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Spokane Chapter Vision Statement

County, The Natural Heritage Advisory Council for The  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources,  
1000 Friends of Washington, The Lands Council, and  
the Northwest Fund for the Environment. He was the  
Democratic Party candidate for the Fifth Congressional  
District in 2002.

February 2006

For 30 years, Haggin taught English at Rogers High  
School, where he also coached golf and was head coach  
of their track and cross country team. Bart has finished  
Bloomsday three times, in first place, for his age group.

**February Meeting**

February  
13, 2006

He wrote and did commentaries on KPBX public radio  
for ten years on a wide range of subjects. Haggin earned  
his BA at the University of Washington, M Ed at the  
University of Oregon.

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Unitarian Universalist Church in Spokane  
4340 West Fort Wright Drive

We welcome Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs (SNAP) as co-sponsors of our February meeting. And we look forward to having the Spokane Homeless Choir with us.

*Speaker*

**BART HAGGIN**

**POVERTY IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS**

Bart Haggin, community activist will present a modest proposal on poverty. Haggin will talk about the fundamentals of poverty and engage the audience in a discussion of ideas, talk about the consequences of poverty and what can be done about it.

As an environmentalist, Haggin has served on The Growth Management Steering Committee for Spokane

**Spokane Chapter Calendar**

February 13, '06

Bart Haggin

Poverty is not what you think it is  
Unitarian Universalist Church

February 25, '06

Planning and Potluck Meeting  
10: AM - 2: PM

March 13, '06

Adopt a MineField-  
Night of a 1000 Dinners  
Potluck

Unitarian Universalist Church

April 10, '06

Mike Petersen,  
Executive Director

Lands Council:

Millenium Development Goals  
and Environmental Sustainability

Unitarian Universalist Church

May 8, '06

Susan Fabrikant

The fight against HIV/AIDS

At home and abroad

### ***The President's Message***

Since Bart Haggin will be speaking on the subject of poverty at our February meeting, I thought it fitting for me to write on that same subject for the February newsletter.

For inspiration, I immediately turned to Jeffrey Sachs's amazing work, "The End of Poverty". Re-reading the first page of his introduction, I realized there was no way I could even approach his eloquence and succinctness in presenting the issue of poverty and its meaning for all of us who live on this planet. So, here is Dr. Sachs' statement from his introduction to "The End of Poverty".

**The End of Poverty**  
**Jeffrey D. Sachs**  
**The Penguin Press**  
**New York**  
**2005**

#### ***Introduction***

Jeffrey D. Sachs

This book is about ending poverty in our time. It is not a forecast. I am not predicting what will happen, only explaining what can happen. Currently, more than eight million people around the world die each year because they are too poor to stay alive. Our generation can choose to end that extreme poverty by the year 2025.

Every morning our newspapers could report, "more than 20,000 people perished yesterday of extreme poverty." The stories would put the stark numbers in context-up to 8,000 children dead of malaria, 5,000

mothers and fathers dead of tuberculosis, 7,500 young adults dead of AIDS, and thousands more dead of diarrhea, respiratory infection, and other killer diseases that prey on bodies weakened by chronic hunger. The poor die in hospital wards that lack drugs, in villages that lack antimalarial bed nets, in houses that lack safe drinking water. They die namelessly, without public comment. Sadly, such stories rarely get written. Most people are unaware of the daily struggles for survival, and of the vast numbers of impoverished people around the world who lose that struggle.

Since September 11, 2001, the United States has launched a war on terror, but it has neglected the deeper causes of global instability. The \$450 billion that the United States will spend this year on the military will never buy peace if it continues to spend around one thirtieth of that, just \$15 billion, to address the plight of the world's poorest of the poor, whose societies are destabilized by extreme poverty and thereby become havens of unrest, violence, and even global terrorism.

That \$15 billion represents a tiny percentage of U.S. income, just 15 cents on every \$100 of U.S. gross national product, or GNP. The share of U.S. GNP devoted to helping the poor has declined for decades, and is a tiny fraction of what the United States has repeatedly promised, and failed, to give. It is also much less than the United States should give, both to solve the crisis of extreme poverty and thereby to provide for U.S. national security...

We are so fortunate to have a person such as Jeffrey Sachs as special advisor to Secretary-General Kofi Annan. And, we are fortunate to have as our speaker a person such as Bart Haggin. I am very much looking forward to what he has to

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say. Won't you join us Monday evening, the thirteenth of February.

**Greetings from Vancouver, Canada**

This year, Eastern Washington University's Model United Nations (EWUMUN) club sent 14 delegates – representing 4 countries (Cuba, Iceland, India and Romania) in 5 committees (General Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> Committee, General Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee, North Atlantic Council, Security Council, and Security Council-Reformed) and one representing an 'expert from Africa' in the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues – to the UBCMUN conference in Downtown Vancouver, B.C.

The conference is the largest in western Canada with over 400 delegates in attendance and is the first MUN conference to simulate the newly-formed Peace-Building Commission, the Human Security Network and the Security Council-Reformed (along the lines of the G-4 model).

Delegates tackled a wide range of diverse issues such as: nuclear proliferation in Iran, tensions on the Korean peninsula, preventing the weaponization of space, implementing the Durban Programme of Action against racism, reducing the nuclear threat, NATO-EU cooperation, and

achieving the universal primary education of indigenous people.

I am proud to announce that the EWUMUN group won several honors including Honorable Mentions, Best Diplomat in the PFII and overall Best Delegation for the delegation from Romania.

EWUMUN wishes to thank the UNA-Spokane members for all their interest and support of our organization.

Sincerely,

Tom Terrell  
Education Chair for UNA-Spokane