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President's Corner: "Home" by George Scranton

Home. Finding Home. Home-coming. Going Home.

As I am writing this we are in the middle of Advent 2017. Advent calls us to "waiting in anticipation" for the comings of Christ into our world. The season speaks to me of all the above elements of "Home," and all that it means to our finding "Home" in Christ.

During the late 1940's and 50's our current "home" was made into a four-plex. When Claire and I found it thirty years ago we said it was going to be a 20-year process to get it fully restored. We currently are in the midst of the "final" stages of that "20 year" restoration process. (We have also discovered friends who lived in our kitchen and dining room during the 50's.) It has been "home" to our family, and a temporary "home" to 30-40 others who have lived with us over the years. As we anticipate finding a new "home" in the next year and a half, or so, we find the process of "down-sizing" to be a formidable task, but are working at it, and are finding it a necessary process of "letting go" of this version of home.

When I came to SPC in 1965 (as a student) I somehow felt that I had found "home" in significant and transforming ways: I found mentors in Jim Chapman, Bill Hansen, Bill Rearick, the elder Frank Kline, and so many others (like Mike Macdonald); I met Claire (with whom I have been happily married for 49+ years – and with whom I have also found "home"); completed my B.A. and first M.A.; and found my calling (and employment since 1970). Now I find myself as the Chairman of our 50-year class reunion for the graduating class of 1968. We are looking forward to that celebration at Ivy-cutting this Spring, when we will celebrate another significant "Home-coming."

When I think of "going home" I am in full agreement with M.B. Miller as he used to say: "Heaven – why, that's the **last** place I want to find myself!"

And now may the wondrous Peace of Christ be with us all, in all our going out and coming in, until we all come at last to our good Father's **home**, to hear "well done, good and faithful servant," and to go no more out – forever. Amen.



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Purpose for The Emeri-Times

"to edify, encourage, and connect emeriti faculty; to profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage emeriti to continue to be involved in world change." The Emeri-Times newsletter is distributed by the Office of the Provost.

Please let George know (gascrant@spu.edu or 206-284-8027) if you have recommendations.

Provost Jeff Van Duzer hosts Spring Tea for Emeriti

Join us on Tuesday March 20, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Upper Gwinn Queen Anne Room. This is a good opportunity to visit our beautiful campus and to hear from Provost Jeff Van Duzer about Academic Affairs and to network with emeriti colleagues. Thank you, Jeff, and the Provost Office for continuing to be a wonderful host for this special emeriti event.



Emeriti at SPU basketball game. Thanks to Ruby Englund and Athletic Director, Jackson Stava, for arranging a special night for Emeriti attendance at these basketball games. Emeriti are invited to a night of basketball on February 24. The women play Concordia Portland at 5:15 pm and the men play Northwest Nazarene at 7:30 pm. There will be refreshments at half time in Falcon Lounge. The newly installed reserve seats will be available for comfortable seating, along with handrails that will help us get safely to our seats.

Please email Ruby Englund by Monday, February 12 at renglund@spu.edu. Pick up ticket at will call.



Theater Department Winter and Spring Plays

Winter Quarter Mainstage: *Jane Eyre: The Musical* by John Caird and Paul Gordon; Directed by Candace Vance *on the James Leon Chapman Stage*
February 1–3, 8–10, 2018

Spring Quarter Mainstage: *Love's Labour's Lost* by William Shakespeare
 Directed by Carol Roscoe *on the James Leon Chapman Stage*
April 19–21, 26–28, 2018

Karen Macdonald continues to supply us with her wonderful humor like these imaginative church signs.



Emeriti Updates January 2018

Editor's note: It is a pure joy to be the first to read these notes from our emeriti for this newsletter. Our members are very thoughtful, positive, God-loving and faithful people. You bring peace and joy. Thank you for this opportunity to share your thoughts, prayers and comments.

Ron Boyce (Norma Rae), Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Professor of Urban and Regional Studies. This has been a fruitful year for me and my family. I am still hobbling around and my family is in good health and doing well. I thought I was through scribbling for the publication mill, but a surprising thing happened last spring. The Geography of the Bible Group of the Association of American Geographers decided to publish Vol. III in their *Geography of the Holy Land* books, this one focusing on Jerusalem and various cities in the Bible, and they said that they were going to dedicate the book to me. But there was a catch; they wanted me to write a Prologue on the nature of cities, plus two full-length articles. After being floored by the research, writing, and head-scratching ahead, I began and, to my delight, finished the task. One article is entitled *Jerusalem – Supreme City of the World* and the other *Preface to a New Theology of the City*. The book is scheduled for publication in 2018. If anyone is truly interested in these, I can e-mail them one for review. I am still teaching a men's morning Bible class, reading and thinking. I don't get around much anymore (a good song title) and I don't play trumpet anymore either--I remember too well what it is supposed to sound like. However, given the surprises of this past year, only the Lord knows what is in store for 2018. Warm regards to all.

Kathleen Braden, School of Business Government and Economics, 2016.

*Busy as Secretary-Treasurer of CatVideofest Social Purpose Corporation to benefit animal shelters.

*Wonderful trip driving around Scottish Highlands and visiting Roger Feldman's art installation at Feswick castle! Also got to spend time on the island of Iona, so important for the Christian Faith.

*Busy with both the Licton Springs Community Council as Secretary and recently joined coordination committee of the D5 Grassroots Network for City Council District Five in North Seattle.

*Moving ahead preparing an article on illegal hunting in Russia with co-author Sergei Matveytchuk of Russian Scientific Research Institute on Game Management and fur farming in Kirov, Russia.

Dan Harris, (Phyllis), Business/Economics, 1990.

Since moving to Moses Lake we are closer to 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. This in itself is a challenge. It is fun to see the kids grow up and be involved in their various activities--it is chilling to watch Ty, 8 yrs. old, standing in the baseball outfield looking at a fly ball, and hoping he will catch it rather than drop it or fall down in the process. I am still struggling with the topic of Wisdom. Much of the existing work is ideal as contrasted to research findings. If you so choose to be involved in searching for wisdom I suggest "The Decline of a Nation" by Kerby Anderson. 1991 Probe Ministries and "What's a Christian Worldview?" The Barna Group, 2009. If not go have some fun and enjoy your family and friends.

And here is another great church sign.



Eric Hanson (Susan), Professor of Music Department, Director of Symphony Orchestra, 2016.

June 2nd my Symphony of Psalms premiered as part of the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of SPU.

June 23-25 I presented three lectures for the Seattle Symphony at Benaroya Hall.

In July, I conducted the Northwest Mahler Festival.

October 29 I presented the pre-concert Lecture for Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra.

Doris Heritage (Ralph), Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

Visits with Ken and Denise Foreman while they were in Seattle. They returned to Hawaii to celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Christmas is filled with special blessings like visits with past student athletes.

I am thanking God that I can have a shoulder surgery (December 27, 2017). Hopefully it restores the use of my right arm and hand.

SPU gatherings especially the fantastic Christmas Concert.

Books: "I Stand at the Door and Knock" by Corrie Ten Boom.

Wayne Johnson (Clair) Music Department, 2014

Claire and I are keeping very busy since I retired, and we love it that way! We have started a "haus" concert series at our home in Tennessee once or twice a year with guest musicians. The next event will be in March and will feature a prize-winning French cellist and his wife who is a marvelous symphony violinist. We will be performing a program of best-loved romantic masterpieces for cello, violin and piano.

I am also happily pursuing my other life-long passion, photography. I'm gradually adding new pictures with commentary to my free on-line photo "gallery" called "Country Roads, Swingin' Bridges and Misty Mountains: Snapshots of Life in the South." If anyone is interested in viewing them, go to: www.waynejohnson.smugmug.com. Would love to hear from anyone, anytime!

We are planning a trip to Seattle in May, 2018. It will be our first trip back to the Northwest in over three years! We are really looking forward to catching up with old friends and enjoying the many things Seattle has to offer.

Karl Krienke (Rita) Physics and Mathematics: Dean of Natural and Mathematical Science.

As you may know, Karl has been at Christa Rehabilitation for several months following a stroke. He can talk to me, responds to news, can talk only in "yes" or "no" to questions, etc. I am sure he feels frustrated by not being able to speak much more than that. Our son, Martin, and I visit almost daily. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers. At 86 we know that we are fortunate to have the support of many friends and family. Sincerely, Rita Krienke.

Dave LaShana (Becky), President Emeritus. Retired 1991.

Enjoying life together, now in our 67th year of marriage!

Mike Macdonald (Karen), European Studies, 2007. The big news this year was our move to Emerald Heights retirement facility in mid-March, a community of about 500 started by members of our church (First Pres/Bellevue) in 1992. It's one of few full-care senior communities with options for independent living, assisted care, and nursing care available. Emerald Heights has virtually everything available that we value: 75 members of our church and 425 others we are growing to cherish, learning opportunities, large pool and fitness center, excellent food (we have 3 meals available, but choose usually to eat only our one main meal in the dining room), room service every two weeks. Karen is busy with swimming classes, knitting and sewing groups, and helping with the annual bazaar; Mike exercises almost daily and has taught a class on CS Lewis and lectured on current Europe. In summary, even though we didn't think we were ready for this move, we could not be more pleased that we made it.

In addition, summer brought camping in Leavenworth in June, and camping at Lake Gallagher in Oliver, B.C. in July, both in our tent trailer. Finally, besides Mexico in Nov/December, late December features a new right hip for Karen to remedy (we expect) Karen's nagging hip problems.

In summary, we have much for which to be grateful, and we wish you all a fulfilled and joyous 2018!



David Mckenna (Jan) President Emeritus.

Jan and I are anticipating 2018. A new year with a round number feels extra good. Shortly after the first of the year our sixth and seventh great grandchildren will arrive, my book *The Posterity Gospel: Managing Our Spiritual Wealth*, will be published, and, if God wills and bodies permit, we might travel again—to see my sister in Las Vegas, to visit Ed and Debra Blews in their new Michigan home, and way down the bucket list, perhaps take a river cruise on the Danube. If, however, the weather here gets mean, we will flee to Palm Desert to dry out. Meanwhile, we will walk the streets of Kirkland and, as best we can, live His love.

Ray Myers (Ruth Myers), Professor of Science Education in the School of Education. Since Ruth and I retired in 2005, we have kept very busy doing a variety of things, including several trips across the country from our home in Greenville, Illinois, back to Seattle every March to direct the Washington Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (WJSHS) for high school students from around the State--held on the SPU campus every year. This is the STEM program that Ruth and I directed for 15 years while we were full-time employees of SPU, and it has continued to be a passion of ours during our retirement.

As part of this WJSHS program for students who have completed outstanding STEM research, Ruth and I also chaperone the top five scholarship winners from the Washington competition to the National Symposium held in various parts of the USA in late April or early May. Some of the places that host the National JSHS, include Washington DC; Orlando, Florida; the Air Force Academy in Colorado; Huntsville, Maryland; Dayton, Ohio Air Force Museum; US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and Albuquerque, New Mexico--just to name a few. In 2012, we also had the opportunity to chaperone the top 8 high school students from the National JSHS competition to the International Youth Conference in STEM held in London. This was our first trip overseas, and Ruth and I had a fabulous time seeing many sites in London and the surrounding countryside!

Last March through May, we drove our motor home out to Seattle for the WJSHS held at SPU, March 16-17, by way of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. After the WJSHS, we drove down the coast to San Diego for the National JSHS at the end of April and then back to Greenville, Illinois, by way of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Illinois. Along the way we were able to see friends and family. All in all a wonderful trip!

Every week we are in Greenville, Ray teaches a Sunday Bible class for adults in our Free Methodist Church and Ruth volunteers in the Church office. Every year, Ray teaches at least one class in Geology and/or Astronomy at Greenville University. In our "spare time" over the last 10 years, we followed Dave Englund's real estate class methods and purchased three properties, renovated them, and rented them out for supplemental income. However, we are feeling our age more in the last couple years, so we are in the process of trying to sell the properties now.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible while we are in Seattle this coming March.

Don Peter (Jo Ann) Engineering and Computer Science, Associate Professor of Engineering, 2017. We moved to Lake Stevens in September and are awaiting a large house remodel. I am going to start adjunct teaching in the engineering program in the STEM program at UW/Bothell where former SPU Director of Engineering, Elaine Scott, is the Dean. I am working with a long-time missionary friend to continue ministry to international students and still feel a part of my SPU prayer group. I also maintain connections with former SPU students. We are settling at Snohomish Community Church.



Lyle Peter, (Beate) Professor Chemistry Department 2014

My blood must be thinning out as the people say down here in AZ's Valley of the Sun, because even as a WA native, I am kind of getting to like perpetual sunshine and 70 degree weather in December. In retirement, I am finding perhaps both the biggest joy and challenge is to keep up with my three grandchildren who live in WA (2) and Ohio (1). I am finding that it requires sacrifice and humility, but it can also be quite gratifying. The following will describe some examples. Last June I had to sacrifice leaving 118°F and sunny weather in AZ, to endure 68°F and sunny days on Lopez Island in the San Juans, where Eddie and Linnea live, and where their dad, our son, is a deputy sheriff. It can also be humbling. I one time overheard then 5-year-old Eddie, quiz his then 3-year-old sister, "how many earth years does it take for Eris to revolve around the sun?" He was quizzing Linnea because he was concerned that she be up to speed on one of the absolutely essential bits of knowledge that all modern people should know. I was humbled because as a supposedly erudite science professor, I didn't know the answer. By the way, I looked it up; it is 558 years. But of course, all of you knew that already. I am amazed how much preliterate children can learn if given the opportunity! Nevertheless, I was gratified by a visit to their 2-year-old cousin, Sebastian, who lives in Columbus, OH. He is a thoughtful little guy. He insisted on singing to me an ode honoring our group's former president. I do not remember all of the lyrics, but part of it went E-I-E-I-O.

Christina H. Roseman, Foreign Language-Humanities, C. May Marston Professor of Classics, 2001. It is hard to believe it has been just over a year since I sold the house and moved into Timber Ridge at Talus here in Issaquah. The cat and I are pretty well settled and adjusting to the life patterns here. Lovely people, wonderful staff, and my apartment is just the right size. I am still painting – landscapes mostly now – and have made a start on a memoir with a writing group of other women whose careers span the pre-feminist period and into the changes of the 1980's and '90's. It has been fascinating to learn how many women in the work place (no matter the job) shared similar experiences. I welcome lunch guests here if anyone is interested.

Carl Rosevere (Arlene), School of Education Learning Resources 1999. We live in Poulsbo, WA, at Liberty Shores, a quality Senior Community that has received 16 consecutive years of high quality service by the state of Washington. The summer has been warm and dry; some rain has begun to fall. We walk around the campus, sit on a bench above the shore and view the shore birds and pleasure craft. Mt. Rainier and the Space Needle are in the distance. I offer rides into the surrounding areas. Activities are scheduled in-house. School children come to sing and visit. Bags of necessities are assembled to give youth who live on the street. Our eldest son, granddaughter and family of three girls live in the area. Kirby our youngest son lives in Illinois and is V.P. of an equipment company that sells locomotives in Europe and as far southwest as Australia. He is an SPU graduate. We thank the Lord for his many blessings.

Tom Trzyna (Martha) Professor of English

Tom Trzyna is waiting for the release of *Cain's Crime: The Proliferation of Weapons and the Targeting of Civilians in Contemporary War* (Cascade Books, 2018) and *finishing Pornography and Genocide*, a study of the killing of women across the globe and connections among femicide, human trafficking and the pornography industry. He has been corresponding with various international experts on this topic. He will begin work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children and continues work with the King County Court diversion program. Travels outside the US include various trips to the UK, France, Italy, Spain and North Africa. Four grandchildren call on much of his time.

Bill Woodward (Tina) Professor of History

. . . from a rookie emeritus who misses deadlines when he's trying to meet his grading deadline.

It's still weird to navigate straddling active and retired. I am continually mystified by those who see retirement as an event rather than a process, but I guess the former is the norm for most, including professors.

In my case, I remain professionally very active:

- currently president of the Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild

- probably will be part of five or six professional conferences this year, for two of which I served on the program committee and pursuing several writing projects in PNW history

My teaching load is slightly less than half time, and I find myself on campus most days, in effect a volunteer mentor for younger faculty in my own department and beyond.

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Did You Know? by Adrienne Meier, University Archivist, SPU Library

Did you know that SPU is hosting Tent City 3 (TC3) on campus? TC3 is a portable, self-managed community for men and women experiencing homelessness, and this is TC3's third visit to SPU, with prior visits coming in 2012 and 2015. This year's encampment is located between McKenna Hall and the Bookstore.

The SPU community is working hard to welcome and serve our guests, and students have done and are doing a large amount of the work. For previous visits, students have conducted interviews with TC3 residents; advocated with residents at the state capitol in Olympia; organized clothing and book drives to benefit TC3; and hosted art and music events featuring TC3 resident artists and musicians. For this year, over 300 people, mostly students, assisted the residents to get settled on move-in day. Since then, student clubs and groups have prepared weekly meals for TC3 residents and undergraduate nursing students have run a foot care clinic at First Free Methodist Church. During winter break, a dental van and a hair stylist visited. The library is open to TC3 residents, and students have hosted residents in Gwinn Commons for meals.

The SPU website has more information about Tent City 3, the SPU Homelessness Initiative, and a “for further reading” list. Check them out here: <http://spu.edu/engaging-homelessness/tent-city-3>

From the above SPU website:

Volunteering—[Find current volunteer opportunities](#) — from one-time to long-term, from frequent to infrequent, and from direct service to indirect.

Advocacy—We are committed to standing against injustice and working to raise awareness of the issues intertwined with homelessness. [Find out what you can do.](#)

Helping local organizations—Many organizations actively work to help end homelessness in the Seattle area. [Explore this list](#) to find one — or more — that you can help.



Some of our dear friends and colleagues would appreciate our prayers:

Kenneth Foreman (Denise), Professor and Chair of Physical Education. Ken and Denise live in Kona, Hawaii. Ken is now on hospice after a brief time in Seattle and dealing with ALS.

Karl Krienke (Reita), Professor of Physics and Mathematics, Dean of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. A message from Karl's son Martin and his wife Reita indicates that Karl is at the Cristwood Nursing Center making every effort to regain strength after his stroke. He struggles with aphasia, making it difficult to translate what he is thinking into words. Physical struggles are also part of the process. Martin noted, "As you can imagine for someone for whom teaching and preaching were a key part of his life it is an extremely frustrating and difficult time for him."

Rick and Marilyn Steele recently celebrated the precious life of their daughter, **Sarah Steele**. In November 2017, a few weeks before her 33rd birthday, as a result of a bacterial infection that triggered toxic shock syndrome and respiratory failure, after bravely battling a rare musculoskeletal disease, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP), her whole life.

Sarah was known and loved among many here at SPU, and she graduated in 2007. She was an active member of the International FOP Association and had friends all over the world. She had a lovely voice, a sweet smile, and a radiant, outgoing personality. She loved to sing, and was a member of the Lake Washington High School Concert Choir, the SPU Women's Choir, and the Lake Washington United Methodist Church Chancel Choir. She also loved movies, theatre productions, detective novels, shopping, handcrafts, keychain collecting, and chocolate. And she herself was loved by all who knew her. In addition to Rick and Marilyn, Sarah is survived by her brother Jonathan and her sister Mollie.

Condolences can be sent
rsteale@spu.edu



to: Rick and Marilyn Steele, 14809 N.E. 66th st. Redmond, WA 98052

In Memoriam

Ruth Hansen, Emerita Professor of Education, 1991 passed away on September 13, 2017 at the age of 89. A memorial service was held September 22 at Lakeview Free Methodist Church. Ruth was a faculty member for more than 25 years. She was also a class of 1950 alumna. While at SPU she met her husband Bud. They were married for 57 years until his death in 2007. Bud was a member of the SPU Board of Trustees for 33 years. President Emeritus Phil Eaton says "She was ready with a kind word, always shared with a smile. She loved her work and loved her students. She was such a steady presence in our midst. Her husband Bud was exactly the same way. He served on our board for many years, one of the true pillars of the board. I can't say how important Bud's encouragement was to me in my early years. I am so grateful to have served alongside these fine people. And I would add Lynn Hall, their daughter, into this note of praise. She is long serving and faithful too—exactly in the positive spirit as her folks. "

Joyce (Wunderlich) Samford, of Camano Island, Washington, passed away on September 28, 2017. She was born on January 23, 1932 in Prosser, Washington. She was married to **Lynn Samford, Emeritus Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreation** at SPU. She is survived by her husband now of Camano Island; her son, grandchildren, great granddaughter, siblings and many other relatives. Her memorial service was on October 14, 2017

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/scnews/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=186902628>

Betty Violet Bauman, wife of **Ed Bauman, Director of Engineering Programs; Head of Electrical Engineering**. Passed on November 29, 2017 at the age of 84. After their time at SPU, they moved to Ocean Shores, Washington. Betty lived a full life as a nurse, musician, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She and Ed had 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Her memorial was December 3, 2017 at Faith Community Church in Ocean Shores.

Eleanor Montzingo, wife of Lloyd Montzingo who was chair of Mathematics and Director of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, passed on October 13, 2017. She was born April 30, 1927. Her memorial was Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the Chapel of Chestnut Court at the Crista Nursing Center. After Lloyd retired she traveled with him to Asia, Australia, Central America, and Europe—places she could only dream about as a child. She was a member of First Free Methodist Church. “She died a peaceful and holy death, surrounded by twenty family members singing hymns and praying for her. *Soli Deo Gloria.*”

Dorothy Rosenberger, survived by spouse Bill Rosenberger, Professor of Education, Director of Physical Education, passed away at age 94. She was at Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood when she passed away on August 14, 2017. She was a music educator/choir director for the Seattle and Lake Washington School Districts and many churches in the greater Seattle area. A memorial service was held on August 26, 2017 at the Warm Beach Senior Community Center, Stanwood, WA.

Les Habegger, passed away in July 6, 2017 at the age of 92 in Spokane. He was a long-time Seattle Pacific men’s basketball coach and Falcon Hall of Fame member. His memorial service was Monday, August 14, at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle at 1 p.m., and it was open to the public. In his 17 seasons at SPU, Habegger’s teams posted a record of 267-170, which still ranks as the most wins by any men’s basketball coach in school history. He took six of his teams to the NCAA Tournament, and his 1964-65 squad went all the way to the Elite Eight. After leaving SPU, Habegger served as an assistant coach and then general manager of the Seattle Super Sonics. He was with the team and Coach Lenny Wilkens when the Sonics won the 1979 NBA championship.

A last great church sign:



Winter/Spring Quarters 2018, Academic events

Marston Lecture, Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Lecturer: Dr. Owen Ewald

Demaray Hall 150 Hosted by The Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development

Emeriti Faculty Tea, March 20, 2018, 1:30-3:00, Upper Gwinn, Queen Anne Room

Weter Lecture, Thursday, April 12, 2018, 7:00–8:30 p.m., Upper Gwinn Commons

Lecturer, Brian Bantum: *The Artists Will Be My Priests: A Theology of the Iconic Body*

Walls Lecture, Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Upper Gwinn Commons

Retirement Dinner: Thursday, May 3, 2018 6:30 p.m. Upper Gwinn Commons

Ivy Cutting June 8, 2018 Tiffany Loop 9:30 am

Graduate Commencement June 8, 2018 Tiffany Loop 2:00 pm

Undergraduate Commencement Friday June 9, 2018 Key Arena 1:00 pm



SUMMER IS NEAR!!!!

