

Don Shelton '76



In June of 2016, Don Shelton was named the Executive Editor of [The Seattle Times](#), culminating a 40-year career journey. He leads a 140-person newsroom at The Seattle Times, which is the largest news organization in the Pacific Northwest. It is a significant accomplishment and places him in the upper echelon of news and journalism leaders.

During his time at the University of Idaho, Shelton held the role of sports editor at the Argonaut and was an intern for the Idahonian (now the Moscow-Pullman Daily News) and Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Shelton has worked as a journalist for 40 years, 29 of those at The Seattle Times. After stints at newspapers in Yakima and Bellevue, Wash., and Santa Rosa, Calif., he was hired by The Seattle Times. He became Sports Editor in 2009, transforming the department to a flexible, reader-driven, digital-first team. Under his leadership, The Times was honored with "Grand Slam" recognition from the Associated Press Sports Editors Association in 2015.

UI students are familiar with Don and his commitment to quality journalism. He has been a frequent visitor to the campus, taking time to meet with the news and sports staffs at the Argonaut. He has been a valuable mentor to UI students interested in pursuing careers in journalism.

Since 2012, Shelton has been a member of the department of [Journalism and Mass Media's](#) (JAMM) advisory board. In this role he is helping UI faculty navigate the rapidly changing media environment that graduates will enter. Through his leadership and mentorship, Shelton has proven himself a valuable asset to JAMM and the University of Idaho.