There is a now a new and easier way to find UW Continuing Pharmacy Education on the web.

ALSO...

“New Perspectives in the Management of Acid-Related Disorders: The Latest Advancements in PPI Therapy” Drs. John Horn, UW; Evelyn Hermes-DeSantis, Rutgers University; and Ralph Small, Medical College of Virginia. This December 2004 live conference is being repurposed as an online self-study via WebMD Medscape and will be available mid-2005.

For more information on these events and others please visit the PAA Events Calendar online at http://depts.washington.edu/rxalumni/events.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 9-12
WSPTri-State Conference and PAA Annual Meeting
The conference is scheduled for June 9-12 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Please join PAA for its annual members meeting during the UW Alumni Reception on Saturday June 11 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. For more information visit www.wsparx.org

JUNE 10
Graduate Recognition Ceremony
The School of Pharmacy Graduate Recognition Ceremony will be held Friday, June 10, at 4 p.m. in Meany Hall
(please note the earlier starting time)

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SUMMER/FALL DATES TBD
Class Reunions
Did you graduate in 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960 or 1955? If so, it’s a reunion year! Please contact the PAA office at 206-543-2483 if you are interested in participating in or helping to plan your class reunion!

OCTOBER 2
2nd Annual Fall Geriatric Conference
On Oct. 2 Pharmacy Continuing Education will present “Update on Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.” For more information visit www.uwcpe.org.

NOVEMBER 5
Homecoming
Join us as we catch up with old friends, meet new colleagues and cheer on the Huskies! The Homecoming Committee is currently recruiting alumni volunteers. Please call the PAA office at 206-543-3485 to learn more.

SUPPORT DAWGSCRIPTS
Pharmacy Alumni Association dues pay for this publication. It accounts for 50% of the PAA budget. Yearly dues are $45 ($35 for those over 65 years). To join the PAA simply make your check payable to PAA, and send it to UW PAA, School of Pharmacy, Health Sciences Center, Box 357631, Seattle, WA 98195-7631. Thank you for your support!

Thank you Donna!

In January of this year Donna Dockter completed a chapter of her life as editor of the Dawgscripts newsletter in order to pursue other personal and professional activities – she has many. The School of Pharmacy, faculty, staff, students and alumni are immensely grateful for all the time, energy, wit and consideration Donna has provided in her role of editor and would like to thank her for her leadership in developing our alumni/school newsletter over the past 18 years. This issue is dedicated to Donna and opens with an article about Donna, her devotion to Dawgscripts, the School, the pharmacy community and the people it serves. It is written by one of the many people Donna has touched and inspired PAA president-elect Suzanne Lee.

I first met Donna Dockter, ’72 in 1988 during my winter quarter clerkship at View Ridge Pharmacy. Donna and her business partner, Holly Whitcomb Henry, had just opened the facility about a year earlier. I was struck immediately by the pioneering character of the two women. At a time when most retail pharmacies focused primarily on dispensing prescriptions, Donna and Holly were already catering to patients and the community by placing a large focus on patient satisfaction and education. In addition to dispensing prescriptions, I was given the opportunity to participate in patient education, counseling, and community services such as health fairs, patient blood pressure monitoring, glucose monitoring, and cholesterol monitoring. In 1988, that was very innovative. Donna’s nature inspired me. She was always bubbly, enthusiastic and very involved with the profession. Under Donna’s mentorship I learned how, as a pharmacist, I could get involved and play an important role in the community, and...
E. Roy Hammarland, ’44, Ph.D., ’52 passed away peacefully April 30 at UW Medical Center after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week. He was 82. Roy was born in Seattle and graduated from Roosevelt H.S. in 1940. Raised in a family of pharmacists and pharmacy teachers, he had a flat tire. Why does it always happen when you are dressed up and have to be somewhere in an impossible amount of time? It’s happened to all of us. We have somewhere to be and there’s an unexpected bump in the road, something stopping us from reaching our goal.

Unfortunately, bumps do not disappear upon graduation, but pop through out our professional lives, be it lack of opportunity, support, collaboration, communication or sometimes just bad luck as with my tire. PAA participates, and in many cases, funds student activities and scholarships to help future pharmacists. I know many of us have given or received support from each other through advice, networking, opportunities and other information as we’ve developed through our careers. PAA members represent a large and active part of the pharmacy family.

Your PAA membership helps our UW pharmacist community strong and able to support alumni and continuing education events, our website, networking and other opportunities that help all of us keep in touch with each other, get past the bumps, and reach our goals.

Sometimes all we need is a little help patching the hole in our tires and we are on our way again. PAA is your resource for such support within the pharmacy profession.

Georgia Gianacca Steens ’00 PAA President

Mellanie Cohen gradu-ated with her Pharm.D in 2003 and then completed a residency at Highland Hospital, where she is cur-rently employed. During her education, Melanie was the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) liaison. Melanie now serves as a clinical instructor for the UW. She and her husband live in the Greenlake area and enjoy hiking and traveling.

IN MEMORIAM

Roy is survived by his sons Jeff, Mark, and John, his sister Jean Home, ’49, as well as six grandchildren. Contributions in Roy’s memory may be made to the Selkirk Conservation Alliance (SCA), an environmental organization protecting the Priest Lake area, where Roy’s ashes will be scattered by a friend of his during a family ceremony.

Harry is survived unexpectedly while vacationing with friends in Queretaro, Mexico at the age of 60 (who preceded him in death 17 months ago), were devoted parents, Harry and Sandra Caroline-Wirth of Fall City. He was preceded in death by his husband, eldest son, Gene Carpine, and grand-daughter, Candice June. Obituaries may be made in memory of this year), enjoyed over 50 years of marriage, living first in Burien, then moved to Ballard, where he graduated from Ballard High School and first met Zelka Wurth, his wife of 60 years (who preceded him in death in 2001). Harry served as a combat medic in WWII before entering the UW School of Pharmacy. He was a pharmacist for over 40 years, first owning Beach Pharmacy in Ballard then moving his practice, by invitation from the administrator of Foss Home and Village, which he had managed for many years.

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On March 19, ex-UW football great and motivational speaker Tom Flick presented strategies for personal and professional improvement and growth to a crowd of 70 local pharmacists and alums.

Megan (Macedo) Hinsc, ’90, married Michael Hinsc in May 2004. She is still working at KTA Puanikao Pharmacy in Hilo, Hawai'i. Her husband is a paramedic and county firefighter.

Mark Mercado, ’90, married Renee Wasserman on Jan. 1, 2005. He and his wife reside in Cedar Park, Texas.

Clement Chung, ’91, married Emily, half Sister of nine years, in June 2004. He lives in Chicago.

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Michael Dutton, ’84, has left Omnitrac, Inc. and is now employed by Premera Blue Cross as their operations manager-pharmacy. After completing his MBA at the UW, he went back to school to become accredited in the Six Sigma improvement methodology.

Michael Nelson, ’93, and his wife, Lor, moved to North Carolina to be near her family and to help start a new pharmacy school.

David Ludwig, ’77, is the creator and organizer of a new event to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS) known as The Vertical Challenge. The first ever ACS Vertical Challenge was held at Washington’s White Pass ski resort and raised over $60,000. Proceeds go towards ACS programs for cancer research, patient care, and education.

Paul Breen, ’41, has retired from pharmacy and is focusing on supporting his six grandchildren through college.

Lara was one of only five students in the country to receive this recognition.

The annual APhA meeting was held in Orlando April 1-5. Over 50 UWSOP students attended the event along with several faculty members. Among them was Collin Conway, ’05, APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, who presided over the House of Delegates and has served over the past year as a national officer. In addition to faculty members, Downing (see above) many of our students received recognition for their achievements and are listed below.

The the first year that every chapter in the country was represented in this competition.

Ronda Machen, ’96 was awarded the Samuel H. Klahn APhA Foundation/APHA Auxiliary Pharmacy Student Scholarship for her leadership in chapter organization and improving outcomes for patients.

The UW School of Pharmacy is very proud of Don Downing’s achievements and encourages all to see them recognized by APhA-APPP.
Call for Plein Proposals

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2005 Plein Grant awards. All UW School of Pharmacy alumni, faculty, clinical and affiliate faculty, and students are encouraged to apply.

One to three grants are funded annually by the M. Plein Endowed Research Fund in Pharmacy, established in 1995 to honor Professor Plein, who served the School from 1938 until his death in 1994. The Plein Fund encourages, promotes, and supports research and innovative practice in pharmacy. Proposals are accepted in all areas of pharmacy research, but are not limited to research projects related to: geriatric pharmacy, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacoeconomics, and drug utilization; demonstration projects; evaluation of innovative practice models; scholarly publications; books, or book chapters; travel and expenses related for presentation for research or results of demonstration projects. Awards range from $500 to $5,000.

Proposals must be submitted by July 1, 2005, for consideration. Awards will be announced by Aug. 1, and funding will be available on Sept. 1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the award, projects are expected to be completed in one year.

For more information, please contact Eric Irvin, manager of business operations, School of Pharmacy, at 206-685-8091 or by email at erivinj@u.washington.edu.
**McCallums Plan for the Future**

Malcolm McCallum, ’63 and his wife, Diane, have a strong desire to give back to the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and to help ensure that students today and in the future have the same opportunities that they did. “We've seen what our educations have done for us and our children, and we want to do this for others," explains Malcolm.

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Malcolm grew up in Bellingham and transferred from Western Washington to the UW in 1959. He graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1963 and began his career as a pharmacist. In 1969, he made a career change and went to work in pharmaceutical sales for Eli Lilly. Diane graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1964 and became a teacher. They have three children, all of whom went to excellent schools and are now living in Washington state. Malcolm and Diane both retired recently but are quite busy with volunteer work, continuing education, travel and the occasional golf tournament.

Both feel blessed to have received wonderful educations. Together they have a desire to give back to the community that supports them and to help ensure that students today and in the future have the same opportunities that they did. “We've seen what our educations have done for us and our children, and we want to do this for others," explains Malcolm.

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Malcolm and Diane’s dedication to education and the School of Pharmacy led to their decision to ensure that the School would continue to receive their support even after they pass away. To do so, they have generously included a gift to the School in their wills, as well as gifts to the other organizations that they feel deeply committed to — their church and Diane’s alma mater, PLU. “We didn’t want to just walk away from these causes when we passed," noted Malcolm. By leaving a gift to the School of Pharmacy, Diane and Malcolm have ensured that the legacy of support will continue to brighten futures for generations to come.

For information on how you can establish your legacy at the School of Pharmacy, please contact the Office of Golf Planning at 206-683-3501 or 1-800-284-3679, or e-mail us at golfplan@uwpharmacy.washington.edu.
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I observed Donna at her pharmacy and was impressed by the way she cares for her patients (usually children). For these youngsters she has a whole new source of inspiration. The US Department of Energy (DOE) provides Daggett the use of 2 million processors through the IBM supercomputer housed at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing (NERSC) Center in Berkeley, California, to further her studies in protein folding with the aim of deciphering genetic information.

Daggett’s research focuses on realistic molecular modeling studies relating to protein stability, folding and unfolding. She and her team of researchers use computer simulation methods to study the approximately 1,130 known, non-redundant protein folds. Up until this point, her team has been able to simulate about 30 of these folds. The supercomputer, which contains over 65,000 processors, will enable her and her team to take their studies to a new level. By running the hundreds of thousands of calculations simultaneously, Daggett’s team will be able to simulate an order of magnitude more than has ever been attempted before.

State Board Interpretation on Verification of Prescriptions in Schedules I through V

The Washington State Board of Pharmacy reconsidered the process by which pharmacies would verify electronic prescriptions in Schedules III through V that are electronically created and transmitted to pharmacies. DEA regulation states that these types of electronically transmitted prescriptions are subject to the same requirements as other prescriptions, i.e. it is the pharmacist’s responsibility to ensure their validity. The Board originally interpreted this so that the pharmacist had to call the prescriber’s officer to confirm each order.

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PORPP News

Daggett Wins $2 Million INCITE Award

Valerie Daggett, professor of medicinal chemistry at UW School of Pharmacy, has received one of three Innovative and Novel Computational Impact on Theory and Experiment (INCITE) awards for her research in “Molecular Dynamics.” This award, given by the Department of Energy (DOE), provides Daggett the use of 2 million processors through the IBM supercomputer housed at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing (NERSC) Center in Berkeley, California, to further her studies in protein folding with the aim of deciphering genetic information.

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Message from the Dean

My sincerest thanks to all of you who continue to support our University of Washington School of Pharmacy with your precious time, energy, and funds. There is no doubt in my mind that without this support our School would not be a recognized leader in pharmacy education, research, and service.

Those of you who read the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings of graduate and professional programs may have been disappointed, at I was, that our School was only ranked 14th out of 101 pharmacy colleges and schools. Disappointed because, again this year, we were 81 in research funding per faculty member (fourth in total funding) and our students again had the second highest pass rate on the national NPAXL board exams, with passing scores far above the national average. Disappointed because you, our alumni, have worked with our pharmacy practice faculty to be innovators in developing the first free care pharmacy programs worldwide in pharmacist-administered immunizations and emergency contraception, programs for which our School, Don Downing, received national recognition (article on page 3). Disappointed because our students continue to win national recognition as leaders, receiving awards such as the National Pharmacy Leadership Scholarship and the APhA-ASP Speaker of the House.

However, I pointed out in a previous column on our third-place ranking in the Princeton Review Graduate Report, differences among top schools and colleges of pharmacy are often very small. Moreover, the U.S. News and World Report rankings of pharmacy programs are not based on benchmark data, as are rankings of the other disciplines that use data collected and validated by the National Research Council (NRC). The NRC will not collect data from our pharmacy programs because there are not enough of them to make it worth their time and effort. Thus, what appears in the U.S. News and World Report rankings is more a popularity poll generated by deans and associates deans of our programs.

No matter what the rankings, with our ongoing support and collaboration we will continue to be leaders in pharmacy education, research, and service, and continue to partner with others in health care to promote the health and well-being of all people.