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## **OWNERS JEN & AL DONOHUE BID FAREWELL.**

*A College Inn Pub Graduation Announcement*

**University District, Seattle, WA— August 20, 2024** — After the culmination of four years of hard work, helping the University of Washington community come together to commune and celebrate, four years of hosting late night study sessions, playing trivia, pool, darts, and making new friends, all whilst enjoying libations and great food, it is time for owners Jen Gonyer and Al Donohue to say farewell, make their “graduation announcement” and move on to their next adventure, whatever and wherever that may be. Their last day operating the College Inn Pub will be June 15, 2025.

### **Seattle Landmark and Community Gathering Place Restored.**

Since they stepped in to resurrect the College Inn Pub in 2020, it has been fully restored to its rightful place in the University District as more than just a neighborhood bar. They spent the 2020-21 academic year rehabilitating the physical space with updated electrical, plumbing, more modern equipment, fresh paint and wood finishing, and a kitchen sink that holds water. They opened the door to the public again on July 15, 2021, in time to welcome the UW community back to the reopened campus for the 2021-22 academic year. The Pub is once again a staple of Husky life and an important gathering place for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the entire community. The success of their unwavering determination to see this classic UDistrict gathering place lovingly restored and passionately resurrected during the turbulent times of Covid gives Al and Jen the confidence that this is the right time for the next steward of the College Inn Pub to take over the helm.

“We did what we came to do. We reopened the College Inn Pub and restored it to the place we have loved since we were first regulars in the early 90s” said Jen Gonyer. “We will miss the vibrant community and our incredible team but look forward to visiting our “alma mater” the College Inn Pub and helping celebrate all the new traditions to come. It’s time for us to graduate and move on. It’s with heavy hearts we must bid the College Inn Pub farewell next June, but we will wear the logo with honor everywhere we go. It will always be in our hearts.”

Jen and Al were regulars in the early 90s (and Jen worked at the Pub in the late 90s), then became grad student regulars in the 00s. They are both lifetime members of the UW Alumni Association and saw their work at the Pub partly as service to their *alma mater*.

### **The College Inn Pub's Senior Year**

To mark Jen and Al's "senior year" as stewards of the historic Pub, we will be celebrating with special events to bring the community together through the academic year. For more information and to follow the Pub on social media, visit **thecollegeinnpub.com**.

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