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#### DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Students and guests put on their dancing shoes—and hopefully they were comfortable—as they danced all night to raise money for Seattle Children's Hospital. Once the music was over, more than \$68,000 was raised to benefit Children's Uncompensated Care Fund.

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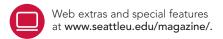




#### ON THE COVER

Bright future ahead: Seattle University receives largest gifts in its history.

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Twenty Albers grad students and Professor Jot Yau met with investment guru Warren Buffett (center) in Omaha in January. They joined with students from Stanford, Rice, Wisconsin, Rutgers, Chicago, Houston and FGV/Brazil to participate in a Q&A with Buffett and then lunch at Piccolo Pete's, a traditional Omaha steakhouse. Two SU students were among the four students lucky enough to have Buffett drive them to the lunch.

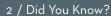
#### SCHOOL OF LAW OPENS SATELLITE CAMPUS IN ALASKA

Law students will begin study at the campus in fall 2015

Third-year law students will study and work in Anchorage in fall 2015, now that the American Bar Association has approved Seattle University School of Law's satellite campus there.

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar approved the law school's proposal, which paves the way for the law school to begin accepting applications from students at Seattle University and other accredited law schools who want to spend their third year in Alaska.

"We are eager to bring legal education to Alaska through this program we have worked so long to create," says Dean Annette Clark, '89. "The satellite campus fills a need for Alaskan students and the Alaska legal community. We are grateful for the tremendous support from so many in Anchorage and throughout the state."



#### A BUFFETT LUNCH: MEETING THE ORACLE OF OMAHA

It's every business student's dream to chat with Warren Buffett.

Buffet, the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, investor and philanthropist, offered Seattle University graduate students in the Albers School of Business and Economics that opportunity.

Finance Professor Jot Yau accompanied a group of 20 Albers students to Berkshire Hathaway corporate headquarters in Omaha, Neb., where Buffett not only took them to lunch at a local restaurant but also spent 2 hours with them for a Q&A session.

A few times a year, Buffett invites students from business schools to meet and ask him questions. Albers students, along with students from several other universities, got the invitation this year.

The students marveled at how engaging and down-to-earth Buffett was.

"We told ourselves, if he were a professor at school, we would never leave the classroom just to hear him talk forever," says Jesse A Salom, '15 MSF.

The students enjoyed Buffett's great sense of humor. He answered all their questions, no matter the subject.

"The ease with which he switches from a discussion on serious money making to talking about values and philanthropy is one of the qualities that makes him so great," says Lakshmi Sambamoorthy, '15 MSF.

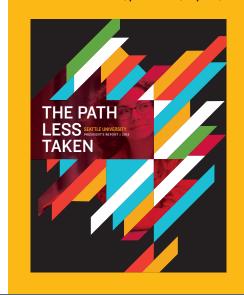
Takeaways from the visit were many. Buffett not only gave the students advice on business and how to invest, but, according to Natacha Maheshe, '15 Professional MBA, "one thing I will always remember is that Warren Buffett is a happy person. Not because of money, but because he's made his life simpletreasuring human relationships and integrity more than money."



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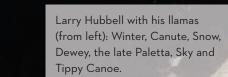




Associate Professor and chair of mathematics Allison Henrich

#### **EQUATION FOR SUCCESS**

Allison Henrich, associate professor and chair of mathematics, is one of the best in the U.S. Henrich is a 2015 recipient of the Henry L. Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching, presented by the Mathematical Association of America. With the honor, Henrich is in rare and esteemed company as the prestigious award is given annually to only two to three professors in the field nationwide. The honor recognizes "beginning college or university faculty whose teaching has been extraordinarily successful and whose effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics is shown to have influence beyond their classrooms."



#### A Life of Adventures and ... Llamas

By Annie Beckmann

Larry Hubbell's life is full of world adventures, hard work and a hearty sense of humor.

Professor Hubbell, who is director of Seattle University's Institute of Public Service, twice received Fulbright Specialist Awards in public administration: one in Lithuania, the other in Sierra Leone.

He gave lectures and taught courses in South Africa, China, Taiwan, Italy, Indonesia, Panama and Russia and trained rice farmers in Cambodia how to start a business. Once, he did a research project on London street gangs. He's also a novelist and short story writer.

Hubbell says he arrived at Seattle U in search of "a capstone for his career" after

25 years at the University of Wyoming. He delved right into searching for new ways to analyze learning outcomes of students who want to become leaders in public service.

Then he began to ponder the 70 different nonprofit organizations he consulted for in Wyoming, the 700 Seattle U alumni on his mailing list and his interest in organization development. He had the acumen to start a consulting group to provide community services under the institute's umbrella while offering hands-on training for students.

As he adjusted to his new job in a new state last July, Hubbell still faced the Herculean domestic task of finding a home for

himself, his wife Kelly and their 14 llamas. That's right, 14 shaggy-coated, toothy, long-necked and amazingly inquisitive 250- to 350-pound hoofed mammals. (A llama is nearly twice the size of an alpaca, in case you're curious.)

The Hubbells got the itch to raise llamas in the early 1980s when they ran a country inn in rural New Hampshire.

"A lot of work that was," he says, shaking his head. "But we couldn't have llamas there and certainly couldn't in D.C.," where he worked for both Volunteers in Service to America and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Hubbells came here from a 90-acre ranch in Laramie, small by Wyoming standards. Scouting for a place to accommodate their brood led them to the southern reaches of



Vashon Island, where horse lovers had left behind a house and barn on five acres, huge by Seattle-area standards.

Next up, fences. Lots and lots of sturdy fences to corral those ever-curious llamas. Then came the challenge that daunted many of Hubbell's colleagues: transporting a herd of 14 llamas 1,200 miles to their new home. Not quite like moving a couch and grandma's fine china.

How did the llamas survive the trek? Hubbell rolls his head and eyes and starts looking for his sea legs like he just stepped off a high-speed watercraft. It's not easy to imitate a llama, but after 10 years of sharing life with them, he's mastered the art.

While the move to the Puget Sound region involved an adjustment for all, after so many years on the edge of the Wyoming frontier the Hubbells are relieved to escape the inevitable four-foot snow drifts. The Hubbells and herd are adapting nicely to the Northwest now, although one of the elder llamas died in February.

Kelly Hubbell, a counselor who taught how to integrate mental health into primary health care at the University of Wyoming, is also a spinner and weaver. She is pleased to have found a network of like-minded women on Vashon. As the weather warms, she'll shear the llamas for their downy soft undercoat, which she spins for her weaving projects.

Caring for Ilamas, says Kelly, takes about 1 to 2 hours a day. Five Ilamas eat about as much as one horse. While the Hubbells haven't trained their Ilamas as pack animals, they say a Ilama leaves the same ecological footprint in the forest as a human.

Of the remaining seven females and six males (four of which were born on their Wyoming ranch), "Dewey" heads the herd. They say she's bossy and very intelligent. One winter, she and some of the others escaped.

"Back there, we had very few fences and llamas really only come back when they want to. When I caught up with Dewey, I told her, 'Dewey, I'm tired of running after you.' And she turned right around and came home," says Larry.

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## Teeing Up for the U.S. Open by Annie Beckmann

As she looks out over Chambers Bay, Shon Crewe, '97, imagines how this scenic golf course in University Place will come alive during the U.S. Open Championship in June.

Each day of this event—June 15-21— will bring a sold-out crowd of 40,000 spectators eager to watch world-class pro golfers. Crewe, co-host on 710 ESPN's Northwest Golf Show, will be in the thick of the action, interviewing players, covering the ever-changing standings and possibly even getting in a round with a pro.

"This environment makes me happy," she says. She revels in the drama that will unfold as trains chug past this rolling links-only course with a firm fescue turf—variables never encountered before at a U.S. Open.

For Crewe, the opportunity to cover this event has been a long time in the making. She spent many years focused on how to best advance the notion of golf commentary where experts would share golf news, talk with and about professional golfers and more.

"I also felt it was important to be intentional about coverage of female golfers and young players," she says.

Crewe auditioned for work in entertainment, joined a talent agency, modeled, acted in videos and commercials in addition to random odds and ends to put herself out there in the public eye. That tug of a dream to be a golf commentator stuck with her.

Crewe, a journalism and communications major, played varsity soccer at SU. No women's golf team existed at the time. Still, Crewe developed such a tenacious dedication to golf that she happily describes everything from the sport's etiquette to the fact that each time golf is played, circumstances change.

She imagined herself doing a TV golf show and began to create one.

"It was hard trying to host, write and produce it all," says Crewe. "Pulling it altogether was crazy, plus I still had to sell a pilot to a network.

"Right about then, the economy tanked and I said to myself, 'how can you talk about playing golf when people are losing their homes?' So I had to take a step back."

Then one day a golf friend suggested she might want to team up with Jim Moore, a veteran sports writer now at Seattle's 710 ESPN for sports talk as part of the "Danny, Dave and Moore" program.

Moore, an avid golfer himself, liked Crewe's ideas for golf talk radio. The two of them began with podcasts the first year. In the past couple of years, they've moved to live radio most Sunday mornings during golf season, March to September.

"Shon's been great to work with," says Moore.
"We both come to the radio business from different backgrounds so it's been fun to learn on the fly with her."

Crewe is a very good interviewer, according to her co-anchor, and has a good sense of humor, too.

Now in their fourth year, Moore and Crewe have cultivated quite a following not only locally, but also nationally and internationally.

"She has turned this whole golf thing into a Twitter following of more than 50,000 and she has come up with so many contacts that have led to all kinds of guests we've had on the show," says Moore.

Today, Crewe is one of only a few female golf show hosts in the country.

"If ever there was a time to devote myself 100 percent to golf, this would be that time."

Unequivocally, Crewe says, "Golf is no longer just Tiger Woods."

Janeen Driscoll, director of public relations for the U.S. Golf Association, says that's the mindset Crewe brings to golf, particularly for women.

"Shon is a rare find in the game of golf. Beyond her professional commitment to tell the game's great stories, she personally invests her time to draw others to the sport we love.

"Her ambassadorship for recreational golf has inspired a new generation of women to use the game for camaraderie, exercise, life balance and fun," says Driscoll. "...We need more like her."

Saturday, May 30 RED TIE CELEBRATION

Fairmont Olympic Hotel

Thursday, June 4 STUDENT CHAMBER RECITAL WITH GUEST DIRECTOR DAVIS RAHBEE

7:30 p.m., Pigott Auditorium

Friday, June 5

PROJECTS DAY: COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING/ALBERS

12:30-7 pm., Sullivan Hall/School of Law

Saturday, June 13
COMMENCEMENT BRUNCH

9:30 a.m., Grand Ballroom/Sheraton Hotel

Friday, July 31
LIVING & LEADING IGNATIAN:
IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Campion Ballroom

Monday, September 14
O'BRIEN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Golf Club at Redmond Ridge



# FIRE meet SPARK

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#### Advocate for Access | By Katherine Hedland Hansen

Professor honored as proponent of law school for underrepresented students

Professor Paula Lustbader, '88, a passionate advocate for promoting law school opportunities to members of underrepresented groups and diversifying the legal profession, was recognized with the Academic Support Award from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Director and co-founder along with Professor Emeritus Dave Boerner of the acclaimed Academic Resource Center, Lustbader was selected because of her long-standing commitment to the academic support community and students.

Seattle University School of Law has one of the few true remaining academic support programs in the country. The law school admits 10 percent of its class through the Access Admission Program, which considers an applicant's promise and experience in addition to traditional admission criteria. Those students are supported throughout law school by the Academic Resource Center (ARC). They attend an intensive seven-week summer program that integrates a traditional criminal law course with legal writing and study skills.

Through her innovative work in providing instruction, support and mentorship to law students from underrepresented groups, Lustbader has been instrumental in changing the face of the legal profession. More than 800 "ARCies," as students proudly call themselves, have graduated from law school since the program's inception. ARC graduates go on to find great success and be leaders in their communities.

"We owe great thanks to Paula for her steadfast commitment to ARC and years of nurturing our students and the program," says Dean Annette E.

Clark, '89. "This award is well-deserved recognition."

Lustbader is a nationally known leader, scholar and speaker on law school academic support programs, learning theory, teaching methods and diversity. In addition to being the past chair of both the Teaching Methods and Academic Support Sections of the AALS, she has been a frequent program organizer and presenter at conferences sponsored by the AALS, the Law School Admission Council Institutes for Academic Support, the Institute for Law School Teaching, the Society of American Law Teachers, the Legal Writing Institute, the Teaching Professor and the Academy for Creative Teaching. She has made presentations on teaching in England, Switzerland and Spain.

Lustbader was the co-recipient of the Washington State Bar Association Award for Excellence in Diversity. In 2010 she was awarded the Loren Miller Bar Association President's Award for her work to increase the diversity of the legal profession.

In recent years, Lustbader began to address issues of civility. She is the president and creator of Robert's Fund, which has partnered with the School of Law to offer the Promise of Civility continuing education seminars in Seattle and Tuscany, Italy, for lawyers, judges and mental health care workers.



Professor Paula Lustbader, '88

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## Leading the Way with Fair Trade

Seattle University has become the first Fair Trade University in the Pacific Northwest and one of only 26 schools in the country to earn that designation by Fair Trade Colleges and Universities USA. The campaign for Fair Trade status culminated in the university's recent adoption of a Fair Trade resolution.

The Fair Trade movement supports and advances economic systems that help international farmers, artisans and other workers to lift themselves out of poverty while protecting the environment. "This is so in line with our mission," says Sue Jackels, professor of chemistry, who has been principally involved with the effort. "It's an educational initiative to have Fair Trade products integrated into the university's events and operations."

A grant from Fair Trade Colleges and Universities USA supported both the campaign and a new Fair Trade coffee. Here on campus, Jackels and Quan Le, associate professor of economics, worked with students in the Global Business Club to move the Fair Trade initiative forward. The resolution was supported by President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., and passed by the Student Government of Seattle University (SGSU).

By signing the agreement, Seattle University pledges to make Fair Trade-certified products available through its dining facilities, catered events, offices and stores. The initiative also includes an educational component that encourages faculty to incorporate Fair Trade issues into their teaching. SU is well-positioned for this, particularly with its food service partner Bon Appétit's commitment to Fair Trade.

As the Fair Trade resolution underwent its journey toward passage, Jackels collaborated with students and colleagues at the Universidad Centroamericana Managua (UCA Managua), SU's Jesuit sister school, and farmers in the Nicaraguan coffee farmer cooperative, CECOSEMAC ("Aroma of Coffee" Union of Multiple-service Cooperatives), to develop a new Fair Trade coffee available at the university. Café Ambiental, or "Environmental Coffee," is sourced from CECOSEMAC, which represents more than 200 farms and seven cooperatives in the coffee growing region of Matagalpa, Nicaragua.



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SUE JACKELS. PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

#### Hall of Famers

Athletics honors contributions of players and teams

At this year's Homecoming weekend, Seattle University Athletics honored players and teams with induction into the Fr. Francis Logan Hall of Fame.

The inductees are Alex Chursky, '06, who played soccer from 2002-06; John Dougherty, '66, development officer: John Harbottle, '53, golfer from 1949-53; Erin Martin, '08, who played softball 2004-08; Francis (Frank) Saunders, '59, a basketball player from 1956-59; Liane Swegle, '76, who participated in track and field, 1972-76; and the 1966-67 Men's Tennis teams.

Alex Chursky scored one of the most famous goals in men's soccer history when he sent a header just inside the far post with three seconds remaining in regulation as the Redhawks defeated the University of the Incarnate Word in the quarterfinals of the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Tournament.

Dougherty has continually supported Seattle U Athletics since he matriculated reach three NCAA Division II softball as a student in the 1960s, serving as a student manager of men's basketball and baseball. In 2007 he became a development officer. For men's golf, the Hall of Fame honored Harbottle, who helped the team to several key victories, including defeating Pacific Lutheran, Gonzaga and Washington State. As a senior. Harbottle served as team captain and won 80 percent of his matches that year. In 1997, he was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame. Women's softball player Martin is the first softball player to be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. Martin holds Redhawk career records for most wins



This year's Hall of Fame class: (top) Liane Swegle, John Dougherty, Erin Martin, John Harbottle and Jim Harney (representing Francis Saunders); (bottom) George Alcott, Steve Hopps, Alex Chursky and Jim Ahlbrecht.

(89), most strikeouts (477), most complete games (111) and most shutouts (36). During her career Martin helped the team tournaments, pitching the team to the regional final in 2007. Inductee Saunders was instrumental in the success of men's basketball in the 1950s, including as a player of the historic 1957-58 squad that reached the NCAA title game. Over his three years on the team Saunders played in 85 games, averaging 8.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in the 1957-58 season. Swegle was a member of the track and field team in the mid-1970s. As a freshman she finished second in the 880-yard run at the Women's National Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships by just 6/10ths of a second. In 1974, she was named Seattle U's Athlete of the Year.

Swegle still holds the school record in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.3. Also inducted, the 1966-67 (spring) men's tennis teams coached by Cliff Hedger. In 1966, teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament, finishing 14th in the country. The doubles team of Steve Hopps and Tom Gorman advanced to the round of 16. In the 1966 season, the team posted an overall 17-5 record. The following year they improved to 18-2. Gorman and Brian Parrott traveled to the 1967 NCAA Championship, with Gorman advancing to the round of 16 in singles and both players helping Seattle U finish tied for 20th in the overall team standings.

-Seattle University Magazine staff



Professor Mary Alberg, PhD, has taught in the Physics Department since 1979, and has undoubtedly made a difference in the lives of former students pursuing careers in science.

#### FACULTY / news and notes

#### U.S. NEWS GRAD RANKINGS

The Albers School of Business and Economics Leadership Executive MBA and graduate Accounting programs are tops in the Northwest. Nationally, the Executive MBA is #18 and the graduate Accounting specialization ranks #15 among the top programs of its kind. The part-time Professional MBA program is #2 in the Northwest and #61 in the U.S. Seattle University School of Law has the #1 legal writing program in the nation. The clinical program is #20 and the part-time program #23 in the U.S. Additionally, the School of Law is among the most diverse in the country.

#### ALBERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Chair in Finance, coauthored two articles that were recently published: "Dim Sum Bonds: The Chinese Offshore Renminbi-Denominated Bonds" (Journal of Investing) and "Sovereign Risk and its Changing Effects on Duration during Financial Crisis" (Applied Financial Economics).

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SVEN ARVIDSON, director of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies and senior faculty fellow of the Center for Faculty Development, published "Between

Phenomenology and Psychology: The Interdisciplinary Example of Aron Gurwitsch" JOT YAU, the Dr. Khalil Dibee Endowed in the Journal of Phenomenological Psychology. The essay uses current thinking about interdisciplinarity to bring together Husserlian philosophy and Gestalt psychology.

> CYNTHIA MOE-LOBEDA, associate professor of theology and religious studies, gave a presentation at the fourth annual Lutheran Studies Conference at Pacific Lutheran University. Moe-Lobeda discussed how Lutheran sources invite people to resist forms of structural evil.

CHARLES TUNG, associate professor of English, will publish "Modernism, Time Machines and the Defamiliarization of Time"

#### Leading Physicist Inspires through Work | By Tina Potterf

Spotlight on Professor Mary Alberg of the College of Science and Engineering

Professor Mary Alberg, PhD, has been a staple in the Physics Department at the College of Science and Engineering since 1979. A leader in her field, Alberg's passion for research is deep and storied

and her work as a physicist is inspiring to students and colleagues alike.

The admiration of her when work in the classroom and as an accomplished and well-published researcher was recognized on a national level in November 2014, when she was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society, the leading physicists' professional society in the world.

Alberg was cited "for seminal contributions to understanding the sea of the nucleon and other baryons and her extraordinary service to the physics community."

The number of APS Fellows is small, with annual election limited to less than one-half of one percent of the

membership. The lifetime fellowship is one that most active physicists never achieve—and Alberg is the first from Seattle University to receive this honor.

Alberg's teaching includes a wide

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#### MARY ALBERG, PhD

variety of physics courses from the introductory level through upper-level nuclear and particle physics.

Many of her students have the unique experience of engaging in research as undergraduates and serving as coauthors on publications.

"I really feel that I am the students' coach," she says. "I am here to help them

learn-not to put up obstacles."

The focus of her research, which is supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, centers on theoretical and phenomenological nuclear

physics including quarks and gluons in protons, neutrons and mesons. In addition to her work at Seattle University, Alberg collaborates with her counterparts at the University of Washington, where she earned her master's and doctorate degrees in physics (Alberg earned her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College.)

But it's her care for her students that makes her so beloved—"the most important people in my professional life are my undergraduate students."

"Teaching is a remarkable profession where you are paid to learn new things," she says. "I have always said, 'I will teach for free but you have to pay me to grade."

in Configurations, the official journal of the Society for Literature, Science and the Arts. The article draws from the introduction to his book manuscript, Modernism and Time Machines and will appear in the summer 2015 issue.

#### **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Instructor RENEE RASSILYER-BOMERS received a Nurse of the Year award in the Advance Practice category from the March of Dimes Washington chapter. A double-graduate of SU having earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing—as well as a bachelor's in

Humanities—Rassilyer-Bomers is now teaching and mentoring students following in her footsteps.

STEVEN PALAZZO, assistant professor of nursing, has published in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Human Capital blog. In his article, he discusses the Teen Take Heart program, which seeks to mitigate cardiovascular risk factors in at-risk high school students. Palazzo is a current Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar (2013-2016).

#### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

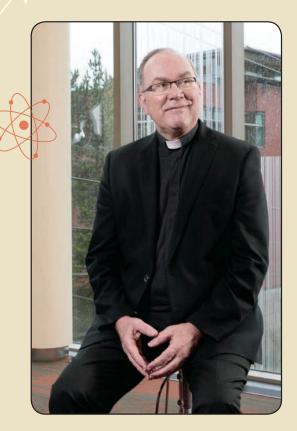
FAUSTINO (TITO) CRUZ, associate dean of Academic Affairs, presented at the International Leadership Association (ILA) conference in San Diego. Cruz spoke on "Reframing Ethical Leadership in a 'Spiritual and Not Religious' World."

Cruz recently published a special work, "Firipinjin Ijuuroudousha to Beikoku ni okeru Jinshin Torihiki" (Filipino Labor Migration and Human Trafficking in the United States), which was translated to Japanese by Professor Takefumi Terada of Sophia University, Tokyo. The work was published in the Migrants Network journal.

## Bright Future Ahead A

Seattle University receives biggest gifts ever

BY MIKE THEE



"This gift is about believing in our future as a university."

President Stephen Sundborg, S.J.

Within the span of about three months, two benefactors committed \$42 million to Seattle University. The first, a \$30 million combined cash and estate gift, will support the university's new Center for Science and Innovation and endowed student scholarships. The second, a \$12 million estate gift, is for the university's recently established Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (ICTC) and scholarships.

At the time they were made, each gift was larger than any other single donation the university had previously received.

"These gifts are tremendously transformative for SU and we could not be more pleased," says Bob Ratliffe, chair of Seattle University's Board of Trustees. "More and more people are recognizing SU as the exceptional university that it is and want to be a part of its success. The generosity of these donors will make a huge difference for the next generation of leaders that we are educating."

Seattle University Magazine sat down with President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., to learn about the benefactors—both of whom have chosen to remain anonymous—as well as how these gifts came about and what they mean for the university and the wider community.

#### Q/Let's first talk about that \$30 million gift.

FATHER SUNDBORG: This gift came from a longtime friend of the university who believes very strongly in our mission. I asked the person for \$25 million and was asked to write up the request. When the person called me, they said, "You're not going to like what I have to tell you. You asked me for \$25 million. I'm not going to give you \$25 million—I'm going to give Seattle University \$30 million."

#### Q/ And your reaction?

FATHER SUNDBORG: Just completely overwhelmed. I got off the phone and went down to the office of [Executive Vice President] Tim Leary. As I started to tell him I'd just been informed that we received a \$30 million gift, I broke down, and Tim said, "Steve, what's wrong? Sit down, sit down, sit down..."

Personally, this absolutely was one of the most confirming single events I had in the year, next perhaps to having 45 minutes with Pope Francis. It's overwhelming to experience this confirmation of our mission.

#### Q/ How does the magnitude of this gift compare with other gifts the university has received throughout its history?

**FATHER SUNDBORG:** That \$30 million gift is three times the largest gift that Seattle University has ever received.

#### Q/ How will the gift benefit students?

FATHER SUNDBORG: Twenty million dollars of the gift will support the Center for Science and Innovation, which is the most important future direction of Seattle University and builds on our history of science and engineering. We have a long tradition that has been supported by the Boeing Company, in particular, and the dimensions of our science and engineering programs have a direct correlation with this and other companies of the region. Largely because of our connection with Boeing, we have a much larger engineering program than most Jesuit schools.

With the \$20 million commitment, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and health sciences will be much more at the very center of Seattle University's education, both for the undergrad and grad students who major in these fields and indeed all undergraduates who take at least one course in these disciplines as part of the Core curriculum.

The center will allow us to wrap together biology, chemistry, physics and all the branches of engineering, mathematics, computer sciences, as well as the Project Center, Center for Entrepreneurship and Center for Environ-mental Justice and Sustainability.

#### Q/ And the other \$10 million of the \$30 million gift—how will that he used?

FATHER SUNDBORG: The \$10 million is for the most critical long-term need of Seattle University: endowment for scholarships for students so that any deserving student can come to the university and be successful.

#### Q/What does the \$30 million gift say to you about Seattle University?

**FATHER SUNDBORG:** The thing that is probably the most significant beyond the dimension of the gift is that this person not only believes in our mission but also believes in where we are going. This gift is about believing in our future as a university.

#### Q/ Let's talk about the \$12 million bequest. What can you tell us about that benefactor?

**FATHER SUNDBORG:** This comes from a longtime friend of Seattle University who is wanting to leave a legacy that supports the Catholic faith and the Catholic community in our region.

#### Q/ How will this gift benefit students and the university?

FATHER SUNDBORG: Part of the estate gift—\$3.5 million—will go toward our newly established Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, which both advances the Catholic character of Seattle University's education, internally and also as a resource to the public of our Catholic heritage. The other \$8.5 million is going to endowment for scholarships but particularly so that any deserving Catholic students can attend this Catholic university.

#### Q/ How do these commitments tie into the university's aspirations and priorities?

**FATHER SUNDBORG:** Our goal as a university is two-fold—to be one of the world's most vibrant Jesuit universities and also to be a university that is critically important to the promise of the greater Seattle area.

These two wonderfully generous commitments are absolutely supportive of and vital to that goal. The \$12 million commitment, with its focus on our Catholic character, supports our aspiration to be one of the world's most vibrant Jesuit universities. To me, this is a foundational pledge—central to the heart of who we are. The \$30 million gift is oriented toward the future. It positions us as even more critically important to the promise of the greater Seattle region by connecting our students with careers and contributions to the great and emerging companies of our region.





## Seattle U embraces a bold new look

## HERE WE DARE

Maybe you've seen it on a billboard near the Ballard Bridge or on the side of a Metro bus—advertisements for Seattle University that are not the same ol', same ol'. The look is bold, the messages clever and compelling. It's all part of a new brand overhaul and visibility initiative that tells the story of Seattle University. No longer the hidden gem of the Northwest, the university is upping its game through a visual and messaging drive that reflects all that makes the university Seattle's university—academic rigor, a commitment to educating the whole person, encouraging personal growth through service and global engagement. The new brand reflects the vibrancy of the campus as a whole and inspires pride while raising the university's profile. The brand was derived from a data-driven approach that involved focus groups with students, faculty, staff, alumni and prospective students.



#### EDUCATING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

#### IS NOT MULTIPLE CHOICE



Billboards and Metro buses exhibit new messages that elevate the mission and empower leaders.

"Part of what inspires me about the Jesuit tradition—and SU as a community in particular—is a commitment to engaging with the world," says Barry Mitzman, professor of Strategic Communications and member of the Brand Leadership Group. "Many authentic attributes of SU are captured brilliantly in those three words: Here We Dare."





Digital ads, like this one featuring student body president Eric Sype, '15, are a strong component of the visibility plan.





New bold signage on Broadway and banners along 12th nicely showcase the university.



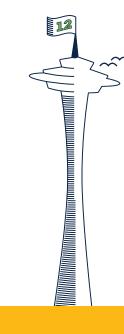


"We are all brand ambassadors and the new direction will help each of us tell the Seattle University story with greater clarity and impact."

STEPHEN SUNDBORG, S.J. PRESIDENT



A sampling of newly branded publications from throughout the university illustrate the ways SU is elevating its profile. The Graduate Viewbook received a Gold award from CASE.





Travel in style: Seattle U's new look wraps the South Lake Union street car and inspires pride.





#### ALUMNA OF THE YEAR <<

#### Doreen Marchione, '62

A graduate of Seattle University's College of Arts and Sciences, Doreen Marchione, '62, is dedicated to improving the lives of people in her community. She has impacted Seattle University through her 15 years on the Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Council, participation in the visiting committee for the Master of Nonprofit Leadership and her financial commitment as a donor and Legacy Society member. In 1984, she began the first of two terms as mayor of Redmond. Currently, Marchione is in her second term on the Kirkland City Council after serving as Deputy Mayor. During her 15 years as CEO of HopeLink—the largest provider of social services in north and east King County—she oversaw a 150 percent increase in the number of residents HopeLink assisted.

#### AWARDS 2015

For 30 years, Seattle University has honored alumni and faculty who exemplify our Jesuit values and excel in areas of leadership, professional achievement and community service. Here are this year's recipients.



#### OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS

Derek Rogalsky, '10

Derek Rogalsky is an example of a Seattle University graduate who embodies the Jesuit values of service and social justice. As a student, he was inducted into SU's Ignatian Leadership Honor Society, served as president of the Bannan Scholars, volunteered in Haiti and played on the men's soccer team-all while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. After graduation, he deferred medical school for a year to volunteer with his wife, Rebekah (Henrich), '09, for a year of service in Haiti, teaching, mentoring and coaching at Louverture Cleary School. While there, Rogalsky helped coordinate The Haitian Project's institutional response to the cholera epidemic, keeping the campus free of infection. Currently in his fourth-year at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Rogalsky was one of 21 fourth-year medical students nationwide to receive the American Medical Association Physicians of Tomorrow Award.



#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### Clayton Pitre, '68

Clayton Pitre, a Montford Point Marine and longtime community activist, graduated from Seattle University with a degree in accounting. A fixture in the central Seattle community, Pitre organized and chaired the African American Dollars for Scholars program for 17 years, coordinated efforts to fund and build three low-income housing projects and was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church for 52 years, serving three terms as president of the parish board and leading the development of its child care center. For 60 years, Pitre served as a member of the Knights of Columbus and Knights of Peter Claver (the African American arm of the Knights of Columbus). Pitre was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine, the first African American Marine troop in World War II.



#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** Margaret Heitkemper, PhD, RN, FAAN, '73 Margaret Heitkemper, a graduate of the College of Nursing, demonstrates exceptional leadership. An innovator integrating basic scientific research into nursing, she inspires colleagues with her cutting-edge approach to health care. Nationally and internationally recognized, Heitkemper was recently elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. Heitkemper had the courage to introduce a clinical research program identifying possible symptoms related to IBS at a time little notice was being paid to GI distress. Through her work, IBS patients have adopted ways of living quality lives. In a career full of successes, Heitkemper is most proud of her work highlighting the importance of women's health and the role gender plays in health and treatment.

#### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY <<<

#### Phillip Thompson, PhD

Phillip Thompson, PhD, a member of Seattle University's faculty since 1997, is professor of civil and environmental engineering and director of the Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability. An accomplished scholar-educator, Professor Thompson earned the 2009-11 Thomas J. Bannan Endowed Chair of Engineering. A consultant to the Bill and Melinda Gates and Bullitt Foundations, Thompson is a recipient of grants and awards from the National Science Foundation and his research on water treatment and pollution control has been published widely. Each year, he takes students to work on water projects in countries such as Thailand, Nicaragua, Jamaica and Zambia, giving him rich experience to draw upon. Associate Dean Jean Jacoby says, "Phil exemplifies SU's care for students and commitment to environmental justice and sustainability."

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Joe Zavaglia, '71 Joe Zavaglia dreams of what could be and makes it happen. While an SU student, Zavaglia wanted to play college soccer but there was no team. Drafting a petition, he not only received 90 percent student approval but also recruited 100 potential players. When told the school didn't have the \$500 needed, he appealed to then-President Father Lemieux. In a matter of hours, Zavaglia received a call from Athletic Director Eddie O'Brien that the funds had been appropriated. A tireless fundraiser, he helped launch the annual Red Tie event and chaired the Men's Soccer Alumni Committee. He has served on the Board of Regents for seven years and co-chaired the Championship Field redevelopment with Vince Volpe.

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By Susan Vosper, '90, '10 LEMBA, Assistant VP/Office of Alumni Engagement

#### Exploring a New Chapter of the SU Experience

As I enter my fourth year at Seattle University, I know that much of our success is due to our passionate alumni helping to build our association. We saw this directly demonstrated through your responses to our alumni survey last spring. Your input helps to shape and improve the Seattle U alumni experience.

You told us that you want to feel more connected and you want more opportunities to get involved. We heard your feedback and hope that you read the "You Spoke, We Listened" article in the winter Seattle University Magazine. We are working hard to create great your alma mater, most notably through our alumni chapters.

These chapters are a great way for you to maintain and build relationships with fellow alumni and stay connected to your alma mater through personal and professional development opportunities, social events and service-oriented gatherings.

Traditionally, chapters are based on a regional model. Just because you've left Seattle doesn't mean you've left the activities and through partnerships with Seattle U community. Regional chapters are organized in areas with the largest alumni populations outside of the available along with two other chapter

ence and help alumni continue to connect to each other through their student club current student groups.

Corporate chapters form partnerships between Seattle-area companies with Seattle area. At SU, these chapters are large concentrations of alumni. Corporate chapters aim to help alumni connect where

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SUSAN VOSPER. '90. '10. ASSISTANT VP

models relevant to your educational experience.

Affinity chapters provide connection opportunities for multicultural and identity-based groups. Affinity chapters are an extension of the student experithey work while encouraging employees at all levels of a company to build stronger relationships and discover opportunities for career growth within their current organization. Another important benefit is for alumni to help increase the recruitment of students into internships and jobs.

Some of our most active chapters include African American Alumni, Filipino Alumni, SU Bridge Recent Alumni, Bay Area Alumni, Microsoft Alumni, Boeing Alumni and Women of SU (see next page).

If you're interested in getting involved in Seattle University chapters, visit our website (seattleu.edu/alumni) for a complete list of chapter events and existing alumni chapters. We hope you will join an alumni chapter as a way to connect back to Seattle U.

#### Don't know how to get involved?



Visit our website @ seattleu.edu/alumni and follow us on:



SeattleUAlumni





Check us out on social media and in the SU Voice e-newsletter for updates on alumni happenings, programming, events and more.



#### The Women of SU | By Annie Beckmann



Sue Ursino, '74, spoke at the Women of SU spring event.

If Shon Crewe's, '97, name is familiar to those who aren't golf enthusiasts, it could be because she is co-chair of the Women of SU alumnae chapter with 1998 graduate Sarah Mariani.

The brainchild of Karen Lynn Maher, 'OO, and Laura Robinson, '98, '08, the chapter has been in the making for the past couple of years and is one of the most active today. When getting the chapter together, the executive leadership team sought the feedback from future members to gauge what they wanted in an alumni group.

"After a couple different events and feedback from hundreds of women, we had a one-day retreat to map it out,"

Crewe says. "Our key focus areas are community service and educational and social events."

April participated in Jesuit Alumni Day of more than 400 alumn and friends of SU have women of SU event.

Mary Gorjance, '80, Vivian Li, '11, and Jill Naas-Blackburn, '95, agreed to

serve as team leads for committees.

Membership is open to all alumnae, staff and faculty. The chapter partners with the women's basketball team to host a pregame event for the annual Women in Leadership Celebration. Every other month, the Women of SU Connection Café spotlights an alumna who is excelling in her personal and professional interests, providing the framework for thought-provoking discussions. During the holidays, the chapter hosted community service events at local food banks and in April participated in the 2015 National Jesuit Alumni Day of Service. All told, more than 400 alumnae, faculty, staff and friends of SU have taken part in a

"With this chapter, we want to help Seattle U women be their best selves," says Crewe.

#### MISSION «

The Women of SU chapter is dedicated to connecting women in the spirit of the Jesuit tradition by promoting leadership and empowerment, encouraging service and philanthropy and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth.

## class notes





John Bianchi, '04, and Julie Bianchi, '13, welcomed their first born, a girl, on January 6, 2015.



Laura Hauck, '07, married Tyler Vixie '07, in August in Issaquah. The couple celebrated with many friends and family including Rebecca Schoenfeld, '09, Sarah Fischer, '04, Karlie Jones, '04, Abby Marten and Jordan Gevers, '04, and Kyle Vixie, '11.



Betsy (Elizabeth) Miller, '10 and Will Hutchinson were married September 27, 2014, at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Fife. SU alums in her family include her brother Paul Miller, '07, parents John, '83 and Julia (Dreves) Miller, '83, uncle Jim Dreves, '83, and grandparents Donald, '59 and Patricia (Carlson) Miller



#### 1957

Larry Ourada has released a novel, Hot Summer in the High Desert. Ourada, an English graduate of SU, describes the book as "a fast moving novel about teenagers coming of age in the early 1950s. It has elements of American Graffiti, Happy Days and Catcher in the Rye but with the added dimension of how Catholic teens try to reconcile their Baltimore Catechism teachings from the nuns and priests with the strong secular influences that permeate their lives..." The book is available at Amazon.com, among other retailers.

#### 1975

Steven W. Hooper, a co-founder and partner of Ignition Partners, a technology and telecommunications venture capital firm located in Bellevue, joins the PSE and Puget Energy boards. Currently, Hooper serves on the boards of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI), Blucora, Inc., SeaMobile, Airbiquity and AVST. Previously, he was co-CEO of Teledesic and CEO of AT&T Wireless.

#### 1987

Jim Claypool has been named the managing member of Harrison Berkman Claypool & Guard, PLLC (Certified Public Accountants) and HBC Financial Services, PLLC (HBCFS-a Registered Investment Adviser firm). HBCFS was recently named to the inaugural CNBC Top 100 Fee-Only Wealth Manager list and was their highest rated firm located in the state of Washington.

#### 1988

Jim Tarte, a seasoned financial executive, has joined Momentum, a national plan-design-build firm as chief financial officer. Tarte has worked with Momentum as a financial consultant since 2013. "Jim's broad financial background, operations experience and real estate finance expertise make him a terrific addition to Momentum's team," said Momentum President Jim Haack, in a news release. "We are excited to bring Jim's management and analytical capabilities to project teams and clients both directly and indirectly as Momentum grows."

#### 1993

**Kim Isaac** has joined Seattle University as Associate Vice President for Development.

**Rick Nelson, MPA,** was awarded the Washington State Crime Prevention Association Lifetime Achievement Award for his 37 years of dedicated service.



1999 Kymberly Evanson was elected to partnership with Pacific Law Group. Evanson

represents public, private and nonprofit clients in trial and appellate litigation matters and has successfully represented clients before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals and the Washington State Supreme Court. She has served on the Alumni Board of Governors for Seattle University and is currently on the Board of Lawyers Helping Hungry Children. She is also a volunteer attorney at the Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic for the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.



#### 2010

While in his 4th year at Georgetown University School of Medicine, **Derek Rogalsky** is among 21

medical students nationwide to receive a "Physicians of Tomorrow" Award from the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation. The award is one of the most prestigious and selective accolades in the field and recognizes academic achievement through scholarships.

#### 2013

**Laura Ochoa, MPA,** was selected as a Presidential Management Fellow and will work with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

#### 2014

Charisse Arce, a graduate of the School of Law, is the first Gaye
L. Tenoso Indian Country Legal
Fellow, part of the U.S. Attorney
General's Honors Program. Arce
will be appointed to a three-year
term position in the United States
Attorney's Office in the District of
Arizona, where she will be assigned
to the district's Indian Country Crime
Section. Arce also will serve in the
Pascua Yaqui Tribal Prosecutor's Office.



#### 1942

Dr. Jerry Joseph Dragovich (October 17, 2014)

#### 1948

Margaret Monica Germain (February 1, 2015)

#### 1949

Neil A. Tarte (February 24, 2014)

#### 1951

Charles Raymond Harmke (August 31, 2014)

#### 1952

James Lawrence O'Shea (July 31, 2014)

#### 1953

William (Bill) James Higlin (August 13, 2014) Edward Joseph Husarik (September 24, 2014)

#### 1954

Robert Stephen Armstrong (October 17, 2014) Henry Louis Elliot, Jr. (November 21, 2014)

#### 1957

Thomas Kevin Foley, '61 MSE (November 11, 2014)
Jacqueline Faye Murray (September 15, 2014)

#### 1958

Gennady Michael Selivanoff (September 9, 2014)

#### 1960

Susan Elizabeth Moore Bredehoft (November 9, 2014) Lloyd Ralph Gibson (September 26, 2014) Douglas Orr, '69 MEd (November 11, 2014) Jude Thaddeus Petrie (June 8, 2014)

#### 1961

Thornton Govan Humphries, Jr. (May 10, 2014)

#### 1962

Paul Wilhelm Poggel (October 8, 2014)

#### 1963

Julia (Judy) Lawler (September 2, 2014)

#### 1964

William (Bill) James Cruzen, (October 29, 2014)
Gary James Lauby (August 7, 2014)
Margaret Rowe-Nelson, MEd (October 20, 2014)
Richard Alan Zimbrick, '72 MS (September 20, 2014)

#### 1966

Kevin James Henderson, '85 MBA (May 23, 2014)

#### 1967

Isabel Maria Laigo Lea (September 17, 2014)
Sister Virginia Marie Tennyson, MA (October 18, 2014)

#### 1968

Maurica Marie Byrne, MEd (September 8, 2014)

#### 1972

Gary Wallace Lanker, MBA (September 22, 2014) John Patrick McMahon (September 27, 2014)

#### 1973

Albert O'Connor Anton (September 13, 2014) Margaret J. "Marge" Hull (October 5, 2014)

#### 1976

John Robert Sarich, Jr. (October 5, 2014)

#### 1984

Christine Erdahl, '87 MA (October 14, 2014) Carrene M. Wood, JD (November 10, 2013)

#### 1985

Linda Helen Tellesbo, MBA (Nov. 3, 2014)

#### 1990

Sister Damian Schirmer (January 25, 2015)

#### 1998

Alfred Padeway, MPA (February 3, 2014)

#### 2004

Cyrus Clapp Heffernan, Jr. (August 26, 2014)

#### 2006

James William Anderson (April 29, 2014)

#### FACULTY/STAFF

#### 1949

Dr. James T. Reilly (July 5, 2014) Staff, Psychology and Counseling Center



Mary Ann Sauvage, '56 (March 24, 1934-February 3, 2015)

A graduate of the College of Nursing, Mary Ann Sauvage was a passionate supporter of Catholic education and Seattle University. From 1981-2004 she was on the Board of Regents and served on the board of Holy Names Academy and the Board of Trustees at Seattle Prep.

Before pursuing her nursing degree at SU, Mary Ann graduated from Holy Names Academy. While at SU she was named Homecoming Queen and during this time, she met her future husband, Dr. Lester Sauvage. The couple married June 9, 1956, and settled in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood to start their family.

The Sauvage family is a Seattle University legacy family with three generations of SU alumni. Mary Ann and Lester's legacy includes founding the Sauvage Nursing Scholarship and playing a key role in the founding of the Hope Heart Professorship in the College of Nursing.

#### THINKING OF YOU

We ask readers and family members to inform us of the death of alumni and friends of Seattle University. Please e-mail tinap@seattleu.edu or send via mail to: Seattle University Magazine, Attn.: Obits, Seattle University, 901 12th Ave., PO Box 222000, Seattle, WA 98122-1090.



"We are confident his experience in public administration will lead the program to the next level of growth and achievement and that his love of llamas will keep him sane in the process."

KATHLEEN LA VOY, ASSOCIATE DEAN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Little of this Ilama talk speaks to Hubbell's exuberance for what he tackles at Seattle U. At his office in the Casey Building, he cooks up more strategies for the institute and its public service degree programs—Master of Public Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs and the Public Administration and Law joint degree. Looking ahead, Hubbell envisions hybrid courses that combine online teaching with existing night and weekend classes for the MPA degree.

Given his experience as an international consultant for U.S. Agency for International Development projects around the world, he's hoping to attract more foreign students to the institute, particularly from Šiauliai University in Lithuania and from Macau in China. In March, College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Powers and Kan Liang, a modern Chinese history expert who is an associate dean in Arts and Sciences, joined Hubbell on a student recruiting trip to Hong Kong and Macau.

"We are confident his experience in public administration will lead the program to the next level of growth and achievement," says Kathleen La Voy, associate dean who oversees graduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, "and that his love of llamas will keep him sane in the process."



#### Adventure Tales of Montana's Last Frontier | By Gary A. Wilson

The Wild West is typically associated with gunslingers, gamblers and gold seekers. In Adventure Tales of Montana's Last Frontier, historian Gary A. Wilson digs deep into the area's past and provides a riveting look at the settlers who make the remote windswept Hi-Line area along the Canadian border home.

Among those chronicled include pioneering women, itinerant preachers, traders community and a yearly renewal in every and Native Americans. Many of the stories told were on the verge of extinction; only through genealogical sleuthing was Wilson able to bring the stories to light.

Some of the accounts revolve around small, but personally meaningful, passages of life. For example, Eliza Shaw Dodd, an Army chaplain's wife, recounts her husband's sermon following President James A. Garfield's death in 1881. The eulogy centered on Jeremiah 48:17 of the Old Testament, using the analogy of the ancient kingdom of Jordan's destruction.

Rarely one to express any negatives, Dodd did take exception with an officer's wife who insisted on singing loud and offkey during church services, "making for a less joyous sound to the Lord."

Thora Fremming, a nurse in Chouteau County, described the process of cleaning up newly arrived sheepherders. She used coal to remove layers of dirt acquired during the warm months and brandished a small mirror to "show what clean looked like."

Ellen Thompson, among the first settlers in the Milk River country, was tasked with raising nine children by herself while her husband was away running a freighting operation for part of the year. Thompson, notes Wilson, was certainly at a disadvantage with a one-room residence and such a large brood. "The combination kitchen, living room, bathing and laundry room must have been claustrophobic," he writes. Thompson died of cancer at the age of 44.

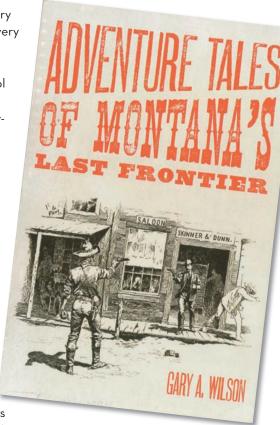
The story of the Methodist Church in Montana would be incomplete without the contributions of Reverand Van Orsdel, With a work philosophy of a "church in every church," Van Orsdel is credited with helping to establish 100 churches, 50 parsonages, the Montana Prep School (now Intermountain Children's Home of Montana), Montana Wesleyan University (now Rocky Mountain College) and seven Deaconess hospitals and nurses' quarters.

Louis Shambo, born in 1846, was a master of many trades. He talked little about his life. Only close friends heard his stories. Shambo permanently left his family behind at the tender age of 12 when he joined an Indian or Metis group (indigenous Canadians of mixed race). Over the years he served as an Indian fighter and Indian friend, U.S. Army scout, cowboy, bartender and rancher.

Shambo lived a full life, witnessing incredible cultural changes from the days of Indian country into the 20th century. He died in 1918, renewing his Catholicism before his death. Thanks to Wilson's account, stories like Shambo's are kept alive.

The 14 chapters in the book encompass the mundane to the extraordinary. By preserving the history of Montana's Milk River country, Wilson allows readers to immerse themselves in a bygone area, a slice of time defined by determination and perseverance in the face of staggering obstacles.

-Reviewed by Chelan David

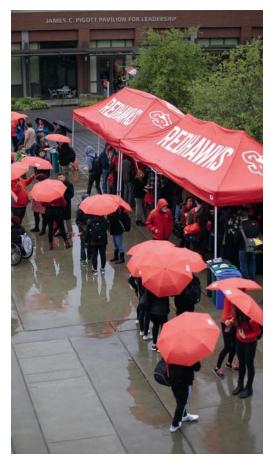


#### **BEING SCENE**

#### **HOMECOMING 2015**

Hundreds of alumni and students came together to celebrate Homecoming Weekend. The rain didn't dampen the fun-filled weekend that included a parade, coronation of the Homecoming Court, basketball, tours of campus and more.





Father Sundborg leads the way in a parade to kick off Homecoming Weekend. It was a weekend full of events, including basketball pre-game festivities, a coronation of the Homecoming Court and more.











Guppy was 23 when a perfect storm of circumstances, including a reaction to a prescribed medication, pushed him into psychosis and landed him in a mental ward.

#### Writing Therapy | By Annie Beckmann

Joe Guppy on the journey that led to his memoir

As he stood at the podium and scanned the standing-room-only crowd at Seattle's Elliott Bay Book Co. for his book launch, Joe Guppy shared his sheer delight.

"I've imagined this moment and now it's actually here," said Guppy, '77, '98 MAP, author of *My Fluorescent God*, a literary memoir about Guppy's 1979 experience as a mental patient. The gathering was a mix of folks, many who knew him much of his life. There were Seattle University psychology professors and other mental health professionals, family members, alumni, students, staff and friends.

Before he read from the book, Guppy thanked those who had helped him through the difficult life experience that became the focus of his memoir. He had kind words for Patricia de la Fuente, now retired, the psychiatric nurse in the mental ward at Seattle's Providence Hospital (now Swedish Cherry Hill) who played a big role in his recovery. He credited SU's Master of Arts in

Psychology program for training him so well to become a psychotherapist and helping him make sense of what happened well over a decade before he entered the program. He also singled out the support of his mother Pauline, '49, '69 MIT, and his wife, Nancy Guppy.

Guppy was 23 when a perfect storm of circumstances, including a reaction to a prescribed medication, pushed him into psychosis and landed him in a mental ward.

"I had to find my way back to reality. Coming back was both a therapeutic and spiritual journey," he says. "I discovered my strength and courage along the way."

Guppy kept a journal—as did his mother—of his six months as a mental health patient. Those, plus his hospital medical records and cassette tapes of 1979 interviews he conducted with caregivers and fellow patients, gave him an extraordinarily well-documented archive for his memoir.

In his book, Guppy describes his experience of mental illness in raw detail—how his reality shifted dramatically, his terror and paranoia, his struggles with conquering a delusion of hell and ultimately rekindling his spirituality.

As he regained confidence, Guppy emerged from his ordeal with purpose and energy.

"Throwing myself into theater and music was tremendously healing and having a community that accepted me was so life giving," he says.

His work as a writer and performer on TV's local sketch comedy show "Almost Live" was a hit. By 1985, he met his wife-to-be Nancy, who went on to a starring role in "Almost Live."

Their success convinced them to head for Los Angeles in 1989, where he wrote and performed for HBO's satirical "Not Necessarily the News" and other shows, but by 1993, he was tired of show biz.

After returning to Seattle, he began to teach writing and improvisation. He also started looking at graduate programs in psychology. It was the SU master's program in existential phenomenological psychology that made the most sense, he says, because it afforded an opportunity to use his literary and theatrical background.

The fact that Guppy became a practicing psychotherapist made it easier to write about the therapeutic aspects of his experience. For the book, he also dialogued with other mental health professionals about his story and returned to interview psychiatric nurse de la Fuente and a former Jesuit who had helped him 30 years earlier.

Guppy says his mental health journey also brought him to a more benevolent spiritual point of view.

As he wrote in the book, "I do believe that God makes a promise that whatever happens to us can ultimately work out for the good."



Read about Joe Guppy's spiritual journey and more in an excerpt from his book at www.seattleu.edu/magazine/.

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