

Class Notes

1965

Douglas Chadwick is quoted at length in a front-page feature article on conservation boundaries in the Aug. 13 issue of the Missoulian newspaper. Based in Whitefish, Montana, Chadwick is a wildlife journalist and author of “The Wolverine Way” and “The Fate of the Elephant.” Read the full article at www.sgs.org/Magazine and see why he says “Animals need space.”

1977

Allison Stone Phillips and her husband Mark are still loving life in Scottsdale. Their eldest daughter, Emily, is a proud UW graduate living in Seattle; their middle daughter is in the Master’s Program at ASU in Sustainability and their youngest is a sophomore at Stanford. “Life is good.”



Allison ‘77 & Mark Phillips

1998

Scott Krijnen graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 2005 with his master’s degree in cello performance, wearing many hats in the South Bay music community: soloist, chamber musician, conductor, artistic director, and teacher. This past year, Scott was recognized for his incredible dedication to music, his students, and the greater community with both the Richard Levin Orchestra Educator Award from the California Music Educators Association and the Comcast SportsNet Bay Area All-Star Teacher Award. While both awards earn “Mr. K” prestige in the education world, the All-Star Teacher Award includes \$20,000 for



the winning teacher’s school - Castillero Middle School. Read more at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

2005

The Spokane Guilds’ School “Penny Drive” opened at Saint George’s on March 27 with a testimonial from **Ashley (Herling) Simpson**. Ashley spoke at the Middle and Upper School Assembly about her son James, who suffered a stroke at the age of two. Thanks to the physical and occupational therapy he received at the Guilds’ School, James is now a normally functioning three-year old. “I had volunteered at the Guilds’ School when I was in high school at SGS, but never thought that I would need their services,” said Ashley, who is an RN at Sacred Heart/Holy Family Medical Centers.



Ashley (Herling) Simpson ‘05 and James

2010

Chessey Thomas was hired as the assistant coach for the University of Washington Woman’s Golf team for the 2016-17 season. Chessey spent the last season on the Idaho Vandals coaching staff in the same role. “I am excited to add Chessey to our team,” the team’s head Coach Mary Lou Mulflur said. “Using her experience as a successful student-athlete at Tennessee as well as her time as a professional, she will play a vital role in the development of our student-athletes.”



2012

Kellen Mohr is a recent Loyola Marymount University graduate and a professional photographer. He’s also a brain tumor survivor. Kellen inspired several friends to make this very polished short film about his art and how he’s learning to value each moment. See links to the film and more of Kellen’s imagery at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

Alix Saucier has directed “Feral”, a 13-minute documentary that was shown at the Magic Lantern Theater on February 4. She is one of the Emerging Filmmakers highlighted at the 2017 Spokane International Film Festival. Her film is about “the estimated 3 million feral cats in Los Angeles and their effect on the community and surrounding environment.” Learn more at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

Sowmya Mangipudi will attend medical school for the upcoming year at either George Washington University or UNC Chapel Hill. She thanks Chemistry teacher Pete O’Brien for her preparation for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). “I skipped general chemistry in college due to AP credit,” says Somya, “but it was still my highest section on the MCAT. I got a 13, which is like the 98th percentile, and it was all due to (O’Brien’s) rigorous prep!”

2013

Andra Moye is a senior at Bard University and applied for a fall semester internship with the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign. A good friend of Andra’s had completed the internship in the spring and prodded her to go for it. “I never thought I was going to get it,” Andra said. “It turned out to be an incredible opportunity.” It also made her incredibly busy. She was working on her Senior Project, interning at Clinton’s headquarters in Brooklyn 3-5 days a week, and playing on Bard’s women’s basketball team all at the same time. See the full article at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

2014

Will Tender is a student at University of Redlands and interned last summer for the Spokane Riverkeeper.

“Throughout the experience I learned a lot about the Spokane River and Watershed,” said Will. “Pretty much every day I was in the field, working right beside the river. We rafted the river about once a week picking up several hundreds of pounds of garbage each day. Other days we would take groups out alongside the shore to pick up trash, go on water quality runs, and place temperature loggers into the watershed to help monitor the health of various spots on the river.”

2015

Ermek Danielson returned to meet his birth family in Kazakhstan this fall for the first time since being adopted from an orphanage at the age of seven. Read Pete O'Brien's article from the Nov. 16 Spokesman-Review about Ermek's journey and plans for the future at www.sgs.org/Magazine.



Ermek Danielson '15

SGS Alumni Association

It has been very rewarding to witness the four-year re-emergence of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Board is strong, dedicated and vibrant in 2017, thanks to President Gerhard Muelheims '10, Vice-President Robert Jones '82, and Secretary Treasurer Tyson Bostrom '11.

The regional events started last year (with more in the works for the spring) have been well received and much appreciated by those able to attend. There are several networking initiatives underway to connect the 1200+ SGS alumni. These include social media sites, an updated page on our new website, social functions, reunions, and regional events. It was a lift to the teams to have so many alumni, ranging from the class of 1967 to the class of 2016, in Summer for the Soccer Championships.

Follow our new SGS Alumni LinkedIn page and connect with other Dragons in the working world. Go to www.sgs.org/Magazine for the link.

And plan to attend the “Night of Self Expression” and Raffle on May 13. Sign up at www.sgs.org/rsvp.

— Jamie Tender, Head of School

In Memoriam

Shaw McCutcheon, one of the last surviving founders of Saint George's School, died July 6, 2016 in Spokane at the age of 94. Shaw and wife Nancy, who passed away in 2009, were among the families who helped found Saint George's School in 1955. Their three children ~ Shaw Jr., Laurie and Caren '73 ~ attended Saint George's, as did grandsons Evan '10 and Nathaniel Furbeyre '14. “Getting into college was very important and we needed a school to prepare students well,” said Shaw about his reasons for helping start the school. Four years ago he established the Shaw and Nancy McCutcheon Endowed Chair, currently held by Upper School history teacher David Holte '01. In May 2016, Shaw was present at the school's 60th Anniversary Celebration, where it was announced that the Upper School would be formally named for he and Nancy. Read a recent profile of Shaw and Nancy at www.sgs.org/Magazine. Memorial contributions may be made to the McCutcheon Endowed Chair at www.sgs.org/give or by contacting Jamie Tender at 509-464-8764.



Ann Robertson '73

passed away on Sept. 3, 2016 peacefully surrounded by family after a long battle with dermatomyositis and lymphoma. Ann's sister, former SGS biology teacher Kim Hoover, says Ann spent the last 10 years as a volunteer teaching emergency preparation for those in a wheelchair or with other disabilities. Last year, Ann set up a fund with the Myositis Association to help sufferers attend the Annual Member Conference. Learn about Ann's life and the memorial fund at www.sgs.org/Magazine.



Wanda Cowles, who served 12 years on the SGS Board of Trustees and from 1997-99 as the board's President, passed away on January 21, 2016. A tireless



advocate for gifted education, she was active in the YWCA, Hutton Settlement, Musicfest Northwest, and many other educational endeavors. “She and her husband Jim loved the teachers and staff of SGS and have given Spokane Symphony tickets for teacher/staff appreciation for a long time,” said former SGS Head Joe Kennedy. Read the full Spokesman-Review article on her life at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

Ed Tyllia, who taught chemistry and physics at Saint George's from 1975-2000, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016. Ed was a beloved Upper School teacher, who also coached girls' basketball and baseball teams during his quarter century at SGS. His son, Bob Tyllia, has continued the family's presence at SGS as the “voice of the Dragons” at many of the school's athletic contests. Read posts from Dragons remembering Ed at www.sgs.org/Magazine.



Saint George's joins the Spokane arts and education community in mourning the passing of **Dr. Elizabeth (Lib) Welty** on Sept. 6, 2016. Lib established a full, four-year scholarship for a SGS Upper School student in 2011. For her 100th birthday in 2015, the SGS community added \$110,000 to the scholarship at our Gala Auction. Named for her mother, Christine Fellows Main, the scholarship's endowment is now over \$200,000 and climbing. Read articles about the scholarship and her “young spirit” at www.sgs.org/Magazine.

