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## Motoko Kanke, Pioneer in Japanese Pharmacy Education, Retires



Motoko Kanke, seated left, celebrates her retirement with PAA President Suzanne Lee, Dean Sid Nelson, and students, during a dinner feast at the 2nd International Conference on Pharmacy Education in Toyko, Japan.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Suzanne Lee

Dear Alumni,

These past two years have passed so quickly. I have greatly enjoyed serving as your PAA president. It has been a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues. I also appreciate the great deal I have been able to learn through my interactions with UW SOP students, faculty and staff at the many PAA activities to include Homecoming, Class Reunions, Katterman Lecture and Thank-a-Thon. It has been a very fulfilling and fun two years.

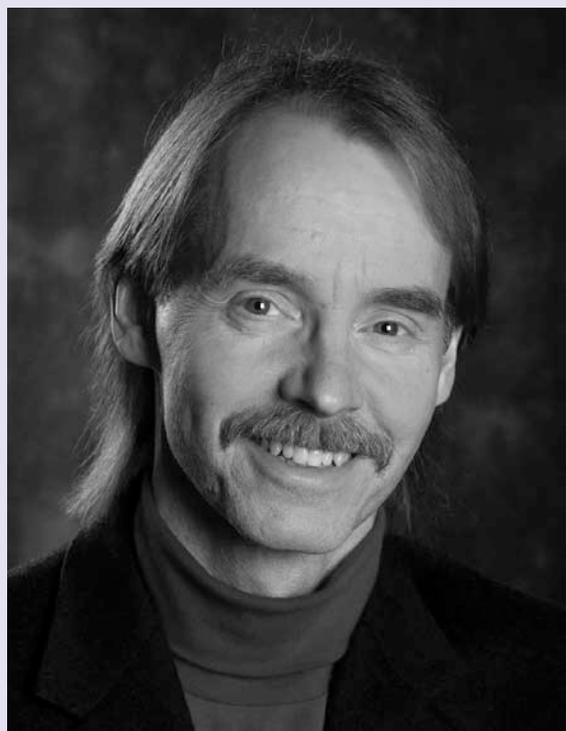
It is sad for me to say good-bye as your president, but I look forward to continuing to serve on the PAA Board as past-president and then as a member. I am, however, very excited to have a wonderful, kind and dynamic successor. **Ben Michaels, '97**, a clinical pharmacist at St. Francis, has been a fantastic addition to the Board this past year as president-elect. Ben is engaging, thoughtful and creative; he brings great energy, ideas and a strong commitment to the well being of the School and our pharmacy alumni association. I am confident that Ben will prove a superb leader as we move into 2008.

In addition to my role as PAA president, I have also been able to make contributions as a preceptor. I have greatly enjoyed this opportunity to "give back" to the School by serving as a mentor. It has been very satisfying to know how much the students need and appreciate the support preceptors provide, and the ability we, as preceptors, have to help students get through the demanding pharmacy school years. Many of our students must learn how to juggle school, friends, family, and often jobs and other responsibilities, while working hard to learn all they can to become excellent pharmacy professionals. Although my contribution to the PAA Board is entering its final year, I am happy to know I can continue in my role as a preceptor and stay well connected to the School, students and alumni in this way. I encourage those of you looking to reconnect to consider either serving on the PAA Board or as a preceptor, or both, as I have found each enjoyable and very rewarding.

In closing I would like to again welcome Ben Michaels as our new PAA president, say good-bye and a big thank you to my good friend, **Georgia Gianacos Steenis, '00**, whose place I will now take as past-president, and finally, to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a role I have greatly enjoyed.

Suzanne Lee, '01  
PAA President

## Doug Black Named UW Outstanding Teacher of the Year



**Doug Black '81, PharmD '83**, associate professor of pharmacy, received one of five coveted UW-wide Outstanding Teacher Awards for 2007. This award is a great honor as the competition is tough among the 3000 plus faculty at UW's main campus. Doug's exceptional teaching skills, mentorship and care of students has influenced and inspired both his students and his peers.

Ironically, Doug Black had not intended on a career in education. He had planned to be a specialty pharmacist. He earned his bachelor's degree from the UW SOP in 1981, and his PharmD in 1983. From 1983 to 1989, he was a clinical staff pharmacist in oncology at UW Medical Center, working on medications for cancer patients. It was during this time he also began teaching a pharmacology class for nursing students at Seattle Pacific University, a move that led to his unexpected journey into academia.

During his career as an educator, Black has both given and gained a great deal. "Some of my first students taught me one of the most important things I've learned about teaching, which is that it's critical to understand your audience," said Black.

In general, Black thinks beginning instructors, perhaps especially in the sciences, can focus too much on the specifics of the material they are teaching and on their own presentation, rather than on the audience they are hoping to educate.

"Communication really is a two-way street," he says. "One needs to pay attention to the other direction: Are the students engaged? Are they bored? Are they confused?"

One specific way to do this is to learn to read faces and pay attention to what they are telling you, he suggests. "I've certainly given some presentations that didn't go over very well. But at least I know when I'm bombing. Sometimes it's better to just end a class and try again the next day."

Black teaches a range of courses to include the core curriculum class, Pharmacy 560, a "Therapeutics" course for third-year students and a class in medications for master's-level nursing students. He also gives several guest lectures each quarter on treatment for infectious diseases, focusing on antibiotics. He has taught numerous elective courses in pharmacy and a class for physician assistant students in the MEDEX Northwest program.

Black is also a preceptor for PharmD residents and students at the infectious disease service at the UW Medical Center, where his team usually follows 10 to 15 patients a day, focusing mostly on optimal antibiotic dosing.

"I try to be sure the residents and students don't lose sight of the patient when they are considering the medications," says Black. "It can be easy to come up with a 'perfect' set of prescriptions, but what if the patient isn't able to take them or tolerate the side effects?"

In addition to his students, Black credits Dr. Joanne Mortimer, a physician with whom he worked in oncology, as someone who greatly influenced his teaching style and served as a role model for him early on.

"She was really a great teacher," he said. "She was approachable, non-threatening, patient, open to 'dumb' questions, and didn't make anyone feel stupid." (*Mortimer is now at the University of California, San Diego, as deputy director of its Cancer Center.*)

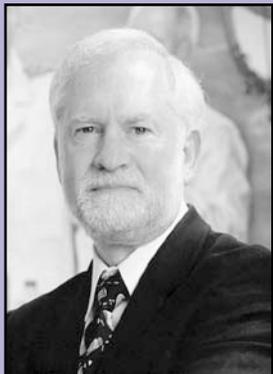
Black must make his mentor proud as he has been chosen repeatedly to receive the Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching award, given by graduating pharmacy students, and is well-regarded in all areas of his profession. One of the pharmacy residents who worked with him on the infectious disease service wrote in an evaluation: "Doug has been a wonderful preceptor. I enjoyed meeting with him every morning to discuss infectious disease topics as well as other pharmacy and non-pharmacy-related issues. He is always available for questions and concerns, in and outside of scheduled meetings."

On weekends, Black is often found in the mountains, hiking and climbing, but just before exams he usually stays in town to be available by email. Although he says he is not a particularly social person, Black enjoys the give-and-take with students and his role in their development as professionals.

He is the faculty advisor for the Rho Chi Honor Society and he never misses a graduation ceremony.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Message from the Dean



Dean Nelson  
Photo by Dan Lamont

“It was with great pleasure that I presided over the 112th graduate recognition ceremony, held this past June. My sincerest congratulations to the 95 PharmD, 1 MS, and 10 PhD students who were recognized for their many achievements. Special thanks to James Mensik for his Commencement Address on behalf of the Class of '07. I am confident that members of this class will distinguish themselves in the future as they become practicing profession-

als, researchers and academicians. Of the graduating PharmD class, approximately 23% entered residency programs across the nation, 50% began practice in retail pharmacies, 23% in hospital/ambulatory care/long-term care settings, and the remaining 4% are pursuing other avenues, including one student who entered medical school and one who entered the Indian Health Service. Of the MS and PhD students, seven are working as research scientists in the pharmaceutical industry and four are in academic positions.

In my address to the students, I highlighted the life of Marie Curie, who was not a pharmacist, though her work did lay the foundations for the life-saving fields of radiopharmacy and radiation oncology. One reason that her life is meaningful to our students is that she had to overcome major financial and societal hurdles to achieve her success. Born to a poor family in Poland in 1867, she did very well in school, but had to work as a governess for 8 years after graduating from high school before she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Sorbonne in Paris. She was the first woman to receive a degree in

physics with highest honors, and went on with her husband, Pierre, to win a Nobel Prize in that field in 1903 for their work in radiation physics. She also was the only woman to be awarded a second Nobel Prize in 1911 in Chemistry for her discoveries of polonium and radium. This was accomplished while she was a mother of two, and without her husband Pierre, who died in an accident in 1906. Thus, one important lesson for all of us is that we can achieve our goals despite many obstacles, if we persist and are diligent.

A second lesson to take away from the life of Marie Curie is to have high ethical and moral standards. Madame Curie, unfortunately did not and was almost not awarded her second Nobel Prize because she had an affair with one of her married graduate students. The scandal that followed, in part, led to Marie's poor health the remaining 20 years of her life. Radiation poisoning from continuous exposure to radium, polonium and uranium eventually led to her death from leukemia. Therein lies another lesson for us as pharmacists and scientists, “DON'T LICK THE SPATULA.”

A final important take-home message for me, as a Dean, from the life of Marie Curie was her willingness to give back to those who supported her. A few years after completing her studies at the Sorbonne, she marched into the offices of the foundation that had provided her scholarship and repaid the funds that had been given to her. She felt that her life had been so enriched by the scholarship, that she now wanted to help others. I hope that you recent graduates, along with our other alumni, feel that we have added value to your lives as well, and are willing to give something back to the School and to others who have supported your education and training.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sid".

## UW SOP Commences Search for New Dean

As many of you have heard, Sid Nelson, who took leadership of the School of Pharmacy in 1995, and became chair of the Health Science Board of Deans in 2001, and who is now the longest serving dean at the UW, will step down from his position in June 2008. He will remain with the School as a full-time professor in medicinal chemistry. All good things must come to an end and, though we don't like to talk about it,

the School must now look for a new dean. The office of the Provost has established an Advisory Search Committee made up of carefully chosen members of the School of Pharmacy, our Corporate Advisory Board and Campaign Volunteer Committee, and executive administrative staff and faculty from Schools within the Health Sciences and other UW departments to take on this very important task. The committee will be chaired by

Nancy F. Woods, dean of the School of Nursing. Should you have questions, ideas for potential candidates, concerns or comments for the search committee, please contact search committee staff person, Susan McCrary at 206-543-2664 or email [smccrary@u.washington.edu](mailto:smccrary@u.washington.edu).

## New PharmD/PhD Concurrent Degree Program

The University of Washington School of Pharmacy has recently introduced an accelerated PharmD/PhD program. This concurrent degree program is intended for outstanding students who are committed to earning a PharmD and a PhD degree in either pharmaceuticals or medicinal chemistry. Graduates of this program will possess the breadth and depth of knowledge necessary to work with colleagues across multiple disciplines essential to performing integrated and translational medical and pharmaceutical research.

"We (UW SOP) are very excited about this new program," says Dr. Rodney Ho, associate dean of Research and New Initiatives and chair of the PharmD/PhD program committee.

"This rigorous new dual-degree will provide leading candidates a complete education in pharmacy as well as equip them with the necessary skills in teaching and research needed for success careers in academia."

Candidates accepted into this program will be able to complete both

the PharmD and PhD degrees in seven years instead of the typical nine, thereby decreasing overall tuition costs and the financial burden faced by students interested in becoming a pharmacy educator.

Dr. Ho and the School of Pharmacy hope that our UW SOP community of alumni and friends will help support this new program through generous contributions to the PharmD/PhD scholarship fund. It is with your help that we will best be able to train the next generation of exceptional pharmacy educators.

Consideration for the PharmD/PhD program is contingent upon the acceptance of candidates to both the PharmD program and the Graduate School program in either pharmaceuticals or medicinal chemistry. For more information on the PharmD/PhD concurrent dual-degree program, please go to: <http://www.pharmacy.washington.edu/students/pharmdphd.pdf>.

*For more information on the PharmD/PhD scholarship fund, please contact Claire Forster, director of development at 206-616-3217 or [clbrown@u.washington.edu](mailto:clbrown@u.washington.edu).*

## GERIATRIC PROGRAM NEWS

A new elective course in geriatrics was unveiled earlier this year. The course, Early Experiential Geriatric Pharmacy Practicum (Pharm 595) was created for students just completing their 2nd year and moving toward their 3rd year. The course, supported by faculty members Joy Plein, Nanci Murphy, Susan Lakey, and Ray Steiner, was conducted at the Hearthstone practice site March 26 - May 31, 2007. Instructors were pleased to learn the class received an average high value rating of 4.81 (out of a scale of 1 - 5 with 5 being optimal) by the 20 students that participated in the program.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Tom Baillie** (former medicinal chemistry professor), **Sid Nelson** and **Allan Rettie** all had articles named most-cited papers in *Chemical Research in Toxicology (CRT)* for 2005 (results just posted), articles ranked #11, #15, and #20, respectfully. Also, Rettie's warfarin article was ranked #10 out of the top 20 most-cited papers in *CRT* from 1988-2006.

**Doug Black** was named UW Outstanding Teacher of the Year (see article page 3.)

**Michaelene (Micki) Kedzierski** was one of nine Health Sciences faculty members to complete the year-long Faculty Scholars in Integrative Health Program, sponsored by Bastyr University and the UW Schools of Medicine and Nursing. Micki's project for the program was titled "Complementary and Alternative Medicine: What You

Need to Know to Choose a Practitioner - A Guide for Health Care Providers and Patients."

**Nanci Murphy** led a session at the AACP annual meeting in Orlando this past July entitled "Students as Agents of Change: Active Learning Strategies Promoting Public and Personal Health and also facilitated a roundtable discussion: "Developing Student Leaders: Best Methods and Practices."

**Sid Nelson** will be stepping down as Dean in June of 2008. He will remain a full-time professor in medicinal chemistry (See article page 4.)

**Ken Thummel** and **Jash Unadkat** were invited to give presentations at the Fourth World Absorption Conference held this past June in Kanazawa, Japan.

**Jash Unadkat** has received a 3-year

\$398,176.00 grant from the American Health Assistance Foundation for his research on P-glycoprotein and Alzheimer's Disease.



**Teresa (McMahon) Volpone** (clinical faculty working at Virginia Mason Medical Center) was selected as National Diabetes Educator of the Year. She is the first pharmacist ever to receive this award.

## New CE Program Offered in the Amazon!



*The Explorama Jungle Lodge offers a unique learning environment within the heart of the Amazon.*

UW Continuing Pharmacy Education is jointly sponsoring, with the UW School of Medicine Office of Continuing Education and UW School of Nursing Office of Continuing Education, the Amazon Healthcare Expedition: Pharmacy from the Rainforest, Global Perspectives in Health Care Conference, March 1-9, 2008, at the Explorama Lodge in Peru.

Set in one of the most biologically rich and environmentally important regions on Earth, the Amazon Healthcare Expedition Conference will enable participants to learn the links between the natural environ-

ment and global health patterns and practice. Participants will begin the conference by examining the medicinal and nutritional properties of plants found in the rainforest and how they benefit the prevention and treatment of disease. The discussion will advance to the role of practicing cross-cultural medicine in resource-limited settings and how culture and environment affect disease contraction and patterns. The worldwide epidemic of malnutrition and obesity will begin to tie how environmental, geopolitical and cultural issues influence specific global health care problems. A lecture on the effects of climate change on global disease

patterns will further illustrate the challenges facing health care professionals. A panel discussion linking what participants learn in the Amazon to practice-based application will conclude the program. In addition to structured continuing education activities, participants will also have the opportunity to tour the jungle floor, walk among the canopy top and learn about the life, biodiversity and people of the Amazon through other enriched activities.

University of Washington distinguished faculty members Lingtak-Neander Chan, PharmD, BCNSP (School of Pharmacy); John Potter, MD, PhD (School of Public Health & Community Medicine and Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center), and Jonathan Mayer, PhD (College of Arts and Sciences, School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Community Medicine), will present. Also, presenting will be ethno-botanist Jim Duke, PhD, and Dr. Linnea Smith, MD, a Wisconsin physician who gave up her U.S. practice to start the Yanamono Medical Clinic in the Peruvian Amazon.

*For more information, please contact the CE office at [www.uwcpce.org](http://www.uwcpce.org) or call (206) 685-8091.*

## New Development Team Member and Interim PAA Director



In April, Amy Dickau joined the School of Pharmacy as the assistant director of development. Amy is a UW graduate in cellular and molecular biology and most recently was a pharmaceutical representative for five years in the Pacific Northwest. As an alumni/donor herself, Amy believes in continuing the expansion of education at the UW and we believe she will help us reach our goals for the School of Pharmacy.

As of September, Amy has also taken over as the interim PAA director, while Beth Fenkner goes part-time until January 2008. Amy will be managing all PAA membership and activities to include Homecoming, Reunions, Thank-a-thon and the Katterman Lecture through the start of the new year.

If you are interested in learning more about joining the Dean's Club, supporting student scholarships and other giving options, or have questions about PAA membership or activities please contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu).

Submissions to *DangScripts* or other information regarding School communication and news can still be sent to Beth Fenkner at [rxalumni@u.washington.edu](mailto:rxalumni@u.washington.edu).



*Motoko Kanke, second from left, is honored by Kyoritsu University friends, colleagues and students as well as Suzanne Lee and Dean Sid Nelson for her contributions to pharmacy education at a retirement dinner in her honor held during the 2nd International Conference on Pharmacy Education.*

The 2nd International Conference on Pharmacy Education was held March 24-25 at Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy in Tokyo, Japan. UW SOP dean Sid Nelson and PAA president Suzanne Lee made a special trip to attend the event that also included a special evening ceremony to honor the retirement of their good friend, Motoko Kanke. As mentioned in previous *DawgScripts*, Motoko was a pioneer in her field, not only was she one of the first female pharmacy professors in Japan, she was instrumental in establishing the PharmD program in the country. It is for this accomplishment, in addition to her tireless efforts to continue to improve pharmacy education and the experience of her students, that Motoko was honored.

Both Dr. Nelson and Suzanne Lee participated in the annual conference. Dr. Nelson was invited to give a general presentation on dual degree programs such as the PharmD/MBA, PharmD/PA and PharmD/PhD (*learn about our new joint PharmD/PhD program on page 5*). Suzanne spoke about our preceptor program and the value it adds to both pharmacy students and professional pharmacists who volunteer their time as preceptors. The conference closed with a formal ceremony hosted by Kyoritsu University to honor Motoko. Dr. Nelson

presented a plaque to Motoko from UW SOP to honor and thank her for her achievements in pharmacy education.

Dr. Nelson and Suzanne Lee then joined Motoko, her colleague, Tomoko Yazaki, and others, including many of Motoko's students, at a retreat in Hakone, near Mount Fuji to relax and further celebrate Motoko and Yazaki's retirement. Yazaki has been working behind the scenes as Motoko's right-hand person and has been very instrumental in helping to execute much of Motoko's work over the years. The group left Tokyo and stopped in O-waku Dani (dani means valley), where they were treated to eggs boiled in sulfur water, a process that turns the eggs black. Lee did not partake in the tasting, however, Dean Nelson did and as a result it is believed he will live an additional seven years per egg eaten. The fog and rain of the day were quickly forgotten as the travelers basked in the prospect of extended longevity. The group stopped again for a fish lunch in a village famous for wood products, then one more time at an art museum before arriving at their destination of Hakone. In Hakone, they stayed at Gyokushoen, a beautiful traditional inn along the ocean that boasted a spectacular view, futons

and tatami floors.

The evening included a huge dinner of fresh, delicious sashimi, beer, wine, and exotic teas. Students put together games and a show to entertain everyone. As the party closed, all went to the hot springs under a moonlit sky to relax before bedtime. The next day began with a traditional breakfast of dried fish, barbecued on tiny charcoal grill, soft rice, miso soup and salted vegetables. The group then headed to Odawara castle, built during shogun time, for a striking view over the valley. They then continued on to Kamakura, where the biggest and tallest Buddha statue resides, then Yokohama for dinner, before returning by train to Tokyo. The trip was a generous gift from Motoko to those celebrating her retirement.

Motoko has become professor emeritus at Kyoritsu University, which will soon merge with Keio University (one of the biggest universities in Tokyo). She will be greatly missed by her many students who look up to her as a leader and a role model.

Though retired, Motoko will continue to make her mark in pharmacy education. She has moved to Thailand where she hopes to build an exchange program between UW SOP and Khon Khen University (KKU), similar to the one already established between UW SOP and Kyoritsu University. Already this year, there will be a student from UW SOP who will complete his oncology rotation at KKU. Dean Nelson will be working with Motoko to establish this ongoing exchange program agreement with KKU, as UW SOP hopes to extend foreign exchange programs with other Asian countries so as to further provide our students the unique and enriching opportunity of experiencing both the pharmacy practices and cultures of other countries.

So, although, Motoko Kanke is retired, this is likely not the last we have heard of her as she will continue to be an important and influential force in pharmacy education for our students as well as those abroad.

## Dean's Club Night at the Mariners



*Ray Wilson '69, and his wife, Cherie Wright-Wilson enjoy catching up with Pam Holzemer (far right) at the Dean's Club 2007 Night at the Mariners.*



*Gary Harris '72, Mary Morrissey, and Joy Plein '51, PhD '57, share some fun while watching the Mariners score against the Oakland A's.*

Friday, July 27 proved a beautiful evening at Safeco Field. Close to 40 Dean's Club members were in attendance to witness and enjoy a Mariners victory. (This was one of the first times the Mariners were able to pull through for our Dean's Club event. It was a wonderful surprise!)

The Mariners outscored the Oakland A's 7 to 1 by the fourth inning and had no problems holding the lead to the finale. Dean Nelson also had a successful night sharing the many student and faculty accomplishments over the past year and welcoming new Dean's Club member and recent graduate, **Kathleen Porter, '03**.

The evening was also a special opportunity for Dean Nelson to thank the School's loyal Dean's Club members for "stepping up to the plate" by supporting student scholarships, endowed professorships, and the innovative programs at the School. Go Mariners!

*To learn more about the Dean's Club or to become a member, please contact Amy Dickau, assistant director of development, at [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu).*

## Young Alumni Dean's Club Provides New Opportunity for Recent Graduates

The School has created a unique opportunity for recent graduates to have an immediate impact on their alma mater. The Young Alumni Dean's Club (YADC) is open to all alumni who have graduated in the past five years (2003 to 2007), and provides a special opportunity to take part in the School's Dean's Club at a reduced level of \$250 per year pledged over two-years. Following this special membership, YADC members will be invited to join the Dean's Club at the regular level of \$500 or more in annual gifts to the School.

By becoming a member of the Young Alumni Dean's Club, recent graduates will join an ever growing group of alumni who understand the value of continued financial support for the School. YADC members will be invited to participate in events normally reserved for our Dean's Club members, such as "Dean's Club Night at

the Mariners" and other special events throughout the year. Gifts can be allocated to any School of Pharmacy fund(s), including scholarships, endowments, and general funds to strengthen each department or program within the School of Pharmacy.

The School of Pharmacy is proud to have the highest percentage of alumni giving back to their school or college on campus (30%), and with the help of recent graduates, we hope to increase this number even further. Alumni support is evident in the number of innovative programs that have been established and sustained, such as the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (POR-PP) and the Institute for Innovative Pharmacy Practice (I2P2). Our alumni have also provided significant support for endowments like the Doug Black Endowed Scholarship Award, the Class

of 1969 Endowed Scholarship Fund, and the Milo Gibaldi Endowed Chair, which is the first endowed chair for the School. Lastly, alumni have made an impact on the lives of students each year by offering scholarship funds to help offset the cost of tuition. Hopefully, our recent graduates will make an impact on our School by giving to endowment and scholarship funds, as well as individual departments and programs that will continue to raise the UW to the top as a nationally rated School of Pharmacy.

*Recent graduates can join the YADC and take advantage of this opportunity by visiting the School's website at [www.pharmacy.washington.edu/support/deansclub/youngalums.html](http://www.pharmacy.washington.edu/support/deansclub/youngalums.html) or by contacting Amy Dickau at [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu) or 206-221-2465.*

## STUDENT NEWS

### PHARMD STUDENTS

**Angela Hitt '08**, in collaboration with WSPA, offered a tobacco cessation certification program to over 80 students in May. This program consisted of both didactic and practical training for students to not only better enable them to counsel patients, but also implement similar programs at their practice sites.

**Michelle Akcar '09**, and Nanci Murphy were selected as a student-faculty team for the 2007 American Association Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)-WalMart Scholars Program (a competitive national program open to students and pharmacy residents) Michelle also presented a poster at the AACP annual meeting in Orlando.

**Adele Robbins '09**, was one of the lead authors in an article published in the *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry* titled, "Electrostatic Potential as a Measure of Gas Phase Carbo-

cation Stability" based on research she completed prior to entering the School of Pharmacy.

**Linsey Fu '09**, was awarded an NCPA Partners in Pharmacy Scholarship.

**Jean Dinh '09**, and **Jenn Knutson '10**, completed the Multidisciplinary Pre-doctoral Clinical Research Training Program this summer.

**Nissa Abbasi-Shaffer '09**, **Mariska Audriani '10**, **Megan Buchanan '10**, and **Jenn Knutson '10**, were selected by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) to present their research at the October Annual Meeting in Denver.

**Marlo Murray '10**, **Ellen Smith '10**, and **Janelle Wilde '10**, made up one of three teams in the country selected as finalists for the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Pruitt-Schutte Business Plan competition. The final judging will be held

at the NCPA annual convention in Anaheim, Calif. on October 13.

**Emily Schulze '09**, was awarded an NCPA Presidential Scholarship.

Students participating in this year's annual Border-to-Border relay raised over \$9,000 for the fight against cancer.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Chris Endres**, a graduate student in the department of pharmaceuticals, was appointed to the PPDM Executive Committee of the AAPS.

**D. Eldon Spackman**, a PhD student in the department of pharmacy, was one of six graduate students, one from each UW health sciences school, to have been named as Magnuson Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year. Each of the students will receive approximately \$25,000 to support graduate studies and research.

## Pharmacy Students Tackle Hypertension

There will be more to do than just cheer on the Seahawks at this year's home games. UW SOP students will be at Qwest Field in full force as part of a program called "Tackling Hypertension" headed up by pharmacy faculty, Don Downing. UW SOP student volunteers will be performing

free blood pressure screening before each game. It is estimated that 17,000 people will attend the pre-game events where the screening will be held. Hopefully, the screening will help calm some of our more excitable fans!

The School would like to thank event sponsors Costco and Novartis for their support. To learn more about the "Tackling Hypertension" event, please contact Don Downing at [dondown@u.washington.edu](mailto:dondown@u.washington.edu).

## MEMORIAM

**Stephen Mark Thorsen, '86**, passed away peacefully at his home in Mukilteo, Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the age of 51. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer three months earlier. Steve graduated from North Kitsap High School in 1973 and served as a dental hygienist in the Army for two years at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. before attending the University of Washington, where he worked in the periodontal clinic, while earning

his BS in pharmacy. Steve worked in pharmacy, then changed careers and took a job with Verizon in the sales department where he worked until his death.

Steve had a fun loving spirit, enjoyed organizing events and trips, had a phenomenal memory of trivia, and was a religious man. He was also a Seahawk season ticket holder and attended Super Bowl XL in Detroit in February 2006 with his son, Bjorn.

Steve is survived by his wife of 25 years, Brenda (Duncan) Thorsen, two teenage children, Bjorn, who attends the University of Virginia and Karin, a junior at Kamiak High School; his mother, Shirly Thorsen; brothers, Erik (Archie), Paul (Donna), and David (Sheri); and sister, Patricia (Richard) Foss, all of Poulsbo, WA. Steve requested donations be made to a benevolent fund for his children, Bjorn and Karin Thorsen, at Washington Mutual Bank.

## CLASS NOTES

**Nancy Nelson Horst '62**, is working part-time at Providence Everett Medical Center where she received an award for 45 years of service in July and she remains active in Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS). Nancy's husband, **Gene Horst, '62**, passed away in 1993. Their three daughters all live in the greater Seattle area, all work in health care, and each have a daughter. There's another baby girl expected in November. Nancy does a lot of babysitting! She also enjoys traveling in the U.S. and Europe. She went to France (Nice and Paris) in May and will go to Croatia and Slovenia next September.

**Ralph Alexander '62**, owned a pharmacy for 20 years on "pill hill" (Seattle) before becoming a staff pharmacist for Longs Drug for 11 years. During the interim he worked at various pharmacies, all of which have closed. "Employment is difficult when you are known by reputation as 'The Closer,'" quips Alexander.

**George Lund '62**, is retired at the age of 76. He worked for the U.S. Navy as an assistant pharmacist at the Long Beach, California Naval Hospital, from where he retired at 65 in 1996. He then worked for seven years for Rite Aid in Aberdeen Wash. where he still works once in awhile, usually on Saturdays. George also had a store in Port Townsend, Wash. for 5 years. He enjoys going to Palm Springs, Calif. in the fall and spring, where he had a condo for 10 years, but is now retired at his home in Aberdeen, Wash. where he is involved with the Hoquiam Senior Citizen Center and lunches with his friends and colleagues there daily.

**Dick Karpen '67**, retired in June 1999. Dick is busy with Lopez Island Hospice and Home Support and other volunteer work which he finds fun and rewarding.

**Donna Miles '67**, works at Pike Market Medical Clinic in Seattle and loves every minute of it!

**Gerald Padgett '67**, had a pharmacy in Bothell for 35 years which he sold so that he could retire in July 2004. He now helps his son who has two wineries in Zillah, Wash. and a tasting room in Leavenworth, so he has gone from a pharmacist to wine expert. He and his wife have eight grandchildren and another on the way. They are enjoying retirement and make time for

various international trips.

**Tim Fuller '69**, is getting used to living in Olympia after 35 years in Seattle. He is eagerly awaiting the arrival of his third grandchild.

**L. Douglas Ried, PhD '72**, was recently installed as the president-elect of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research of the American Pharmacists Association and named as the Brodie Scholar-in-Residence of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) where he will be working with colleges of pharmacy throughout the nation in testing an internet-based advanced pharmacy practice experience assessment and evaluation tool.

**Susan Rannie Lippincott '72**, is working as a staff pharmacist for Walgreen's in Roswell, New Mexico (alien central). She and her husband, Dennis, also spend time volunteering time at a retirement home in Pattaya, Thailand. They have two "kids" a boxer dog, Baby Jane, and a black cat, Tiki.

**Janice Kirby '77**, and her husband had a wonderful experience in Italy's Lake District with UW Alumni Tours and are already planning next year's travel destination...Greece, Turkey, or maybe Italy again! Their son graduated UW Business School MPA (taxation) and their daughter is a junior at the UW majoring in history and plans to get a masters in teaching. "So with one done, and one more to go, I'm gearing down for retirement," says Janice.

**Linda Rupnick '77**, retired in June 2006 and has been traveling extensively, mostly to tropical beaches. Last year she and her husband Charles made it to Hawaii twice, the US Gulf Coast four times, and traveled much of Costa Rica. They plan to take their sail boat through the Panama Canal in a few years when Charles retires his patent law practice.

**Pam (Reynolds) Seymour '77**, is serving as the assistant director of Pharmacy at the UA Puget Sound Health Care System where she has worked for 24 years. She and husband, **Jim Seymour, '66**, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Pam has two step-daughters, two sons, and four grandchildren (with one more on the way).

**Connie Shafer '77**, has, after 30 years in pharmacy, returned to Kelley Ross & Associates, where she was given her first internship position during pharmacy school. She is employed full time at their Caeon Center location and loves it. Connie also enjoys golf, knitting and reading. She participated in her first half-marathon in Tacoma on Mother's Day where she was cheered on by two of her children, including her youngest who just graduated from Portland State. "It was quite a thrill to even go the distance, now it's off to the gym to become stronger for next year! I'm back to jogging Green Lake...much easier!" says Connie. She and her husband, **Rod Shafer, '77**, who returned with the travel bug, after last year's trip to Italy, hope to continue to travel more in the future.

**Nancy Chang '92**, currently works at Auburn Regional Medical Center as the director of pharmacy. She has two children, Adam (6) and Daniel (2). Nancy has worked in various management positions within the hospital setting since graduation. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her kids and family.

**Linda (Kvare) Story '92**, started working for Bartell's as a staff pharmacist in 1994. Her husband Richard (Dick) passed away in 1997. Linda began law school at SU in 1998, but quit in 1999 to travel to Italy. She was promoted to pharmacy manager the same year. Linda made additional trips to France, Spain and Australia over the next couple years, before meeting her husband David Story whom she married in 2003. Their son Spencer was born in 2004. She has returned to countries visited over the past few years, and still works for Bartells at the Jefferson Square store. She and her family live in West Seattle and she remains an active member of Lambda Kappa Sigma.

**Glen Adams '97**, married **Cheryl Boston '99**, nine years ago. They have two daughters, Kiley Claire (4) and Audrey Reanne (7 mos.). Glen is the director of pharmacy for Wenatchee Valley Medical Center (a physician owned medical group). The family lives in Cashmere, Wash.

## CLASS NOTES CONTINUED ...

**Charles Carlson '97** and his wife, Pura, bought Chinook Pharmacy & Variety in Forks, Wash. on January 1, 2007. The store, established in 1979 by Stan and Linda Peterson, is a family run business that provides services to the west end of the Olympic Peninsula. If you find yourself at 11 S. Forks Ave (at the traffic light on Hwy 101), stop by and say hello!

**Staci (Davison) Dallaire '97**, External **PharmD '98**, worked as a surgical pharmacist at VA PSHCS Seattle division from 1997 to 2004. She married Dan Dallaire in August 1998. Their daughter Maggie was born in August 2002, son Andre in May 2004 and daughter Kate in May of 2006. The family moved to Biddeford, Maine in August of 2004 where Staci now works at Southern Maine Medical Center, a small community hospital,

where she is a clinical pharmacist specializing in "jack of all trades."

**Dana Hurley '97**, married Matt Thomlinson on February 10, 2007. The couple lives in Laurelhurst.

**Terry Lerma, '00** just bought a home in Vancouver, Wash. Terry is still working in Portland and waiting for the right DOP opportunity.

**Halli Waldbaum '02**, and her husband, Brett, live in Sammamish with their daughter, Julia (2). Halli works part-time at the nearby Bartell's Drugs.

**Brian Winther '02**, started working at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center upon graduation. He helped to develop their NICU and helped with changing over to the Cerner Millennium Pharmacy order entry system. He and his wife welcomed a son in May 2003. In April 2005, Brian moved to Primary

Children's Medical Center to be the lead pharmacist of their level IIIC NBICU. In October 2006, he sat for and passed his Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy.

**Sean Sauter '05**, and his wife Amy have a new baby girl, Savannah Jane, born on June 17, 2007 in St. Louis Park, MN. She weighed 6lbs, 8oz and was 19.5in long. Sean manages a Rainbow Pharmacy and Amy is a registered dietician at Park Nicollet Clinic in the Twin Cities.

### What's new with you?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 27

#### Class of 1972 35-year Reunion

Join us Friday evening for dinner at Buca Di Beppo at 7 pm. Price is \$27 per person and includes food (appetizer, dinner and dessert), tax and tip. You must RSVP with payment to Pam Firth by October 19. Guests are welcome. For more information contact Donna Dockter at [dmdockter@aol.com](mailto:dmdockter@aol.com), Pam Firth at [pr2issy@aol.com](mailto:pr2issy@aol.com) or George Doty at [dotyga@aol.com](mailto:dotyga@aol.com).

### OCTOBER 27

#### Homecoming Game and PAA Brunch

Join your fellow alumni at 10:30 am for brunch, camaraderie and memories as we celebrate Homecoming 2007. Tickets are also available for those wishing to continue the festivities by cheering on the Huskies as they compete against the Arizona Wildcats. Kickoff is at 12:30 pm (please check schedule as time can change last minute.) Contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu) for more information.

### OCTOBER 27

#### Reunion Celebrations

Class of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002 will be celebrated along with the Class of 1972 at this year's Homecoming Brunch. Please join us at the I-Court Rotunda at 10:30 am to reconnect and catch up with Husky friends and colleagues. The Class of 1987 and 2002 are currently organizing an additional event. Please contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu) for more information.

### NOVEMBER 2-4

#### APhA-ASP Mid-Year Regional Meeting

This year's meeting, hosted by UW SOP, will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Seattle. Contact MRM coordinator Patrick Gillard at [gillardp@u.washington.edu](mailto:gillardp@u.washington.edu) for more information.

### NOVEMBER 3

#### Special Event for Spokane Alumni

Dean Sid Nelson will be hosting a dinner for Spokane area alumni at the Steam Plant Grill on Saturday, November 3. Contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu) for more information.

### NOVEMBER 8

#### Special Event for South Sound Alumni

Dean Sid Nelson will be hosting a special event at the Tacoma Art Museum on Thursday, November 8, for alumni in the South Sound area. Contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or [adickau@u.washington.edu](mailto:adickau@u.washington.edu) for more information.

### Calling All Rho Chi Alumni

The UW SOP Rho Chapter of Rho Chi is compiling an alumni directory. If you'd like to be a part of this directory, please email your name, year of initiation into Rho Chi, and contact (email, address, phone) information to Linsey Fu at [jfu3@u.washington.edu](mailto:jfu3@u.washington.edu).

Our Rho Chapter graciously accepts donations to support activities. Please contact Linsey Fu at the above email should you wish to make a donation.

## New Pharmacy Residents



The School of Pharmacy is proud to welcome the 2007-2008 Pharmacy residents (*from left to right*) **Li Li, Meredith Bates Dandridge**, and **Monica Serrano**, to Seattle. Meredith and Monica are residents in the Community and Ambulatory Pharmacy Residency Program and are working at Valley View Clinical Pharmacists in Monroe. Li Li is working at

International Community Health Services, located in Seattle's International District, as part of the International Community Health Services Residency Program.

*For more information about both residency programs, please contact Annie Lam, residency director, at (206) 543-2579 or [aylam@u.washington.edu](mailto:aylam@u.washington.edu)*

## Milo Gibaldi Endowed Chair Fund Update



*Dean Emeritus Milo Gibaldi, PhD  
1938-2006*

Great news – only \$60,000 is needed to reach our \$1 Million goal to establish the Milo Gibaldi Endowed Chair Fund!

Dr. Gibaldi's vision was to establish the first endowed chair in the School of Pharmacy, and while unable to realize his goal during his lifetime, the School would like to make his vision a reality. The endowed chair will support faculty research in pharmaceuticals, with a component to provide scholarships for students. Moreover, it will serve as a permanent tribute to Dr. Gibaldi's decades of dedicated teaching and research at the School of Pharmacy.

Join us as we continue to build this wonderful fund in recognition of Dr. Gibaldi – an exceptional scholar and individual. With your help, we can finally make Dr. Gibaldi's wish a reality.

*For more information or to make your gift to the Gibaldi Fund, please contact Claire Forster, director of development, at [clbrown@u.washington.edu](mailto:clbrown@u.washington.edu) or (206)616-3217.*

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