PASSAGES: RANDOLPH HOKANSON, PIANIST AND UW PROFESSOR EMERITUS

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Mr. Hokanson, who died Oct. 18 at the age of 103, was an emeritus professor at the University of Washington, but few retirees have had as musically active a retirement. At 92, in 2007, he performed a series of lecture/demonstrations on Bach’s “Well-Tempered Clavier” to a packed house at Sherman Clay in Seattle, where his former student Judith Cohen observed, “He is still playing as fast and beautifully as ever.”

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