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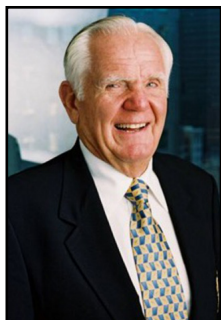
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Washington Alpha Mourns the Loss of Jerry Nelson

By Jim Boyle '88

“If it is to be, it is up to me.”



He was a visionary. A leader with humility. An inspirer and confidant. A true believer in the positive impacts of Phi Kappa Psi and the benefits of Phi Kappa Psi. A friend. An enthusiast for Captain Morgan and Coke . . . and many a good meal! He was a true believer in Washington Alpha and a remarkable friend. Brother Jerry Nelson (UCLA '48) passed away on July 17, 2023, at the age of 94.

He built multiple companies spanning many different businesses: Pinnacle Peak Land Company; Pinnacle Paradise, Inc.; Troon Golf Management, Inc.; Mrs. Field’s Cookies; TicketMaster; Technology Control Services; Simulnet; and Video Electronics — just to name a few. Many will also recognize his multiple contributions to development in the Scottsdale, Arizona, community, including Scottsdale Country Club, Troon Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, Pinnacle Peak Village, Troon Village, and Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park. The story of his “construction” of the initial Pima Road in Scottsdale is a great giggle, and his “locating” the subterranean water basin that became Pinnacle Paradise Water Company is legend. Jerry and his wife, Florence, were remarkable philanthropists to Arizona State University and the greater Scottsdale and Sonora Desert area, and spearheaded environmentally friendly and ecosystem-oriented design and building codes that sought to integrate community development with the surrounding beauty of the desert in the Southwest.

But for many Washington Alphans, Jerry was the host of the American Leadership Academy and Washington Alpha Leadership Retreats, annual leadership and brotherhood development events held at his incredibly beautiful estate and hotel in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, spanning the years 1997 – 2016. Along with **Paul Wineman, '55**, Jerry made thousands of presentations of their workshops entitled “Winners and Losers” and “Introduction to Negotiation” at Phi Psi and host institution events across the United States.



Behind the scenes, Jerry had an instrumental impact on Washington Alpha as well. Few know that Jerry incubated the Washington Alpha Scholarship Fund — the account managed by the Fraternity’s Foundation — beginning in 1995 (with a dollar-for-dollar match) and continuing in 1996 with a 2/1-dollar match. To advantage the first round of Jerry’s generosity, the House Corporation invested \$35,000 bequeathed from **John W. Quick, '49**, — fully matched by Jerry — for an initial funding of \$70,000. The next year, **Ruddick C. Lawrence, '31**, **Dale J. McKnight, '32**, and **Jack W. Whiteman, '33**, contributed \$10,000 each — matched by \$15,000 from Jerry — for an additional funding of \$45,000. This was the genesis of the Washington Alpha Scholarship Fund, which now boasts over \$550,000 in total value and generates scholarship funds each year for deserving members of the Chapter. In 2006, Jerry facilitated the House Corporation’s acquisition of the adjacent property now named in his honor — the Nelson House — an annex utilized by upperclassmen.

For those who had an opportunity to spend time with Jerry, his passion for and love of success was effusive. He truly cared about people, and believed in the power of people to accomplish remarkable things for the benefit of spirit, community, family, and fraternity. As **Kyle Sant, '12**, states so well:

“It is impossible to put into words the impact he had on my life, and I know there are hundreds of others who can say the same.

“Thank you, Jerry, for the years of mentorship and countless life lessons you graciously taught me — for teaching me what’s possible, what it means to be a friend and a Brother, that ‘your attitude determines your altitude,’ and that ‘the most important project you will ever work on is yourself.’”

I first met Jerry in 1990, at the Fraternity’s Grand Arch Council meeting in Michigan on Mackinac Island. At the time, I was serving as the District VI Archon (the West Coast undergraduate representative to the Fraternity’s governing Executive Council), and Jerry was then a newly elected Trustee of the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. He pulled me aside one night to tell me that he had served as the District VI Archon from 1949-1951. From that day forward, he was a remarkable mentor and friend, welcoming me into his homes in Scottsdale, South Lake Tahoe, and Cabo San Lucas, and taking so much of his personal time to listen . . . and to teach.

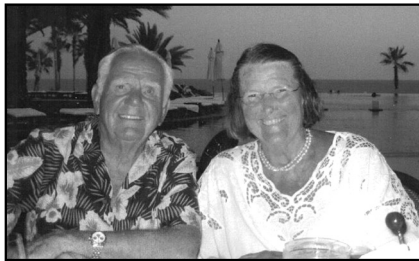
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He taught me about commitment, belief and confidence, humility, and most importantly about the value of generosity and giving-back. I too cannot put into words the positive impacts he has had on my life, on Washington Alpha, and on the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Jerry was born in 1929 in Hollywood, California (“I brought on the Depression!” he would joke). He grew up modestly, the only child of a single mother who had been abandoned by her husband. He humbly explained many times that his upbringing was hard — there were not many working, single mothers then — and he was “very poor” by any standard. But he did not let such things inhibit his confidence or ambition. He attended Hollywood High School, where he excelled in athletics and academics, and upon graduation received a one-year scholarship to attend college, room-and-board included, from the Hollywood High School Mothers’ Club. He chose UCLA. Upon entering UCLA, as he once told me, he did what all of his friends were doing — he rushed the fraternities. Phi Kappa Psi chose to ask him to pledge, which was a fateful decision for both the Chapter and for Phi Kappa Psi. He was incredibly loyal to his pledge brothers, but as he said once, “I had no idea what I was doing, what it would cost, or how I would pay for it once my scholarship ended.” So even though he pledged, once the Mothers’ Club scholarship ran its one-year course, he had no money to continue his studies, and he had to leave the university.

Jerry then got a job working on the assembly floor for Lockheed Aircraft Company, which he held for a handful of years. In late 1951, Jerry left Los Angeles for Washington,



Jerry Nelson and his wife, Florence.
(From *The Alphan*, spring 2019)

DC, to pursue (as he described it) a career in government, because the Army had drafted him. After he was discharged, Jerry got a job operating an elevator in one of the government office buildings. In 1954, he lost this job because, as he comically stated, “control of Congress shifted to the other party . . . and they replaced all of the employees with their own people!” Jerry then applied for and obtained a position in the office of Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn (DePauw, 1901) — a job for which Jerry said “I was not very qualified” — because Jerry was an initiate of Phi Kappa Psi, and so was Congressman Gwinn. It was during his time in Washington, DC, that Jerry met the impeccable and effervescent Florence Ely. They married in 1964.

Upon returning to California in the late 1950s, Jerry began working in carpentry and construction, honing skills that led to his career in land development. He was instrumental in developing a process for curing concrete in the winter temperatures of Minneapolis, which led to his making his first “real money” as he negotiated a deal whereby he would split bonus profits with his general contractor employer if the construction project for a large office complex was completed prior to the called-for contractual completion date. He described the deal this way: “If we were late, I worked for free; if we were on time, I got paid my regular salary; if we completed it early, I received 50% of the contractual bonus!” Jerry won, relying on his method for curing concrete in the winter temperatures without risk of the concrete freezing before it cured.

With the proceeds from this latter venture, in 1968 Jerry purchased 160 acres in the vacant Sonora Desert of Maricopa County — miles outside of Phoenix at the time. This purchase later became the substantial development that is now known as Pinnacle Peak, Troon and Troon North, and North Scottsdale. How that all happened and all that came later, as they say, is history, and too much to report here. But a remarkable and entertaining report of these years, in Jerry’s own words, can be found in a series on YouTube. Check the following links:

Jerry Nelson Tribute: <https://youtu.be/PmCps2XOpu8>
Jerry Nelson on Jerry Nelson (1) <https://youtu.be/G--VeolbRbs>
Jerry Nelson on Jerry Nelson (2) <https://youtu.be/Mf7x1bCTGz8>
Jerry Nelson on Jerry Nelson (3) <https://youtu.be/2D3qBxnZpns>

On behalf of all Washington Alphans, I thank Jerry Nelson for his remarkable energy and support. Our nation, and in a small part Phi Psi, has lost a giant, and he will be greatly missed. But his loss is overcome by the many legacies he leaves behind, both in Phi Kappa Psi and in the many communities that he touched.

“You only live once. But if you live it right, once is all you need.”

— James D. Boyle, 88, National President, Phi Kappa Psi (2016–18)

Memories of Jerry — from Phi Psi Brothers

“I had the pleasure of attending ALA my freshman year of college, and as a senior I lived in the Nelson House, finishing my undergrad stint while living there. Thankful for Jerry and his massive contribution to the brotherhood of ΦΚΨ.” — Nate Stockman, '13

“Thanks to his initiative in creating the American Leadership Academy, Jerry’s impact on brothers has been immense. For us who had the pleasure of his hospitality and friendship in Cabo San Lucas, muchas gracias, Jerry! Washington Alpha is especially grateful for his generous gift of the Nelson House, where seniors enjoy their special quarters next to the chapter.” — Stephen Murphy, '63

“The few times I met Jerry, I found him to be incredibly gracious, very generous, and of course, extremely talented and successful. He gave a lot of himself to the Fraternity, and I know he benefited quite a few young adults, helping them find their path during and after college. It was an honor to be there in Cabo with him and to engage with so many wonderful brothers. I learned and experienced so much, and will always have the most amazing and fondest memories of Jerry.” — Mark Crisler, '80

Comments on Cabo — from Those Who Were There *The Alphan*, fall 2006

“I really appreciate Jerry’s message that success is built upon the support of Brothers, mentors, and loved ones. I was also impressed with Jerry and Paul’s (Wineman, '55) candor about their failures along the road to success. This helped make their achievements seem more humanly possible. All of the presentations were practical and meaningful to the young men — it was clear from their participation that they were engaged and learning. I also learned much.”

— Lisa Newman, mother of Jack, '06

“We’re both an alum and parents. As a mom, this was my third retreat, and I found it to be the best yet. I continue to see the inspiration, energy, learning, and connecting going on with the undergraduates and alumni. Most important, we’ve seen our son change and grow as a young man in these three years. We are so proud of him and know that he has learned so much from the Cabo retreats. It amazes us that so many alums are contributing and investing in the future of these undergraduates. Thank you to all who attended to make this such a great retreat.”

— Kathy and Barry Katzen, '64
parents of Tyler, '04

From the Desk of GP Charley Davison

To begin another year at the Washington Alpha Chapter filled with resilient studying and lively times, we are back in our home!

As fall quarter wraps up, we have experienced jolly energy at formal dinners made by Chef Pat. New leaders have emerged within the sophomore and freshman classes, who have ambitious plans for their respective positions. The undergraduate members are proud of the new pledge class of 2023, and look forward to the collective experiences to come in the 2023-2024 academic year.

The most important mission we have is continuing the strong brotherhood that characterizes our Chapter. Everyday life inside the chapter house accomplishes this, but barbecues, group outings, and our strong participation in intramural sports don't hurt, either!

Speaking of sports, our love for soccer continues as the team prepares to bring home the intramural championship for the second year in a row. The fall quarter flag football team has a full roster, and of course the backyard constantly hosts basketball games when weather allows it. Additionally, a pickleball craze has taken hold with the boys of Phi Psi, with a two-man team league being organized alongside our long-standing pool league.

Kickbacks (our general hangouts) have moved inside due to the drop in temperature, but the brothers and new members have remained socially active. Phi Psi continues to embrace the "work hard, play hard" attitude that is so necessary at this school, and the afore-

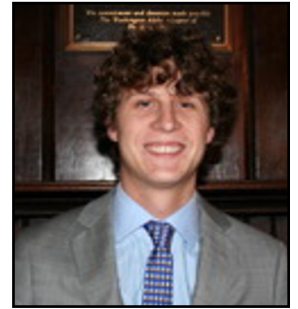
mentioned brotherhood only enhances the good times we have with our friends.

Our Philanthropy Committee already has events ready for the coming year, including hosting therapy dogs at the chapter house for finals week, as well as our classic Phi Psi Spike volleyball tournament during the spring. Alongside food banks and community cleanups, members have also taken to volunteering at Upper Deck Golf, a golfing experience that partners with the Stand Up To Cancer charity. With a required community service hour quota, the chapter continues to embrace the great joy of serving others!

We very much appreciated seeing so many alumni turn out for Homecoming, as the Huskies took on the Sun Devils of Arizona State. Thanks are due to Chef Pat for the amazing barbecue, and to **John Brendel, '13**, of the Alumni Association for all the coordination efforts! Thanks also to **Dave Steele, '90**, for equipment provided by his family's business, Aurora Rents!

As we look toward the future, there is a sense of optimism and excitement. The constant energy around the Phi Psi Chapter House continues to help us all strive for greatness in college and beyond.

— Charley Davison, '21, GP



IMA Soccer Champions!

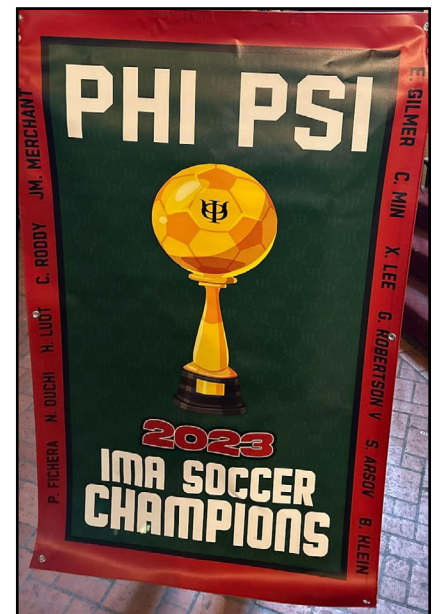
In May 2023, Washington Alpha's IMA soccer team bested all of the other fraternity comers to win the 2023 IMA Soccer Championship! The championship match against Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) ended in a 2-2 tie, forcing the match into penalty kicks to decide the winner. Phi Psi bested Phi Gams 4-2 in the extra effort, thanks to the stellar effort of the team's goalkeeper, **Patrizio Fichera, '21**, securing the championship for the Chapter! Both Patrizio and **Xavier Lee, '19** (the team's chief goal scorer), were voted co-MVPs, and received a championship jersey. A great job by all! — Jim Boyle, '88



Phi Psi Soccer Champs at UW

Front row, L-R: Elijah Gilmer, Christian Min, Xavier Lee, George Robertson, Stefan Arsov, Paolo Fichera, and Ben Klein.

Back row: Patrizio Fichera, Nolan Ouchi, Hayden Ludt, Cole Roddy, and John Michael Merchant. Not pictured: Jason Son.



Michael "Mikey" Halim, '21, designed the victory banner honoring Washington Alpha's victorious IMA soccer team. John Meyer, '56, and Steve Murphy, '63, funded creation of the banner.

Paul Wineman Scholarship Awards

Washington Alpha once again successfully awarded several scholarships to incoming University of Washington students. These scholarships have become a mainstay of our summer rush program, and are issued courtesy of **Paul R. Wineman, '55**, who has generously underwritten the scholarships and sponsored the annual awards for nearly 20 years! This year's recipients are:

Beckett Tom - Winner \$1000

West High School in Torrance, CA

- Class rank 19 out of 480
- GPA: 4.33
- SAT: 1370
- California Scholarship Federation Seal Bearer and active member – Volunteering 40 hours per semester
- Warrior Focus Vice President – Organization for planning events for mental health awareness/orientation

Daniel Kreymer - Winner \$250

Cedarcrest High School, Duvall, WA

- GPA: 3.98
- Avid volunteer
- Member, then Treasurer, then President of “Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)”
- Entering Foster School of Business this fall

Solomon Beall - Winner \$250

Timberline High School in Lacey, WA

- Class rank: 32 of 308
- GPA: 3.82
- SAT: 1500
- National Honor Society member
- Avid Volunteer
- Aspires to work in technology and will be studying applied mathematics at UW



Paul Wineman Scholarship Awardees
L-R: Jordan Lee, Daniel Kreymer, Solomon Beall, Gabe Meyer-Yen, and Beckett Tom.



Gabe Meyer-Yen - Winner \$250

Arcadia High School, Seattle, WA

- GPA: 4.1
- Will enter UW studying Architecture and Psychology
- 3-time recipient of the Dedication Award from the Rose Bowl Aquatic Swimming Team
- AP Scholar Award recipient
- Member of his high school marching band, performing at Carnegie Hall, and a participant in the 2022 Rose Parade
- Avid Volunteer Through Seniors or Merit at Work
- Was a Youth Group Leader for All-Saints Church

Jordan Lee - Winner \$250

Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, WA

- Class Rank: 2/545
- GPA: 4.0
- SAT: 1560
- Studying Computer Science at UW
- 2023 Kamiak HS Salutatorian
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- WESCO Varsity Academic Achievement Recognition
- Loves Soccer – USYS National Club League Qualifier
- TOP Soccer & Special Olympics Buddy/Volunteer for 9+ Years

Help Us Find “Lost” Brothers

The alumni office has received returned mail from the Washington Alpha brothers listed below. If you know the whereabouts of any of these brothers, please write a note on the enclosed “Dawg Talk” form to let us know, or send e-mail to addresses@comcoa.com. **Thank you!**

William Clark Campbell	1938	333	Michael A. Webb	1969	963	Donniel Don Ameche Brown	2008	1652
Archibald D. MacFarlane	1948	515	Jeffery Lee Smith	1972	1036	Adam Douglas Lathrop	2008	1659
John W. Tanner	1949	548	Donald Edgar Greiert, Jr.	1974	1068	Lyle David Zoumut	2008	1666
Harland B. Shideler	1949	549	Gregory James Paffett	1977	1137	Sean McGowan Peterson	2010	1686
Richard Lee Simkins	1951	589	Gary Allen Shearer	1979	1172	Tanner Brant Faubion	2011	1696
Ronald Ross Hartz	1958	728	Robert Allan Foster	1979	1180	Connor Robert Coleman	2012	1715
James H. Walker	1958	732	Christopher John Dickinson	1982	1225	Jebraan Irfan Gowani	2012	1718
Donald Edwin Woods	1960	768	Jacques Duy Quoc Nguyen	1982	1229	Bruce James Adsero	2012	1735
Robert A. Clampett	1960	772	Michael Joseph Demuth	1987	1320	Cameron James Mielke	2013	1743
Daniel F. Pretare	1961	791	Roger Lee Hiddleston, Jr.	1988	1345	Alec Andrew Azure	2015	1796
Patrick D. Farrell	1962	801	Christopher Mark Chan	1989	1354	Joshua Devon Mielke	2015	1798
Michael T. Kelly	1962	807	Matthew Patrick Sherrill	1993	1455	Pavel Pavlovich Kazakov	2015	1802
Douglas Bruce Montgomery	1963	831	Kenneth Richard Ellard	1994	1464	Dane Kennedy Pollett	2015	1809
Edwin Victor Larson, Jr.	1965	864	Brian David Dowling	1999	1525	David Haenam Lee	2015	1818
Ronald L. Meadows	1966	891	Joseph Thomas Le	1999	1526	Matthew Vincent Howard	2016	1822
George Stewart Scott Keys	1966	901	Stephen Michael Nelson	2000	1544	Andrew Young Suh	2016	1830
Franklin C. Russell	1967	917	Kamlash Dinesh Parmar	2000	1549	Kyler Weston Sakumoto	2017	1868
Lee Arthur Thorson	1968	931	Robert Lee Inglett	2002	1584	Michael James Farace	2018	1873
William Frederick Kopeinig	1969	959	Jack Gardiner Newman	2006	1635	Kyle Michael Mangum	2019	1928

Washington Alpha Recruitment

Summer Recruitment, 2023



Summer Recruitment Team, L-R: Charley Davison, Alexander Au, and Jonathan Joseph

This summer's recruitment program began somewhat slowly, which is not uncommon as graduating high school seniors defer to summer fun over thinking about fall's commencement of college. But as UW's new admits turned their attention to the fall, the Rush Team was energized to build a well-rounded pledge class of 2023.

Thanks to our wonderful summer live-in crew, we played sports and hosted barbecues in the back yard, enjoyed firepits by the Nelson House, and explored the natural beauty of western Washington with undergraduates interested in joining Phi Psi.

We are again very grateful to **Paul Wineman, '55**, for his generosity in supporting the Wineman Scholarships, which allows the Chapter to award several scholarships to deserving incoming freshmen — candidates whom we also seek to recruit into Phi Kappa Psi. See the list of scholarship winners on page 4.

As summer came to a close, the Rush Team continued its hard work as freshmen moved into the dormitories and sought social activities. The goal — as always — was to create a value- and scholarship-driven pledge class, whose members will continue to carry forth the values of Washington Alpha for years to come.

It's never too late to recommend a rush candidate to the Chapter, and if you have a recommendation — or just want to offer some insight and encouragement — please feel free to contact one of us through the information below:

Charley Davison, 816-916-2913, charbokc@gmail.com
 Alexander Au, 425-999-9149, alxnderau@gmail.com
 Jonathan Joseph, 425-588-1234, jonojoseph9767@gmail.com

— Charley Davison, '21

Summer Rush Recap and Fall Quarter Rundown

Summer Recap:

This past summer, Washington Alpha operated with a 5-person rush council, consisting of Alex Au, Charley Davison, Jonathan Joseph, Bryce Conrad, and John Michael Merchant. Our process was difficult, as for much of the summer we had a very hard time getting potential members to come out for rush — and when we did have some success, our retention rate was low. For both out-of-state rush weeks, we had significantly low numbers, compared to the total number of summer live-in applicants. Both of these challenges resulted in the Chapter having a lower number of new members when the school year began. Toward the end of the summer rush season, we pivoted our efforts away from trying to run events by filling big spaces with people in an effort to have the events look and feel engaging. We determined that having low summer live-in numbers did not make it possible to run the large rush events. Thus, we revised our entire rush process to focus on smaller and more intimate rush events and interactions with potential new members. We played to the strength of using focused member groups to amp up small events such as rush zooms and dinners. This change in approach allowed us to sign several new members just as the school year began and we experienced a large influx of rushees.

Fall Quarter Recon:

After the summer rush period ended, the rush team pivoted to involve our new members in the rush process. We installed a rush committee during the first week of school, which consists of over half of the new members and almost half of last year's new member class. This committee has already devised a system for allocating responsibilities among several "rush groups" — having one rush chairman serve as leader with designated committee members to assist. This system allowed us to cover multiple "mini-rush" activities in smaller groups, as a means for interfacing with more potential members. Through this system, we saw an immediate increase in retention and signee numbers — which we attribute in no small part to rushees knowing more Chapter members and more Chapter members knowing the rushees. We also allowed any committee members flexibility to take prospective members to lunches or dinners. Through the first two weeks of school, we had almost 60 rushees attend these smaller, intimate rush events, and we had seven new pledges in this same time frame. We are very pleased with the results of our tweaked efforts! We are confident that our rush model will continue to generate incredible results, and we think it will be fruitful to use this method going forward. By the end of the fall quarter, we are hoping to add about eight more signees, and then we will start looking forward to beginning the next year with additional rush efforts!

— John Michael Merchant, '22

2023 New Member Class

Jack W. Wanichek
 Connall A. Noonan
 Andrew J. Ebbing
 Max W. Burchi
 Sebastian C. Fischer
 Liam D. Flaskerud
 Peter C. B. Zelinsky
 Jesse Palafax-Arceo
 Utkarsh Pant

Walla Walla HS, Walla Walla, WA
 Tamalpais HS, Mill Valley, CA
 Columbia River HS, Vancouver, WA
 Laguna Beach HS, Laguna Beach, CA
 Bishop Blanchet HS, Seattle, WA
 Charles Wright Academy, Gig Harbor, WA
 Montgomery Blair HS, Tacoma, MD
 Central Catholic HS, Vancouver, WA
 Greenwood HS, Redmond, WA

Raymond G. Chinn
 Carson A. Smith
 Pranabh R. Joshi
 Cade W. Farrington
 Miles S. Paisley
 Tommy W. Huff
 Kevin Joo
 Eric J. White

John F. Kennedy Catholic HS, Seattle, WA
 Braden River HS, Bradenton, FL
 Lewis and Clark HS, Spokane, WA
 Independent Learning, Redmond, WA
 Petaluma HS, Petaluma, CA
 Granada HS, Livermore, CA
 Huron HS, Ann Arbor, MI
 Lyons Township HS, Chicago, IL

Did You Know . . . ?

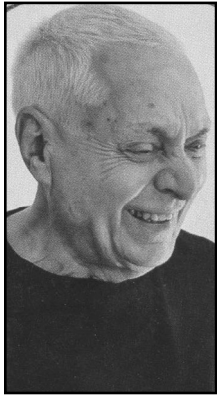


Photo from *The Columns*

The latest issue of the UW magazine, *The Columns*, has an article on five prominent University of Washington Industrial Design graduates, including **Indle “Del” King, ’55-656**. Del graduated in 1960, and is now considered the godfather of industrial design in the Northwest. He was hired by John Fluke and went on to design the world’s first hand-held digital multimeter to measure electric current, the Fluke 8020, that set the industry standard. He established Fluke as the premium international product design house that was known for its standard-setting products, and also for its world-class corporate design management program. Later, Del became CEO of Walter Dorwin Teague Design, the premier Northwest design firm, and a beloved professor of Industrial Design at Western Washington University for 37 years. While Del was at Fluke, working there became known as getting the “Fluke Master’s Degree” in Design.

— *Stan Kohagen, ’55*

Four Winning Golfers

Congratulations are due to (L-R) **Mathew Donegan-Ryan, ’02**; **Andy Ness, ’91**; **Jim Boyle, ’88**; and **Chris Robinson, ’91**, for emerging victorious at the Seattle Alumni Association Fall Classic!



Held at the crowded but enjoyable Willows Run Golf Complex on September 10, 2023, the tournament was enjoyed by more than 20 alumni and undergraduates. Great weather, great brotherhood, great fun . . . and occasionally some tolerable golf!

Thanks to **Robbie Schab, ’15**, and **John Brendel, ’13**, for putting this year’s tournament together. Great work!



Chapter Eternal

Richard A. “Dick” Marble, ’41-367, died in Yakima, Washington, on August 27, 2023, at age 100. Because of his eyesight, he was unable to serve in World War II; however, determined to join the war effort, Dick got a job on construction of the Alcan Highway in Alaska, a vital wartime project. **Stan Kohagen, [’55-657]**, former editor of *The Alphan*, wrote: “Dick would call me with feedback about the early 1940s in the House, and the years following 1946, when the House was reopened after it was leased for nurse housing during the war.” In 1949, Dick joined the Yakima Hardware Company and became an owner and president of the company, which became Horizon Distribution. Never at a loss for projects, Dick worked on old cars and became a Ham radio operator. He was active in the Yakima YMCA and United Way, served as president of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce, and skippered his boat, “The Seawind.” His wife, Louise, preceded him in death. He leaves behind their children, Ken, Jan Brandt, and Robert; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; his brother, **Edward Marble [’39-351]**; his sister, Mary; and nephew, **Steve Marble [’68-932]**.

Richard S. Zahniser, ’42-389, of Seattle, died October 25, 2022, at age 101. He was initiated at the start of World War II, left for active duty, and returned in 1946 to complete his degree. **Stan Kohagen, ’55**, wrote that Dick was one who “helped resurrect the House and chapter. In recent years, he was one of the ‘Lunch Bunch’ — a group of 1940s alums who met monthly at Maggy’s Bluff on Magnolia. He frequently sent in historical memories of classmates, and always faithfully contributed to every issue of *The Alphan*.” After serving in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater and completing his degree at UW, Dick worked for Consolidated Freightways in Portland, Oregon. In 1972, he purchased Transport Equipment Company and moved to Seattle. He and his wife, Jane, participated in the Alaska Cruiser Race from Nanaimo, BC, to Juneau, Alaska, five times under the banner of the Seattle Yacht Club. In 1990, they became snowbirds, and joined the Tucson Country Club community. Until Jane’s death in 2004, they enjoyed the best seasons of the desert and the Northwest. Dick is survived by his daughter, Julie; sons, Rich, Tom, and Jim; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Charles J. Bardsley, ’44-447, of Braintree, Massachusetts, died January 25, 2018. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Karl T. House, ’53-621, died December 4, 2022, at age 87. He had resided in Seattle and Kirkland, Washington. Karl joined the Navy in 1955, served a combined 30 years, and retired as a Captain. He was a lifelong maritime enthusiast, with a passion for all things boating that started with his first rowboat when he was 8 years old. Boating extended throughout his life with family vacations on the “Davy Bill,” and in retirement with many summers spent in the San Juan and Canadian gulf islands on the “Rapture.” Karl worked for many years as a trucking executive for Hullin Transfer, a family business, where he held a variety of positions from truck driver to company president, until its sale in 1988. He volunteered into his 80s with the Museum of History and Industry and the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society. He continued his love for boats by obtaining his commercial Master’s license, which he used for piloting several local tour boats, as well as the Foss Company’s private yacht. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Deane; his two sons, Drew and Todd; four grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Donald K. McCandless, ’53-622, died in Auburn, Washington, on June 16, 2023. His wife, Joanne, wrote: “As a senior at UW, Don was president of Washington Alpha Chapter, and president of UW men students.” Joanne and Don were married for 66 years. He received his bachelor’s degree in Sociology and became an officer in the Air Force, serving on active duty and then in the Reserves. Most of his business life was in sales, representing giftware and dinnerware companies, among others. Lifelong Phi Psi friends included **Joe Taller, [’54-638]**, (dec. 2021), and **Al Leonard, [’51-571]**, (dec. 2019). “Don lived a very good life for 91 years,” the family wrote. “He loved the Lord, so we have not lost him; we know where he is!” In addition to his wife Joanne, Don leaves behind two sons, Donald Allen McCandless and Robert Keith McCandless.

John D. Reed, ’54-634, Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret., died in the U.S. Army hospital in Honolulu on February 19, 2023. His brother, **Norman J. Reed, ’53-625**, informed the alumni office. John was Chapter President during the 1956-57 school year. He had lived in Moraga, California, for the past 40 years. (*See Chapter Eternal, p. 7*)

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Joseph A. Taller, '54-638, of Olympia, Washington, died August 4, 2021. The family wrote: "Don't think of him as gone away — his journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets — this earth is only one. Think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched."

Richard V. Beckman, '54-642, of Seattle, died in August 2022, according to the family.

Robert R. Elwood, '55-653, died at his home in Surprise, Arizona, on February 23, 2023. He was a music major, and his band played for all the House dances. Bob loved the drums best but when he joined the Army National Guard at UW, he played trombone. He became a music teacher, and taught at Meany Junior High and West Seattle Denny Junior High for over 30 years. After retiring, he played in the Sun City West Concert and Dance Band for many years. Bob enjoyed RV-ing with his wife, Gail, playing tennis, and fishing at Surprise Lake. He cared about people and was always willing to offer his help. He is missed by his stepdaughter, Stacie Mikeal; step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and by his friends who will remember him as a great guy and a good friend.

Robert W. Frazier, '60-757, died at his home in Auburn, Washington, on October 26, 2022, at the age of 81. He graduated from the UW with a degree in Business, and worked as a lending officer at Peoples National Bank of Washington. A resident of Queen Anne for over 50 years, Bob was a lifelong volunteer who lent his creativity and dedication to a number of community organizations. The Queen Anne Historical Society especially fueled his passion for history and genealogy. His devotion to Queen Anne Methodist Church, where Bob contributed countless hours and sang in the choir, was shared by his wife and partner, Nadine. Possessing an unquenchable curiosity, Bob was an avid reader and a lifelong learner; he delighted in sharing his latest findings with family and friends. He traveled the world and embraced diverse cultures and many musical genres. He never met a stranger; he made friends effortlessly throughout his life. Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Nadine. He is survived by his wife's three children, David, Michael, and Charlotte; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



James H. Possehl, '63-833, quintessential entrepreneur, philanthropist, and former rugby player who founded Republic Financial Corporation in Denver, Colorado, more than 50 years ago, died March 23, 2023, at age 78. **Steve Murphy ['63-832]**, wrote: "Possum" was a friend since Roosevelt High School and stalwart brother at Phi Kappa Psi. Jim's entrepreneurial spirit and loyalty to friends and family were hallmarks of his productive life." He launched his leasing career in 1969 with U.S. Leasing, Inc. Shortly after joining U.S. Leasing, two senior executives saw his talent and asked Jim to join them in a new leasing venture as a junior partner. Jim jumped at the opportunity. He was asked to move his wife and family to Denver, Colorado, to open a second office. Having never really been out of the state of Washington, Jim and Karen embarked on the new adventure. He founded Republic Financial Corporation in 1971, when he decided to start his own business. He always talked about "surrounding yourself with great people." **Carl Christophersen, Jr., ['62-799]**, wrote: "I only knew Jim as a Phi Psi and a friendly, kind person. So, later in life, I was surprised one night when after work, I ran into Jim at a local hotel bar in downtown Denver. At the time, I was working in the Denver IBM office but in my spare time, I had taken up rugby. Jim expressed interest . . . I invited him to join the team, the Denver Barbarians. Jim took to it like a duck to water." Jim stayed close to the game and the people for 50 years. He retired from Republic Financial Corporation in 2007. For the uncommon work he completed, he was awarded the first Lifetime Achievement Award by the United Association of Equipment Leasing, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and he

was inducted into the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association Hall of Fame. He is survived by Karen, his wife of 57 years; two sons, Jeffrey and Robert; daughter, Cheryl Lundberg; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

David C. Kilbourn, '67-907, of Fairbanks, Alaska, died August 1, 2023, at his cabin on Paxson Lake. He was 75. A businessman, skilled bush pilot, avid outdoorsman, and loyal Nanook hockey fan, David had lived in Alaska for 60 years. **John Giese ['69-954]** wrote: "He was my big brother at the House. In 2018, seven of us went to stay at his cabin on the Noatak River and fish. Wonderful time above the Arctic Circle." David began attending the University of Washington in the fall of 1966. In his senior year, he was chapter president, and at one of the parties, he met Aldean Lewis, a UW freshman from Olympia. The two briefly dated, but when David graduated in 1970 with a degree in Finance and Accounting, he went back to Fairbanks to work in the grocery business. At the



end of the Longshoremen's strike of 1971, a logistical nightmare for their business, David was tasked with finding out where the company's shipping containers were on the docks in Seattle. While in Seattle, he discovered the chapter was throwing another party, and David stopped by to visit friends. Aldean was there, too — and the two were married in Olympia on June 24, 1972. In the late 1980s, David founded YES Foods (Yukon Express Services) and built it into one of Alaska's largest food service companies. He sold the business in 1994 and semi-retired. But by 2002, he was restless and went to work for Totem Ocean Trailer Express. He started as the Fairbanks manager and worked his way up to Vice President of Pricing and Marketing for the company by the time he retired for good in 2013. An avid bush pilot since 1975, David flew all over Alaska and the West in his Cessna 185. The family wrote: "He had a quiet confidence about him that made you know he had everything handled. He had a saying he loved to share, 'There's old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are no Old, Bold Pilots.' In all the years we flew with him, we always knew he would get us to where we were going safely." David is survived by his wife, Aldean; their sons, Ben, Adam, and Peter; two grandsons; and one granddaughter.

W. Richard Knowles, Jr., '68-936, died in San Diego, California, on June 8, 2023. Rick was known for his brilliant, quick sense of humor, and his kindness. While socially shy, he could keep those nearest to him laughing. He was a smart student, and was awarded a National Merit Scholarship in 1967. At the UW, he met a group of guys in Phi Kappa Psi who became lifelong friends. After graduating in 1971, he worked for The Marriott Corporation, then went on to create a successful commercial music "jingle" company in Los Angeles with his three brothers and mom. His ability to produce great song titles and his lyrical talent were key elements in helping The Knowles Group create national music campaigns for clients such as Del Monte, Lay's, Chevrolet, and many more. Later, he teamed with The Family Circus and created a series of children's songs, which received high praise. Most recently, his children's song, "Bubble Kisses," was recorded and released along with a book by Vanessa Williams. Rick is survived by his siblings, Thomas Jay, Cindy, Jeff, and Rob Roy; his children, Lindsey and William; two grandsons; and his best friend, **Joe Teague, ['68-946]**.



Clarence D. Williams, '91-1400, of Phoenix, Arizona, died February 18, 2023. Following graduation from the UW, he worked for



PayPal Corporation in Global Enterprise Management and Litigation. He was an avid supporter of Husky athletics and loved spending time with his Phi Psi brothers at UW games in Tempe and, when space allowed, Seattle. Clarence also loved all sports in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was born and where much of his family still resides. He is survived by his wife, Jolene, his daughter, Tauneisha, (AZ State), and by his best friend in Phi Psi, **Jerry Gonzalez ['91-1406]**.



Dawg Talk

W. Jack Burk, '60-770, a retired Boeing engineer, wrote: "I have a 1950 Mercury "Lead Sled" and show it 8-10 times per year. Online: Custom Car Louie Louie. Age and stage being what it is, I am living in my house and vacation to Puerto Vallarta, Sunriver, Oregon, and Ocean Shores, Washington. I'm a member of Solid Rock Cruisers Car Club and Shoreline Elks." Jack made a comment on the article in the Winter 2023 issue of *The Alphan* about the Chapter's historic billiard table. Renovation was done with help of a special donation from **Jim Boyle, '88**, and the crowdfunding effort by the 2021 and 2022 pledge classes. Jack's comment: on his Dawg Talk form that listed "Inside this issue," he underlined the sentence in red, "Washington Alpha's historic billiard table renovated, appraised at \$130,000," and added two large red exclamation marks — !! — after that sentence. The newsletter article explained the billiard table is one of only three like it in the world. Jack's wife is deceased. He is the father of three: Leslie (52), Tannis (46), and Leah (44). Contact Jack at 11321 19th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98125; gainjack@msn.com; 206-417-9812; or 425-260-2033.

Loren C. Jangaard, '63-830, wrote that he is enjoying retirement from his work as a civil engineer and enjoying time with grandchildren. He listed boating and skiing as special interests, and added another note: "We finally cleaned out our wall-to-wall library. I found a book that belongs in the Chapter library. It's from the Phi Kappa Psi Mothers Club and includes notes from April 1952 to April 1955. There must be someone interested in the lifestyle of the early 1950s 'Happy Days.' I sent it to the Fraternity House in Seattle." Loren and his wife, Sheila (WA State), live at 5917 34th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. Send e-mail to Jangaard.L@hotmail.com, or call 253-265-2312 or 253-203-4403. They have two daughters and a son: Erica (53), Wendy (46), and Clarke (42).

Stephen E. Murphy, '63-832, reported on September 15, 2023: "Off to Rio to release Brazilian Odyssey in Portuguese. Amici, Steve" He receives postal mail at PO Box 15155, Seattle, WA 98115.

Robert C. Fatch, '69-976, wrote in March 2023: "After a 49-year career as an Insurance Broker, I finally decided to retire. I have spent my entire working career in Santa Barbara. Kim and I decided there was no better place to retire than Santa Barbara. So, we are staying right here." Bob and Kim (ΠΒΦ-UC-Santa Barbara) live at 5012 La Gama Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Call 805-448-4174 or write to bfatch@cox.net. Bob enjoys golf, boating, and fishing.

R. Robert Garretson, '87-1312, is CEO of Embark Financial Partners. He and his wife, Heather, are parents of Ben (20) and Cate (17). Bob wrote in March 2023: "Living the dream. About to be empty-nesters. Ben is a junior at the University of Virginia, and Cate (while accepted at UW) is likely headed to the University of Michigan. Hope this note finds my Brothers well. Nice to have UW football relevant again." Contact Bob at rrgarretson@gmail.com; 616-402-1905; or 1727 Jefferson St., Muskegon, MI 49441.

Alphan Postscript:



"We very much appreciated seeing so many alumni turn out for Homecoming!"

— Charley
Davison, '21

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