

Community Connections

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New Building Celebrates Partnerships

Neighbors welcome to Oct. 17 opening of 12th Ave. space



Located at 12th and Marion, the new building houses SU Admissions, Alumni and a community meeting room.

f the 30-plus buildings on the Seattle University main campus, the Chapel of St. Ignatius encapsulates the university's Jesuit-inspired spirituality and the planned Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons will showcase the school's academic quality and aspirations.

The university's latest addition, the new A&A Building, celebrates Seattle University's growing role as a member of the community. Named for the admissions and alumni offices it houses, it faces 12th Avenue and aims to be both a vital part of the city's street life and a welcome mat for new students, alumni and residents from surrounding neighborhoods.

"This is a relationships building," says Michael Kerns, associate vice president of facilities administration. The building's design, says Kerns, is in keeping with city and neighborhood efforts to "activate" 12th Avenue with a mix of retail uses like retail outlets and museum, gallery and meeting spaces.

"It's important overall from our mission of service to the community because we want facilities that engage the neighborhood and engage the street," Kerns says.

Floor-to-ceiling windows show a busy work and meeting space

both day and night, while landscaping and benches provide rest and lunch spots. A large conference room is available to neighborhood and community groups through Facilities Services.

Kate Stineback, a housing and community developer involved in neighborhood planning issues, said public meetings

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 for light refreshments and the formal opening of the A&A building.

will help keep 12th Avenue active into the evening and provide a more centralized space for local groups.

"I'm ecstatic about this," Stineback said.

Kerns has already offered the space for meetings of the Squire Park Neighborhood Association, the 12th Avenue Stewardship Committee, the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the city's Design Review Board.

▶ For room reservations in the A&A Building or other SU facilities, call 206-296-6999 or e-mail rooms@seattleu.edu.

An Ongoing Conversation

elcome to Connections, a new newsletter celebrating Seattle University's 119-year-old and growing relationship with our neighborhood.

I'm the senior writer for the university, arriving here after several decades in newspapers and magazines. I like to think of my work here as another newsroom beat, with lots of fascinating people and issues to write about on a regular basis. As editor and writer of this newsletter, I

stories. Just a few blocks south on 12th Avenue, I can find Kathleen McKay, one of our alumni, providing clothing, meals and a sympathetic ear to the scores of low-income people coming to the St. Francis House day center. On 19th Avenue, I can see the Rotary Boys and Girls Club giving kids a safe, supportive place to shoot baskets or do homework, with SU students lending a

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Eric Sorensen, editor



Be sure to say hi if you see Eric Sorensen, editor of Connections, seen here with his dog Lily on the SU Green.

get to extend that concept into one of the more fruitful and interesting areas of the school—our connections to the surrounding community.

I noticed this last summer while writing a report on the close relationship Seattle University has with Seattle. The school is the main source of income for more than 1,000 families while supporting thousands more with an economic impact of more than half a billion dollars. But I was even more impressed to see how much the community gives to us. Nearly 100 non-profits and agencies share our commitment to serving the community.

These relationships are a rich source of

hand. Up on Broadway, Childhaven is helping bring stability to the lives of abused and neglected children and giving students such as SU's Chelsea Krema a chance to learn the art of building a caring social environment.

Organizations like these are key allies in fulfilling Seattle University's vision of service, a vision that has resulted in a singularly noteworthy SU fact: Three out of four Seattle University students serve the community as part of their studies. That's almost three times the national average. It takes an impressive group of young people to do that and an impressive school to commit to leading them. It also takes an impressive community to give

them those opportunities.

Preparing this issue, I met Katherine Berg, an energetic and caring teacher at the Bailey Gatzert Elementary School on Yesler. She was telling me about the summer bookmobile she helped start and how it fueled partnerships with community centers and a wealth of volunteers.

"A lot of what we know about education is relationships are very important," she said, "so that was a good thing, to start to build those relationships."

I like to think that's what *Connections* is about: Celebrating the great relationships between Seattle University and our neighbors, and building more.



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Q and A

with Darrell Goodwin

- Associate Dean of Students
- Coordinator, University Student Judicial System
- Pastor, Liberation Ministries

ach fall, several thousand students return to classes at Seattle University. As coordinator of the student judicial system, Darrell (pronounced: dur-EL) Goodwin helps them be valuable members of the community.

- ► How does Seattle University prepare new and returning students to be good neighbors?
- All first-year students have signed the Redhawk Commitment, which encourages students to have respect for themselves, others, relationships, community, honesty and property. This year, the Office of Residence Life also did orientation sessions for students who were going to move off campus. They discussed what it means to live in the community, some tenant questions and engagement in the community.
- ▶ Off-campus student behavior seems to be coming more under the eye of university officials. Why is that?
- ▶ Whether they are physically on campus or out in the community, Seattle University students are always part of our institution. We hope they would take off campus the same standards and behaviors they would abide by on campus.
- If people have concerns about students' offcampus behavior, what should they do about it?
- They should call the number for Seattle University Public Safety, 206-296-5990. Give a detailed report: where was the disturbance, the exact apartment numbers, the names of the students if possible. Those reports go directly to me.
- ► What do you usually do?
- We treat the incident as if it happened on campus. A student is sent a notification letter, they may have a judicial hearing to talk about it, and if the student has violated a university standard or policy, he or she is sanctioned.
- Do you try to make this as much an educational process as a punitive one?



- The general philosophy is it is educational in nature. We want to look at how has your behavior harmed—how has it harmed yourself, how has it harmed the community you're living in? The focus always comes back to what harm was caused and how we restore you to the community.
- Does the university monitor off-campus behavior?
- We don't have a formal practice of seeking those things out. That's why we again encourage the community, if they know of something, to report it.

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CALENDAR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

CoffeeHOUSE

► First Wednesday of each month 7-10 p.m.

STUDENT CENTER HEARTH
Performances by local and up-andcoming musical acts, spoken-word
artists and others. Free.
Information: 206-296-6048

A&A Building Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Saturday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m.

A&A BUILDING AT 12TH AVENUE
AND MARION STREET

Featuring speakers and
refreshments. Free.

Lee Center for the Arts presents *Bloody Henry*

➤ Starting Thursday, Sept. 24, running every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Oct. 24, 8 p.m.

Hand, rod, shadow and Bunraku puppets present the spectacle of England's mass-murdering monarch, Henry VIII. Information and tickets:

Information and tickets 206-296-2244

NOVEMBER

Elgin Baylor Tournament Classic: Men's Basketball vs. Fresno State

► Thursday, Nov. 19, Time TBA

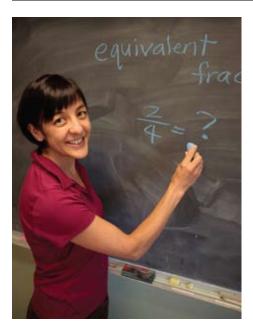
KEYARENA AT SEATTLE CENTER

The 2009–2010 men's basketball season kicks off with a special recognition of SU greats, including NBA legend Elgin Baylor.

Special ticket consideration available for youth and service groups. Ticket information: 206-296-2835; http://goseattleu.com/

For more events, visit www.seattleu.edu/events





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Meet Your Neighbor

Katherine Berg, Bailey Gatzert teacher

ince 1990, volunteer tutors with the Seattle University Children's Literacy Project have helped thousands of Seattle school children read and learn better. The project is currently in eight Central District schools working with teachers such as Bailey Gatzert Elementary School's Katherine Berg.

As a Rotary scholar Berg had her first taste of teaching in Japan, where she expected to eventually return. But Bailey Gatzert quickly grew on her. She's now been at the E. Yesler Way school more than 10 years.

"I got really invested in the students here and knowing their families," she says. "Over the years I'd say, 'I taught your brother,' or 'I taught your cousin.' To know the families that way has been rewarding for me."

"I love the ethnic diversity of this school," she says. "One year we had 16 languages spoken in the fourth grade. Typically half of our kids speak a different language at home.

The kids share their ideas and their home culture, their food. The kids will come in and they smell like what their mother has been cooking. It smells so good sometimes."

But work at Bailey Gatzert has its challenges. The school has a high percentage of disadvantaged families, with nine out of 10 students receiving free or reduced lunches. Parents are tight on time and money. Language barriers can make it hard for them to help with homework. The Children's Literacy Project has helped here, with college students available afternoons for tutoring. Berg says she will even save more difficult homework assignments for the days after-school help is available.

"We can always use more bodies to help with kids," says Berg. "They do reading tutoring, they can do math tutoring, they help organize materials. So we've been really fortunate to have that. Sometimes we forget how lucky we are to be so close to SU."