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The Winters: Casting a wide net of compassion

Roger Winter jokes about who gets the better treatment from his wife, Marlene. Is it Roger or is it Barry, their purebred cocker spaniel? The many spaniel collectibles around their English Tudor-style home on Lake Washington seem to favor Barry. The French toast with fresh strawberries and a side of ham she fixes for his breakfast, however, might well give Roger the edge.

One thing for certain, Marlene has no difficulty listing off the reasons she was attracted to her future husband: Eagle Scout, *check*. Engineer with an MBA, *check*. Christian, *check*. Scuba diver, snow skier, and jogger, *check*. Gives back to others, *double check* ...

For that last one, Roger walked the night streets of Seattle as a New Horizons volunteer looking for street kids in need of help. He's spent years helping kids from hard backgrounds get college-ready through Seattle Urban Academy. He's also a math tutor, hosts a Bible study in his home, has served on the boards of nonprofit organizations such as World Concern and Crista Ministries, and provides free counseling to Baby Boomers who want to start their own small businesses. The Winters are long-time members of First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue.

ABOVE PHOTO
Marlene and Roger
Winter at home on
Lake Washington.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seattle Pacific University's commitment is to graduate alumni infused with Christian character and professional competence to serve others. At this fall's convocation for new students, Dr. Sara Koenig concluded the service with a benediction that God would bless the students with a "restless discomfort about easy answers. ... With holy anger at injustices, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that (they) may work for justice, freedom, and peace ..."

I am committed to SPU because so many of our excellent students report that they have had transformative academic experiences at Seattle Pacific. Just last spring, for example, before the European immigrant/refugee crisis grabbed headlines, senior and Ukraine-born Tatyana Lats worked with immigrants seeking a better life in Seattle. As an integral part of a double major in psychology and sociology, Tatyana interned with the International Counseling and Community Services program through Lutheran Community Services. A program evaluator, she tracked immigrant progress and helped with their case management.

This year, Tatyana is in graduate school with plans to one day be a trauma and addiction counselor for displaced peoples.

I'm grateful for Tatyana's vision and the knowledge that were it not for the generosity of our donors, SPU could not provide quality learning and service opportunities for students. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to consider planning an estate gift or a life-income gift, such as a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. It can provide scholarship-generating assets to help future generations of SPU students, like Tatyana, achieve their educational goals.

Autumn is an extraordinary season in which to give thanks. I count you among SPU's many blessings. May your heart be lightened because of the difference you make.

In warm appreciation,



Daniel J. Martin
President

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"Roger isn't into the glories of big titles," Marlene says. "He'd rather help at-risk kids get over their fear of math or for some of them to experience for the first time in their lives what a real father figure is."

Marlene, who is just as involved, was named Volunteer of the Year for 2013 in their hometown of Renton, Washington. Her gourmet "Dinner on the Dock" gatherings are in demand from charity auction bidders, many of whom pay a thousand dollars or more to treat their family and friends to her famous seafood stew, steak salad, and chicken curry feasts presented waterside at the Winter home.

She has served on the Renton Parks Commission, the Renton Community Foundation, and works one-on-one with public school children struggling to read. A former compliance director for the Washington State Human Rights Commission, Marlene served 18 years as human resources director for Esterline Technologies fabricators of aircraft flight deck instrumentation.

"We've been very blessed," says Roger, who sold his computer supply firm, Advanced Computer Products Inc., to what became Staples, the office supply company. "We have a great home, great involvements, and Christ in our corner. What we earn is not for us but for Christ watching over us. When I sold my company, I tithed the proceeds of the sale back to him."

It was through a men's Bible study that Roger met Ted Kibble, a member of the Seattle Pacific University Board of Trustees. Ted urged the graduate of the University of Washington to consider how well the vision and mission of Seattle Pacific synched up with Roger's personal Christian values. SPU was, said Kibble, worthy of his support.

Marlene could vouch for that. In her hiring capacity at Esterline, she and her colleagues had taken note of the caliber of engineering graduates coming out of SPU. "They were far more than their solid academic credentials," she says. "They were trustworthy and of good character. We started hiring a lot of them as interns. One of my new hires, Frank Houston, SPU class of '73, went on to become a group vice president at Esterline."

Roger, too, liked what he saw in SPU students. To help fund their education, he established a charitable remainder trust with the Seattle Pacific Foundation. By so doing, he avoided up-front capital gains tax while receiving a partial income tax deduction. Roger continues to receive quarterly payments of a fixed five percent from the trust. When he and Marlene pass away, SPU will be the beneficiary of the trust and many students will receive scholarships generated by the fund.

SPU has directly benefited from Roger's indomitable spirit in other ways. He co-led the Endowment Initiative task force for the University's successful \$52.85 million capital campaign in the early 2000s, and chaired the subcommittee for construction of the science building that became Philip W. and Sharon K. Eaton Hall.

Facing his "big eight-oh" birthday celebration in Puerto Vallarta, Roger has no immediate plans to slow down. An avid cyclist, he has biked Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, and this November plans to pedal through Taiwan. He's a member of the Ancient Skiers, a number of downhill enthusiasts 65-plus in age, who each year travel to Sun Valley, Idaho, for the ski races. Both biking and skiing are sports he and Marlene also enjoy doing together.

Between them, the Winters brought four sons into their 26-year marriage, and enjoy the blessings of six grandchildren. Despite the long odds, just as Roger and his three brothers were all Eagle Scouts, his three sons are as well. "Dan Evans was my scoutmaster," he says with pride of the man who became one of the state's most popular governors and a U.S. senator.

Inspired by others, and inspirational by nature, Roger Winter has led a satisfying life. He beat prostate cancer, lived in a houseboat along the same moorage as the one in the movie "Sleepless in Seattle," and enjoys a good tussle now and then with the Book of Revelation. But ask him his favored section of the Bible and he expresses partiality for the four gospels. Maybe it's all the verses they contain about loving neighbor as self. Or going the extra mile for someone in need. Or just plain living a fuller life.



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE PROFILE Jason and Laura Williams:

Grad school alumni keep SPU a priority



Known affectionately as the Yale Whale, Ingalls Rink at Yale University is home to mighty Bulldogs Men's Hockey. That's where on a winter's evening you're likely to find Seattle Pacific University Class of '09 graduates Jason Williams and his wife, Laura Heydon Williams. Pizza and high-octane Ivy League hockey make a refreshing winter break.

Bulldogs now but Seattle Pacific Falcons first, the President's Circle couple have made New Haven, Connecticut, their temporary home while Jason pursues an MBA at the Yale

She shoots, she scores a full life



**For Suzanna Ohlsen,
Class of 2015, Seattle
Pacific University
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something was in ...**

... addition to small class sizes and caring professors who were easily accessible outside the lecture hall. When she visited with her future teammates from the Falcon Women's Basketball team, she saw how much they actually loved each other. "The friendships they formed," she says, "would last a lifetime." She did not experience that "welcoming sense of family" at any of the other schools she considered.

So the biochemistry major passed on Princeton and Harvard to wear Falcon maroon and white. The lightning-quick point guard maintained a 4.0 GPA despite the demands of difficult coursework and a hectic basketball practice and travel schedule. She was also first in points, assists, and steals, and last year led her team to the NCAA Division II tournament.

Su's masterful performance on and off the court earned her the title of NCAA Division II Academic All-America Player of the Year by the College Sports Information Directors of America. In July, she was chosen Woman of the Year in Sports by *The Herald* newspaper.

"In no way do I regret not accepting the offers of those Ivy League schools," says Su. "I would not have had the same all-around experience as I received at SPU." She was able to be near her family, grow in her relationship with Jesus Christ, smell the Pacific Ocean breeze, "and be a part of an unforgettable SPU legacy."

Su plans to attend the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and was accepted as an early admission applicant in October 2014. Still, she put the offer on hold for a year to first pursue an "adventure in Korea."

She is in Cheonju, South Korea, wearing a light blue and gold uniform playing basketball for the KB Stars. The transition between styles of play is a challenge. "Americans use their muscles to play basketball; Koreans use their brains," Su explains. "Every single offensive play has so many details that must be mastered for it to be successful. Every single defense has so many non-intuitive rotations that you have to constantly be thinking on your feet. That's difficult because the girls here are faster than any competition that I have ever played against."

Thankfully, one of the things she learned in four years at SPU is that "there is no problem too small or too big for our God."

Her undergraduate education fully funded by a variety of academic and athletic scholarships and grants, she is grateful for donor generosity. Now that she faces paying her way through four years of graduate school, she realizes even more what a blessing comes from financial aid.

"Receiving the Burton Dietzman Scholarship was an absolute honor," she says, referring to an endowed scholarship in honor of a chemistry professor who served the Seattle Pacific faculty for 27 years. Not only a driving force in the development of the chemistry program, Dietzman advised several hundred pre-medical and dental students who were, like Su, so full of promise.

"My goal is to receive my doctoral degree in pharmacy and start a career in a hospital or clinic," Su says. In a thank-you letter to an SPU donor she wrote that she hopes "to make a difference in at least one person's life, as you have done for me!"



Suzanna Ohlsen accepts the President's Citation at Commencement in June.

School of Management. Laura, who was an apparel design and fashion merchandising major, works as an administrative assistant at the Yale School of Medicine.

The couple continue to stay active in the SPU community, attend President's Circle events, and keep in touch with administration, faculty, and staff. When able, they continue to enjoy Camp Casey Conference Center and Falcon athletic events.

"We're still discerning God's leading," says Jason of their life goals. "We're entrepre-

neurial and I'm interested in making a public and social sector impact." He has a particular bent for innovation to help smaller municipal governments utilize fast reliable services to make their cities better and more responsive to consumer feedback.

In 2008, while Jason, then a senior at SPU, served as an executive intern with HOPE International in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, he saw the power of microloans as small as \$50 to lift hardworking entrepreneurs from poverty.

Inspired, Jason partnered with professors in the SPU School of Business and Economics to host the first-ever Pacific Northwest Microfinance Conference in May 2009.

And speaking of loans, though they both have student loans of their own to pay, they continue to give back to SPU. "It's a priority with us," says Jason "Our time at SPU was transformative and we both received very generous scholarships. We will continue our support of the University; everything else can be rearranged."



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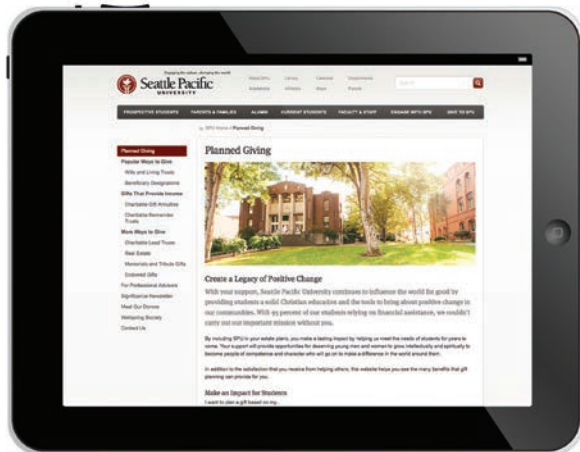
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Where do you go to find information to help you plan your estate, or decide the best way to remember your loved ones and causes you care deeply about? One new site we would encourage you to check out is our own gift planning website. You can easily access it by going to the SPU website home page at spu.edu, click on “Give to SPU,” and then click on “Gift Planning.” Or, you can go direct by typing in the address spu.planningyourlegacy.org.

Here you will find:

- Video presentations and guides to help you plan your will or trust.
- An interactive and simple question and answer format.
- Charitable gift planning recommendations based on the amount of your gift, your age, or type of assets you may want to give.
- Sample bequest language to include SPU in your estate plan.
- Stories of friends who have already planned a gift for SPU.
- Information on how to create a scholarship endowment to help our students.
- An easy to use calculator to see the tax and financial benefits of your own gift scenarios.

For questions about our new website, please contact the Office of Endowments and Gift Planning at 206-281-2702 or at giftplanning@spu.edu.

Save taxes, receive income, and support SPU students

Roger and Marlene Winter did it. Many of our Seattle Pacific friends and alumni also did it. What did they do? They created a charitable remainder trust that provides them with a long list of significant benefits. And you can do it, too! Here are just a few of the benefits you will receive:

1. Reduce your income tax bill with a large charitable deduction.
2. Save additionally by eliminating the capital gain tax on appreciated stock or real estate when used to fund the trust.
3. Rest easy knowing your trust is professionally managed by the Seattle Pacific Foundation. We take care of selling your assets, preparing the necessary paperwork, providing you with annual tax reports you may use in filing your taxes, and professionally manage your trust investment — at no charge to you.
4. Enjoy receiving income the trust produces — monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.
5. Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that your trust will one day become a gift to Seattle Pacific and endow much-needed scholarships for future generations of students.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the possibility of creating a charitable remainder trust, please contact the Office of Endowments and Gift Planning at 206-281-2702, or at giftplanning@spu.edu.



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