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FAMILY TIES

Few families are as closely tied to the School of Pharmacy as the Heberts. 2003 was a special year, as **John Hebert Sr., '53**, and **John Hebert Jr., '78**, celebrated major reunion milestones.

John Sr. is the owner and founder of Manhattan Pharmacy, established in 1958. For many years, John was involved in the training of University of Washington pharmacy students, although his relationship with the School was not made formal until 1988, when he was appointed as a clinical instructor.

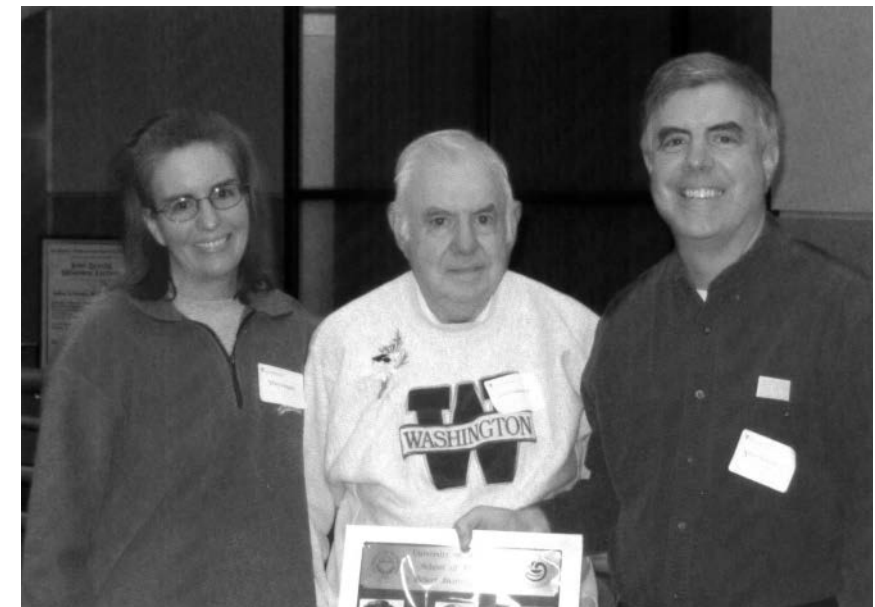
John Jr. currently oversees operations at Manhattan Pharmacy. He was appointed to the clinical faculty in the School of Pharmacy in 1989. Currently he is a clinical associate professor in the School and is involved in teaching in the Pharmacy Practice Lab (Pharm 334) for

our first-year students, as well as precepting students at Manhattan Pharmacy. John's wife Kathy also graduated from the School, in 1977.

John Sr.'s daughter, **Mary Hebert**, did her pharmacy training at the University of California, San Francisco, and joined our faculty at the University of Washington in 1996. She started working in her father's drugstore at the age of 10 and originally planned to join her father and brother at Manhattan

Pharmacy, but during her training discovered an interest in research. Mary is currently an associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy. She teaches in the third-year therapeutics series and precepts the fourth-year students in the liver transplant clinic.

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Mary Hebert, John Hebert Sr., and John Hebert Jr.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Georgia Gianacos Steenis

Professional Pride for the New Year

Happy New Year from the Pharmacy Alumni Association! The PAA is planning some big changes for the New Year, and we hope you will join us for our 2004 activities and events.

First off, let me introduce myself. Some of you remember me as Georgia Gianacos, but I was married in July and have a new name now -- Georgia Gianacos Steenis. I am looking forward to serving as your Pharmacy Alumni Association president. I am the pharmacy director at Fircrest School, a residential rehabilitation center for 250 adults with developmental disabilities. I enjoy canoeing, making animal balloons and am active in the Greek community. Every spring I co- MC the UPPOW auction with Doug Black. Every summer I volunteer for a week as a counselor at Camp Agape, a family camp for kids with cancer.

I'd like to thank outgoing president Jeff Rochon for all his diligent work on behalf of this Association—work that isn't ending just because his term is up! Last year the board decided that the PAA's bylaws and board structure were overdue for a revision, and Jeff volunteered to take on this project. His goals are to bring the bylaws in line with the current activities and mission of the PAA and to encourage board participation by clarifying the meeting schedule and the role of board members. We're glad that Jeff is willing and able to take on this task

in addition to his already busy schedule and new baby!

As we start the New Year, I'd like you to remember the phrase "pride in the profession." Pride is something that we feel and experience. We experience pride in the everyday things, in simple things. The simple smile someone gives us after we have been able to help him or her. We experience pride when we make a recommendation that helps a patient. When we explain something to a patient or caregiver that enables them to understand and take an active role in their health care. We are proud when students choose to do internships or rotations at our work places. We are proud when people commend our profession. We are proud to be part of a profession that cares for patients and for each other.

We are a strong family of pharmacists, and as a family we support one another. The PAA is our door to this strong family. Part of experiencing pride in our profession is giving back to the profession. On February 3 and 4, the annual Phonathon will be taking place. The Phonathon raises money for student scholarships and activities. When your phone rings on Feb. 3 or 4, we encourage you to take a few minutes to talk to one of your classmates or a current student and make a pledge.

We're working on putting together an exciting program for Katterman this year—watch the School website, and look for more details in your mailbox in a month or so.

If you have any questions or input for the PAA, please don't hesitate to contact the alumni office at rxalumni@u.washington.edu or 206-543-3485.

CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORIAM

Wray M. Caldwell, '40, died June 8 of natural causes. Following service in the U.S. Army Medical Corp in Europe in World War II, he owned and operated Suburban Drug Comapny in the South Seattle area and then Caldwell's Drugs in Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Elaine. Wray is survived by three children, their spouses and eight grandchildren.

Therese Bonck, '76, died on June 17, 2003 after a valiant battle against breast cancer.

Friends of Pharmacy

Mollie Hammarlund, wife of Roy Hammarlund, passed away peacefully Nov. 20 after a prolonged illness.

Claire Hennem, wife of Lars Hennem, '43, died Nov. 2. She will be remembered by many for her years of work with the WSPA Auxiliary.

CLASS NOTES

Donald Rose, '47, says, "Dean Forest Goodrich helped me in many ways. I can never thank his memory enough." Arthur Sorenson, '48, is retired from Parke-Davis. He has a very active retired life and is a member of the "Royal Rosarians," of Portland, Ore., who serve as goodwill ambassadors and greeters for the city.

Zeta Swerin, '48, reports that they have incorporated their ranch, Valley Hi Ranch LLC. They have 28 horses boarded there now, which keeps them busy. Her two daughters run the labor for the ranch as she has retired from that, too—but she watches everyone else work!

Thomas Thompson, '49, is doing well down in sunny San Diego. The oldest of his six children is a periodontist in Mt Vernon who donates one day a month to the School of Dentistry to help with perio and implant instruction.

Bennett Anderson, '56, retired on Jan. 10 after 47 years as a pharmacist.

David Altaras, '57, has three sons, all

on the Eastside, and nine grandchildren. He is still golfing twice a week, skiing Jan. and Feb. at Crystal Mountain, and going to Palm Springs in March for relaxation and more golf. "Great life!" Gerald Padgett, '67, has been in Bothell for 35 years and is looking for a buyer for Padgett Pharmacy. "It's time to retire."

Patricia Peterson, '71, was recently appointed chief medical officer at St. John Medical Center in Longview. She continues to work about 70% in private practice (internal medicine) and 30% as CMO.

John Berg, '72, is still at Bartell's in West Seattle.

Kenneth Larson, '75, says that "the Class of '75 needs to get together at the 2004 Husky Homecoming by crutch, wheelchair, or perambulation!"

Fanny Wang, '75, reports that the Virginia Mason Medical Center staff is working toward implementing a computerized provider order entry system in its inpatient pharmacy. Also, she attended the 2003 California Health System Pharmacists Seminar and found it very motivating.

Janet (TJ) Tjarnberg, '76, climbed Mt. Adams on Aug 9. "I was by far the oldest in our group of 5 (my two nephews ages add up to my age), but I was the second to summit! The best part is coming down—you sit down and slide! It's the most fun you can have by yourself!"

Fred Segó, '82, recently moved to Poulsbo with his wife of two years, Angela, and their four children. Their newest addition, Benjamin, is 9 months old and walking! He and Angela are expecting another child in early June, and daughters Natalie (13), Maddison (11), and Rachel (6) can't wait to have another baby to help take care of.

They home school all the children, which gives them a lot of flexibility when it comes to those winter ski trips!

Sallie Hartnett, '89, reports that "the Air Force has moved us to Iceland. It's a beautiful country and we are enjoying our time here."

Michael Lafferty, '95, reports that his family was blessed with a new addition,

Ryan Patrick Lafferty, on April 9, 2003. Michael and Tammy already have two children, Tristian, 12, and Micaela, 8. Both are very excited about the new addition, and he has been a wonderful surprise for everyone.

Paul Holm, '96, and his family moved to Juneau, where he manages the Fred Meyer pharmacy. He reports that Juneau is a beautiful place, surrounded by mountains, ice, and water, accessible only by plane or boat. They spend a lot of time boating, fishing, hunting, and hiking, because there isn't anything else to do! But it's a wonderful place to raise children, and it might be hard to return to Seattle someday.

Cindy (Darby) Parks, '96, lives in Hermiston, Ore. with her husband Craig and 5-year-old daughter Pepper, where they farm 1000 acres of alfalfa, wheat, watermelons, and potatoes. She is employed as a staff pharmacist at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton and is a member of the Oregon team of National Medical Disaster Systems. She recently returned from her third medical mission in Leon, Haiti.

Jeff Rochon, '99, and his wife Kirsti proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth on November 28. "Ellie' is perfect...at least I think," Jeff commented.

Kenneth Martin, '99, taught pharmacology this summer to pharmacy technician students at Edmonds Community College. He found it challenging but rewarding and plans to teach again in the spring. He is also involved in a job shadowing program with local high school students. Most importantly, he became a father in November.

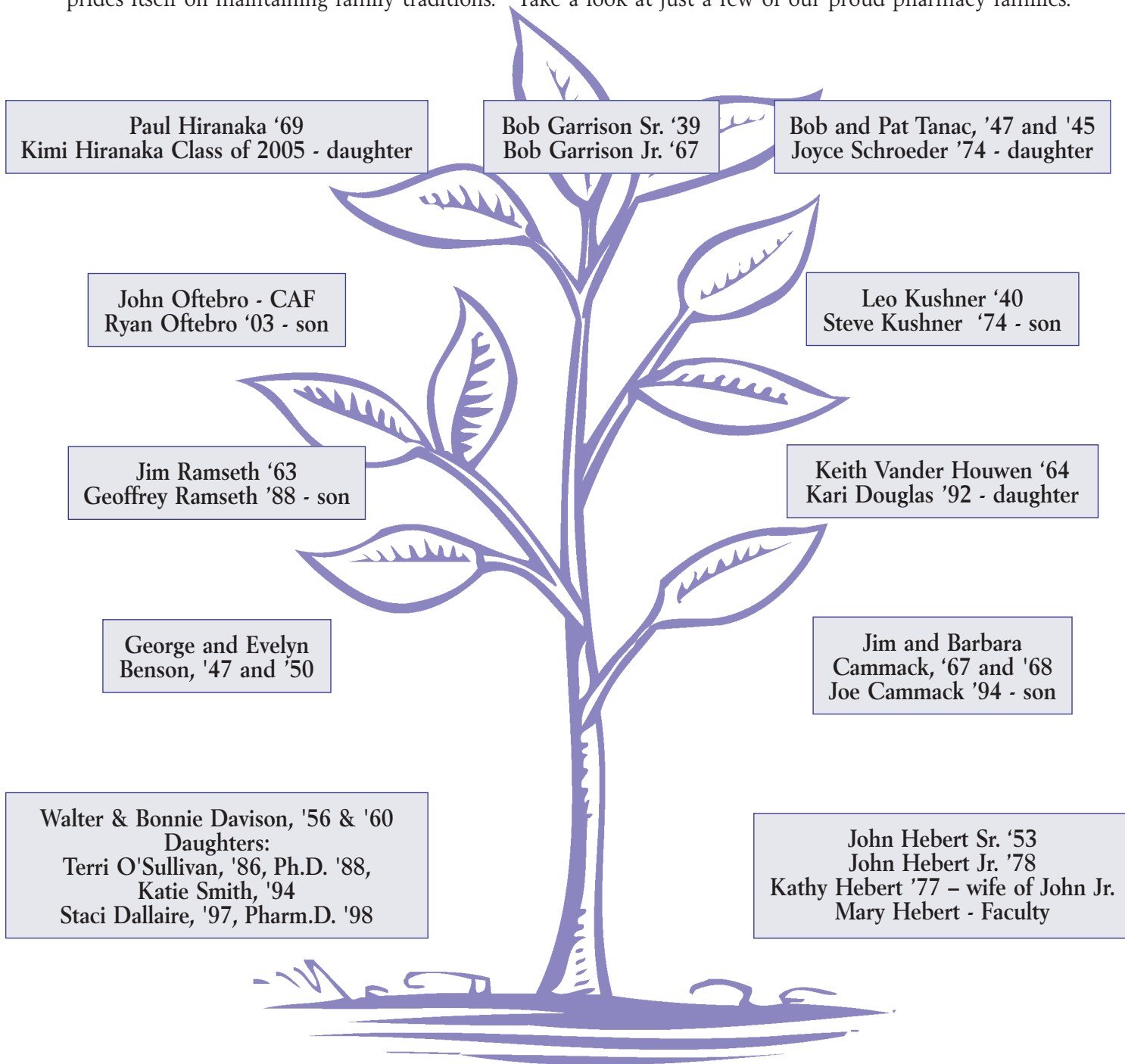
Rick Daubert, '02, and his partner, Jan, are adopting a baby girl named Trisha who turned one year old in November. They also bought a house last year.

Terry Richardson, '02, recently moved to California with her husband, who started a business in the wine industry. They enjoy Northern California and all it has to offer. She has a new job as a project manager in drug use management for Kaiser Permanente Northern California.

All In the Family

"As Dean, I have had many opportunities to meet with alumni and I am struck that so many tell me that SOP is like an extended family to them. That is something truly unique to our School."
-Dean Nelson

Mary Hebert started her pharmacy career at the age of ten (see front page article), while working in her father's drugstore. Mary comes from a family of pharmacists and she is in good company when it comes to the School of Pharmacy. SOP boasts an impressive legacy of families in the pharmacy profession, and the School prides itself on maintaining family traditions. Take a look at just a few of our proud pharmacy families.



Many of you have been influenced to join the pharmacy profession because of a family member. Send us your story for a future issue at rxalumni@u.washington.edu

Wittkowsky Named 2003 Distinguished Alumnus



Dean Nelson presents the Distinguished Alumnus award to Ann Wittkowsky

Ann K. Wittkowsky, Pharm.D. '88, is the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Ann received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Michigan in 1983 and then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Harborview Medical Center while she worked toward her Pharm.D. at the UW.

Dr. Wittkowsky is director of anticoagulation services at the UW Medical Center and clinical professor of pharmacy for the School, teaching in cardiovascular and antithrombotic pharmacotherapy for graduate students. She has been a member of the curriculum planning, Pharm.D transition, and practicum development committees, course coordinator for graduate seminars, and a preceptor to graduate and undergraduate students participating in clinical rotations in inpatient cardiology and ambulatory anticoagulation clinics.

Dr. Wittkowsky is internationally recognized as an expert in antithrombotic pharmacotherapy. She

is the author of nearly 100 research publications, review articles, book chapters and abstracts and is co-editor of the primary text used by anticoagulation practitioners. She serves on the board of directors of the National Anticoagulation Forum, on the editorial board of the Journal of Thrombosis and Thrombolysis, on the steering committee of the National Anticoagulation Benchmarking and Outcomes Report, and as preceptor for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation's Anticoagulation Service Traineeship.

Dr. Wittkowsky has given hundreds of presentations to pharmacists and other health care professionals across the US and Canada, and at several international meetings. She has served as a reviewer for the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council, as a preceptor for the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacists Visiting Scientist Program, as a reviewer for numerous scien-

tific journals, as chairman of the annual Pharmacy Invitational Conference on Antithrombotic Therapy, and as director of the Northwest Anticoagulation Consortium. She is also a member of the national advisory faculties for anticoagulation management training programs at the University of Alberta and the University of Southern Illinois.

Dr. Wittkowsky is an active mem-

ber of both ASHP and the American College of Clinical Pharmacists (ACCP), and will represent ACCP as a presenter at the European Congress of Clinical Pharmacy in April 2004 in Paris. She and other colleagues at the UW School of Pharmacy were recently honored by the ASHP Research and Education Foundation as winners of the 2003 Drug Therapy Research Award for their paper titled "Association between CYP2C9 genetic variants and anticoagulation-related outcomes during warfarin therapy."

Ann is a native of North Tonawanda, NY, between Buffalo and Niagara Falls on the Niagara River. Ann and her partner Leann Nester, a retired software attorney, reside on Queen Anne in Seattle and enjoy skiing, hiking, kayaking, cycling and gardening.

Message from the Dean

“The family is one of nature’s masterpieces.”

This quotation, from George Santayana in *The Life of Reason*, seemed appropriate, both for this time prior to the holidays when I prepared my message, and for the section of this issue of *DawgScripts* that highlights some of our families of pharmacists. Although there are times in most of our lives when we desire to escape from our families and family obligations, I believe in our innermost hearts we never really want to escape for long. I am envious of those of you who have relatives in the profession of pharmacy who can share with you their experiences, as you can share yours with them. Furthermore, there is advantage in numbers when other family members and friends ask for medical advice.

In some sense, we are a family in pharmacy, as we hold one another accountable for our high ethical standards and rely on one another for support as we plan for the future. I am very proud of you, our family of alumni, who have been so supportive of our School of Pharmacy. You were second only to the School of Dentistry among all units at the University of Washington last year in the percentage of alumni (31 percent) who gave a gift to their college or school. Our children are our students who need nurturing, and like most other college-age children, they will be calling us, their parents, for financial support in the upcoming Phonathon (see article on p.12). I hope that you will be home to respond positively to their requests.



FACULTY NEWS

Jackie Gardner, professor of pharmacy, and PCLC director Dana Hammer received the advisor of the year award at the recent NCPA meeting in Seattle. They were awarded \$1,000 each, which they generously donated to the student chapter.

Dana Hammer and Ryan Oftebro, '03, currently community pharmacy practice resident at Kelley-Ross Pharmacy, were awarded a \$12,000 competitive grant from NCPA to study “Facilitating Pharmacy Ownership in America’s Future Pharmacists.” Hammer also won a New Investigators Program grant through AACP for \$10,000 for “Continued Testing and Validation of an Instrument to Assess Behavioral Professionalism of Pharmacy Students.”

Shiu-Lok Hu, professor of pharmaceuticals, is the principal investigator on a new grant of over \$15 million from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to continue the hunt for vaccines against HIV. The four-and-a-half year grant is funded by the NIH as part of its mission to increase basic knowledge of the pathogenesis, natural history, and transmission of HIV. Hu will coordinate a study combining the efforts of teams based at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, and the UW.

“Our work will be focused primarily on the design and pre-clinical evaluation of vaccines and vaccination approaches,” Hu said. “The failure of the first candidate vaccine, as shown in the only Phase III clinical trials conducted after almost 15 years of development, highlights the need for further basic research. There are still many critical questions in HIV biology and vaccine design that must be answered before we know how to develop an effective vaccine. This grant will allow us to address some of those questions in a multi-disciplinary and concerted manner.”

Seeking Mature Pharmacist Volunteers

Are you a pharmacist 40 years of age or older? If so, please consider joining our standardized patient team! Standardized patients are individuals who have been trained to play the role of a patient and use that role to interact with and evaluate our traditional Doctor of Pharmacy students' clinical skills.

Individuals new to being a standardized patient will have the option of attending a skill-building training session in February. The testing dates for our students will be in early March. We are particularly interested in pharmacists over the age of 40 or 50, as they will appear believable playing the role of an individual with one or more chronic disease states.

If you are interested, please contact Terri O’Sullivan at the School, (206) 543-3324 or terrio@u.washington.edu for more details.



Joan Douget Endowment Established



Nicole Miller with Tim Douget

Joan Douget, '94, touched many lives during her time at the School of Pharmacy and she will continue to do so in the years to come. Upon her death in April 2003, Joan requested that a scholarship fund be established in her name to support future students at the School. Honoring Joan’s request, Tim Douget, Joan’s husband, and the Larson family have created an Endowed Scholarship in her name, creating a permanent legacy for Joan

and linking future students to the Douget family and Joan’s commitment to the field of pharmacy.

Born in Billings Montana, Joan Denise Douget, nee Larson, is a School of Pharmacy alumna who displayed a lifelong commitment to supporting pharmacy students in need. After a varied career, which led her to a Renton, Wash. veterinary supply company, Joan realized her passion for healing and decided to pursue her love of medicine

and attend the School of Pharmacy. Joan completed the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at the UW School of Pharmacy in 1994. Although diagnosed with cancer during her last year of the program, Joan was determined to maintain her academic excellence and complete her degree, even while undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Receiving scholarship assistance allowed Joan to remain in the program

and receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Accordingly, Joan requested that an on-going fund be established to provide support for future students in need of financial assistance to complete their degrees, particularly students with health issues, disabilities and/or children.

This year’s scholarship recipient, Nicole Miller is a first-year student who worked in several pharmacies prior to enrolling in the School. Tim Douget and Dee Larson, Joan’s mother, had the opportunity to meet Nicole at this year’s Dean’s Reception.

For more information about the Joan Douget Endowed Scholarship or how to make a gift, please contact Claire Brown, Assistant Director of Development at 206-616-8615 or clbrown@u.washington.edu. Or click on “Support Students” on our newly designed online giving page: <http://depts.washington.edu/pha/support/index.html>

UW School of Pharmacy Corporate Advisory Board

Twenty-seven corporate and industry leaders from around the world gather together each fall to support the School through strategic discussions about top School opportunities and challenges. This partnership of leading “big pharma,” bio tech and affiliated organizations was formed four years ago to act as a sounding board and an advisory group to the School in areas of common interest. How should future researchers and drug developers be trained? As a national leader in outcomes research and in drug metabolism/disposition and interactions, how does the School best invest its time to impact the future of safe, affordable and accessible drugs?

Presentations by both industry members and School faculty spurred discussions around current challenging issues facing “big pharma,” drug research and patients. Corporate Advisory Board members in 2003 were:

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Dean's Recognition Reception

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Alumni, faculty, students and friends of the School gathered at the annual Dean's Recognition Reception to recognize scholarship recipients and to say thank you for the many donors to the School. Clinical affiliate faculty awards were also presented.



George Benson with Gina Carpinito, recipient of the Benson Scholarship.



Lanny Turay, recipient of a 30-year clinical faculty certificate, chats with Grace Thompke and Paul Wilkinson.



Ryan Oftebro presented the Kelley-Ross scholarship to Catherine Ward.



Jeff Rochon with the WSPA scholarship recipients Collin Conway, Ronda Machen, and Jill Bevans.

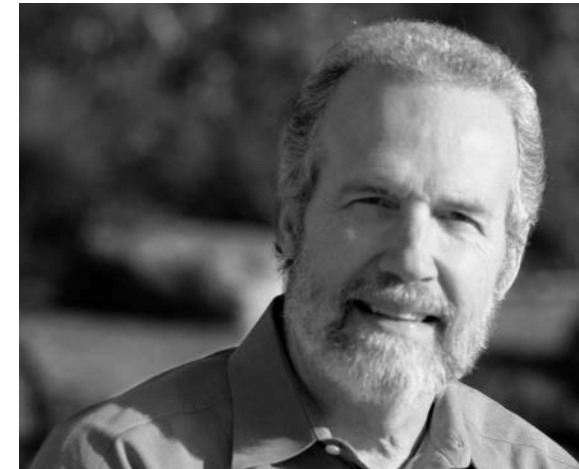


Dean Emeritus Jack Orr, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Don Williams and Geri Brady enjoy each other's company.



Dave Morio and Pam and Steve Singer chat with Joan Nelson, the Dean's wife.

End of an Era Hansten Retires



from 1998 to 1999.

He has been recognized with the Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching Award at the UW, a Most Valuable Professor award from WSU, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of California, the Julius W. Sturmer Award from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and the University of California Bowl of Hygeia Award. He has been a visiting professor at the College of Pharmacy,

University of Saskatchewan, and at the School of Pharmacy, University of Iceland.

"He will be sorely missed at the School, not only for his knowledge of drug interactions, but as a superb teacher."

Professor Phil Hansten, of the well-known and respected pair Hansten and Horn, officially retired from the School in September, but continues to indulge his passion for philosophy. He will be teaching an elective on the philosophy of science to pharmacy students during winter quarter.

Hansten and John Horn, professors in the department of pharmacy, have long been known as the ultimate experts on drug interactions. Their books have been translated into six languages. Washington pharmacists have had the distinct privilege of having the opportunity at least once a year to attend their lectures and receive the most up-to-date information on interactions of importance in our practices—with a large dose of humor thrown into the mix!

Hansten received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco. He held positions at Washington State University and the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at Stanford University School of Medicine before joining the faculty at the School. He was acting chair of the Department of Pharmacy

Dean Nelson commented on Hansten's retirement: "He will be sorely missed at the School, not only for his knowledge of drug interactions, but as a superb teacher. Although he is renowned worldwide for his expertise and as a co-author of the bible on drug interactions, Phil was most appreciated by the faculty of the School for his collegiality, humor and mentorship abilities. He played a major role as course master of one of our therapeutics courses, and did whatever he could to help the School, even serving as interim department chair in 1998-1999."

Hansten has served in numerous editorial and consulting capacities for well-known and widely used publications such as *The Medical Letter*, *Pharmacotherapy*, *Therapeutics*, and *AMA Drug Evaluations*. He served as an advisor to First Data Bank and is a reviewer for the ASHP *American Hospital Formulary Service*.

He has written numerous articles on drug interactions and along with Horn has published the foremost publications on the subject. He will continue to work with Horn on drug interaction books for the next year or two. He is also finishing a book on the philosophy of suffering.

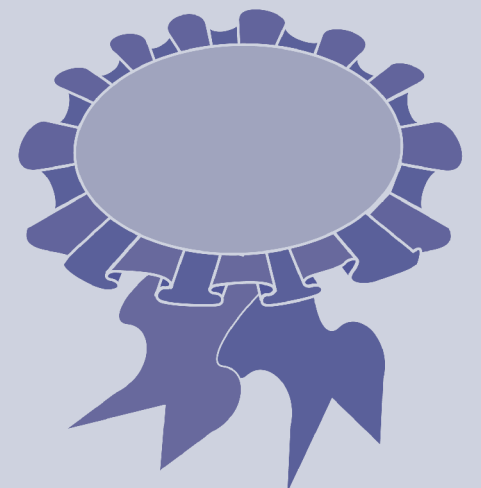
Doug Black Receives Award

Douglas Black, '81, Pharm.D. '88, was the winner of the 2002 Wayne A. Kradjan Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award. Doug received both his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the UW. He worked in the area of oncology for several years before becoming interested in infectious diseases, the area in which he currently teaches and has practiced for more than a decade. Doug teaches an enormous number of clerkship students every year. This year he taught 46 of our traditional PharmD students. In addition, he also had residents and non-traditional Doctor of Pharmacy students on rotation.

Students feel Doug is an outstanding preceptor as evidenced by the following way he is described in rotation evaluations:

- inspirational and motivating
- friendly, approachable and views students as equals and interesting individuals
- captures everyone's attention
- encourages questions
- makes learning fun, relaxed, and non-stressful
- tries to tailor learning to the students needs and interests
- organized and well-prepared for teaching sessions

A hearty "congratulations" to Doug and a big "thank you" for all of his precepting efforts!



PORPP News

New Graduates in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research –

Ph.D. 2003 - Brian Custer (B.S. 1990-University of Oregon, M.P.H. 1999-UW). *"Blood Safety and Resource Allocation: Economic Analyses of Donated Blood Safety Initiatives."* Brian has accepted a postdoctoral position in San Francisco at the Blood Centers of the Pacific, where he is working as a research scientist.

Ph.D. 2003 - Kristin Marciante (B.S. 1994, M.P.H. 1995-Emory University). *"Modeling the Long-Term Population-Based Outcomes of Diabetic Retinopathy."* Kristin is completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Cardiovascular Health Research Unit, UW Medical Center.

M.S. 2003 - Karen Smith (B.A. 1981-Sweet Briar College, B.S. Pharm, 1986 University of Montana). *"Accuracy of Pharmacy Claims Database 'Days Supply' Measure and its Effect on Continuous Medication Adherence Measures in Type 2 Diabetes."* Karen is pursuing her PhD at the University of Arizona.

Fellow - Kavita Patel (Pharm.D., M.B.A. 2001-Drake University). Kavita completed her postdoctoral fellowship in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research in June 2003. Her fellowship was sponsored by Roche Global Pharmacoeconomics, Nutley, N.J. She is a project manager for Roche Global Health Economics and Strategic Pricing in Nutley and is currently working on hepatitis C therapeutics.

Honors and Awards

Jacqueline Gardner received the *Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching Award* for the UW School of Pharmacy during graduation ceremonies in June 2003.

Jackie is also the recipient of the 2003 Faculty Liaison Recognition Award from the National Community Pharmacists Association, for her sustained excellence in pharmacy administration and for outstanding service to community pharmacy.

Will Hollingworth received the *Research Trainee* prize awarded by the Radiological Society of North America (2003) for his abstract and oral presentation entitled *"Screening for blunt cerebrovascular injury: Evaluating the quality and accuracy of multidetector computed tomographic angiography."*

Andy Stergachis received the 2003 *Joseph B. Wiederholt Prize* for the Best Published Paper in Economic Social and Administrative Sciences, American Pharmaceutical Association.

New Fellowship Opportunity

PORPP is currently inviting applicants for a postdoctoral fellowship in outcomes research focused on the use of healthcare technology assessment to improve decision-making. This is a two-year position supported by Eli Lilly Global Outcomes Research. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to spend several months at Lilly in Indianapolis.

Faculty, Alumni Win Research Award

Several School of Pharmacy faculty and alumni collaborated on a paper that received the 2003 Drug Therapy Research Award from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). **Dave Veenstra**, assistant professor of pharmacy, **Mitch Higashi, Ph.D. '01**, **Ann Wittkowsky, Pharm.D. '88**, and **Allan Rettie**, professor and chair of medicinal chemistry, collaborated on a paper titled "Association Between CYP2C9 Genetic Variants and Anticoagulation-Related Outcomes During Warfarin Therapy," which was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in April 2002. The award was presented on Dec. 8 at the ASHP Midyear meeting in New Orleans.

The award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the scientific pharmaceutical literature of research primarily concerning drug efficacy and safety in human subjects. The study built upon original research conducted at the School under the Program Project Grant for Drug Interactions and was funded by the UW National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health. Veenstra was also supported in part by a PhRMA Foundation Career Development Award, and Higashi was supported by a pilot grant from the UW Institute for Public Health Genetics.

Pharm.D. Students

Hawkins DeFrance, '06, co-authored a paper published in Volume 57 of *The Prostate* (2003) titled "Genomic Scan of 254 Hereditary Prostate Cancer Families."

Marci Martin, '04, received a Partners in Pharmacy Scholarship from the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Helen Marshall, '05, was elected Regional Delegate at the APhA-ASP Mid-Year Regional Meeting in Portland, Ore. on Nov. 9. Her responsibilities include conducting the Region 7 caucus at the 2004 American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting, appointment to the APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee, and serving as a delegate to the APhA House of Delegates. Helen was also one of five students nationally named to the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Student Forum Student Society and Leadership Development Committee.

Collin Conway, '05, recently completed his term as Region 7 member at large. Collin served as chair of the 2003 APhA-ASP Reference Committee and has been appointed as the only student member on the APhA Policy Review Committee. There are three regional officers elected each year at the mid-year meeting. UW students have been elected to a regional office for the last six years!

Adam Brothers, '06, has been selected for the national ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Meetings and Programming Committee.

Kasia Mazur, '04, and **Nancy Lee, '04**, competed in the Clinical Skills Competition in New Orleans at the ASHP Mid-Year Meeting in December.

Graduate Students

Three School of Pharmacy predoctoral students were honored at the 2003

ISSX (International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics) meeting held in Providence R.I., Oct. 12-16. **Yang Xu** and **Yang Dai** from Pharmaceutics and **Bo Wen** from Medicinal Chemistry received honorable mention for their poster presentations. **Weili Huang** from Pharmaceutics received first prize for her poster presentation entitled "Comparative Drug Metabolism by CYP3A4 and CYP3A5." Later that month at the annual 2003 AAPS (American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists) meeting held in Salt Lake City, Oct. 26-30, **Ruolun Qiu** and **Bo Lalovic** from Pharmaceutics received the society's highest award to predoctoral students for their platform presentations entitled "ABCC2 mediated biliary transport of 4-glutathionylcyclophosphamide and its contribution to elimination of 4-hydroxycyclophosphamide" and "PK-PD of Oral Oxycodone: Role of Active Metabolites," respectively.

PORPP welcomed two new students this fall. **Ron Caldwell**, a Ph.D. stu-

dent in economics, will be pursuing an M.S. in Pharmaceutical Outcomes. **Jonathan Campbell**, MPH (biostatistics), will be pursuing his Ph.D.

PORPP Ph.D. students **Jennie Best**, **Debbie Atherly**, **Scott Strassels**, and **Matt Kerrigan** have continuing predoctoral fellowships for the years 2003-2004 from Roche, Novartis, Purdue and Aventis, respectively. **Ron Caldwell** has received a pre-doctoral fellowship from Sanofi-Synthelabo for 2003-2005. Ph.D. student **Lisa Meckley** is a continuing recipient of the Achievement Reward for College Scientists (ARCS) for 2002-2005. Three students received support for their summer research projects. **Lisa Meckley** received support from Organon Pharmaceuticals to conduct research at Organon in Oss, The Netherlands, while incoming student **Ron Caldwell** worked in Paris, France with Sanofi-Synthelabo. As part of her fellowship, **Debbie Atherly** spent several weeks in Mozambique working on her dissertation research.

Homecoming 2003



Front Row: Janet (TJ) Tjarnberg, Allen Feris, George Weiss, Back Row: Gail Anderson, Joyce Tsai, John Herver, Robert Gerken and Lynette Scott. Tjarnberg organized the weekend events.



Blossom Williams, Pat Tanac, Bob Garrison, Chuck Brown, Guy Williams, and Bob Tanac reunite at the Homecoming Brunch.



Billie Kutzera, Robert McNary, and Martha Trollier proudly display their UW sweatshirts presented to commemorate their 50th reunion.