than 30 peer-reviewed research articles, many of which Puget Sound students co-authored.

—And the **Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton '83**, a renowned pastor, theologian, and social justice advocate, who gave the keynote address at the university's **39th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration** in January. Braxton is a passionate advocate for racial, gender, economic, and environmental justice.



THEY'VE REGATTA KNACK FOR THIS

Members of the Physics Club put their problem-solving skills to the test in December as they set sail

across Wallace Pool in a fleet of boats they designed and built themselves.



A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SALMON

Students in **Prof. Dan Sherman's Intro to the Environment class** got up close and personal with salmon and other native species during a visit to South Prairie Creek Preserve last fall, where restoration efforts are underway to restore salmon habitat along this important tributary of the Carbon River.



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

The community came together in September at a tree-planting ceremony to celebrate the launch of the university's new core curriculum. The core curriculum is intertwined with every student's area of focus for all four years of college, offering them chances to branch out and make connections between different disciplines.

Ask the Expert: Regina Jorgenson '98 What to Expect from the Sky in 2025



After studying physics in the Honors Program at Puget Sound, Regina Jorgenson '98 dedicated her astrophysics career to exploring space, specifically galaxy formation and evolution. "I love astronomy because it has a built-in time machine," says Jorgenson, who also has master's and doctorate degrees in physics. "The farther away you look in space, the farther back in time you go." Jorgenson served as the director of astronomy for the Maria Mitchell Association and the director of the Maria Mitchell Observatory in Nantucket, Mass., since 2016, before recently joining the faculty at Cal Poly Humboldt in Northern California. —Amy Downey

MORE NORTHERN LIGHTS

The sun is working through its 11-year cycle and will still be in its most active phase, or "solar maximum," in 2025. The resultant geomagnetic activity created the aurora borealis many enjoyed in October, and it is expected to bring more northern lights in the coming months. Jorgenson advises using a camera's long exposure to best capture the vibrant colors of the light show.

TO THE MOON AND BACK

Astronomers are abuzz about preparations for the Artemis II moon mission scheduled for April 2026. "They won't land on the moon," says Jorgenson, explaining that the crew will instead orbit the moon and test systems. If all goes well, Artemis III may return people to the moon, including the first woman, in 2027.

THE NEXT SOLAR ECLIPSE

Jorgenson notes that North America will have to wait a couple of decades for a repeat of last spring's total solar eclipse. And the next one—in August 2044—will only be visible in three U.S. states: Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

GROUND-BREAKING NEW TELESCOPE

In August, the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile will begin surveying the entire night sky every few nights—providing astronomers with an unprecedented dataset poised to answer long-standing mysteries about everything from exploding stars to the nature of dark matter and dark energy.

Student Lands Prestigious Internship with the NIH

Ishaan Gollamudi '26 spent last summer participating in a highly coveted internship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Maryland. This prestigious opportunity allowed the Molecular and Cellular Biology major to apply his research skills, honed in the Thines Lab, and explore his passion for therapeutic applications in medicine.

It all started with a casual WhatsApp message from his father, who shared a link to the NIH internship program. Intrigued by the opportunity, Gollamudi immediately began the application process. After submitting his application and reaching out to several labs, he was thrilled to be selected as a research intern for the Aregger Lab. Gollamudi's role in the lab involved setting up a healthy cell control line using the CHyMERa system. This crucial step helped ensure that the targeted gene combinations would specifically kill cancer cells without harming normal cells.

The internship experience has significantly affected Gollamudi's future plans. He now aims to pursue a career in research with a focus on therapeutic applications. —Veronica Craker

Rankings and Recognition

The University of Puget Sound has been honored once again for its academic excellence, securing a spot among the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*. The university claimed the No. 95 spot in a highly competitive category among universities nationwide. Puget Sound was also recognized as a "Best Value School" moving up three spots to No. 81. The *U.S. News & World Report's* college guide is one of the most widely used and recognized college-ranking publications. Its annual rankings are based on 17 measures of academic quality, including but not limited to academic reputation, retention, graduation rate, faculty resources (including class size), student selectivity, and financial resources. "This honor affirms Puget Sound's commitment to academic excellence and our outstanding undergraduate experience," said President Isiaah Crawford. "While rankings are just one measure of success, they reflect our dedication to our mission to provide an education that prepares graduates to lead and innovate."



In addition to these rankings, Intelligent.com ranked Puget Sound's graduate programs among the best in the nation for 2025, underscoring the university's commitment to a high-quality education. And Puget Sound was ranked in the top 17 percent of the World University Rankings for International Students, reflecting a commitment to supporting students who call countries outside of the United States their home.

Your Letters



Cover story kudos

Your cover story [Autumn 2024, p. 14] is about joy and the article fills me with joy. I am so proud of the university for its involvement in this project. Impressive that Prof. **[Tanya] Erzen** and her colleagues could envision and execute such a powerful, life-changing and community changing endeavor! I can't imagine the hurdles that were overcome before getting to this point. Such a huge chunk of goodness coming out of one little corner of the university! I just keep saying: Wow! Wow! And wow!

David Erickson '65
Tacoma

More Loggers shaping sports biz

Like **John Weaver '98** and **Nasser Kyobe '13** mentioned at the start of "The Professionals" story [Autumn 2024, p. 26], I also played football for all four years at Puget Sound and coached two years after graduation, and I have been working in the Seattle

sports scene since 2021, where I am now the game entertainment assistant for the Seattle Seahawks.

So many recent Puget Sound graduates have successfully broken into the business of sports, many more than were included in the story. Here are a few other alumni who were student-athletes at the Div. III level and have gone on to make a difference in various sporting organizations:

- **Cade Bennett '22** (soccer), senior coordinator player relations, Major League Soccer
- **Quincy Bento '23** (soccer), retail coordinator,

Seattle Reign

- **Jackson Bolitho '22** (baseball), minor league development intern, Seattle Mariners

- **Dwight Jackson '19** (football), linebackers coach, McNeese State University

- **Meghan Jones '22** (soccer), senior retail coordinator, Seattle Reign

- **Zack Losack '19**, head strength and conditioning coach, Pacific Lutheran University

- **Jonah Mendelson '23** (football), events and operation manager, Tacoma Rainiers

- **Grace Pytnia-Hillier '23** (basketball), corporate partnership intern, Seattle Storm

- **Donovan Wilson '22** (basketball), Big Ten Fellow for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, University of Washington

We all have a story of how we got to where we are now, and while I enjoyed reading about other Loggers who have gone on to work in sports, I wanted to bring to light these other individuals who have managed,

networked, and succeeded in developing their own sports careers.

And although I never had a formal mentorship during my time as a student, Nasser informally mentored me starting my first year at Puget Sound, and we continue to have a great relationship today. When I see him every day, I can't help but smile at our Logger connections.

It is so cool to have so many Loggers in the world of sports!

Dominic Torregroza '22
Tacoma

Seeking alumni who remember a '72 event

I saw the memorial to **Bob Finney** [Autumn 2024 p. 40], and I could instantly see Bob's face. I remember Bob as always having a camera and taking pictures for the school paper.

I have a vivid memory of an evening in Jones Hall when Hal Holbrook presented his living history of Mark Twain. Bob was below the stage with his camera. As Mr. Holbrook began his

presentation, Bob snapped a couple of photographs, and of course, they were accompanied by the flash of his camera. Mr. Holbrook was startled, and unfortunately angered by the flashes of the camera. He suspended his presentation in mid-sentence and chastised Bob. The student body audience was startled and unanimously angered, and they elected to punish him by being totally silent with no applause for any of his performance.

However, in preparing this letter, I learned from the archivist that Mr. Holbrook did not actually perform on campus, but a different actor had, but the photo was not of the actor I remember from that night. Perhaps there is someone who remembers and can clarify.

Mark Johnson '74
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

From the editor: If you recall this event, email arches@pugetsound.edu, and we will forward your message to Mark Johnson. Thank you!

Innovative Program Receives Honors

The University of Puget Sound received the Beacon Award for Excellence in Student Achievement and Success by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities last fall, an honor that celebrates the transformative impact of the Freedom Education Project Puget Sound (FEPPS). The program, which was co-founded by Puget Sound professor Tanya Erzen and featured in the autumn 2024 issue of *Arches*, provides higher education opportunities for incarcerated female, transgender, and gender-nonconforming individuals at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor, Wash. "This award is a testament to Puget Sound's commitment to the liberating power of education," said **President Isiaah Crawford**. "Through Professor Erzen's leadership of FEPPS, we are providing pathways to academic and personal growth, and strengthening our communities."



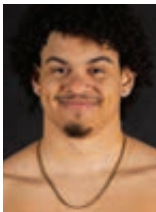
The Pride of Puget Sound

Congratulations to the following University of Puget Sound community members for making a difference in their work, teams, and communities:



—Logger volleyball player **Maddie Badger '28** was named the NCAA Div. III Region X Freshman of the Year, recognizing her exceptional performance throughout the season.

—**Suzanne Barnett**, professor emerita of history, was quoted in an article in *The News Tribune* about the centennial of Tacoma's Franke Tobey Jones retirement community. An early supporter of Puget Sound, Jones was deeply engaged in the Tacoma community; Jones Hall on campus is named in her honor.



—Logger swimmer **Jaden Francis '25** was in Budapest in December to represent Guam in the 2024 Swimming World Championships. Francis previously swam for Guam in the 2023 Pacific Games.

—Logger football receiver **Joe Gallagher '26** is leading the country in Div. III in a somewhat obscure stat—receptions (122) and receptions per game (13.6). That's thanks to the Loggers' pass-heavy offense and Gallagher's intense work ethic, which includes catching at least 100 passes a day.



—**Andrew Gomez**, associate professor of history, has a new book, *Constructing Cuban America: Race and Identity in Florida's Caribbean South, 1886–1945*, which explores the early Cuban American communities in South Florida and how race influenced their interactions with African Americans and Afro-Bahamians during the post-Civil War era.

—Master of Public Health student **Nicole Hirao MPH '25** is one of 97 graduate students nationwide who was selected to be a This Is Public Health Ambassador for the 2024–25 school year.

—**Chris Kendall**, chair and associate professor of politics and government, and **Patrick O'Neil**, professor of politics and government, received the IES Abroad Faculty-Led Program Award for Nationalism and Internationalism for their joint faculty-led trip to Amsterdam.



—Logger cross country runner **Ben Kerr '25** represented Puget Sound in the NCAA Div. III Nationals in Indiana in November. Kerr finished 123rd, improving on his 154th place last year. In this final race of the season, Kerr passed 44 runners over the 8-kilometer course with a final time of 25:19.08.



—*Adventures on the China Wine Trail*, a book by **Pierre Ly**, professor of international political economy, has been translated into Spanish and received a special mention from the International Organisation of Vine and Wine.

—**Andreas Madlung**, professor of biology, was recognized with the prestigious Lynwood W. Swanson Scientific Research Award by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust in November.

—**Emelie Peine**, professor and director of international political economy, co-wrote an op-ed in a recent issue of *Inside Higher Ed* titled "Stop with the Rural-Bashing on Campus."

—**Rachel Pepper**, William D. and Flora McCormick chair in biophysics and professor of physics, had a new article published in the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. The paper's first author is Matelich Scholar **Tia Böttger '24**, who contributed to the research and helped write the paper as an undergraduate summer research student.

—The American Philosophical Association awarded **Sara Protasi**, associate professor of philosophy, the 2024 Joseph B. Gittler Award for her book, *The Philosophy of Envy*.



—**Holly Roberts**, associate professor and director of physical therapy, published a new article in *Military Medicine* about establishing normative values for the Head Shake Sensory Organization Test (HS-SOT) in active-duty military personnel.

—**Brett Rogers**, professor of Greek, Latin, and ancient Mediterranean studies, had a chapter published last summer in *Artificial Intelligence in Greek and Roman Epic*. The chapter is titled "Cyber-Dogs, 'Gut Thinkings,' and the Limits of Recognition in Homer's *Odyssey*."



—**Alisun Thompson**, assistant professor in the school of education, co-published a significant book in November titled *Going the Distance: The Teaching Profession in a Post-COVID World*. The book discusses why the teaching profession has struggled to recover from the pandemic, and what can be done about it.



—**Luna Wagner '27** competed in the World Junior Ultimate Under-20 Championships in England this summer, helping Team USA capture the gold in the final match.

Classes for a Changing World

CONN 139: *The Wizard of Oz*

—with Gwynne Brown '95, Professor of Music

CLASS DESCRIPTION: *The Wizard of Oz* is a classic 1939 film musical that not only tells a great story through song, dance, and dazzling visuals, but also has provided a rich text for scholars from a rainbow of different disciplines to examine and interpret. This course, offered in fall 2024, used the movie as a starting place for connecting with classmates, exploring the liberal arts, and as an intriguing metaphor for the beginning of the college experience.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Like the other new 100-level Connections courses, CONN 139 combined an exploration of the course theme with discussions and activities to help first-year students thrive in college. We looked at *The Wizard of Oz* through disciplinary lenses including history, sociology, philosophy, music, and dance studies. The movie sparked lots of valuable conversations: Where can you find support? What obstacles do you face? How do you handle disillusionment? What does collaboration look like? Who is a leader?

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE... THE MURRAY BOARDROOM? The class project was a free participatory screening of the movie in the Murray Boardroom. Audience members received goody bags with props to use throughout the movie—kazoos, “apples” (actually red beanbags) to throw, and bubbles for Glinda’s appearances. Three string players in the class performed “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” before the show. Students held up cue cards so the audience knew when to boo, chant, or applaud. It was a big success!

THE PROF'S PERSPECTIVE: I created this course because I love *The Wizard of Oz*, and I knew it would offer endless material for students to think about and discuss. The movie really resonates with the first-year college experience: new experiences and friendships, creativity and resilience in the face of challenges, and more. I didn't realize when I proposed CONN 139 that *Wicked* would hit theaters during the semester! The whole class got to see it in November, and we enjoyed dissecting it together.

Classes for a Changing World is a new regular feature in Arches that will spotlight one of the scores of inspiring, innovative, and timely courses offered each semester.

Logger Lookback

Saying 'I Do' on Sadie Hawkins Day

Welcome to our first installment of **Logger Lookback**, a peek into Puget Sound's pictorial past.

In this archive photo from 1968, we find a scene from Puget Sound's annual Sadie Hawkins dance. **Susan Martin Ricklefs '71** and **Michael Rich '70** were named Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner, and **Chaplain Jeff Smith '62** served as Marryin' Sam to preside over the traditional mock wedding ceremony. The university celebrated Sadie Hawkins Day through the 1980s.

Were you lucky enough to attend a Sadie Hawkins dance, turnabout, or tolo at Puget Sound? Share your memories and photos by sending a letter to the editor at arches@pugetsound.edu. —Amelia Hooper



Celebrating Teaching Excellence



Sam Kigar, an associate professor in the Department of Religion, Spirituality, & Society, received the 2024 President's Excellence in Teaching Award, the highest distinction given to a faculty member for exceptional contributions to teaching and the university community. Kigar says he is deeply committed to building strong relationships with his students, fostering a learning environment that sparks passion and encourages collaborative thinking.

At the heart of his approach to teaching is a question that resonates with the broader goal of creating a respectful, inclusive classroom: “How are we going to get along? How are we going to make it from here to our homes, or to our collective

home?” As Kigar explains, this challenge ties directly to the task of fostering solidarity, friendship, and companionship. “And that's the task we have to work on in the classroom,” he says.

This year, in addition to Kigar, both **Tanya Erzen**, professor of religion, spirituality, & society and director of the crime, law, & justice studies minor, and **Hajung Lee**, associate professor of religion, spirituality, & society and bioethics, received prestigious teaching awards. With these honors, all faculty in the religion department at the University of Puget Sound have now been recognized for their outstanding teaching. The department remains deeply committed to meeting the evolving needs of students and exploring the real-world implications of religious studies. —Frances Edwards-Hughes '27

What Makes Relationships Thrive or Dive?

Professor of Psychology David Moore on what leads to satisfaction and stability in romantic relationships.

BY LISA KOZLESKI '94

David Moore is the go-to scholar on campus when it comes to questions about romantic relationships and what makes them work. He has been teaching and writing about adolescent and adult development, relationships, and teen parenting at Puget Sound since 2002, and has maintained a part-time clinical practice specializing in psychotherapy with individuals and couples. Alumni who attended the Jan. 16 Loggers Keep Learning event in Spokane, Wash., were treated to Moore's presentation on thriving relationships and key predictors of relationship success.

The Arches team asked Moore to share some highlights from that talk with alumni readers who couldn't make the event. Here's what he had to say—and if you want to learn more, check out the extended Q&A with Moore online at puget-sound.edu/arches.

We'd love it if you'd start by sharing a few key predictors of relationship success.

Expressing at least five times as much positivity and warmth to negativity is very important. We can think of this as making “deposits” in your relationship “bank account,” which can help create a surplus of positivity to draw upon when the inevitable challenges and conflicts arise. Another specific form of positivity that is important is what scholars John and Julie Gottman describe as “turning toward” vs. “turning away” or “against.” This involves engaging with your partner in various small ways that really add up over time in their impact. And finally, successful couples tend to have a strong sense of being a “we” vs. being two separate individuals. Couples who are happy and stable have a sense of functioning as a team and their language reflects this.

What about predictors of divorce and dissatisfaction?

One of the best-known findings from John Gottman's research is what he ominously

“It's a lot easier to steer a ship to safety before it gets too close to a cascading waterfall.”

labeled the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.” This dramatic title was given because the finding that when all four of these toxic communication patterns are present for a couple when engaging in conflict, this predicts divorce with approximately 95 percent accuracy. What are these destructive communication patterns? They include criticism, defensiveness, contempt, and stonewalling. Of the Four Horsemen, contempt is by far the most toxic and destructive. This can be expressed in various verbal and nonverbal ways, including eye-rolling, biting sarcasm or mocking, and expressions of disgust toward one's partner. Many couples show some of the Four Horsemen at some points. In fact, it is hard in a long-term relationship to completely prevent all of these. But couples for whom contempt becomes a more common occurrence for one or both partners are often in serious trouble when it comes to risk for divorce or dissolution.

Is there anything a couple can do if they are headed into the “danger zone” of their relationship?

Thankfully, there is a “secret weapon” couples can use to de-escalate conflict and counter any or all of the Four Horsemen when they show up. This comes in the form of “repair attempts,” which involve various strategies that serve the function of regrouping as a couple and shifting the dynamic from “fighting” against each other to collaborating with each other against whatever problem is arising in

the relationship. Common examples include the use of warm, connecting humor to lighten things up (if and only if one's partner is open to this), apologizing and taking responsibility for one's own contribution to the conflict at hand, or even saying something like, “Can I call a truce?”

Are there any other insights from your clinical practice you'd like to share?

I would start by highlighting the central role of forgiveness in maintaining and repairing relationships. The reality is that long-term relationships are going to inevitably involve hurts, big and little, unintentional or otherwise. Finding a way to reach a place of forgiveness is critical to prevent these hurts from growing into resentment, lingering anger, and bitterness, which will erode not only the relationship but also the physical and mental health of the partner who holds on to these negative emotions. Now, to be clear, I am not suggesting that a partner should “put up” with egregious behaviors such as abuse, coercive power, or neglect. There are certainly some situations in which the appropriate and healthy response is to exit a relationship. But, even in cases of severe wrongs or where the relationship ends, I would say that, eventually coming to a place of forgiveness is an important part of that partner's healing journey. Ultimately, when we forgive, it is ourselves we are “letting off the hook,” not the person who has wronged us.

Any other last words of wisdom when it comes to relationships?

I would just end by encouraging readers not to hesitate to seek out professional help and/or self-help resources when needed or—even better—sooner than needed. My favorite couples to work with are ones that seek help before things get dire. It is a lot easier to steer a ship to safety before it gets too close to a cascading waterfall.



Psychology professor David Moore is the go-to scholar on campus when it comes to questions about romantic relationships and what makes them work. He has taught at Puget Sound since 2002.

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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

A late afternoon rain shower on Nov. 22 led to the brief appearance of this dazzling rainbow stretching from one end of campus to the other.







We met...

...at E9
...after class
...at the SUB
...in our dorm
...in the Cellar
...on Union Ave.
...during Passages
...at the Fieldhouse
...in Diversions Café
...during move-in day
...at an off-campus party
...walking across campus
...at a taco potluck shabbat dinner
...working for KUPS, The Trail, or Tamanawas

...and fell in love at Puget Sound

Loggers share their love stories

INTRODUCTION BY LISA KOZLESKI '94
ILLUSTRATIONS BY KELSEY DAVIS

My Logger love story started at Langlow House on move-in day in August 1990. I took a break from bringing boxes up to my second-floor room and went around to introduce myself to my new housemates, and when I knocked on a first-floor door, a guy with sparkly hazel eyes answered. I put out my hand and introduced myself, my giant, late-'80s curls bouncing as I spoke.

Nearly two years later, when **John Harding '94** and I finally started dating, we both recalled feeling a whoosh, or a spark, or a whirl of butterflies moving through us when we shook hands that first time. In September, after navigating eight moves, spoiling five dogs, living in four countries, and raising three kids, the two of us will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.

When the *Arches* team put out the call for Logger love stories last fall, we felt pretty confident we'd get a good response. You don't need to look past the Class Notes and Scrapbook sections to get the sense that loads of alumni met their partners at Puget Sound. But we were not prepared for the flood of replies—41 of them, to be precise, from alumni across more than seven decades, with more than 10,000 words reflecting on romances that started in classrooms, over coffees, at dances, or on blind dates.

We encourage you to read the entire batch of stories online at pugetsound.edu/arches. And starting on the next page, our hearts are full to share highlights from each Logger love story we received.

1960s

**Ann Albertson Deal '61
and E. Fred Deal '61**

Ann and I fit this description perfectly! And we are still going strong after 64 years of marriage. We became an item [my sophomore year] and were engaged at Christmas of my junior year and were married the week after I graduated. We are now 84 and 85 and have 11 grandchildren and one (almost two) great-grandchildren. Life is good.

**Claudia Ingalsbe Vedvick '66 OT'67
and Tom Vedvick '66**

It was the fall of 1965. I went to the dorm to pick her up and when she came out to the lobby, I was immediately smitten. She was beautiful with sparkling blue eyes and long blond hair. We danced the night away and had a wonderful time. Fifty-nine years later, we are still together, very much in love, and always holding hands.

**Jim Reuter '69
and Georgette Reuter '71**

One day, while Jim was taking informal photos [for *Tamanawas*], he stopped by my ceramics class and snapped some quick photos. Days later, he handed me a photo. As I looked up at Jim, he replied "You have a pretty smile!" Two years later, in June 1971, we were married in Kilworth Chapel. To this day, we still love taking strolls together on the beautiful campus.

1970s

**Kathleen Seaton Ashley '70
and Wes Ashley**

I met my husband, Wes Ashley, at an all-city dance in the Fieldhouse in October 1968, [and] in April 1969, we got engaged and Wes was deployed to Vietnam. I continued my studies, catching glimpses of his unit in the newspaper. After Wes returned home safely from Vietnam, we were married. We have been married 54 years [and] I am very glad I went to that all-city dance.

**Roland Stout '76
and Linda Woodson '76**

One Tuesday evening, as we were sitting in Linda's dorm room, a sense of peace came over me and I knew it was the right time. So I said: "Linda, I love you. Between you, me, God, and the bedpost, will you marry me?" She said: "Yes, but ask me again in broad daylight." I did, and she said yes again. The weekend after our graduation in 1976, we were married in Kilworth Chapel.

1980s

**Hilary Benson Gangnes '80, JD'84,
P'08 and Byron Gangnes '82, P'08**

On opening night of a play Byron was in, I sent him a telegram from London that said: "Break a leg! P.S. Will you marry me?" I mistakenly thought that a paper telegram would be delivered to him at the Inside Theatre. Instead, as Byron recounts it, "some strange man from Western Union called me up and asked me to marry him."

**Patricia Clark '81
and Bernard Kravitz '81**

One day, as I received a postcard from home with a photo of an antelope, a guy checking his mail from Massachusetts commented in his most authoritative, biology major voice that "there are no antelope in Montana!" Of course I set him straight, and thus began a lifetime of fact-checking on my part. [Later, at the Old City Ball,] we danced the night away and eventually married.

**Michael Hudspeth '82
and Mary Hudspeth '83**

Dejectedly walking back to my dorm, I happened to run into Mary, who gave me a big hug and wished me a happy birthday. [She and her friends] brought me my cake later that night. Two weeks later I was returning from a trip and, as I entered Todd Hall, Mary just "happened" to be sitting in the foyer reading a book. We just celebrated 40 years of marriage.

**Erin Blitz '83
and Jon Blitz '83**

On my graduation night, our house had a party. A group of friends and a case of champagne made for a fun evening. The resulting two-day hangover let Jon and me spend some quality time together. He bravely shared how he felt about me and invited me to leave with him for graduate school. A few weeks later I made the hardest, yet smartest decision of my life, and we packed his VW Bug and moved to Colorado to start our life together. It was a 41-year amazing adventure. Jon died of brain cancer Sept. 29, 2024.

**Mitzi Heintz Hadley '87
and Mark Hadley '87**

We both lived in Todd Hall, had our first date at Pizza and Pipes, and have been together ever since! We each survived a couple apartment moves with various roommates, Mitzi passed her BASIC programming class due to Mark's computer skills, Mark survived "starving student status" due to Mitzi's cooking skills—and the rest is history!

1990s

**Erik Johnson '91 and Kimberly
Rountree Johnson '92**

Our first date was at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium during holiday Zoo Lights. We dated for five years during an era without email or texting, surviving my nine-month Pac Rim trip with recorded cassette tape letters. We are forever grateful for our time at Puget Sound and the love story that began on Union Avenue.

**Steph Jaouen '93
and Brynn Starr '94**

Steph and Brynn met in January 1991 as Tri Delta sisters, and they soon became close friends. Since Steph was a year ahead of Brynn, they seemed to always be in different phases of life, and they said that is part of what delayed them officially getting together. "But

there was always a really strong connection,” Steph says. In 2003, the moment they were waiting for when everything aligned finally arrived, and they have been together ever since. In 2011, they had their son Kellan (and were the first same-sex couple to both be named as parents on a birth certificate in Pierce County), and in 2014, they married.

—Story by Genna Duniway '28

**Piper Roelen '95
and Andrea Egans Roelen '96**

Piper and Andrea began dating in February 1994 shortly after a magical evening together at the Kappa Alpha Theta Mystery Dance. ...For 26 years, they have been best friends, outdoor adventurers, world travelers, devoted parents to two beautiful girls, dog owners, a professional engineer and a volleyball club director—happy, healthy, thankful, and blessed.

**Brian Galicia '96
and Lisa Galicia '98**

Lisa and I met when I was walking with a fraternity brother to the SUB for dinner. Lisa asked about me through a mutual friend, and soon after, I got her contact information and arranged our first date. We had dinner at the Ram on the Ruston Way waterfront and went ice skating. We just celebrated 25 years and look forward to many more.

**Tamara Johnstone-Yellin '99
and Jason Johnstone '98**

I dropped Jason at the airport, expecting to never see him again. [Later] I headed to the computer lab [and] my heart leapt at the sight of his name already in my inbox. In May, we will celebrate 23 years of marriage and 27 years since that day we bared our hearts, did terribly on our finals, and thought we'd never see each other again.

Jonathan Price '99 and Katherine Hagerman Price '99

South 8th and Alder. The Party House. We eventually realized this was where

we met, in the laundry room, at a party, during Passages our first year. But our love blossomed a couple weeks later between a double feature of *Clueless* and *The Net*, with a group of new friends from Harrington Hall. We just celebrated 25 years of marriage, and 29 years as “Jon and Kate.”

2000s

**Caitlin Dreyfus Stetner '04
and Kyle Stetner '04**

It was “love at first sight,” except I remembered meeting him twice before. I was walking back to Anderson/Langdon from the gym and he ran out to talk to me from the stairs at Todd/Phibbs. A magnetic pull. Now, as we conquer a busy phase of life, our kids howl when we kiss—but I think some day, they'll know they're so lucky.

**Vincent Maurer '04, DPT'07
and Alexandria Galvan Maurer '07**

Though the Dining Staff during 2006-07 were a mixed lot, we think at least some of them were Cupids in disguise. When one of us would come through the cafeteria, certain dining staff members would note where we sat, usually upstairs. When the next to come in made it to the registers, the staff would smile teasingly and mention, “Oh, I think he's sitting upstairs today.” When we graduated, we took a picture with the Dining Staff to celebrate with them. They are the reason we studied and ate together more, which led to dating, 15 years of marriage, and having kids.

**Aubrey Shelton '05
and Courtney Knippel Shelton '05**

Neither of us was looking for a long-term relationship, but the more we grew to know each other, we inevitably knew we had found “the one,” and we became a couple over that first winter break. We

have so many memories on campus—classes together, performing a junior and senior recital, Hawaii house functions, basketball games, and discovering our career paths as secondary educators.

**Andrew VanZandt '05
and Amy VanZandt '06**

Our first interaction, we ate lunch alone, sitting across the table from each other



in the SUB lounge, both silently reading the *New York Times*. When you finished eating, you said, “Good talk, Amy,” and left. I was confused, and amused, and surprised that you knew my name. It's been almost 20 years since our first kiss, and we've built an amazing life together full of sweet surprises.

**Eddie Monge '06
and Sara Pasquariello Monge '07**

I played baseball, and she tagged along to a game with her friend, who introduced the two of us at the field, and we took the bait, striking up a conversation

about both being Colorado natives. We fell for each other, spending every waking hour together or IMing each other, which wasn't good for our upcoming final exams, but there were more important matters at hand.

Kainoa Higgins '08, MAT '09 and Molly Gibson Higgins '11, MAT '12
My husband and I likely met some time during my freshman (his senior) year, crossing paths in the Fieldhouse through athletics or Greek life. We were out of touch for a couple of years, until a fateful meeting at Magoo's Annex brought us back in touch and led to a first date at The Matador downtown.

Lauren Reed '09 and Nick Reed '09
He worked at Diversions Café; I worked at the SUB. He'd come through my line where I was a cashier, and I'd peek

thinking he had the bluest eyes I'd ever seen, looking at me over a latte.

Tom Glassman '09 and Deanna Glassman '09
The night of our first date, our baseball coach had us run sprints well into the night, [and I arrived] at her door 1.5 hours late. Sore, late, embarrassed, and hungry, we finally sat down at the corner table where I would ask her to marry me three years later. This year, we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary.

AJ Middleton '09 and Jessica Scarsella '10
We met in Kate Stirling's Gender and Economy class. [Our friends] brought us together one night at the Rock Pizza. As I got to know AJ in class, I fell for how thoughtful he was and how much he genuinely respected women. Fifteen years later, I am still proud of the husband, father, and professional AJ is.

2010s

Jenny Barron Krueger '11 and Braydn Krueger
Braydn visited me in University Hall, then in the Humanities House. He laughed upon entering my dorm room on the weekend of graduation—nothing was packed. I couldn't bear to do it after completing my final finals, choosing instead to wander the land and buildings, trying to sear it into my heart. My two great loves and me. My simple engagement ring binding us all together.

Shana Tsukiyama Hedge '12 and Tim Hedge '12
Sophomore year, we moved into the same off-campus house.

Between sharing walks to and from the SUB, spending time at the Cellar where he worked, and late-night finals studying, we started dating. Our story really took off from there! We took

classes together, performed together in Luau activities, and graduated as business majors. We've been married for eight years and live in Texas with our four cats!

Evan Eckles '13 and Gabby Paz '14
It was almost love at first meet. I played on an intramural volleyball team with his Sigma Chi brothers, and he attended every match after we met, [and I attended] his musical performances. In 2012, we went on our first date and the rest is history. I gifted Evan a tie on our wedding day that featured a topographic map of campus printed on it to commemorate where our story started.

Rafi Ronquillo '14 and Rachel Moore '16
My housemates and I were hosting a taco potluck shabbat dinner. By the time Rafi got there, the tacos were gone. He was cute and looked hungry, so I heated up some leftover veggie chili. [Later, at a KUPS dance party,] we danced for hours, and eventually, Rafi looked at me and said: "I think I'm going to go home. Do you—do you want to go home with me?" We've pretty much been together ever since.

Megan Lambert '15 and Ross Macausland '16
Our courtship took us all over campus—sitting under and admiring the Chihuly installation in Wyatt, my stomping grounds as an English major, and perusing books in the physics library in Thompson, Ross's regular spot, to Greek formal events, and "studying" for hours in the basement study rooms in Collins, where we shared our hopes and dreams for the future.

Joey Randazzo '16 and Emily Bowman Randazzo '17
I was back in Tacoma after my time abroad and was at Joey's graduation party. When I saw him, I skipped the pleasantries and went right to "Thought



over the counter to chat while he pulled shots at the espresso machine. He later told me he'd get nervous when I came to visit and mess up the orders; I remember

you'd never see me again, huh?" We only had three weeks together before he moved overseas, and I fell for him. ... Seven years later, we're married and have a giggly 14-month-old son. I fall for him more every day.

**Bella Wong '16
and Allison Nasson '18**

Allison and Bella met in Diversions Cafe in the fall of 2013 [and] a couple of months later, returned there for one of their first dates. They explored Tacoma together... and when Allison studied abroad through the Pacific Rim program, Bella visited her in Hong Kong. ... On New Year's Eve 2020, Bella proposed to Allison on the Diversions patio, and in July 2023, they married.

Amanda Klein '17

It probably began at a table in the SUB, the meeting of two strangers more alike than anyone realized, whose lives would remain intertwined for years to come. While neither was intended for the other, like a compass finds north, they found each other, and like magnets they returned to each other, for better or for worse. Their love was one clouded by youth and hubris and marred by fraught friends and disparate personal histories, and yet at the time, it felt as true and fated as any. Distance may have dissolved their union, but Puget Sound will always know their story.

**Christopher Pomeranke Pomden '17
and Madison Bowden Pomden '17**

We met on our first day during orientation week, and met again in my first ever college course, "Homer to Hitchcock." He was late to class on the first day, drawing much attention to himself as he barreled in after having gone to the wrong classroom. After many weeks of debating how he would talk to me, he bravely asked me to coffee at Oppenheimer, and the rest was history!

**Zoe Weinberg '18
and Charlie Bjork '18**

We started running from Thompson Hall, weaving our way down to the Ruston Waterfront through Puget Park. Our pace in perfect sync, but what I loved most was our conversation—non-stop and easy. Before long, those runs turned into senior formal dates, and soon enough, into something more. Fast forward to 2023. Charlie and I crossed the finish line of the Philadelphia Marathon, side by side again. The moment was pure joy, even with sore legs. But just when I thought the runner's high was fading, Charlie, wobbling a little from all the miles, got down on one knee and asked me to run through life with him.

**Kian Genteman '18
and Eada Gendelman '19**

When I was moving into Anderson/Langdon, I had plans of being an independent single woman for the entirety of college. The minute I stepped on campus, I met a handsome sophomore volunteering for move-in day. He carried my belongings up to my third story dorm room and I thought that was that. Fast forward nine years, and we just celebrated our wedding in Colorado surrounded by fellow Loggers.

**Casey O'Brien '18
and Tyler Randazzo '19**

We met as editors on *The Trail*. Eight years, many outdoor adventures, a dog, and a pandemic later, we got married on a perfect autumn day at a winery near my parents' home in California, and danced the night away like we did at so many house parties in Tacoma. At the end of the night, the A3 comet, which circles the earth once every 80,000 years, flew over our heads. We think that's a pretty good omen for our married life to come.

2020s

**Noah Dillon '20
and Rachael Stegmaier '21**

He was the first and only person I met up with from a dating app. I was drawn in by his opening question: "What's your favorite type of cheese?" On our second date, he made me homemade bread and soup, and I knew he was a keeper. When COVID hit, Noah drove us to the Southwest ... Three years later, we are on the brink of another move to North Carolina.

**Alyssa Erickson '23
and Joe Schwab '24**

I would bump into Joe, and I always found myself drawn to his goofy energy. The following semester, we were in the same finance class. I had been offered a full-time internship, and Joe offered to tutor me to help with my coursework. What started as simple tutoring sessions turned into long walks and sunset watching, where we deepened our conversations and truly got to know each other.

And a faculty love story

**Ariela Tubert
and Justin Tiehen**

We met as graduate students in philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin and married in 2008 while already in the philosophy faculty at Puget Sound. [On campus], we kept an office between ours. And we both had experiences like this: one of us mentions in a class that we are married, and some students gasp because they've had classes with both of us and didn't realize it.

Want to share your own Logger love story? Email it (250 words max, please) to arches@pugetsound.edu, and we'll add it to our online story.



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LAEL WILCOX '08 recently set a new Guinness record for circumnavigating the globe by bike. This photo was taken by her partner Rugile Kaladyte on June 19, 2024, in Bosnia Herzegovina in the midst of her record-setting ride.



STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND
STAFF REFLECT ON WHY CYCLING
IS 'A GREAT WAY TO MOVE
AROUND THE WORLD'



THE SOUND
OF FREEDOM
AND JOY

STORY BY CURTIS GILLESPIE

PHOTOS BY ALEX CROOK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

If you ride a bike anywhere around Puget Sound, maybe this will sound familiar. You could be on Vashon Island, or sailing down 30th Street, or heading home from Mount Rainier. There might come a moment, a stretch of road, a bit of path. Maybe it lasts a few seconds, maybe a minute. You might cover half a block or half a mile. Dirt path or winding tarmac. You might be with friends or on your own. Often, it's on the slightest of downhills, a feeling intensified if you've already gone up.

Whatever the circumstances, you are riding along and then there it is, the moment, that transition from effort to effortless. You're floating. Yes, technically you're pedaling. But suddenly you aren't even on a bike. You're a hawk on a downdraft, a twig on a current. You are part of a gorgeous contraption eating up the road. It fills you up. The flow. The joy.

Lael Wilcox '08 knows all about that. She has probably felt that exhilaration in more places than any cyclist on earth, given that she recently set a new Guinness record for circumnavigating the globe by bike. *Rouleur* magazine recently held its annual show in London, a two-day extravaganza of all things cycling. Tour de France winners were in attendance, but one of the most viewed exhibits was the bike Wilcox used on her global ride. She is that celebrated.

Wilcox was born and raised in Alaska, and didn't leave the state until she moved south to attend Puget Sound. She began cycling after high school, though, as she says, she thought of it as more transport than sport. It was a means of utilitarian freedom. She traveled for seven years on a bike before she even entered a race. "It was a way to see the world and learn about it," she says. "But it just kept staying so exciting and so full of learning about myself. I

planet and within herself. "Sometimes I'll even do something way out of my comfort zone just to see how I'll react," she says. "I think I'm drawn to what I haven't tried before."

Inspiration comes in all sizes and shapes. **Emma Smith '25**, who is majoring in theatre arts and international political economy, says her hometown of Los Angeles wasn't the best cycling environment, but her father was a keen mountain biker, and so they rode in and around LA, Malibu, even up at Mammoth. She's

used to hills, which is fortunate, she says, because there are a few of those around Tacoma. "My favorite is to bomb down 30th Street," she says, laughing. "It's a big hill, and once you're at the bottom, you're basically at the Sound. Swan Creek Park is also beautiful and PSO (Puget Sound Outdoors) goes there a lot."

PSO provides student-led experiences that connect students with each other and the environment. Smith, a senior, says the rides are great exercise and a good way to see the area and be part of a community, but more than anything, it's about those magical moments when you're "earning your turns" and flying along. "It's just so freeing."

Claire Bargman '26, who is majoring in biology and environmental policy and decision making, says she believes cycling invokes another kind of reward, one she calls the butterfly effect. Bargman grew up in Minnesota and chose Puget Sound for the ecosystem at two levels: it offered nicer winters than Minnesota and it was such rich ground for her studies. "There's this giant ripple effect on our lives that cycling creates," says Bargman. "Cycling led to teaching mountain biking, and from



EMMA SMITH '25
Mountain biker; loves bombing down 30th Street on her bike

that, my boss encouraged me to teach cross-country skiing. After instructing both sports, I figured it'd be fun to work at the local bike and ski shop. This pushed me to work in skiing out in Colorado during a gap year. It really led into a whole trajectory of education and learning."

The joy Bargman finds in cycling lies in the way it both commands her attention and allows her to see outside herself. She has also found it gratifying to teach cycling to young girls who might be timid at the start. It's all part of the butterfly effect, a wing of existence beating gently to create a breeze that helps propel movement forward. "There's no doubt cycling unlocked one door and allowed for so many others to open up."

Students like Bargman and Smith take classes, ride bikes, and are open to new ideas. These and other factors led Professor **Bill Kupinse** to create and run a new course this year, Writing Bikes. Kupinse, who has been teaching English at Puget Sound for two decades, realized once settled in Tacoma that he derived the most consistent joy riding his bike every day to and from campus. "I don't think people in cars could say that," he adds.



CLAIRE BARGMAN '26
Mountain biker; says cycling allows her to see outside herself

didn't realize I had that kind of capacity until I went and did it."

It's what attracts Wilcox to her bike. That she can still push it, still love it, still find new places to go, both on the

It dawned on Kupinse that there was a substantial literature around bicycles and cycling. So he created a new syllabus and held the Writing Bikes course last fall with 19 students. Kupinse says he wanted to use literature to explore how the bicycle has been a vehicle of social activism, from the suffrage movement more than a century ago to the fight for climate justice today. Writing Bikes combines Kupinse's experience teaching creative writing and environmental humanities with cycling, bike repair, and writing in all genres. "We read bike-related fiction, memoir, and journalism," he says. "Students produced their own bike-centered creative writing. We biked from campus to Vashon Island on a class field trip. For their final exam, students built a bike together from old parts."

Kupinse believes there's a natural affinity between cycling and writing. "Cycling is this portal into a uniquely joyful and meditative space. Writing involves a similar kind of reflection. I wanted this class to help us think about the connection between the two."

Cycling is so often about joy and contemplation, but for **Clara Brown '17** it was linked to healing. Brown suffered a gymnastics accident in March 2008 when she was 12 years old. She crushed two

vertebrae, damaged her spinal cord, and was paralyzed from the neck down. After intensive therapy and rehab, she was able to eventually walk again but with limitations to her mobility. Another stop along the healing path was a hip replacement in 2011. She joined her high school rowing team as a coxswain, but she was still searching for an athletic and competitive outlet under her own power.

Brown stepped into the cox role for the university's rowing team upon her arrival at Puget Sound. One of her rowers mentioned he worked in a bike shop. She

told him she aspired to be more active. "He suggested I get a road bike and ride for fitness and to relieve stress and to get all those other benefits that cycling brings," she recalls. "I was concerned how I'd work the brakes or do the shifting. He was adamant that a bicycle is an adaptive tool and that there were plenty of ways to modify a bike to fit me."

Brown went home to Maine that summer and worked with a local bike store to find technical solutions in adapting a bike. "I remember when I went home with the bike for the first time, I was literally giddy," she says. "That first ride on my new bike, a bike built for me, I remember it so well. I was unsteady. My dad was nervous. But it all came back to me so quickly. The first couple miles were nerve-wracking, but by the end I was just so thrilled! I couldn't get enough."

Back on campus that fall, she joined a cycling club and rode all through college. After graduating, while working as a cycling tour guide for a large international company, she met a person on the U.S. Paralympic Advisory Committee. He spotted her raw athletic gifts and linked her up to the Olympic and Paralympic communities. In June 2018, she attended a talent identification camp and showed great potential. After that, she raced in a World Cup event, came in third, and kept going from strength to strength, medal



CLARA BROWN '17
Road racer; won a bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris



BILL KUPINSE
English professor - Commutes by bike; sees a natural affinity between cycling and writing

to medal, title to title. The culmination, to date, of Brown's astonishing athletic ascent came at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. Brown knew that the road race was her best chance to medal, and that's where she put her focus and energy. "I was anxious about it," she says. "Because with road racing, anything can happen. So much is out of your control." After a frantic sprint finish between four riders, Brown came away with a bronze medal.

"I'm just so proud of it," says Brown. "My family was at the finish line. It was so emotional to win that medal for all those people who've been helping literally since the day I had my accident. It just shows how influential the bicycle has been in my life."

That sense of exploration, of pushing boundaries, doesn't just apply to elite athletes. **Patty English**, manager of administration with Facilities Services, began riding to accompany her

son as he tried to earn his Scouts merit badge in cycling. On one of their first rides, they did 13 miles and during the ride English thought she was going to keel over. "But you know what?" she laughs. "When we got back, I thought, wow, that was really fun. I actually like this."

English kept on cycling and found the more she rode, the more she loved it. At one point, after about five years of riding, her old road bike was stolen, which allowed her to upgrade to a better bike. She'd been riding purely

for pleasure on weekends, but the positive reinforcement of having a great bike meant she began riding more and more. So she upgraded again to a full carbon road bike and now rides nearly every day. "Riding is about the pleasure for me," says English. "But it's more than that. I find when I'm riding, I get into this state of mental clarity. It's almost euphoria. I could solve all the world's problems!"

English has now cycled in many countries around the world and has plans in the works to ride in Canada, Ireland, and Croatia. "Not quite as many [places] as my hero, Lael



PETER HODUM

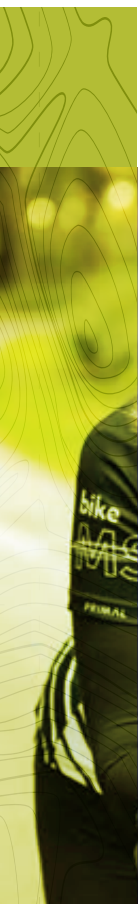
Biology professor - Lifelong cyclist and bike commuter; sees connection between cycling and teaching

Wilcox!" she says. "But when you're on a bike, you're part of the environment in a way that you aren't in a car. It just offers this feeling of being free of everything and free from everything. The stress, the worry, it all disappears."

Puget Sound is a great place to be part of the environment, since it's one of the world's richest ecosystems. **Peter Hodum**, professor of biology and chair of the Environmental Studies and Sciences department, has been on faculty since 2005. He's a lifelong cyclist and bike commuter. "It's so enjoyable," he says, "but it's valuable, too, for environmental reasons. It's just a great way to move around the world."

There is a strong connection between his teaching and cycling, in that it's a way to educate and model for his students how to create a relationship with the planet. They talk about sustainability, increasing bike lanes, and issues around equity and access, not just on campus but across the Tacoma area generally. One of his former students was Clara Brown. "She was very understated about her story," says Hodum. "It wasn't until after she graduated that I realized how remarkable she was!"

Doug Sackman, professor and chair



PATTY ENGLISH

Manager of administration with Facilities Services - Got back on a bike as an adult; now cycles nearly every day

of the History department, grew up cycling beside the American River in Sacramento on a trail built and supported by local entrepreneur Charles Goethe and named after 19th-century explorer Jedediah Smith. It wasn't until years later that Sackman and others recognized Goethe was a eugenicist who praised the Nazis before and after World War II, and Smith was a ruthless pillager who leveled many horrors on local Indigenous peoples. "I rode through that landscape with such innocence," Sackman recalls. "You can still love the space, but it's important to also think about its history. I had no idea until later that there was such racism written into that landscape." Sackman has worked to help repudiate that racism and repair relationships through his scholarship. The park along the trail once honoring a eugenicist has been renamed Riverbend after its natural features. The river bike trail still ends at Discovery Park, which is fitting—bike riding has always taken Sackman on journeys of discovery, and rediscovery.

Sackman and his wife live on Vashon Island, and he still occasionally does the two-wheeled commute (a journey of just over an hour, including the ferry). He's a veteran of many long-distance rides, including the 154-mile RAMROD (Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day) and the Vashon Passport to Pain ride, which includes the legendary Burma Hill grade that maxes out at 29 percent. "Riding can be reflective, it can be creative, [and] I can come up with ideas for teaching," says Sackman. "Organized rides tend to be a little more intense but usually there are other people there to share in the suffering! But often it's just a way to find a place of introspection, of being unplugged."

Lael Wilcox was out in nature every day for three and a half months. It's only fitting to circle back to her at the end of our story, since she's the one who circled the globe on a bike. It's difficult to properly capture the physical, emotional, and psychological strength needed for such a journey. Consider the

numbers: more than 18,000 miles of riding over 108 days, 12 hours, and 12 minutes. She averaged 167 miles a day, even accounting for four travel days to fly from continent to continent. Her journey began in Chicago in late May. She rode to New York City, flew to Portugal, rode across Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, across the Alps and the Balkans, through Türkiye and Georgia. From there, she flew to Perth, Australia, rode 5,000 miles across Australia, did both the South and North Islands of New Zealand, then flew to Alaska and rode the entire western side of North America before heading back to Chicago and the finish line.

To meet the qualifications for the Guinness record, she had to ride a minimum of 18,000 miles. Every day had to be recorded through GPS and had to feature at least three site photos and a location witness—and there were two factors that helped with this. First, Wilcox's wife, Rue, is a documentary filmmaker who recorded the whole ride. And second, much to the delight of Wilcox, thousands of people joined her at various points along the way. "I just put the word out via social media where I was every day," says Wilcox. "I'm guessing around 3,000 people came out and rode with me! I met so many wonderful people."

There were setbacks and challenges, including sleep, nutrition, weather, mechanical issues, political realities, the occasional crash, and even a case of poison ivy in Germany. But she made it. "You've got to have some courage and a body that can put up with it," she says. "But you've just got to love being on a bike. Breathing the air. Hearing the sounds. Seeing the sights. Time spent on a bike is never time wasted. You can process everything you're experiencing, everything you're learning. Yes, there's a lot of stimulation, but there are also opportunities to let your mind go free."

They just keep coming up, those words and feelings. Freedom. Joy. Learning. There's a reason why so many tropes of our culture, from family stories to television



DOUG SACKMAN
History professor - Lifelong cyclist and occasional bike commuter; says cycling is reflective, creative


commercials, have to do with kids learning how to ride a bike. The delight is universal yet individual, and it's always there. "Riding a bike is so full of freedom and independence, so simple but magical," says Wilcox. "I just don't see anybody on a bike, ever, who doesn't have that smile of excitement and joy on their face."

As the people of Puget Sound demonstrate, you can find those moments any day you choose, in your own place, in your own way. All you have to do is get on your bike, and you'll be transported.

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SHGENDOOTAN GEORGE '95,
an artist and retired teacher, is
making 10 traditional Tlingit robes
to tell the history of the 1882 Navy
bombardment of her village of
Aangóon in Alaska. She received
an individual artist award from the
Rasmuson Foundation to support
this work, which will be shown in
a solo exhibit at the Alaska State
Museum in 2026.

"I am working on Raven's Tail robe
in this photo, which incorporates
strips of a Hudson Bay blanket,"
George said. "I tried to use these
blankets throughout the series of
10 robes, representing the blankets
used as payment and death in his-
torical times in the community. The
strips of blanket are replacing the
sea otter fur strips that were used
traditionally. It's not something
that I've ever seen done before in
Raven's Tail weaving."

History *in* Her Hands

TLINGIT ARTIST SHGENDOOTAN GEORGE '95
WEAVES HER COMMUNITY'S
MOST IMPORTANT STORIES INTO
HER TEXTILE CREATIONS



INTRODUCTION BY LISA KOZLESKI '94
PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS BY 'WÁATS'ASDÍYEI JOE YATES

For nearly five decades, at the annual ceremony commemorating the 1882 bombardment of her Tlingit village of Aangóon by the U.S. Navy, weaver and teacher **Shgendootan George '95** would hear village leaders ask: “Is there anyone here from the Navy to apologize?” The apology never came.

For 20 years, as George taught her students about the shelling and burning of their village, an atrocity that killed six children and resulted in the deaths of untold others the following winter due to loss of shelter and storehouses of food, she talked about how there was still no apology. In fact, “Still No Apology” was the theme of the proposals she submitted in 2022 for a Rasmuson Foundation award and for a solo exhibit at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau to create a series of 10 robes that would tell the history of the 1882 Navy bombardment of Aangóon.

In 2023, George learned both applications were successful, and she began work on creating the massive textile projects. And then last May, she and other members of her community learned that the long-awaited apology would be coming at last.

On Oct. 26, 2024, on the 142nd anniversary of the attack, Rear Adm. Mark Sucato apologized on behalf of the U.S. Navy to “all the Tlingit peoples of Aangóon for the pain, suffering, and generational trauma inflicted by the bombardment of their village.” Quoting Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, Sucato said: “It’s never too late to do the right thing.”



George is sewing a Beaver Robe based on a design of the only surviving canoe from the bombardment of Aangóon. It was used to hunt, fish, and gather throughout the winter after the bombardment. Typically, button blankets are made with mother-of-pearl shell buttons, but she is using wooden buttons for the wooden canoe.

George and her daughters—Gabbi, who is 20, and Lizzi, who is now 10—were among those who gathered at the Aangóon High School gym to witness the apology and perform ceremonial songs during the event.

“I was on the phone call when Admiral Sucato told us they were apologizing, and that was an incredible moment to be a part of,” says George. “And after months of planning and preparing, it was hard to step back and really take in what was happening when it was happening. But now, looking back on it, it still hits hard. It’s still hard to believe that it really happened. It is hard to comprehend the importance of it all.”

She will continue her work on the robes, as she says it is still essential to educate the next generation by giving them an opportunity to learn from an Indigenous perspective not found in history books but in the wearing of and dancing in robes. “We tell our history on our regalia, on our robes, on our hats, and I thought I wanted to tell this history on a robe,” she says. “It’s really kind of amazing all of this happened at the same time,” she says. “Part of my application for the individual artists show at the state museum was ‘still no apology.’ And now, when the show opens, the apology will have happened.”

George is now thinking of changing the title of the show.

“The real motivator in my decision to make these robes was the ship’s logs of the USS Corwin that documented the days leading up to the shelling of our village,” George explains. “Each log had a heading at the top that read ‘Miscellaneous Events of the Day.’ It was in those logs that they documented the weather, the tides, who came on and off the ship as well as activities like ‘prepared to shell the village.’ This heading is one that doesn’t leave my mind, and I will probably make that the title of my show.

“I have one robe that is really based on a sailor’s uniform,” she adds. “It was originally intended to be something of a shame

robe, but now it will signify the Navy doing the right thing by apologizing.”

The *Arches* team is honoured to share this photo essay of George’s work in the following pages, taken by Tlingit photographer ‘Wáats’asdíyei Joe Yates.

To learn more about George and her story of growing up in Aangóon, studying at Puget Sound and at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, and returning to her village to teach, create art, and tell her community’s most important stories through weaving, check out the extended Q&A with her that can be found on the *Arches* website, pugetsound.edu/arches.





← "I made a Moon Chilkat Octopus Bag from merino wool, cedar bark, wool felt, cotton fabric, and Charlotte cut glass beads," George says. "The mussel shell scrapers found in women's sewing kits at the Smithsonian Institution got me thinking about women's work and our connection to the tides and the moon. I had wanted to do something with shell colors for years but hadn't found my inspiration until seeing these kits."





"This is my first full-size Raven's Tail robe with a modern design," George says. "I designed it to represent the glacier that our clan traveled from our migration story. I am holding the fringe on the front side of this robe, which represents the river flowing out from underneath the glacier that we migrated down after the great flood."





↑ "In this photo, I am thigh-spinning cedar bark, merino wool, and Chilkat warp," George says. "Merino wool is a modern adaptation that is used in place of mountain goat, which is tough to come by."

The unfinished painting on the easel was created by George's mother, an accomplished painter, and it was the last painting she worked on before passing away in July 2024. It is one of the first things visitors to the studio notice when they walk in.

'Wáats'asdíeyi Joe Yates is the owner of Alaskan Films, LLC and a two-time Emmy-nominated writer for the PBS Kids' show Molly of Denali. A Haida from Craig, Alaska, Yates is committed to keeping his culture alive through film.



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Always a Logger



A Lifetime of Insight

Dorothy Lewis '70

BY DIANE MARCZELY GIMPEL

DOROTHY LEWIS '70 MADE HER NAME AS A FINANCIAL PLANNER by jumping into the field with almost no plan at all.

Lewis' first career was as a high school business teacher by day and college business teacher at night. She also had a tax prep side hustle, which became a conversation starter. "I had lots of people asking about taxes and what they should do with their money," Lewis says. Those discussions led Lewis to develop a course called Financial Insights that she delivered at Seattle Pacific University beginning in 1980. The practical, rather than theoretical, class covered economic cycles, mutual funds, retirement planning, estate planning, and tax planning, enrolling 2,500 people in two years.

Lewis saw a need, so she quit her day job, withdrew the \$1,000 in her teacher retirement account, bought a Sharp calculator, an IBM Selectric typewriter, and a used file cabinet, and began what is now

Lewis will receive the 2025 Lifetime Professional Achievement Award during Summer Reunion Weekend. Go to pugetsound.edu/SRW to learn more details.

Financial Insights Wealth Management in Tacoma. She had 50 clients and charged \$25 per hour in her first year. "I was not motivated by money," she explains, "but I backdoored into a business that's about money."

In the early 1980s, the kind of wealth management Lewis provided wasn't typical. Big financial management firms sold individual stocks, insurance policies, and other investment vehicles. Lewis aimed to help people discover how best to save, use, and grow their money over the long term. "I always worked with financial plans: How much do you make? What are your goals?" she says. "It had nothing to do with selling products." Her approach worked. Financial Insights grew from one employee—Lewis—to 15, and now manages almost \$700 million in assets.

Lewis has won accolades for her success, including this year's Lifetime Professional Achievement Award at Puget Sound. The title of the award is appropriate, because Lewis intends to spend her lifetime in her profession. "I can't sit still," she says. "My mind's always going a million miles a minute."

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1960s



Betty Strobel Jameson '62, a lifelong artist, was admitted as a signature member of the American Watercolor Society. Jameson majored in art education. With the retirement in 1996 of her late husband, Arlen Dirk Jameson '62, from a career in the U.S. Air Force, she was able to focus her creativeness by painting and selling hundreds of her works throughout the country.



One of the three new members of the board of directors for Gulfstream Goodwill industries in West Palm Beach, Fla., is **Doug Campbell '69**. He is also the president of Campbell Real Estate Advisory Group, Inc. and founded the Miami Learning Experience School, a school for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

1970s

Patricia Hall '70 published a novel in October titled *Death and the Highland Fling*. The story is set in Seattle and at the Highland Games in Enumclaw, Wash., and stars an amateur senior detective, Claire Addams. Readers can follow Claire on her adventures solving a double homicide set among the pageantry of the Highland Games.



Acclaimed grape grower **Dick Boushey '73** was featured in an article in *The Vintner Project* on how his work has shaped the Washington wine industry.

After teaching for a total of 42 years, **Roland P. Stout '76** recently retired as a professor of chemistry from the University of North Carolina Pembroke, where he had been working for 23 years. He says he now spends his time reading, singing in three different choirs, serving on church committees, and woodworking.



Barbara DeVore '79 published her debut novel, *The Darling of Delta Rho Chi*, in November. Inspired by her widowed grandmother's time as a

housemother for the Kappa Sigma sorority at the University of Washington, she set the historical romance novel in the mid-1960s and explores the lives of three women during an era of social and moral upheaval. DeVore has completed a four-book series centered on the fictional world of the Gamma Alpha Beta sorority and Delta Rho Chi fraternity.

1980s



Alan Gossett '83 and his spouse, Jon Howe, received an Award of Excellence for their community advocacy for people with disabilities living in rural areas of Snohomish County. The award was presented by SnoTRAC, a regional transportation coalition, during the recent celebration of the opening of the light rail station in Lynnwood, Wash. The award recognized Gossett's work to help secure additional state funding for a transportation assistance program to serve rural disabled and elderly clients not served by one of the major transportation authorities.

Jacquelyn Warwick '84 gave the commencement address titled "A Future Old Person" in August at Andrews University in Michigan. She taught marketing at Andrews from 1997 until her retirement as Colson Endowed Chair of Marketing in 2019.

After leading brand marketing at Stanley 1913 during three years of explosive growth, **Sue Kiefer Dietrich '85** joined HiHello, Inc., a digital business card and brand platform, as head of marketing. She tells the *Arches* team: "I'm excited for the opportunity to continue to learn and build my skills as a marketer and leader, and eager to help others amplify the power of their networks by sharing contacts, telling stories and bringing their brands to life."



1990s

Anders Lyons '90 has been appointed executive director of Hale Mahaolu, a nonprofit organization providing affordable housing in Maui County. He previously served as a consultant at Kapala

Dear Class of '75:



Please plan to attend your 50th reunion over the weekend of June 6 to 8. Stroll our beautiful campus once again, meet up with fellow classmates, and share stories and memories. There will be many activities planned just for us. Enjoy a curated bus tour around Tacoma (by our very own **Kurt Grimmer '75**) and see favorite off-campus venues you once patronized. Discover how the city has grown and developed over the years into quite a gem of the Puget Sound area. Step into the SUB and relive the days of trying to sneak by "Hawk Eye." Find out if they still serve Beef Folders. Buy yourself some Logger merch in the Logger Store. Maybe book your housing with old friends that weekend for a stay on campus. We hope to see you then. And remember, you are.... always a Logger!

Sincerely,

The 50th Reunion Committee: **Wendy Allen '75, Geni Dahl Fawcett '75, Kurt Grimmer '75, Mike Ramoska '75, Kate Johnson Spector '75, Frank Washburn '75, and Janet Popp Winterrowd '75**

Moving the Needle

David Poston '85

BY DIANE MARCZELY GIMPEL



ACCOUNTING SEEMS AN UNLIKELY PATH TO TAKE on the journey to find a cure for cancer, but that's the road taken by David Poston '85.

Poston started his career in public accounting working for a variety of companies but entered the biotech industry in a finance position in the late 1990s. He quickly discovered biotech was a "fit" for him because of the strategizing it required: allocating resources so that most went to drug development rather than administration. "You try to keep the science," Poston says. "That's how you survive."

At Targeted Genetics, now AmpliPhi Biosciences, Poston became chief finance officer before moving on to serve as chief operating officer and chief finance officer at the Allen Institute for five years. "The thing that attracted me, that ultimately inspired me, is the thrill of the chase," says Poston. "It was fun to grow the institute and work with [Microsoft co-founder] Paul Allen's amazing

While pursuing his career, Poston also spent more than 35 years volunteering in more than a dozen roles at the university. In recognition of these contributions, Poston will receive the 2025 Service to Puget Sound Alumni Award during Summer Reunion Weekend in June. Learn more about the event at pugetsound.edu/SRW.

team, but it wasn't the thrill of the chase to make a business grow." Now Poston is the chief operating officer at EpiThany, a company that aims to commercialize cancer vaccines developed by the University of Washington. "I work with a collection of motivated folks trying to innovate, to develop drugs to meet a direct need," Poston says. "We are trying to make it so our relatives can live longer and make it so there is less pain in this world." One drug under development may be approved for treating patients in the next few years. That's the sort of chase that gives Poston a thrill. "I feel I can help move the needle a little bit," he says. "I'd like to do that before I hang up the tools."

Consultants and had worked as executive director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and held leadership positions at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Greg Custer '91 was one of seven new members elected to the Orange County United Way Board of Directors last summer. He currently serves on the United to End Homelessness Executive Committee and Leadership Council.

In June, the *Spokesman-Review* published an article on **Carl Garabedian '91** and his father Hrair Garabedian P'91, P'95. The father-son duo has spent decades bringing high quality pediatric and adult cardiology care to the Spokane region.



After a rewarding career spanning over three decades, **Brooks Hazen '91** retired from his dual roles as a teacher and coach. He began his teaching

career in 1991 at Hilltop Elementary. From 1994 to 2007, he taught at Edgemont Junior High, and he spent the last 17 years teaching social studies at Puyallup High School. Hazen also coached boys' tennis at the high school for 24 years and girls' tennis for 18 years, accumulating 27 coach of the year awards and more than 360 wins. His dedication earned him numerous awards, including Washington State History Day Teacher of the Year.



Erik Johnson '91 was appointed CFO of World Vision USA, one of the largest relief and development organizations in the U.S. He and his wife, **Kimberly**

Johnson '92, say they are excited about this new position just as they become empty nesters with the last of their three kids off to college.

The annual Power Breakfast networking event hosted by the Washington State University Carson College of Business in September featured **Rachel Ruggeri '91**, who has been working as Starbucks executive vice president and chief financial officer since 2021.



Todd A. Milbrandt '93 is the 41st president of the Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery Society of North America, where he has volunteered since the

beginning of his career. He is the chair of the Division of Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he has more than 100 publications in both basic science and

clinical research—skills he says he learned from Dr. Pierson in her biology course.

Gwynne Kuhner Brown '95 edited G. Schirmer's new critical performance edition of William L. Dawson's *Negro Folk Symphony*, and her book on Dawson's life and music was



published in August 2024 by the University of Illinois Press. She tells the *Arches* team: "You can pick up a copy of my book at the Logger Store. This is my 20th year on the music faculty of my beloved Puget Sound!"

In her role as CEO of the staffing firm Summit Group Solutions, **Jennifer Schielke '95** shared advice for job seekers in a Business Insider article last summer. The best thing to do after losing a job isn't to immediately start looking for a new gig. Instead, take time to volunteer and reach out to your network to look for new opportunities.

Erika Carlson '96 tells *Arches* she has moved on after 10 years as a grants and evaluation manager at Intercambio Uniting Communities, work that culminated in winning a \$2 million grant from the Mackenzie Scott/Yield Giving Open Call. She has founded Erika Carlson Consulting to create sustainable grant funding streams for social and economic justice.

Adam Gehrke '98 announced his retirement as Seattle's go-to traffic reporter last fall. For more than 20 years, Gehrke was the trusted voice for Seattle-Tacoma traffic updates, guiding drivers through their commutes.

2000s

Ku'uoleianuhea Awo-Chun '01 was named Director of Education and Culture-Based Learning for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. In her new role, she will work to strengthen the state's educational offerings for Native Hawaiians.

Kristy Maddux '01 was promoted to full professor in the department of communication at the University of Maryland and is now executive director of the Honors College. "The best part about this role is that I get to work with programs that give students a broad intellectual foundation, in a living-learning setting, much like the Puget Sound education that was so formative for me," she tells the *Arches* team.

Lifelong Learner Turned Public Servant

Elena Becker '17

BY ZOE BRANCH '18



FOR ELENA BECKER '17, THE PURSUIT OF LIFELONG LEARNING has always been central to who she is. "I feel very fortunate that so much of my career has rewarded and encouraged curiosity," she says.

During her time at Puget Sound, Becker undertook two study abroad experiences—one in Malaysian Borneo, one in Madagascar—as well as independent research, work as an orientation leader and admissions interviewer, and four years as a varsity lacrosse player.

"In the same way I value holism in my education, I value holism in my life," Becker says. As part of this holism, she says, she has always been drawn to public service—evident in her volunteer work as a girls' lacrosse coach and a farmhand despite her many spinning plates. "I feel really passionate about the idea that we can do more together than we can apart," Becker says.

Since graduating and working for several years in Puget Sound's admission office, Becker leaned into this interest by earning a master's degree in public administration

Becker will receive the 2025 Young Logger Service Award during Summer Reunion Weekend in June. Learn more about how to join in the celebration at pugetsound.edu/SRW.

at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Policy and Governance in 2023. She then went on to work at the Washington Supreme Court as the judicial assistant to Chief Justice Steven González; this past November, she started a new role as a nonpartisan research analyst in the Washington State Senate, where she provides research, analysis, and support to state senators and committees. She describes her career path as a privilege, and one that ties into her innate academic interests.

"No matter what my career has been, what's been relevant has been curiosity, confidence, and the understanding of how to ask an informed question when you're not an expert in a topic," Becker says of the skills she developed and honed at Puget Sound. "That kind of foundational inquiry underpins a lot of what I do."

A Community Champion

Keith Blocker '12

BY TIM DARRAGH



FATE HAS SHOWN ITS SUNNY AND HARSH SIDES TO KEITH BLOCKER '12 since his days at the University of Puget Sound.

Blocker was into a promising political career when he and his wife realized the turbulence following the murder of George Floyd created the opportunity to push for real institutional change. With his wife, Christina, he started Momentum Professional Strategy Partners, a Tacoma-based company helping businesses integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into a winning strategy. It also provides marketing services so those businesses can reach their target audiences.

Political campaigning is, in large part, marketing and branding, so Blocker says he saw a good fit for his skill set. His advocacy resulted in the inaugural statewide proclamation of Black Wellness Week in 2024, recognized by Governor Jay Inslee, amplifying the impact of his work across Washington. Just as their efforts started picking up momentum, however, the national backlash against DEI reached Tacoma, and business has slowed. “There’s definitely been a rollback,” Blocker said, adding that the workload is now more marketing-based. “Companies

Blocker will receive the 2025 Professional Achievement – Midcareer Alumni Award during Summer Reunion Weekend in June, in recognition of his accomplishments in the private and public sector. Learn more at: pugetsound.edu/SRW.

of macular degeneration that has left him legally blind. Undaunted, he went on after school to serve two terms on Tacoma City Council, including serving as deputy mayor during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. While serving, Blocker worked on issues like affordable housing, supporting small and BIPOC businesses and creating more employment options for people with disabilities. He also spearheaded legislation to preserve the city’s Office of Equity and Human Rights.

Blocker left office in 2023, coming face-to-face with his next career challenge. Without the daily demand of city business, he says he’s enjoying more time with his two children — but he’s also considering a return to public service. It would seem wise not to count him out.

decided to shift to a different direction.”

But he’s used to overcoming hurdles. After moving to Tacoma before college, Blocker developed a form

Kate Pipal Hogan '05 celebrated her tenth anniversary as the community outreach manager for Denver Audubon. She manages the Kingery Nature Center at Chatfield State Park in Littleton, Colo., and the surrounding native plant demonstration gardens, facilitating the Community Naturalist Training program and inspiring adults to take actions in their own lives that protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. In July 2024, she welcomed over a dozen Loggers for a nocturnal wildlife hike in search of owls, bats, and beaver.



Chris Pohlad '07 was named chief of staff to Northmarq CEO Jeffrey Weidell in September. He continues in the same role at United Properties, which along with Northmarq is part of the Pohlad Companies family of businesses.

Madeline Gangnes '08 received the Sustainability Award from the University of Scranton in August in recognition of her work striving for excellence in teaching about sustainability and making extraordinary efforts introducing the concept into the curriculum. She joined the faculty in 2020 as an assistant professor in the Department of English and Theatre.

Sarah Kingston '08 recently co-founded and is the chief impact officer of a “tech-for-good” startup and app called In Good Company. The business helps people find the best ethical, sustainable, and socially conscious small businesses in their community or when they are visiting somewhere new. In Good Company is the first search engine platform dedicated to bricks-and-mortar ethical businesses; the platform is powered by a new database they have created by partnering with established ethical accreditation bodies. Kingston is also an outspoken advocate of neurodiverse entrepreneurs, the challenges they face, and the unique strengths and perspectives they bring to the companies they lead.

2010s



Conor W. Harkins '11 was named city attorney for the City of Colfax (Calif.) last summer. He is an associate in Colantuono, Highsmith, and Whatley’s Grass Valley and Sacramento offices.

Jessica Erickson Kerr '12, who practices civil litigation and appellate advocacy on behalf of public, private, and non-profit clients for the law



offices of Hillis, Clark, Martin, and Peterson in Seattle, was recognized with three professional honors in the past year. She received an award of distinction from Eatonville High School in August in recognition of her journey from a high-achieving high school student to a successful attorney. In June, she was selected as The Appellate Lawyers' sole recommended lawyer in Washington. And in May, she received an award of Highly Recommended Returner of the Year at the Meritas Women's Leadership Awards, which recognizes women lawyers who have gone above and beyond following a return from a parental leave or career break.

Minh Nguyen '12, a classical guitar performer and educator, was featured in an August article in the news platform Newstrail.



Rachel Prusynski '12, an assistant professor in the University of Washington's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, received the 2024 American Physical Therapy Association Washington Physical Therapist of the Year award in October.

Cameron Braithwaite '16 was one of 10 athletes named to the Port Angeles Roughriders Hall of Fame at a ceremony in August. He was a state long jump champion and went on to become a champion decathlete at Puget Sound.

Andrew Oberhelman '17 received his PhD in hydrogeology from the University of Florida, Gainesville, after earning a Master of Science degree from the Illinois State University in 2019. He started a post-doctoral position at Florida International University.

Kyrianna Bolles '18 had a solo art show about chronic pain and illness titled *Malaise* open in November at the 1078 Gallery in Chico, Calif. In addition, her work was featured in a show in Norway last summer that was part of their national Endometriosis Awareness Month. Bolles, who is known professionally as KYRIANNA, is an internationally known watercolor and mixed media art who creates works centered around the theme of chronic pain and illness.

The new associate principal and social emotional learning coordinator at Islander Middle School in Mercer Island, Wash., is **Katie Gallagher MAT'18**, who started in the role last summer.

Helping Build New Systems

John Hines '05

BY TED ANTHONY



WITHOUT JOHN HINES THE HISTORY TEACHER, IT'S UNLIKELY THERE WOULD BE JOHN HINES the community leader and John Hines the football coach—much less John Hines the deputy mayor of Tacoma.

Hines, who majored in history and politics and government, remembers how, when teaching the past to students at Todd Beamer High School, he tried to answer a question he was always being asked: “How did we get here?” His answer, in part, was to emphasize one message: “You can't know where you are unless you know where you've been.”

Today, as an instructional facilitator for the Tacoma School District who helps teach teachers to teach better, his message has morphed a bit. That's due in part, too, to his experience as an active member of the Tacoma community—right up to his current role in city government. “The evolution with me happened over time,” Hines says. “Now the question is more, ‘How do you help people understand systems they're trying to navigate?’” One way, which he has used, is to simply help them navigate. With time,

Hines will receive the 2025 Service to Community Alumni Award during Summer Reunion Weekend in June. Want to join the celebration? Get all of the details at puget-sound.edu/SRW.

though, he honed the question to a more fundamental one: “Instead of teaching them to navigate old systems, why not help them build new ones?”

Hines sees himself as equal parts guide and advocate, someone who can leave them with more clarity and agency. That ethos, he says, bloomed at Puget Sound, which made him more intellectually curious and critical. “It opened my eyes to the fact that I have a little more control over my own destiny,” he says.

His omnivorous sensibilities, channeled into community service, led him to mentoring, neighborhood support, a safe-streets initiative, and spots on transit and safety boards, as well as three city council campaigns and the deputy mayor position.

“We need to bridge some of these perspective gaps,” Hines says. “My colleagues on the council say, ‘Oh, you're such a teacher.’ I say, ‘Yes. Yes, I am.’”

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2020s

The graduate work of **Grace Maria Eberhardt '20** was highlighted by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in September. She is investigating the history of eugenics, focusing on 20th century eugenic racializations of Latina/Latinos in the U.S.



Kingston High School football coach **Ethan Goldizen '20** was featured in an article in the *Kitsap Daily News* about his plans to rebuild the culture for a football program that has not had a winning season since 2013.

Kaela Hamilton '20 published a paper in the journal *Diversity* in August on her undergraduate

thesis work with Carrie Woods, associate professor in biology. "She had reached out to me and wanted to give me the opportunity to publish the research I performed with her for my thesis," she tells the *Arches* team.

Claire Foster '22 was named editor-in-chief for the *University of California Irvine Law Review*.

Jena Burkhart DPT'24 was featured in an article from Boise State University about how she combined her unique military background with her passion for health and fitness. She was an Army ranger who spent nearly a decade serving on active duty before coming to Puget Sound. Today, she continues to serve in the Army Reserves and is working in physical therapy in North Carolina.

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ALUMNI

Robert J. Sund '52 of Shelton, Wash., died Sept. 27, 2024. At Puget Sound, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. Survivors include his spouse, Donna J. Sund '53.

Janet Lea Convery '54 of La Jolla, Calif., died Aug. 3, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and was a member of Chi Omega.

Gloria Durkee '54 of Tacoma died Jan. 3, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in education degree and was a member of Alpha Phi. Survivors include her spouse, Bill Durkee '57, and a cousin, Barbara K. Parker '60.

Richard L. Hansen '57 of Eugene, Ore., died Aug. 27, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, played football, and was a member of Kappa Sigma. Survivors include his spouse, Patricia

Browne Hansen '58.

Michael Matern '57 of West Linn, Ore., died Aug. 13, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, was a member of Sigma Nu, and was involved in student government.

Dolores A. Colbo '58 of Tigard, Ore., died July 22, 2024. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Tongsun Park '59 died Sept. 19, 2024, in Seoul, South Korea. During his year at Puget Sound, he was the Tolo King, Todd Hall Spring Officer, and a member of the International Relations Club.

Hal Eastman '60 of Boise, Idaho, died Dec. 22, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and was involved in the Intercollegiate Knights and student government, including serving as ASUPS vice president. In addition, he served as a

trustee of the university and endowed the President's Excellence in Teaching Award. Survivors include his spouse, Jacque Eastman '61, sister Nancy Eastman Tuininga '59, and niece Emily Lynn Nygard '19.

C. Mark Smith '61 of Richland, Wash., died Nov. 9, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and was a member of Sigma Chi, the International Relations Club, and the Veterans Club. In addition, he served two terms as a trustee and received a Lifetime Professional Achievement Alumni Award in 2012. The university's Smith Hall is named in his honor. Survivors include his spouse, Elsa L. Smith '65.

Penny S. Weller '61 of Auburn, Wash., died Sept. 13, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and was married to a fellow Logger (now deceased), Don H. Weller '62.

David W. Birkland '62 of Seattle died Oct. 7, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

We learned in October of the death of **Barb Rasmussen '69** of Tacoma. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. Survivors include her spouse, Chris Rasmussen '69 MEd '74.

James B. Rudolph '69 of Liberty Lake, Wash., died Nov. 18, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and was a member of Kappa Sigma.

Dave A. Kinkela '70 of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died July 23, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, was a member of Phi Delta Theta, and competed on the university's track and football teams, where he earned many accolades.

R. Michael McCloskey '71 of Great Falls, Mont., died Sept. 28, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, was a member of Sigma Chi, and competed on the skiing team.

David N. Whitford '71 of Russellville, Ark., died Aug. 21, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, was on the staff of *The Trail*, and competed on the university's baseball team.

Guy L. McCormack '72 of San Francisco died July 22, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy.

Reid S. Ozaki '73 of Tacoma died July 25, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and was a member of Phi Sigma honor society. He took a pottery class at Puget Sound and launched

a 50-year career in the art form, returning to teach at Puget Sound. Survivors include his spouse, Emma A. Ozaki '75.

James F. Lonsbery '76 of Auburn, Wash., died Sept. 10, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, was a member of Beta Theta Pi, and played football and baseball for the university.

Nancy Gregory McElheran '76 of Kent, Wash., died May 31, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Adelphians. She was a daughter of William R. Gregory '45.

Glenn A. Welsh '78 of Gig Harbor, Wash., died July 31, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

Judith S. Rehfeld '79 of Ventura, Calif., died Aug. 10, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Agape Christian Fellowship.

Christine L. Springer '80 of San Francisco died July 14, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and was a member of Tri Delta, Adelphians, Madrigals, and the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Alpha Iota honor societies.

Carl T. Duerson MBA'81 of Anna, Texas, died Oct. 23, 2024.

Jonathan Paul Blitz '83 of Crown Point, Ind., died Sept. 29, 2024. He earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and in biology and was a member of the Phi Sigma honor society. Survivors include his spouse, Erin Williams Blitz '83.

Kawehi P. Marshall '83 of Tacoma died Sept. 27, 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and participated in Phi Chi Theta Honor Society, ASUPS, Ka 'Ohana Me Ke Aloha (formerly Hui O Hawaii), and intramural sports; she also worked in The Cellar.

In October, we learned of the death of **Doreen E. Morgan MBA'83** of Bainbridge Island, Wash. She earned her master's degree at the university's Seattle campus while working full time.

Michael Kalani Voeller '84 of Kaneohe, Hawaii, died July 16, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and played football for the university, where he received conference honors.

We learned in November of the death of **Victoria P. Walker '98** in Omaha, Neb. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in comparative sociology and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta and a Passages leader.

Brandon A. Perkins '02 of Concord, N.H., died May 9, 2024. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. During his time at Puget Sound, he studied abroad and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Natalie Frances Duncan '20 of Concord, N.H., died Aug. 2, 2024.

FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF PUGET SOUND

Former instructor **J. Walter Dragelevich** of Liberty Township, Ohio, died Aug. 15, 2024. Survivors include his spouse, Martha T. Dragelevich '65, the daughter of former Puget Sound President R. Franklin Thompson.

Chuck Lillis P'05 of Castle Rock, Colo., died Sept. 10, 2024. Survivors include his spouse, Gwen Lillis P'05, who is a current trustee, and daughter Jessica Baker Isaacs '05. In 2007, Chuck and Gwen established the Lillis Scholarship, the university's first full-ride scholarship, which is awarded to students who enjoy pursuing intellectual endeavors to discover how they can improve the world.

Professor Emeritus of Economics **Bruce Mann**, who taught at Puget Sound for more than 50 years, including the first two classes of the fall 2024 semester, died Oct. 1, 2024. In addition to being recognized as an outstanding teacher, he and his colleague Professor Doug Goodman were known for creating the annual Pierce County Forecast with dry humor and wit for 25 years.

Peggy Perno, the director of Student Accessibility and Accommodation, died Aug. 29, 2024. She started working at Puget Sound in 2012 and was a passionate advocate for students with

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Logger community,

You may notice some changes to our In Memoriam section in this issue. Thanks to feedback we received in our alumni survey in 2024, we will now devote even more pages to the Class Notes and Scrapbook sections of *Arches*. To make that possible, we have moved to a more streamlined listing of alumni who have passed away.

We will continue to include news of the passing of alumni (as well as current and emeriti employees and trustees, honorary degree recipients, and other friends of the university) whose deaths we have heard of from family members or from obituaries that mention Puget Sound. These notices will include the person's name, class year, college major, any alumni survivors, and campus involvement, if known.

We believe it is important to share the news of fellow Loggers we have lost, and we hope this new approach will continue to keep you informed while providing more space for additional alumni news.

We invite you to submit all of your updates—a Class Note, a photo for the Scrapbook, or news of the passing of a Logger—by emailing arches@pugetsound.edu. As always, thanks for reading. —*Lisa Kozleski '94, Editor*

disabilities. Following news of her passing, students and alumni reached out to share stories of how Peggy's efforts and expertise were an essential part of their Puget Sound journey.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy **Larry Stern**, who taught at Puget Sound for more than two decades, died June 26, 2024. He was renowned among students, colleagues and family for his photographic memory, the breadth of his knowledge on a wide range of subjects, and his unique sense of humor and turns of phrase.

Donald L. Sturm P'14, of Denver died Aug. 18, 2024.

The banker and philanthropist was the father of current trustee Emily Sturm '14.

CORRECTION

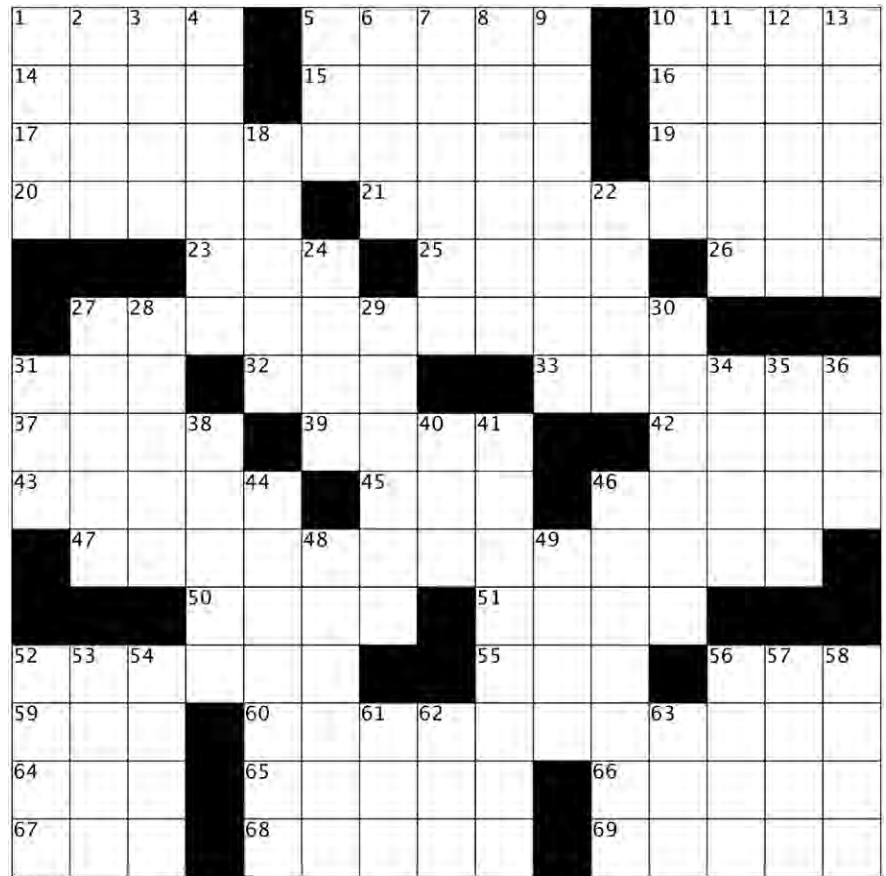
David A. Anderson '92 is alive and well and in good health, living in Seattle's University District. He was inadvertently included in the In Memoriam section in the Autumn 2024 issue of *Arches*. We apologize to Dave for this error, as well as to any members of the Logger community who were unnecessarily saddened by our mistake.

Tacoma on two wheels

BY STELLA ZAWISTOWSKI

In celebration of the Loggers who love cycling, here's a crossword puzzle that will have your brain spinning as fast as wheels when they fly down the 30th Street hill. Show us a photo of your completed puzzle and you might win a prize from the Logger Store! Send the photo before April 15, 2025, to arches@pugetsound.edu, or post it on Instagram and tag us: @univpugetsound. Congrats to **Jordan Loucks '20 of Tacoma** who won the prize after submitting the Autumn 2024 puzzle.

You can find the solution to this issue's puzzle at pugetsound.edu/tacomaontwowheels, and the solution to the autumn puzzle on p. 44 of this issue and online.



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ACROSS

- 1 Starter courses, for short
- 5 Emmentaler cheese, by another name
- 10 Diagrams of the Puget Sound campus, e.g.
- 14 Coagulate
- 15 Director ___ B. DeMille
- 16 Ready to receive customers
- 17 2,700-mile race in which cyclist Lael Wilcox '08 has competed
- 19 Basis of some COVID vaccines
- 20 Aleppo's land
- 21 Overshadowing
- 23 "___ a lid on it!"
- 25 Tiny brick brand
- 26 Article learned in FREN 101
- 27 University of Puget Sound service that employs student mechanics
- 31 Before, to start
- 32 Observe
- 33 Starts to go viral
- 37 Seasoning in a shaker

- 39 Drove over the limit
- 42 Playwright Coward
- 43 "Teacher's pet" or "hit the books"
- 45 La Brea goo
- 46 ___ Lodge (motel chain)
- 47 University of Puget Sound service that organizes cycling trips for students
- 50 Supermodel who was married to David Bowie
- 51 Dot on a radar screen
- 52 Movie genre with meet-cutes
- 55 Tote from the Logger Store, e.g.
- 56 Liquid produced in the President's Woods
- 59 "I've got it!"
- 60 International competition in which Clara Brown '17 cycled her way to a bronze medal in 2024
- 64 Lapel adornment
- 65 Light on one's feet
- 66 Big name in health insurance
- 67 Milk choice at Diversions Café
- 68 Edgar of Impressionism

DOWN

- 1 Performs at Norton Clapp Theater
- 2 Sneaky tactic
- 3 Do a sommelier's job
- 4 Part of a LoggerCard that's swiped
- 5 Bio or chem, e.g.
- 6 "___ Got Tonight" (Bob Seger song)
- 7 Winter roof formation
- 8 Moves like a crab
- 9 ___ of hand
- 10 Some kids' soccer coaches
- 11 Month of the Northwest's oldest annual lu'au
- 12 Tubular pasta
- 13 Unforeseen difficulties
- 18 Paints sloppily
- 22 Not even so-so
- 24 Even scores
- 27 Barter economy transaction
- 28 Spiral shape
- 29 Didn't delete
- 30 Removable part of a Bic product
- 31 ___ Chi (psychology honor society with a Puget Sound chapter)
- 34 Former Jordanian queen who was born in the U.S.
- 35 Naysay
- 36 ___-mo replay
- 38 Issue for discussion
- 40 Patronize Frisko Freeze, say
- 41 Moves the ball at Upper Gym
- 44 Place to jot down reminders
- 46 Perplexing puzzles
- 48 Do harm to
- 49 Drugstore skincare brand
- 52 Performs like Ice Spice
- 53 Where to find the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- 54 Not just a few
- 56 www.pugetsound.edu, for one
- 57 Reason to use benzoyl peroxide
- 58 Exam for high school jrs.
- 61 Illegally fix
- 62 In the style of
- 63 Seating in Kilworth Chapel



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▲ Chemistry alumni **Maggie Berrens '20**, a Ph.D. student at UC Davis, and **Adam Willard '03**, a chemistry professor at MIT, crossed paths at the Gordon Research Conference on Water and Aqueous Solutions in New Hampshire in July.



▼ Pat Burtner-Freeman '69, Kathy McAuliffe

Turner '70, and **Emily Miller Smith '69** got together recently for lunch when Smith returned from a trip to Vienna. All three grads had attended the Vienna semester abroad in 1968, led by Professor **Bill Colby**, and all later attended a 20-year reunion of the same group. "Vienna was a true coming-of-age experience!" they told the *Arches* team. Loggers who would like to connect with the friends are invited to reach out to the Alumni Relations office.



▲ In late September, Loggers who were involved in productions at the Inside Theatre during the late 1970s and early 1980s came from six states for a reunion in Santa Fe, N.M., hosted by Hilary and Byron Gangnes and Houston and Kimberly Dougharty, who live there. Pictured standing from left: **Jim Watkins '82**, **Eric Ray Anderson '81**, **Pat McCausland Johnston '80**, **Rick Hinkson '80**, **Laura Davis Freeman '82**, **Larry Baumiller '83**, **Madge Montgomery '79**, **Nora Douglass '79 MAT'02**, and **Byron Gangnes '82**. Seated from left: **Jordana Sardo '82**, **Sherrill Kelso-McDowell '80**, **W. Houston Dougharty '83**, and **Hilary Benson Gangnes '80, JD'84, P'08**.

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We hope to see you back on campus!

▼ Three Alpha Phi sisters and best friends who were once suitemates at Tenzler Hall gathered for another weekend reunion in September in Lacey, Wash. Pictured from left are: **Kay Lentz Chabot '63**, **Jane Reavis Knobel '64**, and the hostess **Sue Stone '64**. These Loggers say they try diligently to see each other every year or two as the years fly by.



▼ Theta sisters from the 1970s have gathered every fall since 2014. This year's gathering in the old mining town of Fairplay, Colo., brought together (from left): **Marilyn Parker Venegas '71**, **Sally Estlow Baier '71**, **Teresa Kobleski Christenson '71**, and **Kathy Hawkes Miller '71**.



▲ Logger baseball team members from the late 1970s and 1980s gathered last summer for a golf outing—the sixth consecutive year the group has gotten together. Pictured front row, from left: **Bill Andrews '82**, **Bill Bakamus '83**, **Dave Miyake '81**, **Donnie Moore '87**, **Chris Martin '83**, **Tim Bruya '83**, **Lyle Uyeda '80**, and **Bill Whitton '81**. Back row from left: **Dan Turner '79**, **Spencer Hinson '83**, **Rick Wright '83**, **Tom Turner '83**, **Larry Faber '83**, **Eric Garrett '83**, **Mike Wiese '88**, and **Rick Hacker '82**.



▲ **Danielle Rogers '18 and Ryan Apathy '18** married in June 2024 in Girdwood, Ala., with a host of Loggers in attendance. Pictured top row, from left: **Davis Hampton '18, Jack Randall '18,** Jason Segal, **Emily Laliotis '18, Wyatt Jackson '18, Ava Price '18, Rita Dexter '18,** Oliver Young, **Colton Mayberry '18,** and **Anna Obermeyer '18;** and bottom row from left: **Emma Goldblatt '18, Gwen Barthomolay '18, Maggy Riley '18, Melody Saysana '18,** the newlyweds, **Emma Wolfe '18, Rosa Mayberry '18, Talia Rossi '18, Bailey Honda '18,** and **Jenn Mayemura '18.**

▼ **Sage Haynes Schmalz '17 and Austin Schmalz '17,** who met during their first year at Puget Sound, were married in Maltby, Wash., in July 2024. Loggers in attendance included **Marcella Heineke '17, Luke Parkinson '17, Will Stevenson '17,** and **Michael Mutschler '17.**



▼ From left: **Kelsey Eldridge '12 and Sarah McQuate '07** met while taking figure skating lessons at the Kraken Community Iceplex in Seattle. When they realized they were both Loggers, they decided to get a photo together at a skating competition. Here they are after competing in the Adult Bronze Women event at the Pacific Northwest Interclub Championships this year.



▼ Several Loggers converged at Silverton Mountain in Colorado last March for a fun day of skiing. Pictured from left: **Brenden Goetz '07, Remy Mann '21, Jessie Rowe '05,** and **Summer Herout '19.** Goetz, Rowe, and Herout live in Silverton, while Mann was visiting from Seattle.





▲ Members of the **Class of 2004** gathered for a group photo while celebrating their 20th reunion year during Summer Reunion Weekend last June.



▲ Friends and former crew teammates **Joe Landers '92**, **Keith Beeman '92**, **Gretchen Richter de Medeiros '92**, **Eric Illston '92**, and **Jon Walton '92** got together in Anacortes, Wash., last summer. **Wendy Beeman '92**, a fellow rower, was also there. Though they didn't get out in the water, they said "the ROOH spirit was strong."



▶ Loggers joined in celebrating the wedding of **Peter Ott '09, MAT'10** and Ben Wilson in August in Seattle. Ott writes: "I grabbed some Loggers together at my wedding—unfortunately in the heat of the moment I forgot to find my husband and pull him in. Aside from the photographer, who is also a Logger, I met these fellow Loggers when I was a teacher at the Tacoma School of the Arts." Pictured from left: Ott, **Abbie Stevens Brown '03, MAT'05**, photographer **Alesha Brown '17**, **Melissa Moffett '94**, and **Michael Hagmann**, the men's rowing coach from 1998 to 2007.



▶ Four Loggers found each other at a recent Montana Dental Association meeting at Fairmont Hot Springs, Mont., and managed to get a photo with three of the four. From left: **Alayna Schoblaske '11**, a general dentist and dental director of La Clinica in Medford, Ore.; **April Nelson Foster '03**, a pediatric dentist and owner of Three Rivers Pediatric Dentistry in Missoula, Mont; and **Cole Peterson '10**, a periodontist and owner of Bozeman Periodontics in Bozeman, Mont. Not pictured is **Ian Foster '03**, who was out for a run.



◀ Violists **Kerry Bollinger '11** (left) and **Kendal Freyer Keyes '10** (right), both former viola students of Puget Sound affiliate artist **Joyce Ramée** (center), joined her in recital in September at Music Center of the Northwest in Seattle. Bollinger is a violin/viola instructor at Music Center of the Northwest and Keyes sits on the Board of Directors at Music Center of the Northwest.

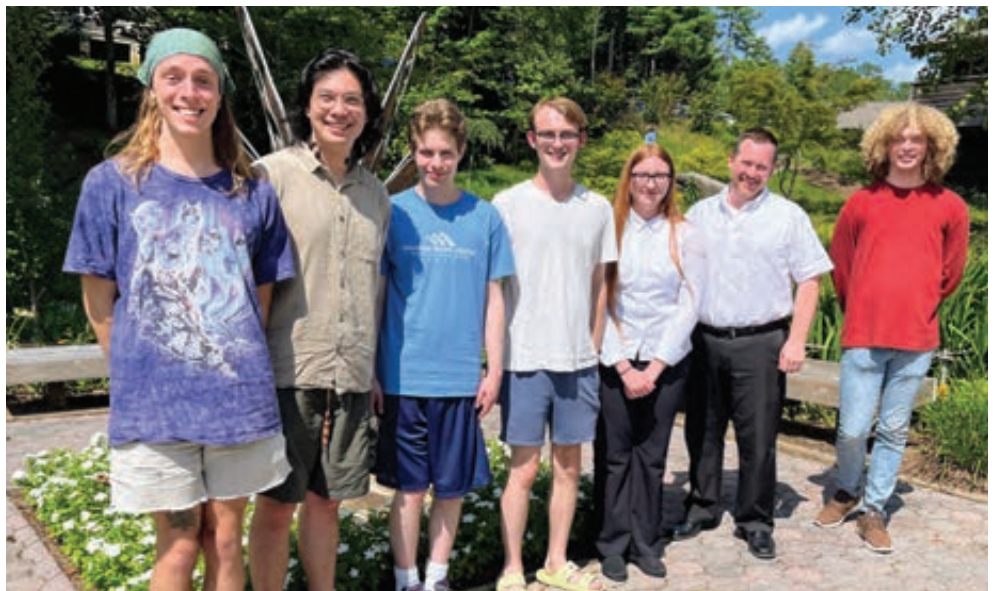


▲ **Justin Higa '15, PT'18** and **Tori Sarris '15** married in Central Oregon in May 2024. They were joined by several dozen Loggers, including: **Jarvis Nohara '10, Paul Nakamoto '13, Chase Hu '13, Aspen Mayberry '14, Matt Kiddo '14, Meg Gilbertson '14, Justin Bigelow '16, Emery Bradlina '19, Dylan Richmond '15, Nick Campanelli '15, Zeinah Cara '15, Chelsea Cloud '15, Kasey Janousek '15, Tori Klein '16, Annie Fine '15, Mallory Stefan '14, Alex Matsunami '12, Leigh Nohara '10, Meghan Bacher '17, Andrew Langtry '17, Tyler Shipley '16, Oliver Smith '14, Torey Anderson PT'18, Molly Bradbury '15, Tom Sarris '83, Jess Otaguro '13, Hiroki Tokuyama '13, Connor Brown PT'18, Tori Sarris '15, Justin Higa '15, PT'18, Josh Seekatz '15, Sierra Grunwald '15, and Nikki Utt OT '18.**

▼ **Lynne Unger Yackzan '76, Elaine Kittinger Besett '76** and **Jill Kotchik Anderson '77** celebrated 51 years of Logger friendship together while enjoying the aqua blue waters of the Metolius River in Central Oregon.



▼ School of Music students, faculty, and alumni made a strong showing at the Brevard Music Center 2024 Summer Institute in North Carolina. Pictured from left: **Avi Graf '25**, cello; **Elliott Wells '21**, cello and composition; **Eli Connolly '25**, violin; **Connor Adams '25**, cello; **Isabella Brady '24**, cello; faculty member **Alistair MacRae**, cello; and **Liam Abbott '26**, cello. Not pictured but also in attendance: Logger and Brevard Music Center composition faculty member **Greg Simon '07**.





▲ A group of Kappa Alpha Theta sisters from the 1980s got together in September to see **Peg Juran Mayor '86** on vacation from her home in Ohio. Pictured standing, from left: **Kim Brooke Muilenburg '85**, **Trecy Davis Trimble '86**, **Diane Forsell Mooney '86**, **Sarah Mason Fredericks '87**, **Lisa Harvey Scott '87**, **Lori Williams '86**, **Mayor**, and **Ann Thomson Mann '86**. Seated from left: **Sydney Stephenson '86**, **Jennifer Cleland Kolsut '86**.

▲ **Emily Katz '18** married Ian Hamilton in the beautiful woods of North Plains, Ore., in September 2024. They hosted a camping wedding and were joined by many Loggers. Pictured back row, from left: **Sloan Strader '18**, **Moira McVicar '18**, **Ali O'Daffer '19**, the newlyweds, **Caroline Harris '18**, **Kayla Lovett '18**, **Roxy Krietzman '18**, and **Annie Oberlies '18**. Front row, from left: **Lindsey Perriman '18**, **Gwen Bartholomay '18**, **Jack Randall '18**, and **Cole Tomkins '18**.

Autumn 2024 crossword solution

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LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART

Part of the Logger love story of Margaret Parkin '23 and Ralph Warren Brown '24 was captured in a page of the scrapbook of Thelma Bestler '24, who was one of six bridesmaids in their 1925 wedding.

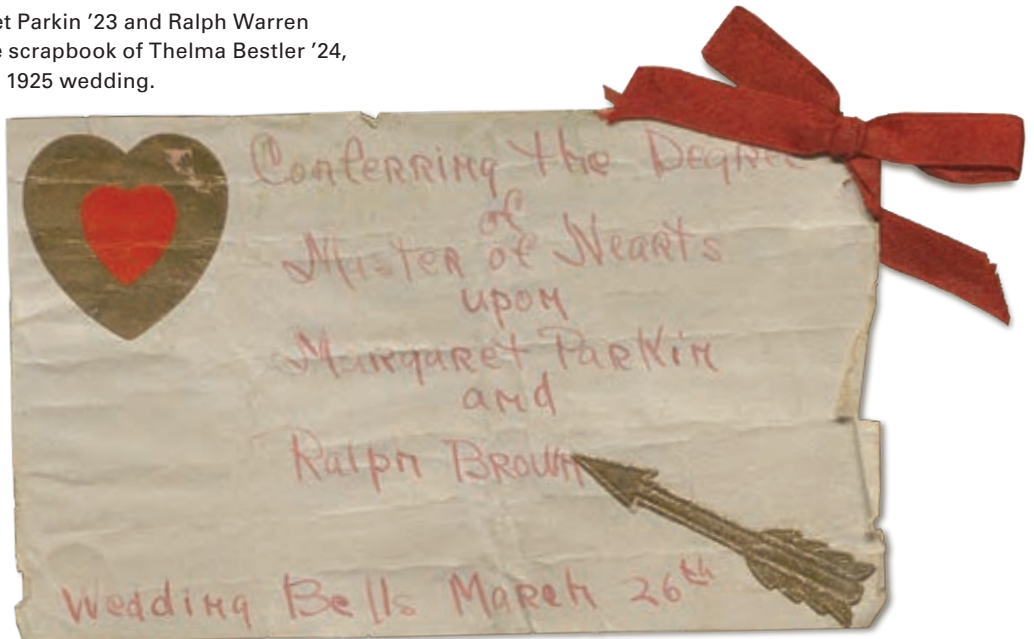
**BROWN-PARKIN
NUPTIALS
FRIDAY**

THE marriage of Miss Margaret Parkin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parkin, to Mr. Ralph Warren Brown, son of the Rev. Mr. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Brown of Seattle, will be solemnized on Friday evening, March 26, at Wesley House. The ceremony will be performed by the bridegroom's father at half past eight o'clock, and later there will be a reception.

Mrs. Earle MacPherson will be her sister's matron of honor, and the maids are the Misses Vilva Corey of Chehalis, Helen Pangborn, Thelma Bestler and Eleanor Kennedy of Tacoma, and Victoria Duncan and Ruth Downie of Seattle. Ellis MacPherson will be the ring-bearer; Ada Margaret Steinhauser, flower girl; Isabelle Prater and Jack Lewis the ribbon bearers.

Mr. George Brown will be his brother's best man.

In honor of Miss Parkin, Mrs. Ernest Goulder entertained with a luncheon at her home in Tacoma yesterday. Another luncheon for her last week was one given by Mrs. A. W. Brown and Mrs. Mildred Steinhauser, at which Mrs. Earle MacPherson and the Misses Helen Pangborn, Roberta Bellazzi and Victoria Duncan assisted.



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What it was made of

Miss Thelma Bestler was one of six bridesmaids at an elaborate wedding ceremony given at the Wesley House in Tacoma, Friday evening. The ceremony solemnized the marriage of Miss Margaret Parkin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parkin, to Mr. Ralph Warren Brown, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Brown. The bridesmaids were dressed in pastel shades of taffeta, Miss Bestler and her partner, being in coral. About two hundred people were present.

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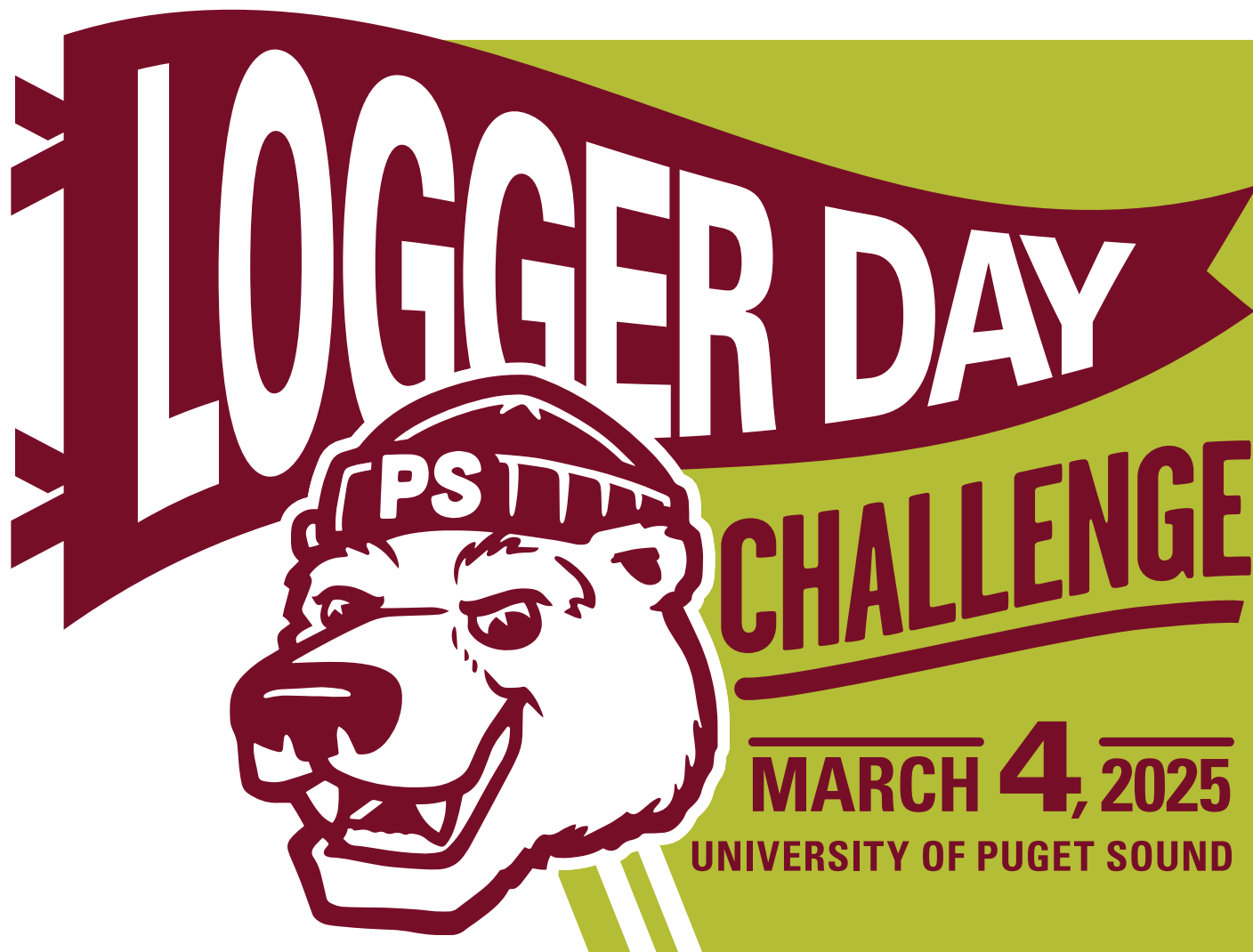
During World War II, Major (Chaplain) Brown became the first chaplain in World War II to receive the Distinguished Service Cross. In the 1950s, the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at what was then the College of Puget Sound named a squadron after Ralph Warren Brown.

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