Michael Sun, ‘73, is, in his own words, passionate about pharmacy. His passion is demonstrated in his practice and his activities to promote the profession. Sun was recognized this year with the David Almgquist Award for outstanding work in the endeavors of Washington State Pharmacy Association promotion and pharmacy enrichment.

Sun is the pharmacy manager at QFC Bel-East (Bellevue, Wash.). His practice includes emergency contraception, body fat analysis and obesity management, and vaccinations, including travel vaccinations and education. He is a graduate of Pharmacy Partners in Diabetic Care and-cardiology activities to promote the profession. Sun is also a member of the steering committee for the East King County Pharmacists. "After 9-11, I joined the National Pharmacists Rescue Team to help in case of an emergency. Now our county association is getting ready to develop a network of pharmacists who will be proactive in the event of an emergency and look at what we can and need to do in the first 12 hours after an emergency occurs before the national supplies and people arrive."

"We have a campaign called 'The Power of Synergy' to get pharmacists and technicians to share ideas, success stories, and to be aware of the unique services each pharmacist provides. We are also developing a system for contacting elected representatives and to position ourselves as valuable health professionals in tune with the needs of our communities."

Sun is also a member of the Toastmasters’ Speaker’s Bureau. "Even when my topic is patriotism, I work my passion for the profession into the talk. People are sometimes amazed at the range of services that a pharmacist provides."

"I offer the ’Food Tour’ to help people understand the food pyramid, food size portions, food labels, various diets, and the impact of exercise on weight, metabolism, HDL, blood pressure, blood glucose and bone density. The participants should be smart shoppers when we are done with the tour."

Sun does not limit his patient education and outreach to the pharmacy. He saw a need for pharmacists’ services in Jefferson County and partnered with an ARNP to immunize ‘high risk’ patients in outreach clinics in Quilcene, Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Brinnon and Port Townsend. At other clinics, Sun made presentations on diabetic care while nurses from the public health department gave flu vaccines. He has also been called upon by the WSU King County Cooperative Extension to provide diabetes education to seniors. He speaks at different diabetes support groups. "I love working with the support groups with all the ‘hands-on’ education that takes place," stated Sun. "There are people with varying levels of knowledge, and it is fun to work with the group and get everyone on the same page."

For more information on these events and others please visit the PAA Events Calendar online at http://depts.washington.edu/rxalumni/events.html
One of the things you’ll see at this new site is an updated version of our PAA committee pages. The executive board has created a new set of bylaws that more accurately reflects the goals and initiatives of the PAA and in the manner in which these will be carried out. We are very excited about the acceptance of these bylaws at the next members’ meeting which will be held in conjunction with this year’s Homecoming Brunch on November 6.

In addition to the website and bylaws, the executive board has created a new website for PAA members only. The new site is an updated version of our PAA website and will make it easier for members to access information and resources.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Georgia Gianacos Steenis, ’00

Fall of 2004, graduation of son, Patrick, from Seattle U in June 2004 and the involvement of his two younger children, Ben (12) and Lauren (12) in Select Soccer. Professionally, Michael is very involved in formulary control both at the Valley Medical Center (VMC) and the Knox System (FHS) as part of the FHS multi-care Good Samaritan Joint P&T Committee, and nationally with the Association of Community Health Systems and therapeutic initiatives for Catholic Health Initiatives. He serves on the Pharmacy Advisory Committee of the Good Samaritan Group, Concoria and as vice chair of the FHS Institutional Review Board. He is involved in computer standardization and transition from STAR to CERNER, and maintains responsibility for quality improvements and the pharmacy. So the year has gone by very quickly for me and we have made improvements in computer standardization and transition from STAR to CERNER, and that really connect with our students and alumni, discussing current pharmacy issues, opportunities and the experiences each are having as they pursue their careers and studies. Students will be making these calls in early March.

I am very excited about these changes to PAA and hope you are pleased with them. My husband, Ben, would like to give special thanks to School staff, Beth Fenhner, Gail Visconde, Claire Forster, Dean Nelson, and fellow alumni Jeff Kocher, Don Downing and Donna Dokter for their time and commitment to making PAA even greater. We hope you will take advantage of these upgrades we have made and that you will be more engaged in your PAA. We appreciate your comments and suggestions you may have. Remember, the PAA exists for you, and in turn, depends on you for its success.

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Auburn where she enjoyed working for an internship at Peckenpaugh Drugs in which she worked in the Information Services Division of the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) where he was outsourced to Compuware Corporation. He has recently left his position with Compuware where he served as the only pharmacist assigned to DMC’s Center Millennium PharmNet pharmacy information systems and the Power Orders Physician order entry system. He enjoyed learning and influencing the Center project and has just recently left Compuware to accept a Director of Pharmacy position at ladder City Health where he hopes to guide the pharmacy department and hospital into state of the art technology while retaining a focus on clinician’s needs. David thanks the pharmacists for their role in the pharmacist in public health. He is a fellow of ASHP and was the 1976 Washington Hospital Pharmacist of the Year. Don was the honorary recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, a fellow of ASHP and was the 1976 Washington Hospital Pharmacist of the Year. Don was the honorary recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Don was the honorary recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, the recipient of the President’s Award of Boards of Pharmacy in 1999-2000, and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy Alumni Achievement Award in 2003. Few pharmacists in practice today can remember when Don Williams was NOT the director of the Board of Pharmacy. The end of an era was feted July 22 at a retirement dinner held in Don’s honor in Tacoma.

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CLASS NOTES

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Welcome to New Faculty

• Lou Garrison, PhD – PORPP welcomes Lou Garrison as professor of pharmacy. Lou comes to us from Roche Pharmaceuticals where he was president and head of Global Health Economics and Strategic Pricing. Lou received his Ph.D in economics from Stanford University. He began his career as a research scientist at Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers in Seattle where he focused on physician manpower issues and health technology assessment of dialysis and of kidney and heart transplantation. Lou next joined the Project HOPE Center for Health Affairs where he directed numerous large-scale research and policy projects for a wide variety of agencies, including HHS, CMS, NCI, and NIH. Internationally, he worked on health sector reforms and health training projects in Poland and several Central and South American countries. He was also the director and principal investigator on projects supporting the Prospective Payment Commission, the 1991 Advisory Council on Social Security, and HHS Secretary Bowen’s Commission on Health Care Reform.

An inter-professional student effort, “Students in the Community” (STIC), is seeking preceptors to advise students working with residents of the Aloha Inn on Aurora Avenue. The Inn serves as transitional housing for homeless persons trying to get back on their feet. Students participating in the project primarily serve to help educate Aloha residents about proper health care and nutrition. They also listen to residents’ health concerns and refer them to appropriate health care services in the Seattle area.

The STIC project is a national award winner from the US Dept of Health and Human Services for inter-professional health care efforts. For more information on this program and to learn how to participate, please contact Bertine Lastering, administrative coordinator for the UW Center for Health Sciences Inter-Professional Education at bertine@u.washington.edu.

Preceptors Needed for Underserved Clinic

Charles J. (CJ) Kahler, ’66

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Several other Huskies who obviously share Michael’s passion for pharmacology were recognized at this year’s WSPA annual meeting.

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Dawgscripts Online – Miss an issue? PAA now provides online archived editions of 2004 issues.

Job Postings – Looking for a job or have one to post? PAA now posts employment information for pharmacy professionals as well as recent graduates.

Events Calendar – Need a reminder? PAA helps you keep track of important dates, including school events like Homecoming, annual conventions such as WSPA and APhA, upcoming lectures for CE, credit, and more.

Class photos – Want to take a walk down memory lane? PAA and the School of Pharmacy have made class photos available for online viewing!

Check out our new site at:
http://depts.washington.edu/exalumni

Dean’s Club Celebrates with a Night at the Mariners

Dean Sid Nelson and his wife, Joan, hosted an evening out with the Mariners to thank Dean’s Club members for their generosity and support throughout the year. Even an 18-6 loss by the Mariners to the Indians didn’t stop attendees from enjoying a summer evening with fellow alumni and friends of the School.

In addition to Dean Nelson’s School update, attendees were treated to a special talk from 2005 Pharm D candidate and APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, Collin Conway. Conway, a perfect example of what can be accomplished when a promising student receives the support of alumni, explained how very important Dean’s Club funds are to students and how very much this support is appreciated. If only the Mariners could shine like our students – maybe next year!

Faculty News

Gail Anderson and Jackie Gardner, professors of pharmacy, and Shelly Gray, associate professor of pharmacy, participated, by invitation, in an “expert meeting” for the Department of Health and Human Service’s Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on “Improving the Use and Safety of Medication in Women Through Gender and Race Analysis.”

Doug Black, associate professor of pharmacy, received this year’s Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching Award for his efforts to enhance student learning.

Valerie Daggett, professor of medicinal chemistry, has received a four-year NIH grant for $1,262,800 to study “Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Unfolding” and a Hereditary Disease Foundation grant for $102,713 to study “Characterization of the Conformational Properties of Polyclutamine Repeats.”

Gary Elmner, professor of medicinal chemistry, and Gail Anderson, professor of pharmacy, are co-investigators with Carol Landis (biobehavioral nursing) and Michael Vitiello (psychiatry and behavioral sciences) in a study of valerian for sleep disturbance in healthy older adults. This two-year $250,000 study is funded by the NIH.

David Goodlett, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, has received two NIH grants, one for $782,000 to study “Touretter Transform-Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spec” and another in the amount of $151,600 for a “Protonic Study of DNA Bound Androgen Receptor Complex.”

Mary Hebert, associate professor of pharmacy, and her team have received a $2.8M grant for the UW Obstetric-Fetal Pharmacology Research Unit of study of drugs effect the pregnant body. Details online at http://depts.washington.edu/pha.

Tom McPharin, pharmacist, HMC Pharmacy Services, received this year’s Wayne A. Krodan Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award.

Allan Rettie, professor of medicinal chemistry, has received an NIH grant to study “Pharmacogenomics of ADRs: Warfarin.”

Steve Riddle, medication utilization and quality improvement lead for Harborview Medical Center’s Ambulatory Pharmacy, has received the WSPAs Elian Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award for his work on the Preferred Drug Formulary at Harborview, and with pharmacy residents to educate pharmacists around the state on implementation of the Medicaid Preferred Drug List.

Ken Thummel, associate dean for research and new initiatives, has received a four-year NIH grant totalling almost 1.8M to study “Pharmacogenomics of ADRs: Calcium Inhibitor Toxicity.”

New UW President Visits School of Pharmacy

(from left) Carron Huntton, ’04, Rhia Coquig, ’05, John Pedley-Breussel, ’05, Jill Bevans, ’05, Collin Conroy, ’05, Ronda Machen, ’06, and Miss Schwindelkamp, ’05, with President Emmert (far right)

Dean Nelson, and School faculty and students welcomed new President Mark Emmert to the School of Pharmacy in August. President Emmert remarked to Dean Nelson on the ‘esprit de corps’ of the School of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students. He was impressed with the caliber of our research and innovative practice programs, and with the excellence of the students with whom he met.

Residency Programs Move Forward

The affiliated UW School of Pharmacy (UW SOP) and International Community Health Services (ICHS) Practice Residency Program received accreditation status from American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) in April 2004. ASHP surveys conducted site visits at the clinic and the School in Nov. 2003 and granted accreditation status to the program retroactive to Jan. 2003.

Practitioners who graduated from the program include Ikuko Tsuchiya and Bessie Chi, ’03. The current resident, Yan Chung, Pharm.D, is a graduate from the Virginia Commonwealth University College of Pharmacy. Kara Yukumoto Chao, ’00, is one of the site preceptors and pharmacy lecturer, Annie Lam, ’97, is program director.

The School’s Pharmacy Practice Residency Program in Community and Ambulatory Care (PPRPCA) received a provisional accreditation status recommendation from the site visit team representing ASHP and American Pharmacist’s Association (APhA). The three members who visited PPRPCAs three pharmacy and clinic facilities in late June. The three sites are Kelley-Ross Pharmacy in Seattle, Valley View Clinical Pharmacists at the Providence- Everett Medi- al Clinic in Monroe, and Moses Lake Professional Pharmacy in Moses Lake. During the tour, the team met with current residents and the residency preceptors at each site as well as with residency administrators from the School. Residency preceptors include John Othebro and Ryan Othebro, ’03, at Kelley-Ross, Khang Ngo, ’03, and Steve Erickson, ’72, at Valley View, and Michelle Gaster Lawhorn and Shaw Needham, ’94, in Moses Lake. The ASHP-APhA Commission on Credentialing will determine the program’s final accreditation status next March.

The residency program has trained six residents since its creation in 1999. New residents for the 2004-05 cycle are Katy Hale, ’04, at Valley View and Hidet Duz at Kelley-Ross. Director of the program is pharmacy lecturer, Dana Hammer, Ph.D.
Scholarships: A Huge Impact

The School is very proud of its family of alumni and friends, not only for the outstanding contributions they have made to scientific and practice communities, but also for the devotion they have to the generations of gradu- ates who have and will continue to join the successful and influential family of Husky pharmacists.

I wouldn’t be where I am today if it were not for generous support of alumni, states L.D. Crecken, ’85, PharmD candidate and current APHA-ASP Speaker of the House.

Collin Conway

Conway, a rising star and recipient of a variety of alumni-supported scholarships, explains that students become involved in extracurricular activities because they want to make a difference. Scholarship support not only enables students to pursue their passions, but also validates their goals to build upon their education. “Scholarships help assure that the pharmacists of tomor- row are going to do more than just practice pharmacy,” states Conway. “They will push for the betterment of the profession as well.”

There are many examples of alumni impacting pharmacy students and the profession through scholarship sup- port.

The L.D. Bracken and Jim Bracken Endowed Scholarship was created in 1956 in honor of L.D. (L.D.) Bracken, ’13; by Mrs. L.D. Bracken and their son, Jim L. Bracken, ’45. Both L.D. and Jim were entrepreneurs and believed in the importance of a pharmacy profession. The Bracken Scholarship supports students in need who have demonstrated professional excellence.

One such student is Jonathan Ward, ’05. He and his wife, Catherine Ward, ’05, started the Pharm.D program together in 2001. As a student couple, they rely on school loans and part-time jobs. The Bracken Scholarship enabled Jonathan to work less and spend more time pursuing his pa- thology, diabetes, through extracurricular research projects, continuing education courses and most recently, as co-director of Operation Diabetes-304 May, 2004.

The recipient of the project of APHA which works to educate pharmacy students and the community about diabetes. Scholarship funds have also enabled Jonathan to use his time to gain invaluable experience as well as give back to the community. “We [students] are very appreciative of the continuing support of alumni,” states Jonathan, who enjoyed the opportu- nity to meet Mrs. Bracken and her son, L.D., at last year’s Dean’s Club recep- tion.

Jonathan Ward

Other scholarships created by alumni include the Benson Endowed Scholarship, George, ’47, and Evelyn Bension, ’50, are School of Pharmacy alumni who have displayed a lifelong commitment to community pharmacy and supporting pharmacy students. The scholarship is awarded to exem- plary students to help them attain their goals of becoming pharmacists. The Leo A. Kushner Endowment was created in memory of Leo A. Kushner, ’40, by Leo’s son, Steve Kushner, ’74. This scholarship provides support according to the dean’s priorities with emphasis on students with families. The Olsinski-Beiers Endowed Fund was inspired by the Olsinski’s, ’60, belief that the talented leaders are the cornerstone of the pharmacy profession. The Muriel C. Vincent Endowed Scholarship was established by Muriel Vincent, Ph.D, ’58, who taught pharmacy for many years at North Dakota State. As an educator, Dr. Vincent observed that sometimes the most promising students are those who demonstrate strength of character and engage in pursuits and interests outside of aca- demia. For that reason, the Vincent Scholarship was awarded to qualified stu- dents who have demonstrated a strong character as well as financial need.

The Lynn R. Brady Endowed Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Lynn Brady, who started his career as a pharmacist at the University of Washington in 1959 before becoming a full professor in 1966. He served as director of the Medicinal Herb Garden, chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and, at the time of his death, was associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs. The purpose of the fund, which was established by Dr. Brady’s wife, Geraldine A. Brady, is to reward and support academically talented students in the School of Pharmacy.

Some scholarships have arisen from sad circumstances where two talented people’s dreams are curtailed by unfortunate events, but are given a new breath of life in future graduates. The Joan Douget Endowed Scholarship was established in memory of Joan Larson Douget, ’94, who, upon her death in April 2000, requested that a scholar- ship be established in her name to support students in need of finan- cial assistance, particularly students with health issues, disabled or children. Honoring Joan’s request, Tim Douget, Joan’s husband, and the Larson family have created an end- ed scholarship in her name cre- ating a permanent legacy for Joan and linking future students to the Douget family and Joan’s commitment to the field of pharmacy.

Nicole Miller

Nicole, a mother of two (Kathryn, 6, and Aidan, 3), started in pharmacy as a technician. She fell in love with the profession and was encouraged to purs- ue it as a career. Shortly after starting the Pharm.D program, her husband, Christopher, a topological analyst in the Army, was ordered to Germany. While he spends the next two years stationed abroad, Nicole will keep the family and her studies going at home. Scholarship funds have enabled Nicole to forego a full time job and continue to work towards her dream of becom- ing a nuclear pharmacist while raising her children in her husband’s absence. Nicole and her husband greatly ap- preciate the much needed support this scholarship has provided their family.

Joan and her family have not only helped to support Nicole and her family during a challenging time, but have inspired them to continue the tradition of helping those in need. “I was inspired by Joan’s determina- tion to work for her education even through her illness,” explains Nicole. “Scholarships helped Joan get through school, and she wanted to give back. They have greatly helped my husband and me, and we want to do the same.”

Like Joan, Hope Barnes, ’93, lives on through the support of those who are able to carry out the goals and dreams she had as a pharmacy stu- dent. The Hope Barnes Endowed Scholarship was created in memory of Hope Barnes, a graduate student in medicinal chem- istry, who was killed in a mountain climbing accident just weeks before she was to defend her Ph.D thesis. In addition to being an outstanding scholar and an ardent supporter of women in science, she was an accom- plished skier, climber and competitive rower. The Fellowship, awarded each year, aims to recognize outstanding female graduate students in medicinal chemistry and to promote academic ideals.

Scholarship funds are not solely created by alumni but also repre- sent the generosity of former faculty and friends of the School. The Milo Gibaldi Endowed Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Gibaldi, who served as dean of the School of Pharmacy from 1978 to 1994. The Human Foundation Scholarship Fund provides financial support to promising pharmacy students interested in a community pharmacy career. Mrs. human was active in the retail and wholesale drug business in Seattle and was the treasurer of the Washington State Pharmacists Association.

The scholarship fund with possibly the farthest reaching effects, the Louis and Gertrude Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship, supports nearly 40 students per year. Louis Rubenstein, a prominent Seattle pharmacist, will his estate to the School of Pharmacy to ease the financial burden for promis- ing pharmacy students.

The benefits of scholarships reach far beyond the scholarship recipient. The generosity of our alumni not only enhances the recipient’s aca- demic experience, but as in the case of Collin, Jonathan, and Nicole, enables the recipient to positively impact and engage their peers to advance the pharmacists profession. As in any strong family, experienced members act as mentors, supporters, and inspiration. The accomplishments made possible by this leadership are a tribute not only to the rising stars, but those who help them along the way.

Associate Dean Nanci Murphy Thanks Class of 2004

The Class of 2004 raised scholar- ship funds totaling over $1500 in honor of associate dean Nanci Murphy. Dean Murphy sends this thank you: “I was so humbled to be an Honoree at the Graduate Recognition Ceremony when the class gift was an- nounced. Thank you for this wonderful tribute about the work that you are helping our current students with this scholarship support. Many of you may know that I was a practitioner for over 10 years before I began working at the UW. I loved being a pharmacist and am so proud to be entering her name in a career that offers so much personal fulfillment in helping others. Thank you again for your kind words and thanks also to the past classes (1999, 2000, 2003) for honoring both my mother and me by creating and donating to these scholarships.”

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