Tell me how your nitroglycerin works for you.

Tell me why you don't need your Lasix refilled.

In the past, volunteer students and alumni have gathered in February to make these calls. They will begin contacting UW alumni in January to solicit support of pharmacy funds on behalf of the School of Pharmacy.

On March 1 and 2, our volunteer pharmacy students will make follow up calls to alumni to thank them for their support of the School through their donations and through their membership in PAA. Students will also update alumni on upcoming events and any changes to PAA.

The student Thank-a-thon program no longer includes alumni callers soliciting Dean's Fund donations. For more information on support to the School, contact the UWSOP development office at 206-543-2300. Information on support to the School, through their membership in PAA. Students will also update alumni on upcoming events and any changes to PAA.

If you enjoy this newsletter, please help support it! Your 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). Make your check payable to PAA, and send it to UW PAA, School of Pharmacy, H375 Health Sciences Center, Box 357631, Seattle, WA 98195-7631. Thank you for your support!

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Alumni in Action
Playing the Part of Patient for Pharmacy Students

"Tell me what you know about diabetes." "Tell me how your nitroglycerin works for you." "Tell me why you don't need your Lasix refilled."

These are phrases you may expect pharmacists to use when gathering information from patients regarding their understanding of their disease state or medication. These are also questions that have been directed to pharmacists—as they play the role of patient for our pharmacy students.

Area pharmacists, many of whom are UW School of Pharmacy alumni, have helped the School in a very important and unique way: by playing the role of patients in testing (and qualifying) pharmacy students as they practice their interview and problem-solving skills with these standardized patients.

The students must engage the patient in a series of questions, and from the patient’s answers, identify medication-related problems that the patient may be experiencing.

Why not use real patients for such interactions? It is difficult and often unethical to locate real patients when they are experiencing an acute event. Also, patients may not have the tolerance for repeated student interactions. Additionally, their condition may have an atypical presentation, baffling and frustrating an inexperienced student in a timed and graded environment.

Pharmacists make ideal standardized patients because they can draw upon their own experience and adopt the mannerisms and symptoms of a patient with whom they are familiar, making their role as patient more believable. They also are familiar enough with the disease states and medications to determine whether a student’s questions are logical and appropriate. The biggest challenge, as one pharmacist playing the role said, is to stay in the role of patient and not slip into the mode of teacher—the trait that has made pharmacy such a strong profession.

Providing students the opportunity to interact with these standardized patients allows them to practice their interview and problem-solving skills prior to meeting real patients in a care environment. The students are typically nervous before their interaction, but most of them enjoy the experience and appreciate the time given them by their “patient.” The word that most standardized patient volunteers use when describing their student interaction is “fantastic!”

The School of Pharmacy and the many students who benefit from this program are indebted to all those who have volunteered in the past and continuing to volunteer their time.
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IN MEMORIAM

Edward Donaghy, '75, died suddenly at the age of 53. Ed grew up in Seattle, attended Seattle Prep and graduated from Eastmont High School before attending the UW School of Pharmacy. Upon graduation he settled in Bellingham, where he stayed until his death on Oct. 19, 2004. Ed was a certified geriatric pharmacist and a board member of Cascade Christian Medical Center.

George Giannacos Steenis, '00

2004 Homecoming and Reunions Celebrations

Ben Tsutsumoto, '51, passed away from heart complications at the age of 75. He had just returned from a mushroom hunting trip. He was known and loved by many, having run State Drug, a neighborhood pharmacy in South Seattle at Rainer Ave and King Street, for more than 30 years. Ben, a Japanese-American, was born in Seattle and stayed here most of his life. During World War II the family was interned. After the war Ben, like his father, became a pharmacist, attending the UW School of Pharmacy, where he met his future wife, Sally Tsutsumoto, '51. After graduation Ben joined the U.S. Army, serving in France before returning to Seattle to run State Drug. He was a man with a great sense of humor who loved Judo, mushroom hunting, golf, Husky football, clam digging and fishing, and held an interest in public affairs. He is survived by his wife, four children, and three grandchildren.

George Benson, '57, an pharmacist and long-time member of the Seattle City Council, died in his sleep on Oct. 25, of Parkinson-related illness. He was 83. George, along with his late wife, Evelyn Benson, '50, operated Benson's Pharmacy on Capital Hill for 46 years. Displayed at the pharmacy was Benson's trolley car collection, a collection well-suitied to the man known as the “father of the Seattle waterfront trolley.” He was instrumental in the line’s creation, traveling with his wife to Austin to hand pick the classic 1920’s cars and was involved with its running throughout his lifetime. As city council member he was known for his ability to solve large and small problems for the citizens of his community. He served as one of the School of Pharmacy's two honorary co-chairs, focusing on helping to raise funds for student scholarships. A regular attendee to PAAM Homecoming events, George, a life-long Husky fan and player and member of the Husky alumni band, often brought the band to School of Pharmacy events to play songs to rally the troops. He is survived by a son, two daughters, and three granddaughters.

Frank Pattinato, '58, passed away on May 15, 2004 after a brief illness. He died at his home in Missoula four days short of his 83rd birthday. After receiving his PhD in 1958, he accepted the position of assistant professor of medicinal chemistry at University of Montana. In 1986, after 30 years of teaching, Frank retired as professor emeritus of pharmacy. Shortly after his retirement he was asked to return as acting dean of the School of Pharmacy. He served in this capacity for two years until a new dean could be found. Frank enjoyed his teaching career and often said, "If I had life choices to make again, knowing what I know now, I would make the same ones, but with much greater confidence." He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Marjorie Pattinato, their son, Donald, and daughter, Lorinda. Dale Termnahan, '60, of Shoreline, WA, passed away last February at the age of 76.
Dr. Henry “Hank” Yamamura, ’64, received the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Year award for the excellence he has shown in the field of pharmaceutical science. Dr. Yamamura earned his B.S. and M.S. in pharmacy from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy in 1964 and 1968, respectively. He went on to receive his Ph.D from the Department of Pharmaceutical Science at the UW School of Medicine in 1969.

Dr. Yamamura is Regents’ professor of pharmacy at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He first joined the University of Arizona in 1973 as associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Science and then the Department of Psychiatry. He was promoted to professor in 1980 and held joint appointments in several departments while also serving as a member of the Committee in Neurosciences and senior member of Arizona Research Laboratories. Dr. Yamamura joined the College of Medicine in 1990 and took his current position as Regents’ professor in 1997. He is also a current member of the Sarver Heart Center.

Over 250 alumni, faculty, donors, friends of the School, and student scholarship recipients attended the 2004 Dean’s Recognition Ceremony held this year at the Odyssey Maritime Museum on the Seattle Waterfront. The event is held annually to honor scholarship recipients, the donors who make such scholarships possible, accomplished clinical faculty and the year’s Distinguished Alumnus Award winner.

Prior to Arizona, Dr. Yamamura served as research associate in the Department of Pharmaceutical at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Maryland. From 1970 to 1973 he served as captain in the Medical Service Corps in the U.S. Army. Dr. Yamamura’s curriculum vitae is extensive. He is also highly published. He has written 425 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 14 invited chapters of reviews, and edited 10 books. He has been an active presenter and lecturer since 1971 and consultant to pharmaceutical companies throughout the United States and in Japan since 1975. He is also a current member of the Sarver Heart Center.

Hank Yamamura receives plaque from Dan Sid Nelson at the Dean’s Recognition Ceremony.
Message from the Dean

“aracter, and especially the ability to learn together as a faculty and a community, are the great strengths of this school.”

The quotation above represents how I often feel when working with our faculty. As you will read in this issue of DawgScripts, our UW School of Pharmacy and Public Health team has a collaborative effort among all the health professions, frequently while conducting research on drugs in pregnancy (Shiu-Lok Ho, and most recently for a multi-million dollar federally funded project on how to reduce medication errors (Beth Devine and Sean Sullivan) in a collaborative project with the Everett Clinic.

What is amazing to me is the continued devotion of our faculty to their teaching, research and service activities, as well as their loyalty to the School (even though they work for salaries substantially lower than those offered by most other Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy). I am particularly proud and grateful for our faculty’s collective collegial spirit. They work well together to carry out our three-fold mission: one, preparing graduates for entry into life-long careers in the profession of pharmacy as providers of pharmaceutical care who care for the well-being of others; two, supporting and conducting research and providing graduate education in drug discovery and development, and in pharmacoeconomic outcomes research to improve decision-making regarding pharmaceutical therapy and policy; and three, supporting interdisciplinary training to teach health care that promote collaboration, diversity of thought, and mutual respect.

It is these accomplishments and the performance of our current faculty that have inspired us, through the recently launched Campaign UW: Creating Futures, to make our goal to increase the number of endowed chairs and professorships in order to attract and retain the best faculty. I hope that you are as proud of our faculty as I am, and that you will join me in our effort to maintain and enhance our excellence.

PORPP News

UF Hosts AMCP Management Development Program

Valerie Daggett, medicinal chemistry professor, and colleagues published a paper entitled “Paclitaxel and Croyez’s plied sheet structure may define the pre fibrillar amyloidogenic intermediate in amyloid disease” in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA in June. The paper generated quite a bit of interest. Both Croyez and Nunn published unsolicited editorials on it.

Joy Ho, pharmacology professor, traveled to Germany by invitation to deliver a lecture in honor of Paul Ehrlich’s (father of chemotherapy) 150th birthday. The updated, second printing of Ho’s book “Biotechnology and Biopharmaceuticals: Transforming Proteins and Genes into Drugs” is now available and the book is scheduled to be translated into Chinese by the Chemical Industry of PRC. His has also received an NIH award of $1.7 million for his project “Tissue Engineering of a Menstrual Cycle” through a grant-in-aid from AstraZeneca. The program is selective, with applicants from managed care drug plans, pharmacy benefits managers, and the pharmaceutical industry participating. Twenty-two participants traveled to UW and spent a week in coursework and exercises designed to improve their leadership and management skills in order to prepare them to serve in upper management level positions in managed health care organizations.

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Interested pharmacists may find application information at the AMCP website, www.amcp.org.

On October 19, the Pharmacy Management Program hosted the first Annual Retail Pharmacy Showcase at South Campus Center. This event, a kickoff to Pharmacy Career Day on October 20, featured thirteen retail chain pharmacy recruiters available to talk to students about career opportunities and value-added clinical and public health services, benefits and goals. Not only did students have the opportunity to learn about each potential employer, but retailers benefited as well. Many praised the event for providing an opportunity for retailers to have in-depth discussions with students about opportunities, but often too difficult in more crowded forums.


The Retail Pharmacy Showcase received a lot of positive feedback and is planned to be held again next year. To learn more about this year’s event visit www.retailpharmacyshowcase.com.

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patients with diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia needed!

allan ellsworth, professor of pharmacy and principal investigator of the action to control cardiovascular risk in diabetes (ACCORD) trial is looking for patient referrals to participate in a long-term research study investigating whether intensive blood pressure control will favorably affect degree of glycemic control needed to prevent major cardiovascular disease.

the study provides co-management with PCP, free diabetes, HTN, and dyslipidemia medications, and glucose monitoring supplies through June 2009. For more information, please call 206-598-8156, email accord@farmd.washington.edu or visit www.accordtrial.org.

what is uwsoP?

uwsoP stands for University of Washington School of Pharmacy. In an effort to simplify text and use space more efficiently, the School has adopted the acronym UwsoP. UwsoP is uwsoP's school in short!

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What started as a simple request from a local physician has grown into a pharmacy that specializes in compounding medicine. Craig Kvam, ’72, left his traditional practice (and insurance contracts) behind him when he moved down the street to build his new pharmacy, the Poulsbo Compounding Pharmacy.

Craig’s wife Sally, a UW School of Nursing graduate, has been an integral part of the business and a supporter of Craig’s compounding interest. As Sally puts it, “compounding is Craig’s passion!” Their commitment to the School of Pharmacy and to the compounding field led to their decision to establish a fund to help educate students about the specialty. Each summer since 2002, two students have received scholarships, funded by the Craig and Sally Kvam Endowment in Pharmaceutical Compounding.

Craig tells the story of when his practice grew and he needed to support himself, “I had a very traditional practice for 27 years,” Craig noted. “In 1988, a local physician handed me a list of compounds he wanted. One of them I never did get right, but my quest for a quality compounded product linked me up with Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA).”

Gradually, the compounding part of my practice grew and two years ago, to support this growth and the community need, we moved into our new state-of-the-art building.”

A significant part of Kvam’s practice involves treatment with ‘bio-identical’ hormones. “We used to do the initial workup and send the patient back to her physician with our written recommendations. We and the patients had varying luck with that approach,” explained Kvam. In an effort to improve the process that Kvam’s pharmacists sent out to the nursing community. “One of our pharmacists presented a lecture to a group of nurses in Eastern Washington, and their interest was piqued,” recalls Kvam. “We have since developed a working relationship with one of the nurse practitioners. This person regularly comes to Poulsbo and we provide office space in our pharmacy for her to see patients.”

Craig Kvam, ’72

The Kvams have not only developed an impressive compounding practice of their own, but their generosity and commitment to the School and the field of compounding has enabled many more students to learn about this practice. In 2010, the impact reaches well beyond Poulsbo roots and into the new branches of pharmacy students and future compounding practices.

Craig’s vision is that “every student of the School of Pharmacy be exposed to the compounding profession.” The Craig and Sally Kvam Endowed Fund in Pharmaceutical Compounding, further maximized by the University’s matching gift program, puts the Kvams well on their way to seeing this dream reached.

ENDOWED GIFTS

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The School of Pharmacy Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) gathered for their annual meeting this past September to discuss the School’s strategy, specifically in the area of drug metabolism and pharmaceutical outcomes research and academics. The two-day meeting was held at the Columbia Tower in downtown Seattle. The 27-member board, representing the nation’s leading pharmaceutical companies, includes alumni Al Linggi, ’71 of McKesson, Ed Wong, ’71 of Premera Blue Cross, co-chair Bill Garland, ’74 of Angiogenesis, and outgoing co-chair and former faculty member, Tom Baille of Merck.