**Couple’s gift to nursing is a natural fit**

To husband and wife business partners Margi ’68 (Nursing) and John ’68 (Marketing) Herzog, family comes first. The lifelong “best friends,” who met as fourth graders at a Mt. Shasta elementary school, have a marriage 44 years strong, three children and five grandchildren. But their concept of family extends well beyond the gene pool.

“We live our life for family,” Margi says. “We have our home family, but we also think of our business as family. We think of Sac State as family.”

So when the University reached out for support to improve the nursing program, the Herzogs responded by making a gift to the School of Nursing’s new home in Folsom Hall.

“It’s a fabulous facility,” Margi says. “When I was going to school, we just had little rooms here and there. The new Folsom Hall is unbelievable. It’s something to be proud of.”

And the Herzogs know a thing or two about the nursing industry. Not only is Margi an early graduate of Sac State’s nursing program, the duo’s business, Herzog Surgical, specializes in the sale, distribution and repair of tools for operating room staff.

“Our main customers right now are nurses,” John says. “We actually deal with more nurses than surgeons, because nurses make more of the buying decisions in hospitals.”

The Herzogs’ contributions to the medical community are two-fold: providing valuable services to operating rooms through their business and ensuring the future of quality nursing by filling what Margi recognizes as a shortage of nurses in the community.

“I think the University should be very proud,” she says. “I think if we’re able to create better nurses in the program, it’s going to make a great difference in our community.”

Margi, Herzog Surgical’s president and CEO, and John, its vice president of business development, have grown the company from its inception 32 years ago to its current position supplying health care and hospital facilities spanning the West Coast and beyond, including Kaiser and UC Davis Medical Center. And their recent donation to Folsom Hall is not their first gift. The Herzogs previously donated hundreds of utility scissors, specifically engraved for the occasion, to the School of Nursing on its 50th anniversary.

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“The bottom line was that my dad was going to be extremely, extremely missed,” Carolyn says. “His work in preservation, his advocacy, his level of commitment was going to be a real loss to the community.” The hope was that if we established this in his name, we could keep his vision and his work alive.

Today, that vision is not only alive, but thriving.

Each year student scholarship recipients dedicate months to years of research and volunteer work to complete projects critical to Bramson’s mission of honoring Sacramento’s past.

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Sac State Professor Lee Simpson, a specialist in historic preservation and mentor to grad students through their public history thesis projects, also sits on the Bramson Endowment selection committee. As a proponent of student participation in the award, she fans the flame of Bramson’s activism for the next generation.

“You have to have a passion for the work,” Simpson says. “(The students) do it because they love the buildings. They love the sites.”

And Carolyn’s support of the Bramson Endowment keeps alive her father’s passion, his legacy and his memory.

“One of the best things about this is that I do feel my dad is still around.”

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Carolyn Bramson ’79 at her father George’s home. Students receiving the Bramson scholarship have had the house, and the Boulevard Park neighborhood, added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Scholarship assists today's students, tomorrow's alumni

The Sac State Alumni Association has been recognizing outstanding students with its Alumni Scholarship Program since 2002. Initially funded by contributions from lifetime members of the Alumni Association, today Alumni Association scholarships are broadly supported by gifts, both large and small, from a broad array of people who value the education they received while attending Sac State.

The 12 scholarships—worth $2,000 apiece—are awarded in these categories: freshmen, continuing undergraduate students and graduate students. The Alumni Association also awards three $1,000 scholarships to students studying arts through the Visual and Performing Arts Foundation Scholarship applications are evaluated based on academic achievement, community service and financial need.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors awards the scholarships not only for the benefit of Sac State students, but for the future of the Association. Alumni Relations Executive Director Jennifer Barber says, “To borrow a common phrase, we want that money to sail forward to the next generation of Hornets.”

Putting academics first is Harpers goal

A lot of things have changed since Lori Harper ’55 (Business Administration) walked the grounds at Sac State as a student back in the ’50s. As a member of the first Sac State class at the University’s present location, he remembers how they once had only three sidewalks connecting the campus’ three buildings.

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Other things, however, have stayed pretty much the same. Harper, like many students today, worked his way through college.

“I did enjoy my time at the school, but I worked most of the time when I was going there,” he says. “Therefore, I was not able to participate in a number of the things that I would have liked to when they were available to me.”

Lou recalls the trials and sacrifices to pay for classes and uses those memories as key motivators for him and his wife, Anita, to donate to the Alumni Association Scholarship Program. Though he applauds and respects those students who—like him—work and go to school, he also realizes that too much work can keep students from their main objective: academics.

“And as a result of the Harper’s generous gift, one Alumni Scholarship recipient they recently met explained how she was able to achieve a life-changing dream that she otherwise would not have been able to without their help. Lou recalls, “She was the first member of her family that had the opportunity to go to college.”

Emphasis on academics assists today’s students

Nursing donors “give where they live”

Ask anyone about the School of Nursing’s new home in Folsom Hall and pretty sure to get an earful of praise. “We’re still kind of on this honeymoon high,” says Tanya Altmann, faculty member, undergraduate program coordinator and associate chair of the School. “We still can’t believe we’ve got what we got.”

The nursing facility’s envy-no riches story was years in the making and culminating with an outpouring of gifts from countless generous individuals, including many who had a highly personal interest in the campaign.

Donors include health organizations, alumni, community members and even on-campus student groups. And, notably, several nursing faculty members who felt particularly compelled to support the new building campaign through their long understanding of the program’s aspirations.

Altmann credits, “For the students, there’s a difference in the type of school we’re creating now,” Altmann says. “We can go beyond boundaries, be creative.”

Altmann, who contributed to one of the high-fidelity simulation labs, knows first-hand how vital hands-on learning is to training nurses. When she was in nursing school, students were rarely allowed to observe—much less participate—of a patient experienced, says, cardiac arrest.

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Nursing faculty and staff—past and present—who contributed to The Campaign for Nursing include:

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Debra Brady
Deanna Declan Balatac
Nancy Bern
Myiylla V. Bohan
Denise Cabalin
Martha Dukes
Rassandra Ferguson
Brenda Hammon-Smith
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“Campus members understand the trends in education and the value of technology,” she says. “If they’re willing to contribute, it demonstrates a commitment not only to the School of Nursing but support for the goals and values of the program.”

Among Sac State’s numerous dedicated nursing faculty and administrators, few have as long a tenure as Anita Watson. The former nursing professor and chair of the Division of Nursing for upwards of two decades says she experienced for far too long the challenges of the old nursing facility in El Dorado Hall.

“I had been trying for many years to get a new location for the program and had, in fact, developed building plans at one point in my career,” she says. “I grew very tired of explaining to our licensing and accreditation boards why we did not have better physical accommodations on campus.”

So when the time came to see that goal realized, Watson stepped in to offer support. And with her gift to the School, she not only honored the program she so long worked for, but another cause close to her heart as well. “I dedicated a room in my name of my daughter, Carol A. Watson.”

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Student group reaps in funds

Not all the School of Nursing’s beneficiaries have a direct nursing tie. The Sac State Bass Fishing Club, for example, brought home a whopping $50,000 in prize money after narrowly winning the three-day FLW College Fishing Western Regional Championship in 2010. According to the club’s faculty advisor, Nicholas Burnett, half of the money went back to the club for equipment and half went toward the locker room in Folsom Hall.

A twist to this story, though, is that one member of the Sac State team helped clinch the win—and the prize money—for fishing for the last 10 hours of the competition with a hook accidentally lodged in his scalp. After the ordeal, the Bass Fishing Club agreed that supporting a room in the nursing facility with the University funds would be appropriate.

“This is why we need good nurses, folks!” Burnett says.

For information on The Campaign for Nursing, visit

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“When I was going to school years ago, I learned that if you have more time to dedicate to your studies, you do a greater and more lasting service to yourself,” Lee says. “My last semester, I was able to go to school and not work. As a result, my grades increased tremendously. It really makes a difference.”

Anita adds that the scholarships don’t make a difference just to students. She feels that giving has enhanced their lives, too.

“I think it’s very rewarding to help these young students who need financial help rather than have them hold down two or three jobs,” she says. “It makes me feel good that we’re able to help that way.”

Though not an alumna herself, Anita also appreciates a particular aspect of the scholarship application that speaks to the program’s momentum for future generations. It reads “…the recipient will contribute to the success of the University and will graduate to be a productive member of society and an active Alumni Association member.”

“I like that last part particularly,” Anita says. “I think being an active alumna is their way of giving back to the University, and I think students would be interested in contributing what they can.”

In addition to this gift to Sac State, the Harpers also keep up with University activities by attending sporting events and reading Sac State Magazine.

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Nursing faculty member Ann Stoltz ’91, MA ’95 (Nursing), PhD ’01, who is also former chair of the School, faculty member and coordinator of the new accelerated second bachelor’s degree in nursing, had hands-on involvement in the planning of Folsom Hall. Stoltz, who also funded a simulation lab, says experience gained in the trenches helps faculty understand just how beneficial their gifts will be.

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But he was perhaps best known for his longtime leadership of The Center for California Studies, and in particular, the highly regarded and highly competitive Capitol Fellows program, which provides paid fellowships for students from around the country to work in California government. When Hudson took over the program, it already had placements with the legislature (Assembly and Senate) and executive branch. Hudson recognized the need for a link with the third branch and reached out to the judiciary to get the Judicial Fellows program established.

“What Tim did was a tribute to him and his political and academic savvy,” says Donna Hoag-Couch, director of the Judicial Administration Fellowship Program. “He unified the Capitol Fellows program, linking public policy and public service to education in each branch of government. It was a niche our University could provide— bringing in the policy and public service aspect.”

Hudson was a really special person. He was able to show both those areas (government and academic),” says Rob Wexner, chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration. “It was a good fit.”

When Hudson died last fall after a long battle with cancer, his friends and colleagues talked about what he did to preserve his memory. “The true thing was a scholarship,” Wexner says. “The Timothy A. Hodson Scholarship is designed to help students overcome financial barriers that might otherwise prevent them from participating in the Capital Fellows program. Fellows receive a stipend, but the scholarship is designed to cover financial needs beyond what the award provides. “All along Tim talked about trying to establish something,” says Fran Burton, who worked with Hudson in state government and reviewed applications for Senate Fellows. “You’d get students who didn’t go through because they didn’t have the proper clothes. They knew there was a stipend but they couldn’t meet first and last month’s rent. “It would eat at Tim. It bothered him. It bothered us.”

“The scholarship is a way to augment the stipend, allowing for expenses that a fellow might need for relocation or a professional wardrobe—whatever needs that would prevent them from experiencing the fellowship,” says Hoag-Couch. “We wanted to carry Tim’s dedication to diversity and inclusivity by attracting students from different geographic locations, political affiliations, and racial and ethnic backgrounds. That sense of inclusion was an important part of who he was.”

Burton notes that when the campus held a retirement celebration, Hudson did not want a gift. Instead he wanted any contributions to go to the scholarship. He died just two weeks after the event.

“We decided we wanted to raise enough to make it an endowment,” Burton says. Endowments require a minimum of $10,000 and allow the scholarship to be distributed in perpetuity. The scholarship fund has already raised $53,000 and organizers hope that as more people become aware of it, they will not only match those new contributions included many people who had worked in the legislature with Hodson and many who gave employed fellows or had been fellows themselves. “It was a tribute to him,” Burton says. “Capital Fellows is a program that has launched many careers,” Hoag-Couch says. “We hope that the scholarship will launch students academically and professionally in careers of solid public service, which is what Tim was all about.”

For information on the Center for California Studies or to contribute to the Tim Hodson Scholarship, visit csus.edu/calschola. 69

Teichert Foundation Building Community

It seems an odd combination to use violin strings and concrete to build a community, but the Hodson family— including its companies and foundation—has made an impression doing both.

In the late 1880s, Adolph Teichert came to Sacramento to lay the original sidewalks around the State Capitol building. Known for his craftsmanship in Golden Gate Park and near the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, he started a contracting business that literally built the foundations of Sacramento. Early work included walkways and cellar floors. The company was more recently involved in the Big Build at Sacramento International Airport.

But it’s the Teichert Foundation that is creating even more impactful groundwork in the community it serves. Fred Teichert, MBA ’99, great-grandson to the construction company’s founder, created the Teichert Foundation as an arm of the Teichert Construction and Teichert Materials companies more than 20 years ago to “be a good corporate citizen in all regions where the company does business.” He cites the range of company-wide employees who are Sacramento State alumni and does a verbal survey of the partnership between the University and the Teichert Foundation and its parent company.

“We provide internships, mentorships and scholarships in the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering and Computer Science,” he says. The Teichert Foundation has also supported the School of Nursing’s new home in Folsom Hall, the Veterans Success Program, the Art Resource Fair for teachers, and various campus events.

And then there’s the Sacramento State String Project, which provides local schoolchildren the opportunity to enjoy world-class string performances and cultivate their own appreciation of classical and other music styles through stringed instrument lessons.

“The project is dependent on help from foundations like Mr. Teichert,” says master teacher Judy W. Bousman-Gallucio. “In addition to the financial support, he personally attended many of our concerts and delighted in the dedication of the teachers-in-training and the children’s progress.”

“If they don’t get it here,” Teichert says, referring to the opportunity to learn an instrument and about music education in general, “they might not get it. The program is really a community success story.”

His personal commitment spans the community, from the Boys and Girls Club to board of directors of The University Foundation at Sacramento State. He volunteers with the College of Engineering and Computer Science and is also an active member of the President’s Executive Committee for The Campaign for Nursing.

Recently, the Teichert Foundation made a gift to the School of Nursing toward its new facilities and equipment in the simulation labs at Folsom Hall. Private support, says Carolyn Goertt, School of Nursing chair, is extremely valuable to helping move the programs to adapt curriculum to current changes in health care.

“Simulation has enabled us to recreate the hospital environment in an educational setting,” she says. “By improving the teaching environment, our students are prepared to make a larger contribution to the community. And those are not just in the hospital or health care settings, but it flows into our neighborhoods as nurses support the emotional, spiritual and physical health in our communities. The impact will resonate far beyond the classroom walls, which is what Teichert hoped. He values the Foundation’s legacy in social responsibility, noting an investment to programs that foster a sense of community. “What we’re really trying to do is support the quality of life in the community where the company is,” says Teichert. “We approach projects asking, ‘What does this next generation really need?’ That’s our future.” 69

Carrying on the legacy of Tim Hodson

The Tim Hodson Memorial Scholarship will benefit students in the Capitol Fellows program.

The Center for California Studies

For nearly 30 years, The Center for California Studies has been a valuable resource for the state preparing students for careers in public service and leadership, helping to solve public policy problems and enhancing civic literacy through education.

The program was already in existence when Tim Hodson came on board as executive director in 1993, but he worked to expand its offerings to have a greater impact in improving California. That impact includes the biannual “Envisioning California” conferences, which draws leaders from around the state to discuss issues affecting California.

The Center also is home to Legischool, which encourages high school students to talk about issues affecting them. It includes photo and essay contests and statewide town hall meetings.

Among the Center’s most visible programs is the Capitol Fellows program, regularly listed as one of the top 10 internships in the country by Vault.com. The program can be found in every branch of government and scores of state agencies. Officials went into policy, media and even the arts. In fact, former Fellow Harry Shierer voices several characters on T.N.Y.’s “The Simpsons.”

For information on the Veterans Success Program, visit csus.edu/vets/
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But he was perhaps best known for his longtime leadership of The Center for California Studies, and in particular, the highly-regarded and highly-competitive Capital Fellows program, which provides paid fellowships for students from around the country to work in California government. When Hudson took over the program, it already had placements with the legislature (Assembly and Senate) and executive branches. Hudson recognized the need for a link with the third branch and reached out to the judiciary to get the Judicial Fellows program established.

"What Tim did is a tribute to him and his political and academic savvy," says Donna Honung-Couch, director of the Judicial Administration Fellowship Program. "He unified the Capital Fellows program, linking public policy and public service to education in each branch of government. It was a niche our University could provide—bringing in the policy and public service aspect."

The scholarship is a way to augment the stipend, allowing for expenses that a fellow might need for relocation or a professional wardrobe—whatever needs that would prevent them from experiencing the fellowship," says Honung-Couch. "We wanted to carry Tim's dedication to diversity and inclusivity by attracting students from different geographic locations, political affiliations, and racial and economic backgrounds. That sense of inclusion was an important part of who he was."

Bumson notes that when the campus held a retirement celebration, Hodson did not want a gift. Instead he wanted any contributions to go to the scholarship. He died just two weeks after the event.

"We decided we wanted to raise enough to make it an endowment," Bumson says. Endowments require a minimum of $10,000 and allow the scholarship to be distributed in perpetuity. The scholarship fund has already raised $53,000 and organizers hope that as more people become aware of it, it will grow. Contributions included many people who had worked in the legislature with Hodson and many who gave who had employed fellows or had been fellows themselves. "It was a tribute to him," Bumson says.

"Capital Fellows is a program that has launched many careers," Honung-Couch says. "We hope that the scholarship will launch students academically and professionally in careers of solid public service, which is what Tim was all about."

For information on the Center for California Studies or to contribute to the Tim Hodson Scholarship, visit csus.edu/cals/.

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Teichert Foundation is building community

It seems an odd combination to use violin strings and community to build a community, but the Teichert family—including its companies and foundation—has made an impression doing both.

In the late 1990s, Adele Teichert came to Sacramento to lay the original sidewalk along the State Capitol building. Known for his craftsmanship in Golden Gate Park and near the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, he started a contracting business that literally built the foundations of Sacramento. Early work included walkways and cellar floors. The company was more recently involved in the Big Build at Sacramento International Airport.

But it’s the Teichert Foundation that is creating even more impactful groundwork in the community it serves. Fred Teichert, MBA ’95, great-grandson to the construction company’s founder, created the Teichert Foundation as a new program at the Teichert Construction and Teichert Materials companies more than 20 years ago to “be a good corporate citizen in all regions where the company does business.” He cites the range of company-wide employees who are Sacramento State Alumni and does a verbal survey of the partnership between the University and the Teichert Foundation and its parent company.

“We provide internships, mentorships and scholarships in the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering and Computer Science,” he says. The Teichert Foundation has also supported the School of Nursing’s new home in Folsom Hall, the Veterans Success Program, the Art Resource Fair for teachers, and various campus events.

And then there’s the Sacramento State String Project, which provides local schoolchildren the opportunity to enjoy world-class string performances and cultivate their own appreciation of classical and other music styles through stringed instrument lessons. "The project is dependent on help from foundations like Mr. Teichert’s,” says master teacher Judy W. Bouvet-Gallagher. "In addition to the financial support, he personally attended many of our concerts and delighted in the dedication of the teachers-in-training and the children’s progress.

“If they don’t get it here,” Teichert says, referring to the opportunity to learn an instrument and about music education in general, “they might not get it. The program is really a community success story.”

His personal commitment spans the community, from the Boys and Girls Club to board of directors of The University Foundation at Sacramento State. He volunteers with the College of Engineering and Computer Science and is also an active member of the President’s Executive Committee for The Campaign for Nursing.

Recently, the Teichert Foundation made a gift to the School of Nursing toward new facilities and equipment in the simulation labs at Folsom Hall. Private support, says Carolyn Goorte, School of Nursing chair, is extremely valuable to helping move the program to adapt curriculums to current changes in health care.

“Simulation has enabled us to recreate the hospital environment in an educational setting,” she says. “By improving the teaching environment, our students are prepared to make a larger contribution to the community.

And those are not just in the hospital or health care settings, but it flows into our neighborhoods as nurses support the emotional, spiritual and physical health in our communities.

The impact will resound far beyond the classroom walls, which is what Teichert hoped. He values the Foundation’s legacy in social responsibility, noting an investment in programs that foster a sense of community.

“What we’re really trying to do is support the quality of life in the community where the company is,” says Teichert. “We approach projects asking, ‘What does this next generation really need’? That’s our focus.”

For information on veterans success program, visit csus.edu/vets/
Scholarship will be alumnus’ lasting legacy

Ralph Sugimoto ‘63 (Accounting) has a long, rich history with Sacramento State. As one of the first residents of its cinder-block residence halls, he graduated with a business degree before the College of Business Administration was fully established and remembers when the basketball and football programs stood at the top of the Far West Conference.

Since his days at Sac State, Sugimoto has led a successful career as a CPA and is partner at local accounting firm Tate, Propp, Beggs & Sugimoto. “I believe that Sac State had extraordinary business and accounting faculty that helped direct my career pursuits,” he says. It’s also maintained strong ties to the University through the years as a mainstay in the Alumni Association Scholarship Program.

“I have seen others support the programs and the foundation in a much greater magnitude that I could ever dream,” Sugimoto says. “I have gotten to know a lot of people through my involvement with the Alumni Association board and staff and have seen the good and hard work that they were doing, I wanted to do my part.”

The gift that he, with his wife Pearl, provided to the University will ensure their contributions to campus will continue to leave a lasting impact on the University for many years to come. Their charitable gift annuity, stays in a special reserve fund and pays them an income every year. After their lifetimes, the remainder of the reserve will be transferred to the University.

“The gift, the Sugimotos join our Legacy Circle, which honors and recognizes donors who have established planned gifts like this or made arrangements in their estate plans to provide support for Sacramento State,” says John Koch, director of planned giving. “It’s a good match for a lifelong accountant. In addition to being a successful CPA, Sugimoto is also a long-time volunteer on the Sac State Planned Giving Advisory Committee. Planned gifts like annuities provide popular alternatives to gifts like endowments, he says. “The gift annuity is an opportunity for contributing on a smaller scale than an endowment, which would require a larger principal to generate a meaningful income to the objective of the endowment,” he says. Sugimoto says the gift annuity benefits more than the University and student scholarship recipients, noting it’s a valuable option for donors as well. “Giving to a charitable gift annuity is a ‘win-win-win’ situation,” he says. “You would be able to contribute with cash and/or stock at fair market value without picking up capital gains. You can receive an annuity—based on your and your spouse’s actuarial life—at a very generous interest rate, and you are able to deduct a portion, based on your age, as a tax deduction.”

As the Sugimoto’s instruction, the full amount of the gift annuity will be used to support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, a cause close to him. “I was a member of its board for two terms and headed the scholarship committee, initially directed by my good friend Larry Augusta, who was its president at that time,” he says. “We started with three scholarship recipients the first year, but the program has grown since, averaging up to 10 or 15 scholarships to deserving students per year.”

Estate Planning 101: The Q and A

“We asked Mark Drobny who conducts the University’s popular Estate Planning 101 seminar, and Kevin Gonzalez, of the University’s Planned Giving Office, to share tips and trends in estate planning and planned giving. Drobny is a certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law and chairs Sacramento State’s Planned Giving Advisory Committee. This is part one of a two-part series which will continue in the next issue of Torchlight.”

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