Tribute to Champions
May 30th, 2019
McGavick Conference Center, Lakewood, WA

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CONNELLY LAW OFFICES EXCELLENCE IN OFFICIATING AWARD
- Boys Basketball–Mike Stephenson • Girls Basketball–Hiram “BJ” Aea
- Football–Joe Horn • Soccer–Larry Baughman • Softball–Scott Buser
  • Volleyball–Peter Thomas • Wrestling–Chris Brayton

FROSTY WESTERING EXCELLENCE IN COACHING AWARD
  Patty Ley, Cross Country Coach, Gig Harbor HS
  Paul Souza, Softball & Volleyball Coach, Washington HS

FIRST FAMILY OF SPORTS AWARD
  The McPhee Family—Bill and Georgia (parents) and children Kathy, Diane, Scott, Colleen, Brad, Mark, Maureen, Bryce and Jim

DOUG MCArTHUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
  Willie Stewart, Retired Lincoln HS Principal
  Dan Watson, Retired Lincoln HS Track Coach

DICK HANNULA MALE & FEMALE AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD
  Jamie Lange, Basketball and Soccer, Sumner/Univ. of Puget Sound
  Kaleb McGary, Football, Fife/Univ. of Washington

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
  • Baseball–Tony Barron • Basketball–Jim Black, Jennifer Gray Reiter, Tim Kelly and Bob Niehl • Bowling–Mike Karch
  • Boxing–Emmett Linton, Jr. and Bobby Pasquale
  • Football–Singor Mobley • Karate–Steve Curran
  • Media–Bruce Larson (photographer)
  • Snowboarding–Liz Daley • Swimming–Dennis Larsen
  • Track and Field–Pat Tyson and Joel Wingard • Wrestling–Kylee Bishop
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The Tacoma Athletic Commission—Celebrating and Supporting Students and Amateur Athletics for 76 years in Pierce County

I learned about the Tacoma Athletic Commission when I was in high school. Being a cheerleader at Mount Tahoma when my brother, Mike Vindivich, starred in football was my introduction to the TAC. That's when I saw first-hand how they supported high school sports and the college scholarships they gave to our seniors, male and female, in every sport. I made-up my mind back then that I would become a TAC member. My 15-year history in the TAC and Columbia Bank's sponsorship and support of the Athlete of the Year program reflect the enthusiasm I have for the #1 sports organization in Tacoma and Pierce County. I am proud of my more than 20 year career at Columbia and I am the 2019 President of the TAC.

We need new members! Being a part of this organization and all that they do to support the student athletes in our community provides great satisfaction. It also offers the opportunity to reunite with former classmates and make new friends who share the same passion for sports and supporting and recognizing young athletes.

To join, please go our website at https://www.tacomaathletic.com or call our Executive Secretary, Bill White at 253.759.1124.

Welcome
Chris Egan, MC
King 5
Sports Anchor
Chris Egan has been a sports anchor and sports reporter at King 5 TV for the past 18 years. He covers the Seahawks, Mariners, Sounders, Huskies, Cougars, Storm, high school sports and plenty of other teams. Chris has also covered two Super Bowls, two Pac 12 championship football games, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio and the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. He also has won seven Emmy awards. A graduate of Puyallup high and PLU, Chris was the Man of the Year in Sports in '95 after four successful seasons on the Lutes tennis team.

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WELCOME

6:00pm .......................................................... No-Host Social Hour
7:00–8:30pm ...................................................... Award Presentations
Welcome ....................................................... Sandy Snider, TAC President
Welcome ....................................................... Chris Egan, MC—King 5 Sports Anchor
National Anthem: .......................................... Treve Hall,
Freshman at Life Christian Academy

Award Presentations:
Connelly Law Offices Excellence in Officiating Award .... Jack Connelly, presenter
     Michael Stephenson, Boy’s Basketball
     Hiran “BJ” Aea, Girl’s Basketball
     Joe Horn, Football
     Scott Buser, Softball
     Larry Baughman, Soccer
     Peter Thomas, Volleyball
     Chris Brayton, Wrestling

Frosty Westering Excellence in Coaching Award .......... Chad Johnson, presenter
     Patty Ley, Cross Country Coach, Gig Harbor High School
     Paul Souza, Volleyball & Softball Coach, Washington High School

First Family of Sports Award ................................. Ron Medved, presenter
     The McPhee Family—Bill & Georgia, Kathy, Diane, Scott, Colleen, Brad, Mark, Maureen, Bryce and Jim

Doug McArthur Lifetime Achievement Award .............. Doug McArthur, presenter
     Dan Watson, Retired Track & Field Coach, Lincoln High School
     Willie Stewart, Retired Principal, Lincoln High School

Dick Hannula Male & Female
Amateur Athlete of the Year Award .......................... Dick Hannula, presenter
     Jamie Lange, Basketball & Soccer, Sumner HS and University of Puget Sound
     Kaleb McGary, Football, Fife High School and the University of Washington

Video Presentation ............................................. Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame

Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees ... Stephanie Cox, presenter
     Baseball—Tony Barron
     Basketball—Jim Black, Jennifer Gray Reiter, Tim Kelly, and Bob Niehl
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     Wrestling—Kylee Bishop

Special Presentation: ......................................... Colleen Barta, Board of Directors
     Shanaman Sports Museum of Tacoma-Pierce County

Closing ......................................................... Chris Egan, MC
THE DOUG McARTHUR
CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC
ON DECK!

For the 7th straight year the Tacoma Athletic Commission will stage its Celebrity Classic golf tournament at the Par 3 Highlands golf course in Tacoma. 50 golfers will join nine celebrities in a 9-hole “Scramble” format that features a hole-in-one prize on every hole.

A new Buick automobile, thanks to Puyallup’s Harnish Auto Family, and $10,000 cash are among the various prizes offered... but the real “teaser” is a Million Dollar Hole In One attempt which will go to one of the lucky competitors.

The field is already full but a raffle and an auction also are on the agenda and there will be a dinner following play. The TAC would welcome volunteers for the event and currently are looking for contributions of prizes for the raffle and/or auction.

All proceeds from the event go toward the TAC’s youth sports programs and the goal this year is to exceed $10,000 which was raised last summer for that worthy cause.

Among the celebrities who are expected to appear are Ron Medved, former Husky and NFL player (Philadelphia Eagles), Rick Walker and Mark Wells of the 1976 UPS national champions in basketball, Phil Carter, former Notre Dame football star, Gordy Pfeifer, national handball champion and an All-World Slow Pitch performer, Clint Scott, holder of every placekicking record in UPS history, and Ron Crowe, an All-America hoopster at Western Washington University.

For more information or to make a contribution in prizes, contact Kevin Jenkins at 253-318-6518.

SPORTS OFFICIALS WANTED!

Sports Officials Wanted For Youth And Adult Recreation League And Interscholastic Athletic Games. Training Provided. Earn Money And Provide A Much Needed Service To The Youth Of The Tacoma-Pierce County community.

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NOTE: Officiating can be a great part-time job for high school and college students as many assignments are in the afternoon. With proper training, you can officiate two afternoons a week and earn $100. Don’t wait—call us now!!
Michael Stephenson has officiated basketball at numerous levels for more than 25 years. Born in Tacoma on Nov. 3, 1966, Michael graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1985 and attended Tacoma Community College and University of Puget Sound in the late 1980’s. Shortly after, he joined the Western Washington Basketball Officials Association and quickly moved up to become one of the top officials in the group. Michael has officiated high school, junior college, NAIA, and NCAA Div. II and III basketball. He's officiated five high school state championship games, three junior league championship games, the NAIA Tournament, and NCAA Div. III Tournament, and NCAA Div. II Conference Tournaments. Michael has served as new official and apprentice trainer, serving as a mentor to many officials. He works at summer officiating camps to help train young officials and has served as a board member and president of the WWBOA. Off the basketball court, he works as a construction manager in Tacoma.

Hiram “BJ” Aea has spent a large portion of the past three decades on basketball and volleyball courts. Born July 26, 1957, in Honolulu, Hawaii, BJ joined the Army after graduating from Kahuku High School in 1975. He played volleyball and softball while stationed in Germany from 1975–79 and added racquetball to the mix once he moved back to the states in Fort Ord, Calif. It was there that he was first approached by a sports staff member to consider becoming a referee. After he was reassigned to Fort Lewis in 1988, BJ joined the Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board and the Western Washington Basketball Officials Association. He spent time as part of the Tacoma Basketball Board while in the military and has been steadily involved since 1995, working all levels of girls basketball. Beginning in 2000, he became the assistant to Al Perez as TBB Assignor and helped move the organization from the pen and paper age to full online assigning. He was and still is the technical brains behind the TBB and has been the main non-varsity assignor for 15 years, working postseason assignments for the past 10 years. BJ has also worked seven state volleyball tournaments and spent two years as the rater and vice president of the Greater Seattle Volleyball Officials Board. He’s spent 25 years with USA Volleyball as a national referee and scorer and 14 years officiating collegiate volleyball: four years with the GNAC and 10 years with the NWAC. Beyond that, he’s officiated ASA Softball intramural slow pitch for 10 years and intramural youth soccer for 10 years.

Joe Horn has found his second home on the gridiron. Born Jan. 31, 1970, in Bremerton, Joe played soccer at Central Kitsap High School. He joined the Marines after graduating in 1988, and played and officiated football during his time in the service. While his primary occupation is commercial roofing manager, he spends much of his time officiating football at various levels. Joe began officiating high school football in 2001, and he has officiated five state tournaments (2006, 2008, 2010, 2017, and 2018), including refereeing the 2018 4A state final. He has also officiated the state flag football championships twice. A former board member and past president of the Western Washington Football Officials Association, Joe officiates junior college football, small college football, and the Women’s Football League. He also worked as a referee for the NFL’s Player Development.
Soccer—Larry Baughman

Larry Baughman has made his mark on the soccer pitch in an officiating career that’s lasted nearly 40 years. Born in Beach City, Ohio, on March 30, 1941, Larry attended Pauls Valley High School in Oklahoma, where he played tight end on the football team for two years. After moving to the Puget Sound region, he became involved in playing, officiating, and coaching soccer.

Larry coached the U7 and U8 boys in Federal Way in 1974–75, including an undefeated 1974 season. He also coached his daughter’s team in Sumner from U9 through U19 (1976–85). During the 1980s, he played on a men’s over-40 team in Tacoma (1980–85), a coed team in Pierce County (1980–83), and an over-40 team in Bellevue (1986–88).

Larry’s officiating career began with youth games in Sumner from 1980 through 1985. He also officiated boys’ lacrosse from 2004–08, and since retiring from his career working with construction equip-
Connelly Law Offices Excellence In Officiating Award (continued)

ment in 2008 he’s officiated youth soccer for Fife-Milton-Edgewood club as well as high school and middle school games in Pierce County.

Larry’s refereed more than 1,200 matches, including serving as the center for 650 contests. In 2018 he officiated the local Special Olympics at Rogers High School in Puyallup and the Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, officiating 15 games in four days. He was the head official for six of the matches.

Softball—Scott Buser
Scott Buser was a multi-sport star in high school and college before embarking on a lengthy career as a softball umpire. Born Dec. 16, 1951, in Everett, Scott was a three-sport star at Marysville High School. He earned all-conference recognition in football and baseball and also wrestled before graduating in 1970. He played baseball at Pacific Lutheran University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1974 and his master’s in 1978.


During his officiating career, Scott has umpired six USA Softball National Championships, including the 18U championship game in 2018. He was also selected to umpire the Vancouver Men’s International Championship Tournament in 2014. Beyond his officiating, Scott works as a Certified Financial Planner for Ameriprise Financial Services.

Volleyball—Peter Thomas

While he did not play any sports in high school, he spent a lot of time playing slowpitch softball “on a lot of bad teams.” At one point, he played for five different teams at the same time. He considers one of his greatest athletic achievements to be no broken bones.

Peter has spent 18 years with the Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board, serving as the president in 2006. Peter has been a college line judge for over 10 years and has worked numerous league and district tournaments during his officiating career. Off the volleyball court, he’s spent a lot of time sitting on a bucket catching for his two daughters who both play fastpitch as pitchers and attending a majority of PLU athletic contests where his wife, Jen, is the Senior Associate Director of Athletics. He works as a crew member at Trader Joes.

CONGRATS TO PETER THOMAS

Thank you for your 18 years of dedication to the sport of volleyball as a valued referee and line judge for the Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board.

Your professionalism and willingness to mentor new officials and your calm demeanor in the most intense situations is greatly appreciated and admired.

Your friends in the Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board

www.tpcvob.com
Wrestling—Chris Brayton

Chris Brayton has spent a large portion of the past three decades officiating wrestling, although he also officiated volleyball for four seasons earlier in his career. Chris has officiated 10 state tournaments, 15 regional tournaments, and 28 local, sub-regional tournaments and has served on the Western Washington Wrestling Officials Association Executive Board for many years. He is currently vice president, where his primary responsibility includes providing basic training for new officials and advanced training for various officials.

Chris has won numerous honors in recognition of his leadership, involvement, and commitment, including the WWWOA President’s Award, Inspirational Award, and Service Award, and he will be the association’s nominee for the 2018–19 WOA Meritorious Service Award.

Chris’ training style has had a significant impact on the WWWOA. He has led the way in developing a training format that combines hands-on officiating lessons with video examples and specialty scenarios, providing a more interactive application model of training. Along with this training, he has been a key mentor to new officials. His knowledge and experience, along with his sense of humor and supportive personality, help new officials train quickly and prepare for challenging assignments.
Frosty Westering Excellence In Coaching Award

This award was established to honor a legendary coach, Frosty Westering, and to inspire and recognize those who follow in his footsteps. Frosty emphasized a double-win theme: victory on the scoreboard and the satisfaction of playing to one’s personal potential. He instilled a love of teamwork and competition, and stressed "service above self." For 40 years his players responded by portraying excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award is presented to a local coach in recognition of their commitment to excellence and devotion to the personal growth of their players.

Patty Ley — Cross Country Coach, Gig Harbor High School

By Gary Brooks

With her induction tonight, Patty Ley completes a rare double-entry into the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame. In 2010, Ley was inducted for her own track & field and cross country performance. Now, she is recognized for a coaching resume that includes WIAA state championships for her Gig Harbor High School athletes and NCAA finals qualifiers at the Division III and Division I levels.

After college coaching stints at Christopher Newport University (2010–11, Division III school in Virginia) and Gonzaga University (2012–2018), Ley is back at Gig Harbor High School leading Tides runners for a second time.

In her first stint at Gig Harbor (1997–2009), Ley coached the girls cross country team to a dominant stretch of Class 4A state titles from 2005 through 2007. The 2004 team finished second on a tie-breaker technicality. The Tides girls were ranked in the top 5 of the Northwest region all four years. The 2005 Tides girls finished seventh at the NTN National Cross Country meet. Gig Harbor had nine top 10 team finishes under Ley. Eleven girls earned all-state placings.

Gig Harbor's boys cross country team had six top 10 team finishes at the state meet and Miles Unterreiner was the 4A state champion in 2007.

On the track, Ley has coached 56 top eight finishers at the state meet, 34 girls and 22 boys, including individual event state champions Michelle Teodoro (800m in 1994, 1600m 1993 and 1994), Geoff Perry (3200m in 1996) and Tom Gaschk (1600m in 1997).

In 2010 she moved to Christopher Newport University in Virginia as head cross country coach and assistant track coach. In 2011, Ley was named the NCAA Division III South Region Assistant Coach of Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The next step on the coaching carousel was Spokane and Gonzaga University as head women's coach for cross country and track & field. Her 2015 team won the West Coast Conference title and Ley was named WCC Coach of the Year.

“I've been fortunate as an athlete and coach to work with a number of talented people and athletes who have made me look awfully good,” Ley said.

Her own talent translated well to coaching. In her competitive days, the 1983 Gig Harbor HS graduate was a two-time state cross country champion and won multiple state championships running on the track. Gig Harbor also won the team state titles in cross country and track during her Tides years.

Her college career presented injury challenges and caused moves from the University of Oregon to Washington State and eventually a later return to running at PLU (where she graduated in 1993). She was an All-American in cross country and track at PLU and still holds the school records in the 800m, 1,500m and 3,000m. Her 1500m record of 4:15.61 qualified her for the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1992.
Paul Souza—Softball and Volleyball Coach, Washington High School
By Nick Dawson

The name Paul Souza is synonymous with two decades of volleyball and fastpitch softball coaching success in Pierce County, as well as dedication that has enriched Franklin Pierce School District athletics for more than a decade.

Paul got his coaching start in 1997 as an assistant in both sports at Franklin Pierce High School. He served as the FPHS volleyball assistant from 1997–99, and was a fastpitch assistant at the same school for the 1997 campaign.

Both assistant coaching posts at FPHS prepared him to become the head coach of the two sports at the school just a couple of miles down the road, district rival Washington High School.

Paul has been the Patriots’ volleyball head coach from the 2000 season until the present, leading the program to state tournament appearances in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2018, in addition to numerous district playoff forays and a 2A Pierce County League championship in 2013. Souza coached Washington volleyball squads placed second in the West Central District tournament in both 2003 and 2012, the latter team winning a first round match at the 2A state tournament.

He served as Washington’s softball head coach in 1998, was out of the position for a year, and then came back in 2000 and has been there since for a total of 19 seasons. In that time he has led WHS to five state fastpitch tournaments, numerous berths in the district playoffs, and to three 2A Pierce County League titles between 2002 and 2005.

In addition to coaching high school volleyball and softball, Paul has been a club head coach for both sports, since 2011 in volleyball and since 1990 for three different fastpitch clubs—Wahines Fastpitch, BAM Fastpitch and NW Sidewinders.

Fastpitch, BAM Fastpitch and NW Sidewinders.

For the third straight year, Paul was named Head Coach for the USA All-American U-14 Girl’s Fastpitch team for the Northwest Region which encompasses Washington and Oregon. At the April 2019 tryouts over 108 girls attended with the top 14 players selected to compete against teams from the other 23 regions representing all 50 states in a tournament in Oklahoma this summer. Some of these young pitchers are already throwing in the low 60s.

Paul has given generously of his time to the benefit of numerous Pierce County School District athletic teams. As a volleyball tournament director in the Puget Sound region since 2007, he has helped raise $12,000–$16,000 annually, with the proceeds from those tournaments shared with various district teams, not just his own.

Led by coach Paul Souza (back row-center) the Washington Patriots volleyball team won the SPSL 2A League title and the West Central District tournament to qualify for the 2A state championships this past season.
**First Family of Sports Award**

The First Family of Sports Award recognizes the contributions of parents, foster parents or guardians who instill and help maintain athletes’ successes.

From the “Hi Mom” TV wave at a sports event to more formal acknowledgement of family interest in and encouragement of sports from generation to generation, athletic achievement, whether in team or individual sports, is fostered by and also can foster family life.

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**The McPhee Family: Bill, Georgia, Kathy, Diane, Scott, Colleen, Brad, Mark, Maureen, Bryce and Jim**

*By Todd Milles*

There aren’t too many families around Tacoma who can brag they got the best of the nine robust Medved brothers in any athletic racket.

The McPhees did and gladly lived to tell about it.

Much like the Medveds, the McPhees formed a large family: Bill and Georgia had nine children—Kathy, Diane, Scott, Colleen, Brad, Mark, Maureen, Bryce and Jim during a 20-year span.

And for a few years, the McPhee boys took on the Medved brothers in a friendly turkey-day basketball game on the inside full court gymnasium floor at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

“One of my brothers dated a Medved girl,” said Brad McPhee, the middle child. “We used to have those games, and our dads even showed up and they would get out there and run with us.”

Added Tim Medved: “Those McPhees were definitely competitive. It was all in good fun.”

For what they accomplished in a variety of sports, the McPhees are receiving the Tacoma Athletic Commission’s annual “First Family of Sports Award” for 2019. They are the 14th family in the area to be honored by the TAC (which includes the Medveds,

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**FIRST FAMILY OF SPORTS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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**Georgia and Bill McPhee**
who received the award in 2012).

Ed Ploof, the longtime athletic director at Bellarmine Prep, watched many of the McPhees put forth incredible performances on a nightly basis for the Lions.

“They were very good athletes,” Ploof said. “But they were exceptionally competitive, which raised their athleticism.”

Most people relate the McPhees prominently to one sport: Basketball. And it is pretty easy to trace how it all started.

An avid outdoors man, Bill McPhee grew up in tiny Bordeaux, once a booming lumber mill town in Thurston County that eventually closed down in the 1940s.

Because Bordeaux had no schools, Bill commuted 18 miles to neighboring Rochester High School to play football and basketball.

He was a two-way standout in football, and received much recruiting interest from Washington State College (now WSU). But his favorite sport was basketball. At forward, he was the only player in two counties (Thurston/Grays Harbor) to average double digits in scoring as a senior in 1939.

Bill accepted a scholarship to play basketball at Saint Martin’s College (now St. Martin’s University) in Lacey, and was a four-year letter man for former coaches Leonard Yandle (1940–42) and James Smith (1942–43).

“We found a cigar box of all the articles on him that his mom saved,” Jim McPhee said. “We asked him about them. He preferred self-deprecation.”

What Bill McPhee would often reminisce about from his college days was how he met the love of his life—Georgia.

In the spring of 1943, Bill was finishing up his last semester at St. Martin’s while Georgia, a recent Olympia High School graduate, was working as a secretary in nearby state government offices.

Both were out with friends one night, but they all ended up at the Spar Restaurant in downtown Olympia, which is still in business today. Bill first saw her sitting on a barstool.

Georgia told her family it was love at first sight.

They still dated when Bill went off to St. Louis for medical school a few months later, and ended up getting married two years later in the summer of 1945.

After Bill finished up his residency program at St. Joseph’s Hospital, he opened a family practice in the south end of Tacoma.

At that time, the McPhees’ young family was growing rapidly. Dad was busy tending to patients while mom stayed home to raise children.
The oldest set of siblings—Kathy, Diane, Scott and Colleen, were not distinguished athletes by any means during their childhoods. For one, opportunities were limited, especially for girls, in the 1950s and 1960s. And two, they were essentially junior caretakers for their younger brothers and sisters.

“It was almost like two different families being raised, with Brad as the go-between for both groups,” Bryce McPhee said. “Those first four (siblings), they went skiing, hunting, fishing and camping a lot.”

They did have horses, and the three oldest daughters spent countless hours riding them, or in the barn taking care of them.

“It was our hobby,” Colleen McPhee said. “We lived out in the country and we rode all around. It was fun.”

Kathy McPhee did play some volleyball and basketball at now-defunct St. Leo’s High School where she graduated from in 1965. Diane McPhee was a year behind her. And Colleen McPhee playing in a Midland area youth softball league, but went to Franklin Pierce High School before finishing up at Wilson High School.

In 1968, the McPhee family moved to the north end of Tacoma. It was that year when Scott McPhee was also finishing up high school at St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore where he was the school’s most outstanding athlete in four intramural sports—football, basketball, baseball and track and field.

“I was pretty good in baseball,” Scott said. “I played outfield, but the one thing I was able to do was hit the ball. I was no superstar, but I was fairly consistent.”

The McPhee siblings all agree on one thing: Brad was their first real accomplished athlete.

At the time he was entering Bellarmine Prep in the late 1960s, the family’s dynamic was changing. Bill’s practice was firmly established, to the point where he and Georgia really took up golf, eventually becoming members at Fircrest Golf Club.

They also had more time to invest in their children’s activities. Brad’s two best sports were wrestling and football, but he also played basketball and golf in high school.

He turned down an offer to wrestle for Linfield and instead went to the University of Washington where he studied to be a dentist.

“We used to have a basketball hoop in the driveway, and there was always a game of ‘21’ going on,” Brad said. “Everyone knew everybody’s moves. And there was a time when I was playing against Bryce when he was in high school, and I was in college. I was the wrestler, so I was physical. And there were no fouls, so I was pushing him all over the court. Suddenly, he dipped his shoulder into me, knocked the wind out of me then knocked down the winning basket. He just smiled at me.”

The only child’s team Bill McPhee ever volunteered to coach was Mark’s sixth grade basketball squad at St. Charles.

Mark McPhee played one season at Bellarmine Prep, but gave up competitive basketball to become a cheerleader.

Maureen McPhee played four seasons of volleyball at Bellarmine Prep, and was voted as the most inspirational player in three different years.

Then came along the “superstar” of the family—Bryce McPhee.

Everything Bryce played, whether it was baseball (pitcher, first baseman, outfielder), or golf, he was good at.

But he was an all-city post player at 6-foot-3, and drove bigger players bonkers with his steadfast work ethic.

One of his rivals growing up was 6–10 Paridon Williams, a star at Foss High School who ended up playing one season at Grambling University.

“He lived three blocks away, and they had a basketball court,” Bryce said. “I got used to staring up at him all day.”

In his final two seasons at Bellarmine Prep, Bryce posted double-digit...
averages of 20 or more points, and 14 or more rebounds. The 1980 city-league most valuable player was also a Converse All-American honorable mention selection.

“I’ve always been a hard worker,” Bryce said. “But I was really quiet, and I didn’t say two words to anybody. But I knew if you did the job right, people appreciated it.”

And yet, Bryce held no scholarship offers coming out of high school. He was set to walk on at Santa Clara when one of the NBA coaching greats of all-time intervened.

Bryce was working at one of former Seattle Supersonics coach Lenny Wilkens’ camps in Issaquah in the summer of 1980. At night, all the counselors played a pickup basketball game.

Wilkens wandered out to the floor one night, and saw Bryce steal the show against some of the best college players in the Northwest. He immediately placed a call to then Gonzaga coach Dan Fitzgerald and bragged he was watching “the best player in the state” rule his camp.

At the same time, a scholarship had just become available, and Fitzgerald immediately offered it to Bryce, who was a three-year starter for the Zags (1981–85) and left as just one of 44 career 1,000-point scorers in program history.

The last brother was Jim McPhee, who often donned T-shirts growing up that stated his place in the family chain.

“I was always wearing a shirt that said, ‘Little McPhee,’” Jim said. “Most of them paved the way for me.”
Because Bryce was five years older, and closest in age, he became Jim’s childhood idol.

“Anything that I got, it was by his example,” Jim said.

In basketball, Jim was a shooting guard and a pure scorer. But he was also tough, evidenced by when the all-state performer played much of his senior season at Bellarmine Prep in 1985 with a stress fracture in his foot.

“I remember in the district tournament, he scored 25 points,” former Bellarmine Prep coach Steve Anstett said, “on one leg.”

Jim went on to start his first game at Gonzaga University as a freshman and every game thereafter (1985–90). He was a three-time, all-West Coast Conference first-team guard, and left as the school’s No. 2 scorer all-time with 2,015 points, right behind Frank Burgess (2,196).

In 1990, Jim went through Sonics rookie camp, and was invited by former coach K.C. Jones to play for the team in the NBA summer league in Los Angeles, playing with the likes of Shawn Kemp and Dana Barros.

Jim performed so well, he stayed on during Sonics veteran camp for a brief time, but eventually was let go. He had an opportunity to play professionally overseas in Amsterdam, but instead opted to go to law school at Gonzaga.

These days, Jim still lives in Spokane, and is the founder of the charity that organizes the Dan Fitzgerald Memorial Basketball Tournament for eight high school teams not only to play in, but volunteer in the community beforehand.

The McPhees lived by a strict code: Share everything, and support one another at all costs. That was the model encouraged by Bill and Georgia, all the way up to their deaths (Bill died in 2011; Georgia in 2013).

“I had so many great coaches, but not one of them was a father figure,” Jim McPhee said. “My parents were the greatest parents. It was an unfair advantage in life.”
Dan Watson, Retired Lincoln HS Track Coach

By Gail Wood

When Dan Watson first became the head track coach at Lincoln High School back in 1965, there was a need for his sale’s pitch to get athletes to turn out, his come-on-and-turnout plea. But recruiting quickly became easier. And winning became a tradition for Watson’s hard working Abes as he coached track there from 1966 to 1986. Building one of the most successful track programs in state history, Watson’s teams won six state titles in a stretch of just nine years, winning state titles in 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1977. It was an incredible streak. Watson and his mighty Abes compiled an impressive 150–10 record in dual meets over a 20-year stretch as a track coach. “We were the dominate force in the state and rarely lost,” Watson said. Besides track, Watson was also an exceptional cross country coach. In 1965, he started the cross country program at Lincoln and by the time he stopped coaching cross country 20 years later in 1985, his cross country teams won approximately 145 out of 160 dual meets. Among the highlights in cross country, Paul DuCharme won the state championship in cross country in 1975. It was a special moment. He was the last runner from Tacoma to win a state cross country title until 2016. In track, Lincoln had 32 individual state champions during Watson’s time as the Abes head coach. He coached a talented group of athletes, a list of famous names in Tacoma sports and many Watson developed many into league, district and state placers. Some set records at league, district and state levels. Among the state champions and athletes on the “wow list” include Pat Tyson, Joel Braggs, Roy Nail, Jim Berwold, John Williams, Mike Carr, Paul DuCharme, Gerald Montgomery, Ralph Tipton, Buddy Jenkins, Lloyd Brown, Keith Tinner, Steve Kiesel, and Mike Factory. Pat Tyson was a state qualifier for Watson who went on to follow in his footsteps, coaching at Mead High School and then at Gonzaga University. In addition to coaching cross country in the fall and track in the spring, Watson also refereed wrestling during the winter months. In 1961, he started officiating wrestling matches at the junior high, high school and college levels. That lasted 29 years as he retired from refereeing in 1990 and he figured he work about 1,000 dual matches and officiated at over 20 high school state tournaments. During the 1970s, Watson also officiated college wrestling when he worked the NAIA National Collegiate championships at Eastern Washington.
Willie Stewart, Retired Lincoln HS Principal

By Gail Wood

Throughout his life, Willie Stewart has followed a desire to help, to make a difference in a community. That drive today, even as he’s entered his 80s, is still burning.

“I am so grateful for so many good things that have happened in my life,” Stewart said. “I feel obligated to serve. If I have energy, if I have talent, if I have money, I want to share it.”

That desire to help shone brightly during Stewart’s time in the Tacoma School District. From 1960 to 1996, he was employed as a teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and assistant superintendent. He was also a Tacoma School Board member from 1999 to 2005.

Stewart, who grew up in Texas, was hired as Lincoln High School’s principal in 1970 and worked there in that position for eight years.

“He has a heart as big as Texas,” Jim Walton, a former Tacoma city manager, said in a Tacoma News Tribune story several years ago. “He understands what leadership is all about. He is one of the true local heroes.” Walton praised Stewart’s leadership and kindness.

In 1960, Stewart was hired by the Tacoma School District and assigned to Gault Junior High to teach life science and physical science. Stewart taught at Gault until 1966, when he was promoted to assistant principal. He stayed at Gault for three years until he was hired at Lincoln High School as assistant principal. A year later in 1970, he became the principal at Lincoln, making him the first black principal in the Tacoma School District.

In honor of Stewart’s 36 years in the Tacoma schools as a teacher, principal and district administrator, the Tacoma School Board named an education building in downtown Tacoma after him in 2015. The building—now called the Willie Stewart Academy—is a re-engagement center. It’s recognition of his years of commitment to the Tacoma schools.

Dan Barkley, a former assistant superintendent, praised Stewart for his years of commitment to the Tacoma schools. “I can’t think of anybody who has been more of a supporter for and advocate for the Tacoma School District than Willie,” Barkley said in a TNT story.

Growing up in Texas, Stewart worked picking cotton while in high school and he had goals of doing something no one in his family had ever done. He wanted to go to college. Stewart graduated from Texas Southern University and Pacific Lutheran University and received degrees from the University of Washington.

A reflection of Stewart’s lifelong passion to help in a community has been his commitment to coaching youth sports. From 1957 to 1975, he coached, which included coaching football at Gault from 1961 to 1966, and then football at Eastside Boys Club for ninth graders for a year and then baseball for the City of Fircrest youth teams from 1974 to 1975. Stewart, who graduated from Columbus Colored High School in 1953 and then Texas Southern University in 1957, has been a member of the Tacoma Athletic Commission from 1971 to today and is also on the Board of Directors for the Shanaman Sports Museum of Tacoma-Pierce County. He’s been a strong supporter of sports throughout Pierce County since 1966.

That support was obvious to coaches at Lincoln. Dan Watson, who was the Abe’s track coach from 1966 to 1986, praised Watson, complimenting him for the support he gave coaches and athletes.

“Willie supported, challenged and encouraged all Lincoln athletes to do their very best as a student-athlete and to be good citizens,” said Watson, whose teams’ won six state championships in track between 1969 and 1977.

Another reflection of Stewart’s commitment to education is his family. His wife, Faye, taught for 31 years. Their son, Willie Jr., and daughter, Collette, are also teachers.
Dick Hannula Amateur Athlete of the Year Award

The Dick Hannula Award is given to the top male and female amateur athletes in or from Tacoma-Pierce County for the past year. Hannula, an internationally-known coach and a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, also led his Wilson boys swim teams to 24 straight state titles, and coached numerous world-class swimmers such as Kaye Hall-Greff, Janet Buchan Elway, Barbara Mitchell, Chuck Richards, Dick, David and Dan Hannula, Miriam Smith, and Sarah Rudolph.

2019 Tacoma-Pierce County Male Amateur Athlete of the Year—

Kaleb McGary, Football, Fife/Univ. of Washington

By Gary Brooks

University of Washington football lineman Kaleb McGary has said that his life story sounds like a country song. He has been open about the variety of challenges he and his family have faced over the past decade. Financial hardship led to an exit from the family farm and a variety of animals. Health difficulties have impacted his parents and he has had three procedures to fix a problem with his heart.

Through football, and the opportunity to continue his education, he has risen beyond adversity to become one of the most decorated offensive linemen in a long Husky history of standouts. Adding to a growing list of accolades, McGary is the 2018–19 winner of the Dick Hannula Award as the top male amateur athlete from Pierce County.

The 2014 Fife High School graduate was a key figure in the re-emergence of the UW football program. He capped his UW career by earning the Morris Trophy as the top offensive lineman in the Pac-12 conference last season. The Morris Trophy is especially meaningful to McGary because it is voted on by his peers, fellow lineman throughout the conference.

The 6-foot-7, 317-pound right tackle is a two-time first-team all-Pac-12 selection. In addition to protecting quarterback Jake Browning for most of their careers together, McGary’s blocking contributed to the exceptional rushing stats of Myles Gaskin. Often running through holes that McGary created, Gaskin set the UW record for career rushing yards and became only the second NCAA running back to exceed 1,200 rushing yards in all four seasons.

In McGary’s four seasons, the Huskies won 39 games. In each of the past three seasons, Washington was ranked in the top 10 in the Associated Press NCAA rankings at some point during the season. In McGary’s sophomore season, the Huskies advanced to the national semifinals, losing to Alabama in the Peach Bowl.

In 2017, McGary won the Earle T. Grant Tough Husky Award. His toughness was evident well before then. When playing basketball for Fife High, he experienced an accelerated heartbeat that caused him to pass out face first into the team bench in the first row of the bleachers. The incident led to a diagnosis of atrial fibrillation (heart arrhythmia.). He initially was told he wouldn’t be able to compete athletically any more. He has since had three procedures to fix the defect in his heart. The procedures were not considered to be life threatening but they certainly could have limited McGary’s ability to perform at a Pac-12 level. Instead, McGary improved each year as a Husky, excelling in the physically demanding football trenches.

Browning was particularly thankful for McGary’s talent and effort protecting him from defenses. “O-line, physical position, and he was able to play a ton of games for us, be very productive,” Browning told The News Tribune’s Gregg Bell while he and McGary were both at the NFL Combine. “Obviously, he’s a freak athlete. You just look at him and realize that. Some of the things that he is able to do physically is very impressive. And the presence he was in the locker room… always being genuine, always being himself, yet continued to find the best version of himself. He continued to work hard and always set a precedent.”
McGary was the first UW offensive lineman to win the Morris Trophy since Chad Ward in 2000. Next up, he’ll have the opportunity to build an NFL career.

“This has been my whole life. I’ve been working toward this, dreaming and pushing toward this my entire life,” McGary told the Seattle Times. “And I’m very excited about that opportunity, she’s starting to knock. Now it’s on me to take advantage and do what I can.”

The opportunity to play football on a larger stage started knocking several years ago. McGary was a first-team all-league selection at Fife as a defensive lineman and tight end both his junior and senior seasons. He was named to The News Tribune All-Area team in 2013 as a tight end. The News Tribune selected him as one of just five Northwest Nuggets representing the top college football recruits in the Northwest.

Initially expecting to play on the defensive line after joining Chris Peterson’s first recruiting class at UW, McGary filled a need at right tackle and settled in to become a Husky legend.

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**Dick Hannula**

**Amateur Athlete of the Year Award**

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2019 Tacoma-Pierce County Female Amateur Athlete of the Year —
Jamie Lange, Basketball, Soccer, Sumner/Univ. of Puget Sound

By Nick Dawson

Being a two-sport athlete in college is rare, and it is significantly more infrequent to be a standout in more than one.

At the NCAA Division I level, names like Deion Sanders and Bo Jackson, both accomplished professional football and baseball players come quickly to mind. But even those two take us back at least a couple of decades.

Dual-sport athletes at the NCAA Division III level are a more common occurrence, but even at that level to be accomplished enough to set records and earn postseason accolades in two sports is unusual.

Not so unusual, however, for University of Puget Sound soccer and basketball standout Jamie Lange. Her success on the field and the court makes her a slam dunk as the 2019 Dick Hannula Female Amateur Athlete of the Year.

Lange was an accomplished student-athlete at Sumner High School before matriculating to Puget Sound, where she has compiled a long list of awards and other honors.

The 6-0 junior center had her second consecutive stellar season for the Logger basketball team in 2018–19. Lange averaged 17.1 points and a league-leading 11.6 rebounds in earning Northwest Conference Player of the Year accolades, in addition to being named to the all-conference first team for the second consecutive season. She was at the center of the team’s 19–6 overall record, including a 12–4 mark and a third-place finish in the very competitive Northwest Conference.

The postseason honors continued to flow in when she received D3hoops.com All-West Region first team honors. Jamie was also named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year at UPS for 2018–19.

During the season, Lange eclipsed 1,000 career points, and with 1,150 through three seasons should finish in the Top 5 should she continue at her current pace. A lot of that scoring came as a result of a .521 career shooting percentage, a mark that puts her second on the Puget Sound career list.

Fifth on the program’s all-time rebounding list with 787, Jamie is easily on pace to move to the top of the list by the time she’s finished at the Tacoma school.

None of that is surprising considering Lange’s long frame and athletic low post presence on a basketball floor, but some might be surprised to see how effective she is between the pipes for the

Jamie Lange was named Puget Sound’s Most Outstanding Female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2018–19. Courtesy of University of Puget Sound Athletics.

The Dick Hannula Amateur Athlete Of The Year Award (continued)

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Puget Sound women’s soccer team.

In each of the past two seasons she has earned the coaches’ nod as Northwest Conference Women’s Soccer Defensive Player of the Year while leading the Loggers to a share of the 2018 conference title and a berth in the NCAA Division III national playoffs.

Jamie finished second in the conference in 2018 with 132 saves and a .892 save percentage while compiling a 0.74 goals against average and seven shutouts. Her outstanding junior campaign was built on the foundation of a sophomore season where she truly shone for the first time at the collegiate level. Her 0.57 goals against average, eight individual shutouts and three shared shutouts was outstanding by any standard for one of the top regional powers in NCAA Division III women’s soccer.

Following the conclusion of the season, Lange’s success in the classroom was rewarded when the exercise science major was selected to the United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division III Women’s Scholar All-West Region second team.

Already one of the greatest two-sport athletes in University of Puget Sound athletics history, Jamie is poised to leave an indelible and nearly unmatched mark as a Logger.
Tony Barron
By Shawn O’Neal

Tony Barron is the only Spanaway Lake High School graduate to ever play pro baseball and one of two from the Bethel School District to make the majors, the other being former Seattle Mariner Mike Blowers, a Bethel High grad.

Barron attended Green River Community College and eventually transferred to Willamette University in Salem, Ore. He is also the only Willamette player to ever make the majors, drafted in the seventh round of the 1987 draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. He played in their system through 1993.

His big league career was short, but his baseball legacy is quite a bit more impressive, even if most of it took place outside of the spotlight.

Barron will best be remembered for a high-flying, diving catch that ended with his face making hard contact with the old-school Astroturf of Philadelphia’s Veterans Stadium to help preserve a 2–1 for the Phillies. The catch is lauded among the best in baseball history and received heavy rotation on ESPN on the night he did it July 31, 1997 and well beyond.

It was the highlight of his major league career, which lasted all of 210 plate appearances and 58 games—one with the Montreal Expos, the rest with the Phillies but it was hardly indicative of Barron’s accomplishments in professional baseball.

The Spanaway Lake High graduate was, in many ways, the archetype minor leaguer, playing from 1987 until 2002 in 21 cities and five countries. But everywhere he went, the results were the same—the man could hit.

“When I was there, I was so happy to be there. I knew I could play there. I just needed a chance,” Barron said. “I knew I could hit.”

Barron hit .284 in the big leagues, .291 overall in the minors, .296 in Triple-A and .292 in Double-A. He hit 199 career home runs—four of those in the majors—and stole 174 bases, but mostly he was gifted at getting on base, with a major league on-base percentage of .329 and spent his career well over .350 in the minors.

Through the lens of modern advanced statistics, Barron was probably a better player than he was given credit for during his brief time in the majors. His 57 games for manager Terry Francona and the Phillies produced 1.8 wins above replacement (WAR). Pushed out over a full season that would have made Barron nearly a 6-WAR player, a number that would have made him one of the 25 most valuable players in the majors in 2018, ahead of guys like Aaron Judge and Paul Goldschmidt.

“I have always said that if I came up 10 or 15 years later, it could have been different,” Barron said. “Especially with the Dodgers (the team that originally drafted him). They just always had guys who had been there forever and who just kept hanging around, so it was hard to get a chance.”

In fact, it was when one of those older players was traded late in the season—Philadelphia shipped Darren Daulton to the Marlins—that Barron got his biggest chance in The Show. That season was Barron’s last in the bigs, however, as he was the last cut from the team’s Major League roster the following spring, then suffered an ill-timed injury, and spent the next six years mostly at the Triple-A level and finally in Mexico, where he eventually called it a career.

“When I was there, I was so happy to play,” Barron said. “I would not trade nothing for it. I just loved going out there, playing, taking BP, being in the clubhouse, being around the guys, … who wouldn’t love playing the game, for 17 years?”

Susan, his wife of nearly 28 years, kept him going in the game despite the strain it sometimes placed on their family life.

“After five or six years you get frustrated, see guys get promoted ahead of you or whatever, you think about quitting and every time I would think about it, my wife would say, ‘Listen, how many guys out there would love to be where you’re at right now? Just keep doing it until it’s over and, right now, it’s not over. As long as I had a team to play for and was ready to play, I was on the plane, wherever they wanted me to go.”
Jim Black (Coach)

By Ty Cotterill

Jim Black was playing in an intramural basketball game at Central Washington University. Except he wasn’t a basketball player he was the quarterback for CWU’s football team, with a scholarship earned from his days at then, Class A Omak High School.

But there he was on the hardwood one day when legendary CWU basketball coach Dean Nicholson noticed him playing amongst his friends. Nicholson apparently saw enough to approach Black about upgrading from intramural hoops to Central’s varsity team.

Of course, Black agreed. As much as he loved football, he secretly always loved basketball, too.

That set the stage for 1978, when Black was coaching football at Foss and saw an opening as the head coach of its girls basketball squad which had never before produced a winning season.

And, of course, he took the job. “Everybody thought I was crazy,” Black said. It turned out to be the best decision he ever made, Black said.

Foss’ gymnasium is now named after Black, and his best friend, the late Wayne Dalesky. Despite never having any previous experience coaching basketball, Black led Foss to an undefeated league championship and its first state appearance his third year into the gig in 1982.

That was the first of eight state appearances, including three consecutive trips to the state semifinals, over the course of the next 16 seasons.

He loved coaching girls basketball so much that he stopped coaching football after the 1983 season just so he could spend more of his efforts focusing on hoops.

“I had never before coached basketball, but I totally fell in love. It was a lot of fun,” Black said. “And the biggest part was I got the girls to turn out. I was in the hallways trying to get as many to turn out as I could.”

Foss would win its first two games over Marysville-Pilchuck and Snohomish in the 1995 state tournament after another undefeated regular season, but lost to Mountain View in the semifinals.

It still pains Black to this day, he said, that they fell just short of playing for a state championship. They were back in the semifinals the next season, but Foss lost to Kamiakin after beating Federal Way. And then again in 1997, but lost to Central Valley after beating Auburn.

“Those were some really fun teams,” Black said. “But we still didn’t get the job done. We just never got over the top like we wanted to.”

Those squads were led by Tatum Brown, a 6-foot-5 post who went on to be a top scorer at the University of Arizona after leading Central Arizona to a National Junior College Athletic Association national title.

Black remembered seeing her for the first time at school during an assembly wearing a basketball jersey.

“I looked at one of my assistants and said, ‘She’s going to make me a great coach,’” he laughed.

But what really made him a great coach was his upbringing. First growing up in the small town of Omak in the Okanogan Highlands, where he was coached by Howard Roth, who became Black’s inspiration for football.

That’s also where he met his wife, Joyce, who joined Black as a teacher in Tacoma.

After graduating from CWU in 1965, Black was persuaded by Dalesky to head with him to Tacoma to teach and coach at Baker Junior High. That’s also where Dan Watson was coaching the track team before Watson brought Black to Lincoln High School. Black was part of three of the six state track championships Watson won at Lincoln.

Black then went across town to Foss to help coach football there and was the offensive coordinator on the Falcons’ 1975 squad that beat Richland in the state championship. He later took over as its head coach and went 15–9 in three seasons.

That was also while he was coaching Foss’ track team and one of his most fond memories was beating one of Watson’s Lincoln squads.

“Oh, it was huge,” Black said with a laugh. “It really was.”

But he never imagined he’d find his true calling coaching girls basketball, teaching at the school with his wife, creating lifelong relationships with some of his players and eventually getting a gymnasium court named after him.

“It was truly an incredible experience,” Black said.
Jennifer Gray Reiter (dec.)

By Shawn O'Neal

Jennifer Gray competed at a time when women's sports were not given appropriate resources or attention. The courts eventually saw to it that future players of her caliber had equal opportunities, but in all those years and all those changes, the Puyallup High graduate remains one of the finest basketball players the state has ever produced and has the numbers to prove it.

“We played in the old County City Girls Basketball League because there was no basketball in high school for girls at the time,” Gray’s former coach Jerry DeLaurenti said. “We played with six girls on the court. Two always on defense, two always on offense and two that played full court. So at each end of the court it was really 4-on-4. Jennifer wasn’t real coordinated at the time but she was so tall and was a real force on offense.”

By the time she graduated from Puyallup High School in 1971, women's basketball was starting to get a foothold at the university level and Gray was one of the first true standouts at Washington State. That year, Gray led the Cougars to the Northwest Regional Tournament title—the first year such an event was held—and the team placed second nationally in the first ever championship game for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, the precursor to the NCAA elevating women's athletics into its ranks.

Gray was the consummate interior grinder, grabbing rebound after rebound her entire career with the Cougars. Her 22 boards in games against Western Washington and Boise State remain the program’s all-time marks. She’s also the Wazzu leader in almost every season and career rebounding number—average per season, average per career and total overall. She’s also still in the program’s Top 10 for scoring average and field-goal percentage.

Jennifer eventually returned to school and earned her teaching certification from the University of Washington-Tacoma and a master’s in American history from Ashland University of Ohio. She went on to teach and coach in middle school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Beyond basketball and a love of history, she also mentored student athletes in volleyball and track. She was inducted into the Washington State University Hall of Fame in 2012, fittingly, before she passed away in 2015.

Though Gray played in a time before women’s athletics were given full status, she might have unwittingly been part of making that change possible. Gray’s coach at WSU was Sue Durrant, who, in 1979, sued the school for failure to comply with Title IX, the 1972 law that prohibited discrimination in educational institutions based on gender and assured future women would have equal access to athletic resources as did their male counterparts.

Despite those changes and better opportunities for many who have come behind her, many of Gray’s accomplishments continue to stand the test of time, her impact inarguable.

Tim Kelly (Coach)

By TJ Cotterill

Tim Kelly. Curtis. Defense. Those words might as well be synonymous. Kelly has built a Hall of Fame career coaching basketball on a foundation of defense—all the time, full-court and fundamentally sound.

But his closest friends and those who remember Tim Kelly the Curtis High School basketball player, long before he became Curtis’ coach, recall a different story.

“My friends make fun of me because they say I didn’t play any defense,” Kelly laughed.

But the best coaches know how to make adjustments. Kelly has created a perennial contender in University Place, with a career record of 474-200, 10 South Puget Sound League titles the past 12 seasons and four state-championship rings between Lincoln and Curtis and as an assistant at Olympia.

Some coaches never see the state tournament. But how’s this: Kelly has been there 17 times in 27 seasons as a coach (all in the state’s largest classification), and he’s won 14 coach of the year awards between the Narrows (Lincoln) and SPSL (Curtis).

It’s not like his programs have been littered with NCAA Division I phenoms and NBA prospects, either. DaVonte Lacy (Washington State), David...
Adams (WSU) and Chad Rasmussen (Seattle U) are the only three he's coached who went on to play D1 ball.

So his teams have always relied on fundamentals and defense.

"I explain to them a lot about the idea of anybody can play defense," Kelly said. "That's a desire. If we can get five guys with that desire we are going to have a better chance at being successful. There are five people out there and you have to work as a group.

"The thing now is everyone wants to be the scorer. Everybody wants to be on SportsCenter and all you see are dunks and 3-pointers and that's what the average fan and basketball culture today is telling them to do. You don't see defensive plays or taking the charge getting on highlights. Half the people watching games don't understand defensive rotations and things like that, that coaches teach and those are things that win games."

That's a perspective he finally started to see when he played at Saint Martin's for Len Stevens and Joe Meagher. He tore his anterior cruciate ligament, had to sit out a year and realized the only way he was getting significant minutes after that was if he could defend the opposing team's best player.

Kelly credits much of his defensive philosophies he has today from his time playing for Stevens and Meagher. That's about the same time he started to look seriously into a career in coaching.

He joined Al Sokaitis at Olympia before they won the 1986 state title over Mark Morris. The next year he joined Kelvin Sampson's staff at WSU as a graduate assistant before heading to Eastern Washington University and then getting his first head-coach gig at North Adams State College.

He was a day away from flying back to Massachusetts with his wife when he was approached about staying in Tacoma and taking over at Lincoln. He and his wife, Gini, were planning to grow their family (they now have two daughters, Annie and Katy), so they wanted to plant roots. A more stable schedule with a job at a local high school was too good to pass up.

"So off we went," Kelly said.

That was 1993 and shortly after winning back-to-back state titles at Lincoln he was offered the job at his alma mater in 2007. But three years later he wondered if he'd ever be able to coach again.

Kelly was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer, the kind that is considered incurable for most men, according to the Mayo Clinic. His doctor approached him to give the shattering prognosis. He told Kelly to get his will completed and to take his daughters to Disneyland.

"I remember that word for word," Kelly said before pausing.

"Quite a shock, let me tell you."

It certainly puts basketball in its place in the spectrum of life. But Kelly sees a lot to learn about life through basketball, a sport he's never been without. He said his cancer became his personal drive. It should speak to his ultra-competitiveness—he had to beat it.

"Like I tell our guys, winning is hard, and in life you got to face stuff," Kelly said. "I don't talk to (players) about what's going on with me, but I know they know stuff just from their parents and hearing about it. It's just part of what drives me personally . . . and here I am."

It's been nine years since the doctor told him to pack for Disneyland. He doesn't ever think he'll be fully cancer free and he still gets his monthly blood draws, but lately doctors have been encouraged by the results of what Kelly said were out-of-the-box treatments and trials.

"I think it has changed how I perceive things and look at things," Kelly said. "And everybody says I coach differently now and more mellow. Maybe having two daughters is part of that."

Kelly traveled to Las Vegas for the Pac-12 men's basketball tournament this year, cherishing that he could sit among the crowd and see Annie working for Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle as a student manager.

But all the while he's still in coaching mode, checking the rotations and looking for the winning plays. He's had offers over the years to go back to coaching college basketball, but every year he finds himself back at Curtis.

"I love basketball," Kelly said. "It's done great things for me and allowed me to meet a lot of people. I just always wanted to be around the game."

"And we just always liked being here and this is where we're from and where our kids have grown up. I've enjoyed what I do and we've been successful. It's been a good run."
Bob Niehl
By Shawn O’Neal

Bob Niehl could be remembered for any number of things, but he’d like to be remembered for something pretty simple: “I just loved sports.”

And that love led to success for Niehl, who turned a tremendous athletic career into a successful coaching career that ended with a nearly decade long run as head coach of the University of Puget Sound men’s basketball team.

But if you can learn a lot about a person by who they associate with, consider Niehl’s list of coaches and colleagues over the years. In basketball he was coached at Washington State University by Marv Harshman and future Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote, future Louisiana State coach Dale Brown and then by George Raveling. In track he was coached by Jack Mooberry and John Chaplain. And when his athletic career was over he coached with former Stanford and Golden State Warriors coach Mike Montgomery and Montana, Colorado State and Utah State coach Stew Morrill before jumping back to near his childhood home of Spanaway to coach the Loggers.

But before all of that, he starred as a local beast for the Bethel Braves, where he was a three year starter in basketball and led the Seamount League in scoring and rebounding as a junior and senior in 1969 and 1970.

In track, he was even better, nearly untouchable in the high jump, winning all but one meet he entered as a junior and senior for the Braves. The meet he didn’t win was state his junior year, where he placed fifth.

Harshman recruited him to play for the Cougars and Mooberry received the benefit of getting one of the nation’s best high jumpers without use of a scholarship. He also pulled in a Cougar legacy, as Ed Niehl—Bob’s father—was also a football standout when the school was Washington State College.

The track was a refuge of success for Niehl, who arrived at Wazzu at a time when the basketball team was in transition. Harshman left the Palouse in 1971, after Niehl’s freshman year, for the University of Washington. Bob Greenwood coached one season before Raveling was hired in 1972, making it three coaches in as many years.

“I was not a player he would have recruited, and I knew how it worked. I was an AD’s kid (Ed Niehl was one of Bethel’s founding fathers). Most (new coaches) will suffer for a bit and play younger kids and leave the guys like me to sit,” Niehl said.

Raveling did just the opposite, making good use of “cerebral” forward, naming him a captain as a senior for the 1973-74 season.

On the track Niehl was a star for the Cougars, jumping 6-11 with the flop and 7-0 ¼ with the straddle roll. A 7-1 mark would have qualified him for the 1972 Olympic Trials, but as it was he was a four-time NCAA qualifier for the Cougars, placing in each meet.

“When I graduated I had the opportunity to run some pro track but I was too excited about getting on with my coaching career,” he said.

Niehl made a big impression and, after two years coaching tiny Sprague High School, Raveling brought him back to Pullman as a graduate assistant in 1978. He led the JV team and eventually landed as an assistant at Montana (1981), where he coached future Pac-12 head coaches Larry Krystkowiak (Utah) and Wayne Tinkle (Oregon State).

When Montgomery left for Stanford, Niehl stayed in Missoula to assist Morrill and, in 1989, took the UPS head job, though not everybody was thrilled with the choice. Tacoma News Tribune columnist Bart Wright wrote that UPS should have gone with Dave Harshman, the son of the man who recruited Niehl to Pullman.

Niehl said with a laugh: “I guess he ended up being right.”

“Actually, turned out I was wrong,” Wright said years later from his home in Hawaii.

Niehl started with two successful years (37-24) that ended in playoff berths. He ended up with a 134-142 record in 10 years, but it was the last three—25-47 as the school transitioned from NAIA to non-scholarship Division III—that took his ledger into the red. It did not tarnish his legacy as one of the game’s most positive mentors and a leader of young men. He was eventually fired, but despite waning success on the court, every player who came to play for Niehl at UPS left with a degree from UPS.

“I really loved coaching there,” Niehl said. “To me, that is the ideal level. . . . It was a good fit. I loved the type of person and player you could recruit there.”
**Bowling**

Mike Karch  
*By Doug Drowley*

Nearly 50 years later, Mike Karch still can roll a bowling ball with deadly accuracy.

Karch, who has won bowling tournaments at every level over the years, isn’t far removed from even his last title. In March, 2018, Karch won another Northwest Senior Tour title by rolling a 2,440 in the Puget Sound Classic at Paradise Lanes near Pacific Lutheran University.

The title was just the latest of 10 Northwest Senior Tour titles for the 1976 Mount Tahoma High grad and longshoreman for the Pacific Maritime Association.

Included among his many other local wins are four Tacoma Master’s championships, 11 master’s titles, three Northwest Bowlers Association crowns, two Oregon Bowlers Association titles and nine West Coast Tournament championships.

In addition, Karch has been named the NST player of the year four times and has been a member of the South Sound All-Star team on eight occasions.

Nationally, Karch had a 10-year run as a member of the Professional Bowler’s Association, where he won one tournament and rolled ten 300 games.

Since turning 50 years old, Karch has added two PBA50 Regional titles to his long list of victories. Over the years, Mike has bowled 13 series of 800-plus pins, including a high series of 843—an average of 281 a game.

Speaking of averages, Karch led the Tacoma All-Star Travel League on five separate occasions. In 2004, Karch averaged 224.15 in the travel league. That concluded a decade of dominance for Karch that began in 1995 (219 average), and moved through 2000 (213.84), 2001 (213.84) and 2002 (221.66). And, a decade earlier, Karch amassed four Greater Tacoma Bowling Association titles. With his Senior tour title secured a few months ago, it appears that Mike has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon.

**Boxing**

Emmett Linton, Jr.  
*By TJ Cotterill*

Tom Mustin was working with some young boxers, but none as small as 5-year-old Emmett Linton Jr.

Linton was too young to join the Tacoma Boxing Club, but he’d show up every day, anyway, alongside his older brother. Linton was too short for the speed bag, so he’d stand on a box.

There’s a reason Linton went from Tacoma’s Hilltop neighborhood to eventually boxing on ESPN. From Stadium High School to touring the globe and winning two world titles, including the World Boxing Council Continental Americas Super Welterweight title in 1994 in Shreveport, Louisiana, and the World Boxing Union Welterweight championship in New Orleans in 1995.

Mustin remembers few he’s coached who worked diligently or were more talented than Linton. That first started to hit him when Linton was about 13 years old at a tournament at the Eastside Community Center.

“He was so strong that the first day he fought a guy he stopped him,” said the 73-year-old Mustin, who served as head coach for the USA Olympic boxing team in 2000 in Sydney, Australia. “The guy he was supposed to fight in the finals, they left town and the dad was like, ‘My son is not going to fight (Linton).’

“His work ethic was above and beyond. You take a kid who wants to be really good at something, then he’ll go the extra mile to do so.’”

“Laser” Linton, a southpaw, went 314–16 as an amateur and won back-to-back Junior Olympic championships when he was 14 and 15. He was ranked the No. 1 147-pound amateur in the U.S. before the biggest decision of his life. He won Tacoma’s Golden Gloves championship four consecutive years from 1987–90.
Linton was staring at a shot at competing for Olympic gold in Barcelona when Top Rank came offering a four-year deal to box professionally, allowing him to be regularly showcased on ESPN’s nationally televised boxing special.

Linton still talks about the decision to turn pro to this day, and how his career might have altered had he pursued the Olympics, instead.

“We talk about it all the time,” Mustin said. “I didn’t agree, but that was something between him and his dad. I’m the coach, not a blood relative. We tried to talk him and his dad out of it, and I believe if he would have stuck around and went to the Olympics he could have gone a lot farther. The guy who ended up going at 147 (Pepe Reilly of Glendale, California) couldn’t beat Emmett.”

“I think Emmett might even agree with me now, but during the time you think you are making the best decision.”

Those were the same Olympics when Oscar De La Hoya won the lightweight gold for the U.S. It’s not too hard to have envisioned Linton doing the same in the welterweight division.

But the other route didn’t turn out so bad, either.

Linton quickly ascended up the ranks, winning his first 17 professional matches to begin his career before falling for the first time, almost three years after his debut, against Lonny Beasley in Saint Louis. But his next match turned into another loss.

He bounced back with a TKO against Scott Smith in Las Vegas before beating Augustine Renteria three months later for the World Boxing Council Continental Americas Super Welterweight title. More than a year later he beat Steve Martinez for the World Boxing Union light middleweight title and defended it with a KO of Roberto Welin six months later in Palm Springs.

Then he defeated Donald Curry with a TKO in the seventh round for the International Boxing Association’s light middleweight title on April 9, 1997, in Las Vegas.

Linton finished his career 33–6–2 with 15 KOs, his final match being the only time he was ever KO’d with a loss to Kingsley Ikeke in 2009 at the Emerald Queen Casino, 15 years after his debut at Bally’s in Las Vegas.

“He was such a fluid boxer with really fast hands,” Mustin said. “I remember at nationals scouting and seeing who he was going to box next and going, ‘This guy has fast hands, he might give us problems.’ But Emmett would box against him and his hands were always faster than the guy he was boxing.”

Considering his upbringings, Linton’s journey is incredible. It took staying away from drugs and street fights, which he has said were so prevalent around Hilltop. His parents always stressed education and without that support system around him it’s unlikely Linton ever would have fulfilled his lifelong dream of being No. 1.

But all Mustin remembers is that 5-year-old hanging out at the community center, and that kid wanting to put in work, daily, to watch the older boxers and pick up on their moves, and even work from atop a box just to be tall enough to do so.


“Emmett had a dad and a mom who were always there and behind him and pushing him,” Mustin said. “It takes a lot to make it. It takes not only a coach with the right ideas and teaching the right things, but it also takes a home life to be able to concentrate and be able to work on the skills and the things you have to do to be a world champion or national champion.”

Bobby Pasquale

By Gail Wood

It’s not that Bobby Pasquale was a one-sport star while growing up in Tacoma, focusing only on boxing. Playing football, basketball and baseball growing up, Pasquale kept busy, changing from sport to sport according to the season.

“He was the star of our team,” said Doug McArthur, who coached Pasquale in the 1950s on the Oakland Oaks, a youth football team. “The one thing that I can remember for sure is that I thought he’d be a terrific football player, but boxing was his No. 1 sport.”

Pasquale’s passion was boxing, not running for touchdowns or sinking jump shots or hitting singles.

And under a six-month stretch of coaching with boxing legend Angelo Dundee, who was best known for working with Muhammad Ali, Pasquale was assured that he had the skills for jabs and uppercuts.

During Pasquale’s senior year at Wilson High School back in 1961, he won the national AAU championship at 156 pounds, beating favored Frank Nelson of Philadelphia 2–1 in a split decision. Pasquale, representing the Tacoma Athletic Commission, won all three of his fights at nationals and became the first National AAU champ from Tacoma.

Just a few months later at the young age of 18, Pasquale began a success pro boxing career.

In a letter Dundee wrote to a friend on June 23, 1962, the summer after Pasquale’s senior year, Dundee talked about Pasquale’s boxing skills. Dundee, who worked with 15 world boxing champs that included Ali, George Foreman and Sugar Ray Leonard of Tacoma, could see that Pasquale had...
what it takes to be a good boxer.
   “Bobby is coming along fine,” Dundee wrote. “He is quick to pick things up.”

   Pasquale trained with Dundee at the 5th Street gym in Miami, Florida, for six months after he graduated from high school. While there, Pasquale had the opportunity to train and spar with Ali. Dundee was optimistic that Pasquale had the talent to do well boxing.

   “I have high hopes for him,” Dundee wrote.
   He was right. As an amateur, Pasquale had 33 fights, losing only four. As a pro, he fought 11 times, losing only twice.

   Fighting in the light heavyweight division, Pasquale fought in several Golden Gloves boxing tournaments in the Northwest and did well. When he was 17 years old, Pasquale fought in the Seattle Golden Gloves tournament and won the Golden Boy Award for being the best fighter in the tournament. By winning the regional tournament, Pasquale qualified for nationals, where he won his division. As a winner at nationals, Pasquale qualified for a United Nations tour of Africa and Asia, but he decided not to go.

   Pasquale’s pro boxing career began well as he won his first six fights. His pro debut was on Sept. 14, 1961 at the Tacoma Armory against Ben Patterson. It didn’t take Pasquale long to win that fight. He won by a first-round technical knockout. The referee of that fight was Jim Rondeau, a Tacoma Athletic Commission president who went on to become an international boxing referee.

   Just a month after winning his first pro fight, Pasquale fought again and won a six-round unanimous decision over Herg LeSeuer at the Armory. Ernie Johnson was the referee of that fight and the judges were Jack Elich and Al McNeish.

   Pasquale won his first six fights and his final pro fight was in March 1963, a year and a half after he fought his first pro fight. He finished with a 6–2–3 pro record.

   So, Pasquale, who was born April 1, 1943, was no April Fools joke as a boxer.

   “His reputation around Tacoma was his toughness,” said Don Mojean, a friend of Pasquale. “I wouldn’t call him a street fighter, but his reputation seemed to draw the guys that thought they were tough to him.”

   Those fights were quick.

   “And ended in what Bobby would always say, ‘Pop, Pop,’” Mojean said. “Any athletics, be it a game of pool, you could see how competitive Bobby was.”

   That competitiveness always pushed Pasquale to do his best. And that determination is what helped him earn an induction into the Tacoma Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame.

   “Bobby is very deserving of this honor,” Mojean said.
   Pasquale later worked at Buff’s Barbershop on 6th Avenue and then became an agent for Farmers Insurance. He then sold cars at Titus-Will Ford and South Tacoma Honda as he worked as a boxing coach at the Eastside Boys Club. He coached Parrish John- son, who become a Tacoma Golden Gloves champ, Gregg “Mutt” Haugen, Sugar Rays Seales, a 1972 Olympic gold medalist, Duane Jamison and Joe Happ.

   Because of his involvement with boxing over the years, Pasquale became good friends with Pat McMurtry and George Wright, two boxing legends from Tacoma.

   Pasquale also loved to golf. Indicative of his determination to do the best he can, he won numerous tournaments. He won the men’s championship at Madigan Links in 1981 and at Meadow Park Golf Course in 1971. He also won two Senior Club championships at Allenmore Golf Course and two Senior Club championships at High Cedars Golf Course.

   “He had the same passion for golf he did for boxing,” Mojean said.

   And that determination is what helped make him a winner.
**FOOTBALL**

**Singor Mobley**  
*By Gary Brooks*

Singor Mobley was a standout running back and defensive back who was named the state player of the year by the Seattle Times after leading Curtis High School to the 1991 AAA state championship.

He stretched his competitive playing career another 16 years through Washington State University, the Dallas Cowboys and the Edmonton Eskimos before retiring to become a coach in 2007.

Mobley was an important contributor to Curtis’ back-to-back state titles in 1990 and 1991. As a running back, he totaled more than 2,700 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns combined in his junior and senior seasons. He was named to the all-state team as both a running back and defensive back and was one of The News Tribune’s Northwest Nuggets—the top college football recruits.

Mobley was one of several Curtis players of the era who went on to play at WSU for Mike Price. A four-year starter at safety, Mobley was honorable mention all-Pac-10 as a sophomore and junior and second-team all-Pac-10 as a senior in 1994. The 1994 Cougs defense, known as the “Palouse Posse” was the top defensive unit in the Mike Price era at WSU.

The Canadian Football League was next for Mobley. He played two seasons for Edmonton before securing a spot with the Dallas Cowboys in 1997. Mike Zimmer, who was one of the WSU coaches when Mobley was there, had become the defensive backs coach for the Cowboys (and is now the Minnesota Vikings head coach). The connection helped Mobley stick for three years in Dallas, mostly as a special teams player. He played in 44 NFL games before returning to Edmonton.

By the time he retired from the Eskimos after the 2007 season, he had become one of the most prominent defensive players in team history.

Having switched to linebacker, Mobley was a key figure as Edmonton won the CFL championship, the Grey Cup, in 2003 and 2005. He was named the team’s most outstanding defensive player in 2005.

Mobley finished his 158-game CFL career with 680 tackles, 21 sacks and four forced fumbles. He also had 21 fumble returns for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and 15 interceptions for 360 yards and three touchdowns.

Mobley returned to the area as a football coach at Bonney Lake and Auburn Mountainview high schools before moving to his current position on the football staff at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif.

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**MARTIAL ARTS - KARATE**

**Steve Curran**  
*By Craig Hill*

There was a reason Steve Curran was a talented defensive back when he played football at Mount Tahoma High in the early 1960s. “I had to work harder than everybody else,” Curran said. “I think I had a bigger heart than everybody.”

When he graduated in 1965, Curran was 5-foot-8, 115 pounds. Not exactly football physique. But the work ethic that produced success while competing against much larger athletes, served him well for the rest of his life.

Curran went to Tacoma Community College and then joined the Navy. In 1967, while in Barbers Point, Hawaii, he started martial arts training. It wasn’t long before he was swept up in karate. He proceeded to put together a stunning resume.

Curran is an 11-time World Karate Sport Champion. He won a gold medal at the 1990 Goodwill Games. He has more than 160 national and international karate championships and more than 20 grand national titles. He’s won the national triple crown (national titles in all three discipline: Sparring, forms and weapons). In 1997, he earned his 10th Degree Black Belt (the highest level).

When Curran turned 35, he declined to move into the senior division, as most competitors do,
because he didn’t think of himself as old. So, he continued to compete against younger athletes for three years and still ranked among the top 20 competitors in the sport.

Along the way, Curran earned a reputation for not bending to conventions and for showcasing his personality. While competitors typically wore a white karategi, Curran won national titles wearing a tank top. Sometimes he wore red, white and blue.

His colorful personality shined through and fans loved it. Nicknamed “Mad Dawg,” Curran used a variety of styles to form his own.

In 1988, in an interview with The News Tribune, Martial Arts Training magazine editor Bill Groak said, “He’s the craziest guy in the sport. Everybody knows he’s going to do something crazy. The fans love him… . He gets the biggest applause of any karate guy I’ve ever seen.”

Curran had a bigger audience outside the ring. He worked as a martial arts stunt man on TV shows and movies. He did most of his work with Chuck Norris, appearing on “Walker, Texas Ranger” and in the 2005 diamond heist movie “The Cutter.” “Usually, Chuck Norris killed me or sent me to jail,” Curran said of his acting career.

In 1977, Curran started teaching karate out of his house. Soon he had to move to Sugar Ray Seales’ gym so he had more room. Today, The Academy of Steve Curran Karate and Fitness in the Proctor District has 120 students. And the 72-year-old “Mad Dawg” says he gets as much pleasure out of teaching youngsters discipline and martial arts as he did from competing.

 MEDIA - PHOTOGRAPHER
Bruce Larson

By Arnold Lytle

Hall of Fame photographer Bruce Larson loves life, his work and all that comes his way. Just ask him.

“I have had the best jobs in the world and a wonderful life experience,” he said during a recent interview.

See, Bruce gave up an award-winning 16-year career in photojournalism back in 1989 because he thought it would be great to become a law-enforcement officer.

“I always thought what I wanted to be was a news photographer, and then I wanted to be a peace officer,” Bruce said.

Both are great jobs, he added, and “I got to do both, so I feel blessed.”

His work for The News Tribune included some of the best sports snaps of the 1970s and 1980s, work that earned him induction to the Tacoma Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame in the media category.


“I did not win, but I felt greatly honored to have been considered,” Bruce wrote in an email.

Other awards came to Bruce from the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi, the National Press Photographers Association and the Society of Newspaper Design.

All this after he started at TNT in 1968 as a circulation truck driver for a vendor, “Scott’s Speedy Service,” when the newspaper was still located at 711 St. Helens Ave.

“At the time I was attending community college,” he wrote, “and was so happy to have a job at such an intriguing place as a daily newspaper.”

Also, Bruce had just taken up photography and was reading every book he could find on a subject that was quickly becoming his passion.

He began free-lancing photo features for TNT, and by 1973 he was hired as a full-time news photographer.

For several years he was assigned to the night shift, meaning he was often assigned to sporting events. He worked with such TNT legends as Earl Luebker, Ed Honeywell, Ted Pearson, Don Davison, Bill Schey, Jack Sareault, Mike Ingraham and John Clayton.

“I was in heaven,” he wrote. “What a great crew! We worked together to bring sporting news to our community.”

“I really loved that,” he wrote in reply to some emailed questions. “The images I made covered everything from Little League and prep sports to the pros.”

But times changed, and the Baker family sold The News Tribune in 1986 to the McClatchy Co., a Sacramento, Calif. based newspaper chain. Soon, things were different. The Baker family was no longer in charge. Changes included new bosses and new ways of doing things.

Bruce started thinking about other jobs, other ways he might continue to enjoy work and be active in his community. He applied to get on the Pierce County Sherriff’s Dept. as a deputy.

He tested well, holding his own as a 42-year-old against mostly 20-somethings at the law-enforcement training academy. Soon, he was hired as a patrolman, and in 1989 he walked away from one job he had loved into another job he soon loved.
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After he passed his probationary period to become a full-time deputy, he embarked on a 20-year career. He spent time in the narcotics unit as an undercover investigator, then was promoted to detective working fraud and forgery. He went on to investigate child abuse, sexual assault and felony assault. And he ended his two-decade-plus career with five years as the department’s primary homicide detective.

Turns out that Bruce was an award winner in law enforcement, too. He earned medals of merit, a Medal of Valor, a deputy of the year award from the Pierce County Prosecutor in 1993 and Detective of the Year in 2007.

“Good police officers and good journalists have a lot in common,” he says. Both professions are full of people who have the skill to put others at ease.

One contrast is that journalists often deal with people at a high point in their lives, while law enforcement officers often deal with people at a low point. The similarity is that both professionals need people skills to do their jobs.

Bruce started learning his people skills in the Fern Hill neighborhood where he grew up near 84th and Pacific, then at Mount Tahoma High School, where he ran track and cross country—“You tell Sam Ring he still hasn’t caught me.”

He likes to tell the story of encounters with the renowned “Fighting McMurtrys,” Mike and Pat. He would be doing road work with his Mount Tahoma teammates when the McMurtrys would drive up alongside of them and yell out encouragement to the young Thunderbirds.

At TNT, he met Susan, the woman he would marry 43 years ago. They have two children and three grandchildren.

“It certainly is good that I became a sports photographer,” Larson wrote, “because as an athlete I was pretty good, but not a Hall of Famer. I guess maybe that is why I enjoyed creating images of people in our community doing their best at being winners.”

He was part of a 1980s TNT promotional series on its stars, including columnist Denny MacGougan. They were just two of the journalists featured on billboards around town.

“My kids liked (the billboards),” he says. “They’d say, ‘Dad, what are you doing up there?’”

Now in retirement, he enjoys watching his grandchildren play Pop Warner football.

“Little kids play just as hard as the pros,” he says.

Bruce Larson has a lot of love to give, to his family, to his community and to his life passions. He worked hard as a photojournalist and as a law-enforcement professional. . . . And he loved it.

SNOWBOARDING

Liz Daley (dec.)

By the age of 29, Liz Daley was already a revered figure in the mountains.

The 2003 Stadium High graduate climbed and snowboarded some of the most challenging mountains in the Northwest, Canada, Italy and France. She was sponsored by Eddie Bauer, Patagonia and others and had a loyal following impressed by her humble, effervescent personality as much as her talent. “She was certainly one of the top extreme snowboarders in the country,” said Tom Kirby, an instructor at the American Alpine Institute.

But on Sept. 29, 2014, while snowboarding in front of a camera crew on Argentina’s Mount Fitz Roy, Daley was killed when an avalanche swept her into a crevasse.

Daley excelled at rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering and snowboarding. But snowboarding, and more specifically the niche sport of splitboard mountaineering, is where she stood out. (Splitboards are snowboards that convert into a pair of skis, allowing users to travel into the back country as easily as skiers without having to haul extra gear such as snowshoes.)

Using this technique, Daley was the first woman to snowboard some of the most challenging big mountain lines in the Cascades, including the Coleman Headwall on Mount Baker, the northwest couloir on Mount Shuksan, the north face of the Northwest Ridge on Mount Adams, and the Kautz Headwall on Mount Rainier.

Liz surveys the beauty before continuing her climb. Courtesy of Liz Rocks Foundation.
Those who knew her, said she’d rather ask other people about their accomplishments than talk about her own.

“That’s not common,” said Dunham Gooding, owner of Bellingham based American Alpine Institute, where Daley was a guide and instructor. “She was not common. She was the top female extreme snowboarder, and she had no ego.”

Daley discovered her passion for the mountains when she was at Western Washington University earning an Environmental Education degree.

She made annual trips to Europe where she took on daunting peaks in France, Italy and Switzerland.

“In terms of human-powered alpinism, I would say she is one of the most accomplished,” Russell Cunningham of Karakoram Splitboards told Backcountry Magazine in 2014. “She’s cutting edge on the female front, for sure.”

Daley was also an accomplished rock climber who bagged some of the most challenging routes in Washington, France and Italy.

While her life and career may have been extinguished, her legacy burns bright. A group inspired by Daley is working with Metro Parks Tacoma to build a free public outdoor climbing wall at Point Defiance Park.

The facility’s name captures how many would describe Daley: Liz Rocks.

**SWIMMING**

Dennis Larsen

*By Doug Drowley*

Dennis Larsen made his athletic splash in the pools, first in Tacoma and then across the country.

From 1968 to 1970, Larsen won four individual state swimming titles for Dick Hannula and the Wilson Rams program. He was part of Hannula’s run of 24 consecutive state team championships during those years, as well, and a prominent member of the Tacoma Swim Club.

Larsen won the 400-yard freestyle at state all three of those years, from ’68 to ’70, and was named a high school All-American in the event during his career with the Rams. He also was the 200-freeestyle champion as a sophomore in 1968.

“Dennis Larsen was a leader at Wilson High School and Tacoma Swim Club,” said Hannula, now 90. “He was a team captain in his senior year and was a state champion for three straight years.”

After high school, Larsen went on to the University of Washington, where he again became an All-American in the 1,650 freestyle.

Hannula, who founded the TSC, was Larsen’s club coach as well. And Larsen led the Tacoma Swim Club, especially in the years from 1969 to 1971.

In 1969, Larsen swam as a member of the 800 freestyle relay squad that earned TSC’s first points at the U.S. Long Course Senior National Championship meet in Louisville, Ky. At that same event, he placed fifth in the 1,500 free, making him the first individual point-getter for the club at the meet.

A year later, at the 1970 Senior Nationals in Cincinnati, Larsen took sixth in the 1,650. Then in 1971, the TSC 400 and 800 relay teams of which Larsen was a member set American short course records with teammates Dan Hannula, Bob Music and Kurt Knipher.

Even after his collegiate swim days were finished, Larsen stayed in and near the water when he joined the U.S. Navy. Larsen served for more than 28 years, retiring as a captain.
Before the running-for-fitness boom happened in the 1970s. Before there were even running shoes, Pat Tyson began what would become a prominent legacy on the Pacific Northwest running scene. He started running in Tacoma as a Lincoln High School student, placing 18th at the 1966 state cross country championship meet and 7th in 1967. He ran the two-mile on the track also.

“I’d do workouts with training teammate Sam Ring (Mount Tahoma/Central Washington) 5–6 days per week and would be timed frequently by Mitch Angelel or Dan Watson,” Tyson remembered. “We’re talking 20 X’s a quarter at 65–68 pace with the same recovery. We’d even do mile repeats in Wright Park and long 12-mile tempos at Point Defiance before the trails became ‘vogue.’”

Admission to the University of Oregon in 1968 put him at the center of the track and cross country world. He was a roommate of legendary NCAA champion and Olympian Steve Prefontaine. Tyson’s ability continued to progress and he was a part of the Ducks 1971 NCAA cross country national championship team. Oregon finished second in 1970 and third at the NCAA meet in 1972. He graduated in 1973, leaving as one of the top six runners in Ducks history in the 3-mile and 6-mile.

Tacoma’s Sound to Narrows blossomed with the running craze and Tyson won the race in 1974 and 1975. He also had high placings at the Bay to Breakers in San Francisco and Spokane’s Bloomsday.

A teaching career took him to the Shoreline School District where he had great success including state championships for the Shorecrest High School boys cross country team in 1984 and 1985. A move to Mead High School north of Spokane in 1986 began one of the most dominant eras of any program in the history of Washington high school athletics. The Panthers won 12 state cross country team titles and six state track & field championships. Tyson’s dual meet record at Mead was 186–4 on the track and 104–6 on the cross country course. He coached 26 individual event state champions while at Mead. Twice, his cross country teams were ranked the best in the nation.

From Mead, he went back to Eugene for a year as a volunteer coach at U of O, returned to Mead for a year, then spent the 2006–07 school year at the University of Kentucky, overseeing the Wildcats’ men’s and women’s cross country teams and distance runners.

He was inducted into the Washington State Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007. In June 2008, Tyson started as the first full time cross country and track coach in the history of Gonzaga University. At GU, he now coaches one of the country’s top runners, another Lincoln grad, James Mwaura. Mwaura was the top freshman finisher at the 2018 NCAA cross country meet and is a former TAC Athlete of the Year.

Joel Wingard, Cross Country And Track Coach
By Craig Hill

Joel Wingard’s first state championship was a surprise. It was 1980, long before computers spit out real-time results, and his Gig Harbor girls cross-country team was waiting to hear where it finished.

Gig Harbor’s No. 2 runner slipped during the race and limped off the course, so Wingard couldn’t believe it when the announcement finally came.

And if you told him in that moment that he was just getting started on a hall of fame career, he wouldn’t have believed that either.

But that’s exactly what happened. He coached teams to 60 league titles and eight state championships. He won numerous coaching accommodations. And the track at Gig Harbor High is named in his honor. But nearly 40 years later, the surprise announcement of the 1980 championship remains one of his favorite memories.

Wingard, born in Shelton in 1943, ran track and cross country at the University of Puget Sound before dedicating much of his life to coaching and teaching. His first coaching experience came as a Peace Corps volunteer at Gombe Teachers College in Nigeria.

Wingard spent a year at UPS and three in Colorado, before arriving at Peninsula High in 1973. He coached at Peninsula High from 1973–79 and Gig Harbor from 1979–98.
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returned to assist the Peninsula track team (2002–15) and coach the Seahawks’ cross-country team (2003–15).

He coached girls and boys together, letting each group learn from the other’s strengths.

Wingard takes pride in the fact that his program produced perpetual success remarkably similar for his boys and girls teams in both track and cross country.

At Gig Harbor and Peninsula, his cross-country girls won 23 league titles, 14 district championships, the 1980 and ‘92 state titles and two individual state championships (Ley in 1980 and ‘82). He was the 1990 state coach of the year. His boys won 20 league titles, 14 district titles, the 1995 state championship and two individual state titles (Gig Harbor’s John Hogan in ‘84 and Geoff Perry in ’95). In ’96, Wingard was named the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association western states Boys Coach of the Year. In 1999, he was inducted into the Washington State Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.

On the track, his girls teams won 12 league titles, 13 district titles and took state four times. He sent 125 athletes to state and, in 1994, he was named Washington Track & Field Coaches Association Girls Coach of the Year.

Meanwhile, his boys won five league championships, seven district titles, and won state in 1996, the same year he was named state coach of the year.

In 2000, he was inducted into the state Track & Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

“1 can honestly say it has been a labor of love for all of these years,” Wingard said. “I wouldn’t have done this if it wasn’t for a lot of wonderful kids and families.”

**WRESTLING**

**Kylee Bishop**

*By Arnold Lytle*

Kylee Bishop is a trailblazer.

A multi-sport star in high school at Washington, she was also an all-star and a leader for the Patriots:

* In soccer, she was a sweeper, a four-time letter winner, team captain as a junior and senior, an All-Nisqually League second-team member once and a first-team member as a senior.
* In softball, she won her varsity letter four times, was a three-time team captain and, as a catcher, she was named to the All-Nisqually League first team three times.

* But it was in wrestling, an individual sport within a team framework, where she established standards that will live for years in Washington state high school annals.

It is for her exploits in girls wrestling that Kylee Bishop has won induction into the Tacoma Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame.

Kylee was on the leading edge of a wave of popularity for girls wrestling in the early 2000s, starting as a 10-year-old elementary student who was encouraged by her dad to try the sport.

“By the end of that first year, I was beating boys,” she said. How? She worked out, got stronger and learned better technique.

She continued to defeat boys on the wrestling mat through her high school graduation in 2008. She would often face boys when there were no girls in her weight class on opposing teams.

When she wrestled against girls, she never lost. Repeat: She never lost to a girl.

Let’s examine that statement: Kylee Bishop never lost a high school match to a girl.

That’s a record of 77–0.

As girls wrestling took hold as a state-level sport, she won a state championship the first time girls were part of Mat Classic, the state high school championships at the Tacoma Dome, in 2007. She repeated at 160 pounds in 2008, confirming the wisdom of The Tacoma News Tribune naming her one of its Untouchables before Mat Classic her senior year.

To recap: Kylee Bishop was a four-time letter winner in wrestling, soccer and softball, a wrestling Untouchable, a two-time state wrestling champion and oh, by the way, the Tacoma Athletic Commission’s female amateur athlete of the year in 2008.

So, every college in North America with a women’s wrestling program came calling, right? … Well, two did. One of them was Simon Fraser in suburban Vancouver, B.C.

It was a hard choice. But Kylee, who spent much of her spare time between 2001 and 2008 playing for high-level softball travel teams, also had an
athletic scholarship offer from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Rutgers? Yes, her travel team, the Acers, took her to a tournament in California where a scout liked her talent. Kylee was offered a campus visit to New Jersey, right in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. She called it a dazzling experience.

Soon enough this daughter of the Pacific Northwest was on the opposite coast, nearly 3,000 miles from home.

“I was like a deer in the headlights,” she said of her arrival in college, its distant location and the new, demanding level of athletics.

Still, she said, “I knew I needed the experience.”

Bonding with her teammates, forming friendships she says will last a lifetime, “made it a lot easier (being away from home).”

After four years of helping handle the Rutgers pitching staff, taking a couple of hundred at-bats, building an on-base percentage over .300 and gathering a lifetime of memories, she left New Jersey with a Bachelor’s degree in exercise science.

She needed to head home to Pierce County for family reasons. She had no regrets.

“You think about the ‘what-if’s,’” she said. “But I made the right decision.”

For the past four years she has been an “Intervention Case Manager” for the Franklin Pierce School District. That means it is her job to help kids who need help—from those with attendance and behaviors issues, to kids who often go to school hungry and without proper rest, stay on track for success in life.

From that platform at her high school alma mater, Washington High, she keeps her hand in athletics, including wrestling—she coaches the Patriots girls wrestling team and softball, where she is assistant coach to head coach Paul Souza.

She is still involved with competitive traveling softball, coaching the Northwest Sidewinders since 2012. She is just bit embarrassed about being affiliated with the Sidewinders, since that was an old rival when she was a player with the Acers.

But for Kylee Bishop, that’s no problem. She’s blazing the trail.
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FOOTBALL

Marv Tonnemerk (player/ref, Football/Baseball) 1958
John Heinrich (coach, Football/Basketball) 1959
Cliff Olson (coach, Basketball/Administrator) 1959
Joe Salatino (Football/Track) 1959
Leo Bartoe 1961
Phil Sarboe (coach) 1962
Don Paul (Football/Baseball/Basketball) 1963
Frank Gillihan (athlete/ref) 1963
Phil Sarboe (coach) 1962
Leo Artoe 1961
Joe Salatino (Football/Baseball) 1959
John Heinrich (coach, Football/Basketball) 1959
John John?(coach, Football/Basketball) 1959
Bob Johnson 2007
Doug Campbell 2008
Brian Mogi 2008
Joan Teats (administrator) 2008
John “Jeff” Harbottle III 2016
GYMNASTICS

Roni Barrios-Mejia 2005
Yumi Mogds 2005
Onnie (Willis) Rogers 2005
Tiffani (White) Rowland 2007
Catherine (Williams) Kadera 2008
Lindsay Lauderdale 2009
Eli (Maulding) McDaniel 2010
Hall (Saucier) Riechers 2016
HANDBALL

Gordy Pfeifer (Handball/Slowpitch Softball) 2005
Lea McMillan 2006
HOCKEY

Neil Andrews 2005
Jr. John (Fastpitch) Softball 2005
Dick Milford 2005
Louie Weir (player/admin) 2008
HORSE RACING

Harry Deegan 1969
HYDROPLANE RACING

George Henley 2005
Armand Yapacchino 2006
KARATE

Steve Curran 2019
MOTORCYCLE RACING

Don McLeod 2005
(R) (Motorcycle Racing/Auto Racing/Roller Skating) 2005
Bob Melley 2007
MOUNTAINEERING

Lute Jerstad (Mountaineering/Basketball) 2005
Lou Whittaker 2006
Dew Molenar 2006
OFFICIALS

Marty Erath (Basketball) 2006
Merle Hauge (Football) 2006
Larry Sniak (Basketball) 2006
Chuck Gilmer (Football) 2007
Wayne Gardner (Volleyball) 2007
Ray Highsmith (Football) 2007
Dave Karrone (Basketball, Fastpitch, Slowpitch) 2007
Aaron Pointer (Football/Baseball) 2008
Ed Strichers/Basketball/Basketball 2008
Bruce Osborne (Wrestling) 2010
Jan Wolcott (Basketball) 2010
Kirk Dornan (Football) 2016
Watt Gogan (Volleyball) 2016
Ken Laase (Softball) 2016
Jay Strichers (Football) 2016
PHOTOGRAPHER

Bruce Kellman 2016
Bruce Larson 2019
RACQUETBALL

Sid Williams 2007
ROLLER SKATING

Lanny (Adams) Werner 2005
Tom Peterson 2006
Lin Peterson 2006
SAILING

Govnor Teats 2008
SNOW BOARDING

Liz Daley 2019
SNOW SKIING

Gretchen Kunigk-Fraser 1967
Joe LaPorte 2007
Marshall Ferrow 2007
Hall of Fame Inductees by Sport (continued)

SOCCER
John Best (coach/admin) 2005
Jeff Durgan 2005
Dori Kovanen 2005
Mark Peterson 2005
Jeff Stock 2005
Dan Swain (coach) 2006
Brent Goulet 2006
Frank Hall (coach/admin) 2007
Colleen Hacker (coach) 2007
Danny Vaughan 2010
Joe Watters (athlete/coach) 2016

SOFTBALL (Fastpitch & Slowpitch)
Lloyd Blunus (Fastpitch) 2005
Vern From (Fastpitch) 2005
George Karpach (Fastpitch) 2005
Louise Mazuza (Fastpitch) 2005
Jack Hermersen (Fastpitch) 2006
Art Lewis (Fastpitch) 2006
Vern Martinez (Fastpitch) 2006
Kathy Hennion (Slowpitch/Basketball/Volleyball) 2006
Betty (Hart) Bland (Fastpitch) 2007
Jay Beach (Fastpitch) 2007
Gene Thayer (Fastpitch) 2008
Dick Yohn (Fastpitch) 2008
John Rockway 2010
Darrel "Righty" Eden, Donald "Lefty" Eden, 1938 Stadium Tennis Team 2009
Marilyn Kropf Appel 2009
Sonja Olejar 2006
Steve Fiene (coach) 2006

TRACK & FIELD
Herman Brix (Shot Put) 1961
Gertrude Wilhelmsen (Javelin, Discus) 1971
Doris Severtson (Brown Heritage) 1971
Casey Carrigan (Pole Vault) 2005
Jim Daulay (coach) 2005
Sterling Harshman (Track/Football) 2005
Dana LeDuc (Shot Put) 2005
Mark Smith (Discus) 2005
Chuck Soper (Javelin/Discus) 2005
Dan Watson (coach) 2005
Mac Wilkins (Shot Put, Discus) 2005
Robert A. "RAB" Young (Race Walking) 2005
Mitche Angel (coach) 2006
Hal Berndt 2006
Bob Ehrenreich (coach) 2006
Jack Fabulich 2006
Erika Harris 2006
Sam Ring 2006
Darrell Robinson 2006
Rob Webster 2006
Jim Angel (coach) 2007
Donna Dennis 2007
Keith Tinner 2007
Curt Corvin 2008
Michelle (Finnvik) Biden 2008
Warren Logan (coach) 2008
Jim Martinson 2008
Aaron Williams 2008
Burt Wells (coach) 2008
Joline Staeheli Andrzejewski 2009
Tom Buckner (coach) 2009
Cecilia (Ley) Hankinson 2009
Brian Mittelstaedt 2009
Joel Braggs 2010
Jaakk Davis 2010
Patty Ley 2010
Darold Talley 2010
Wes Smylie 2010
Sarah (Burns) Hannula 2010
Mark Kamara 2010
Richard "Dick" Keniston 2016
Calvin Kenon 2016
Mark Salzman (athlete/coach) 2016
Pat Tyson 2019
Joel Wingard (coach) 2019

WATER POLO
Jerry Hartley (coach) 2008

WRESTLING
Frank Stojack (Wrestling/Football) 1959
Jerry Conine (Wrestling/Football) 2005
Bob Hunt (Wrestling/Football/Track) 2005
Jim Meyerhoff 2005
David Olmstead 2005
Jeff Gotcher 2005
Larry Gotcher 2005
Ron Ellis 2006
Bill Stout (athlete/coach) 2006
Vic Espsputer 2007
Elsworth Finlayson 2007
Kirk White 2008
Terry Dawson 2009
Jesus Villahermosa 2009
Ray Barnes (coach) 2010
Warren DePrenger (coach) 2010
Les Kleinsasser 2010
Dan Henley (coach) 2016
Brad Muri 2016
Kylie Bishop 2019

SPORTS WRITERS/BROADCASTERS
Elliott Metcalf 1966
Dan Walton 1968
John McCullum 1971
Ed Honeywell 1972
Rod Belcher 2005
Jerry Geehan 2005
Don Hill 2005
Clay Huntington (Sportswriter/Broadcaster) 2005
Earl Lueker 2005
Bob Robertson 2005
Ron Ellis 2006
Don Davidson 2007
Dick Kunkle 2007
Art Popham 2008
Stan Farber 2009
Mike Ingram 2009
Jack Sareault 2009
Nelson Hong 2010
Ted Pearson 2016
Steve Thomas 2016

ADMINISTRATORS
Bob Hager 1969
Harold "Wah" Keller 1969
Tom Cross (Athletic Administrator/ Basketball/BB & FB Official) 2005
Doug McCarthy (Athletic Administrator/ Baseball coach) 2005
Star Naccarato (Athletic Administrator/ Baseball player) 2005
Dr. Dave Olson 2005
Milt Woodard (Athletic Administrator/Sportswriter) 2005
Jim Kittlesby 2008

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