

**The Japanese Language School Archival Project**

*In the Spring of 2000, the Archives continued the original efforts of Captain Roger Pineau and William Hudson, and the Archives first attempts in 1992, to gather the papers, correspondence, photographs, and records of graduates of the US Navy Japanese Language School, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1942-1946. We assemble these papers in recognition of the contributions made by JLS graduates to the War effort in the Pacific, the successful occupation of Japan, the creation of Japanese language programs across the country, and the development of cultural reconciliation programs after World War II.*

**60th Reunion  
of US Navy JLS at CU  
6-9 June 2002**

We have reserved 21 rooms in the University [Faculty] Club and 48 rooms in the College Inn [138 total, including escorts]. Those who are less ambulatory should let us know so that we can place them at the University Club. Of course, grads may choose to stay in town, as well.

**The Sink was the  
Old 'Sunken Gardens'**

The Sink is celebrating a 50-year anniversary this year. Long a haunt for CU students on the 'Hill', the establishment began business as Somers' Sunken Garden Restaurant in 1929. Edward Somers had enlarged the house on the southwest corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania to include a storefront structure. The Sunken Gardens featured a sunken fountain in its dining room. For twenty years, the

restaurant served affordable meals, catering especially to students and to the Navy and Marine personnel at CU's numerous Navy Schools during World War II. By 1948, students had shortened the name to 'the Sink'. A CU alumnus bought the Sink in 1949 and made the name official.

By the time Joe Beimford and Floyd Marks purchased the Sink in 1955, food had given way to beer. In 1958, Marks and his son-in-law, Herb Kauvar, introduced the Sinkburger and its Sink Hickory Sauce. Herb and his sons, Blackie and Rick, kept the Sink in the family for 34 years. In the late 50s, two beatnik artists, Mike Dormier and Lloyd Kavich produced the art that decorated the Sink walls, capturing the humor and style of the period. The trademark, Sink Angel, symbolized how innocent and pure students were transformed both by university life and the Sink into worldly souls.

In the early 70s, the style of the 50s and the Sink name was changed to Herbies Deli and the wall art was boarded over. The Sinkburger was all that remained. In 1982, Beaujo's Pizza of Idaho Springs colocated a kitchen at 1165 13<sup>th</sup>. Until 1989, their pizzas were sold at Herbies. Small wonder that when Herbies was reborn as the Sink in 1989, and pizzas remained on the menu, the Beaujo's style continued as a legacy.

The end of 3.2 beer and its sale to 18-20 year olds ended a 54 year Colorado tradition of undergraduate drinking in 1987. Herbies had to change. In 1989 Herbies reverted to the Sink.

In 1992, the Kauvars sold the Sink to the Heinritz brothers. Artists Lloyd and "Streamline the Rat Dog" have been brought back on several occasions to restore and add to the Sink's murals. In 1995, as a response to the change in laws and growing popularity of Colorado

microbreweries, the Sink put in a bar featuring 18 draft lines.

**Jack "Watanabe"  
Pierce Passes Away**

John Hadley Pierce, age 82 of Bellingham, WA passed away January 9, at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham.

He was born John Hadley Pierce April 2, 1919 in Seattle, Washington but has been called "Jack" to minimize the confusion with his father, John Pierce. He lived in Olympia until 1930 when the family moved to Bellingham where his father ran a hotel.

He attended Bellingham Public Schools and the University of Washington, he graduated in 1941 with a major in East Asian Studies. American involvement in World War II sent him to the Naval Japanese Language School at the University of Colorado where he received his lieutenant's commission in the Marines as a language specialist.

He served in three major combat operations and one minor one in intelligence interrogating Japanese prisoners, reading documents for the Sixth Marine Division for which he received a Bronze Star.

After the war, he returned to work in various jobs related to transportation, news and radio work as well as serving on the staff of Senator Henry M. Jackson. In 1958 he married Patricia Crowley Petty and helped raise two stepchildren and one of their own. For a few years he worked in the family hotel business at which time he assisted Mayor John Westford in establishing Bellingham's first sister city affiliation with Tateyama, Japan in 1958.

He sold out his interests and went back to the University of Washington and received a MA in Japan Area Studies in 1965 and began teaching East Asian History and Geography at Highline Community College at Des Moines, Washington in 1967. While there, the family

moved to Vashon Island until he retired in 1987 and returned to Bellingham to live in Pat's family home on Chuckanut Point.

Pat encouraged him to renew his association with the Sister City Committee and served as its chair from 1989 to 1996. He was a board member serving as historian. He has visited three of Bellingham's four sister cities, accompanying John Westford to Tateyama in 1960 and return visits in 1972, 1994 and for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bellingham-Tateyama link, with Mayor Asmundson's party and his son Steve in 1998.

He accompanied Mayor Tim Douglas and his party to establish sister city ties with Nakhodka in the Russian Far East. In 1988 and later visited Port Stephens, Australia with Pat in 1991.

He resumed teaching in 1993 at Whatcom Community College as instructor in Modern East Asian History and Geography. In 2001, he was awarded the title of 'Freeman of Port Stephens' and received an honorary citizen's certificate for Port Stephens.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Pierce; son, Steve Pierce; step-son, Dan Petty; step-daughter, Carol Catlin and her husband Jim Catlin and son Mark Catlin; his sister Martha Knowles and her husband George Knowles and their children Kathy and John Knowles. A memorial was held at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1708 I Street, Bellingham, on January 14, 2002.

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**USMCR Response II**

Thank you for your letter January 7 and the copy of *The Interpreter* with the letter from Bob Moore. Bob and I were tent-mates in the First Marine Division on Pavuvu in the Solomons in the period between

the Peleliu and Okinawa operations. **(Over)**

As I recall, Bob and some other JLO's were retained at Division HQ while others were assigned to a regiment (in my case, the 5th Marines on Peleliu and the 1st Marines on Okinawa). The JLO's at regiment level were necessarily closer to the action and thus had a chance to do things (eg, interrogation of prisoners immediately after capture, talking people out of caves, etc) that made us feel more useful.

In between, however, as Bob indicates, there were great stretches of boredom in which

JLO's had no real function until we got to North China and were able to make a significant contribution to the repatriation of the Japanese civilians and military.

*ME Orlean  
1st Lt USMCR (Ret'd)  
JLS, 1944*

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### Buses in Boulder

Circulator Routes run in several routes through Boulder for 25¢ (seniors). The **Hop** runs a circular route from the campus to the Hill to Pearl Street to the Crossroads shopping area.

The **Skip** runs up and down Broadway with service from the campus to Pearl Street, Boulder Community Hospital, North Boulder, and South Boulder.

Other routes include the **Jump**, the **Leap**, and the **Bound**. The **Hop** runs daily (7AM-2AM, Thurs.-Fri., 9AM-2AM Sat., 10AM-7PM on Sun). The interval varies between 10-20 minutes between buses. I'll try to send a bus route map, along with other information in a packet to those attending the reunion. There will be transport to and from the College Inn.

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