

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 19 Katterman Lecture

Keynote speaker, Tom Flick, will be joined by Rod Shafer, Steve Saxe, and Dedi Hitchens for this year's lecture: *Managing Change: Pharmacists Shaping the Future of Pharmacy*. Registration starts at 8 a.m., program 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register call 206-543-3485 or email rxalumni@u.washington.edu

DATE CHANGE:

The date of the Dean's Recognition Ceremony is being moved from fall to spring. The next Dean's Recognition Ceremony will be held in spring of 2006.

APRIL 15 UPPOW Auction

All proceeds from this luau-themed event go toward supporting student travel to national pharmacy conventions. Tickets are \$8 each and include appetizers, dessert and wine. For more information on time, location or to purchase tickets contact Melanie Petilla at mpetilla@u.washington.edu

APRIL 22 - 23 Washington Weekend

Alumni, friends and family are invited to come to campus to discover - or rediscover - the rich academic, athletic and community traditions of the University of Washington. More information at www.UWalum.com.

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

REMINDER: Phone-a-thon Changes to Thank-a-thon

In the past, volunteer students and alumni have gathered in February to call fellow alumni with the purpose of raising money for particular pharmacy funds. This year professional student callers provided by the University will be making these calls. They will begin contacting UWSOP 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 206-543-2030.

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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NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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Alumni in Action

Playing the Part of Patient for Pharmacy Students



Jana Ostrom, '78, (left) plays a patient for student Catherine Ward, '05



Virginia Leland, '69, gives student Joel Thome, '05, feedback on the interaction

"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 learning) interactions with third-year students. These alumni and other volunteers play the role of "standardized patient" during a 20-minute conversation with the student. The student does not have any information about the patient prior to their encounter with the standardized patient. 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 interaction and appreciate the time given them by their "patient." The word that most standardized patient volunteers use when describing their student interaction is "fun!"

The School of Pharmacy and the many students who benefit from this program are indebted to

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Georgia Gianacos Steenis

People often ask me how I have the time to be the president of the Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA) when I work full time, am married, have stepchildren, and am involved with other activities. The truth of the matter is that helping out with the PAA and the School of Pharmacy is fun and doesn't take as much time as you may think. Here's a few simple ways you can make a difference:

Join the Pharmacy Alumni Association. It's the easiest thing you can do! Remember your membership provides the core support for PAA activities and services. Without it PAA could not exist. Alumni membership is \$45 (\$35 for retired alumni) per school year. Call the PAA office at 206-543-3485 or email rxalumni@u.washington.edu to learn more.

Share Your Experience with Student Thank-a-thon callers. An important part of building an alumni network is sustaining a bridge of communication between alums and current pharmacy students (our future alums). This year, UWSOP students will take part in our first Thank-a-thon (see changes to Phone-a-thon on back page). On March 1 and 2 current pharmacy students will pick up the phone to thank alumni donors for their support, provide information on upcoming events and school news as well as engage in enriching conversation with you, the experienced pharmacy professionals.

When the students call, you can make a difference by giving them a minute of your time and sharing your valuable insights and experience.

Send us your news. Alums love reading the class notes section of *DawgScripts*. We would love to include your news! Send your updates to rxalumni@u.washington.edu with *DawgScripts* in the subject line.

Help your class celebrate homecoming or reunion events

Homecoming and class reunions are great opportunities to catch up with old friends and network with colleagues. This year several classes organized casual get-togethers at local pubs and restaurants. Others tagged their reunions on to the PAA annual Homecoming Brunch. PAA helps organize these events and sends out invitations. Food and beverages are either handled by PAA as part of the brunch or purchased independently by those gathering at pubs and restaurants. Committee members are left with little more than calling classmates. If you'd like to help create a wonderful and memorable event for your classmates and friends, call the PAA office at 206-543-3485.

Join the executive board. Being a PAA board member is a rewarding and fun experience that requires little more than a few hours of your time every few months. PAA is currently seeking a president-elect to start this fall, when PAA current president-elect **Suzanne Lee, '01**, becomes president and I past-president. Interested? Please contact me at 425-271-3672 or email ggianacos@hotmail.com.

Thank you for making PAA a great organization.

Georgia Gianacos Steenis '00
PAA President

2004 Homecoming and Reunions Celebrations



Class of 1994 (L-R) Brynne Browne, Geoff Tesarik, Joe Hendricks, Richard Reis, Lisa Reis, Lori Dupler, Shelly Damon and Rachelle Cardoza



Class of 1974 (L-R) Jeanine (Ancich) Bradley, Jack Thomas, Joyce (Tanac) Schroeder, Debbie Seal, Steve Kushner, Evelyn (Arrigoni) Armstrong, Claude Wetzel, Shari (Wraith) Bennett, Mike Sommers and Russ Gemmer



Lois Wall, '55, and Jean McLauchlan, '54, received Husky fleece blankets to commemorate their 50th reunion. The classes of 1953, 1954 and 1955 celebrated a joint 50-year reunion in June of 2004.

UW Alumni reunited with old friends and colleagues on November 6 to celebrate class reunions and UW Homecoming weekend. The classes of 1974 and 1994 joined alumni from as far back as the Class of 1947 at the Homecoming Brunch and Game. Though the Huskies didn't bring a victory, smiles were still abound as friends and colleagues caught up on each other's lives and reminisced of the Husky days gone by. The Class of 1969 celebrated at Ivar's Salmon House the evening before and the Class of 1999 at The Garage on Capital Hill and Class of 1994 at The Ram that evening. The class of 1984 got together the following weekend at The Red Hook Brewery.

IN MEMORIAM

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 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 Drugs. 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 involved pharmacist and long-time member of the Seattle City Council, died in his sleep on Oct. 25, of Parkinson-related illness. He was 85. 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-suited 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 Australia to hand pick the classic 1920's cars and was involved with its running throughout his life. As city council member he was known for his ability to solve large and small problems for the citizens of his community. He was also an important and well-loved figure in the Husky 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 PAA Homecoming events, George, a life-time tuba and trombone 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, Loretta.

Dale Ternahan, '60, of Shoreline, WA, passed away last February at the age of 76.

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 at Hoagland Pharmacy, a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party, a member of the Lions Club, the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the Washington State Pharmacy Association and a board member of Cascade Christian Services. Ed is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 24 years, two daughters, a son, parents and three siblings.

Edmund Ehlke, '39, lives in Hawaii and is curious who else is still around from his class.

E. Roy Hammarlund, '44, and his younger sister, Jean, upon seeing past *DangScripts* articles, "Family Ties" and "A passion for Pharmacy" noted that he has 10 relatives who all have passionate pharmacy ties to the UW College of Pharmacy as it was once called. This includes; his grandfather, step-grandmother, uncle and his wife, father and mother, his wife's father and oldest brother, his sister Jean and himself. Could this be a record?

Cal Robinson, '48, David's brother, still lives in Salt Lake City. He has Parkinson's disease.

David Robinson, '49, Cal's brother and a Phi Beta Kappa, and his wife moved back to Salt Lake City a little over a year ago.

James Carlson, '49, had Triple A surgery five years ago and by-pass surgery two years ago. In May of 2004 he had lung surgery and is now able to get around in the house and outside with the help of oxygen tanks, but the challenges of age have affected only the body, not the spirit, as a recent email proves his humor and wit intact. He and his wife Helen were sorry to miss reunion events this year.

Sodie Nakashima, '49, is enjoying life in California, living in the Bay Area.

Jerome Katz, '51, celebrated his 47th wedding anniversary with his wife, Rita, on a trip to Greece and the Greek Islands.

Robert Look, '51, moved from Mercer Island, WA to Whitefish, MT on Dec. 1, 2001 where he built a house on the 13th fairway of the Whitefish Lake Golf Course. He enjoys golf, tennis and skiing and keeps busy umpiring little league baseball in the spring. He and his wife Mary Jo have two grandchildren in Whitefish and seven others in the Seattle area. Their health is good and they are greatly enjoying their new Montana home.

Jack King, '53 and his second wife Anita King live in Pasco, WA. He has three sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

William Bulpin, '61 owned Island Drug in Oak Harbor from April 1, 1987 until its sale in July of 2004. William will remain at the store as head pharmacist until 2011, when he plans to retire after 50 years in the field.

Richard Nelson, '62 has been president, now chairman since 1981, of Objective Medicinal Assessments Corporation (OMAC), a provider of independent medical

exams for worker's compensation and casualty insurance claims. Richard is the former Washington State Medicaid director, where he created the first Medicaid management information system. He is the chairman of Bob Walsh Enterprises and board member of the Seattle Organization Committee for Pacific Rim Sports Summit whose arts, cultural and sports summit is scheduled for June 2005. He is also a board member and chairman for Chiapas Task Force for Agro International, focusing on land redistribution and development in Central America and Mexico. Richard remains an avid handball player thanks to **Nate Hall, '39**.

Henry "Hank" Yamamura, '64, received the School's 2004 Distinguished Alumni award (see article on page 3).

Charles "C.J." Kahler, '66, retired after 38 years of practice and sold his pharmacy to Holly and Mike Henry. Charles is looking forward to calling his time his own and plans to spend much of it with his six grandchildren. With the rest, he'll visit with friends and work on lowering his golf score.

Beverly Schaefer, '70, and **Steve Cone, '77**, owners of Katterman's Sand Point Pharmacy are highlighted in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Retail Pharmacy Management* for their innovative approach to improving pharmacy revenue at their community-based store where additional patient services such as flu and travel immunizations, bone density screenings, emergency contraception and more are offered to customers on a cash basis. The two pharmacists are focusing on economical direct-to-consumer services for which customers are willing to pay for out-of-pocket, rather than what is covered by third party contracts.

L. Douglas Ried, '72, has been promoted to full professor at University of Florida and welcomed three grandchildren into his life this year.

Mike Donohue, '80, owner of Bob Johnson's Pharmacy in Ballard was highlighted in the *Seattle Times* for boosting his business' bottom line by increasing medication sales to assisted-living homes and compounding drugs for doctors.

Juan Cantu, '80, has spent 15 years as a hospital pharmacy manager, four years as owner and consultant for East Texas Pharmacy Consultants and five years as owner and operator of JC's Truecare Pharmacy Inc., a community pharmacy service in rural Texas focused on prescription filling and its community immunization program. Juan is active in both the APhA and Independent Pharmacy Practice. He enjoys jogging, box-

ing, Thai-Chi and collects antique cars. Juan is looking forward to participating more in PAA.

Michael Dutton, '84, reached a new milestone as he graduated this past June (2004) with his masters degree from the UW executive MBA program. He is currently working with OmniCare, Inc.

Barry Christensen, '87, received the Bowl of Hygeia Award at the Alaska Pharmacist's Association 2004 Annual Convention. Barry continues to work with his father, Bruce Christensen, who was a previous Bowl of Hygeia recipient. Together they own and operate Island Pharmacy in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Betsy Faulker, '90, was highlighted in the *Seattle Times* as co-owner of Woodinville Medical Center Pharmacy. Betsy is struggling against the growing presence of prescription mail-order companies which are impacting sales in her small business.

Rebekah Roberts Scribner, '93, celebrates the birth of her first baby, Sydney Anne Scriber, born March 12, 2004. She loves owning her own store and the ability to bring the baby to work with her every day.

Kristine Diane Eng, '93, congratulates **Ponce Bautista, '93**, and **Aileen Bautista, '94**, on their baby boy, Logan Hansen, born Oct. 10, 2004, and **Diane Matsuwaka, '93**, on her new position. Kristine joined **Danielle Mitteider, '93**, and **Katie Lai, '93**, at ASHP in Orlando for a fun mini reunion in 2004.

Tracey Schmalz, '95, and her husband, David, had their third child this year. Elijah James was born on July 1, 2004. Tracey is back at work part-time and adjusting to being a mother of three.

Benjamin Michaels, '97, is engaged to be married on May 7, 2005. Last year he traveled to Nepal to visit his mother, a Peace Corps volunteer, and trekked around the Himalayas.

Traci Mitchell, '01, and her husband, Tim, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary this past October with a trip to Europe.

Diane Crutchfield, '01, External PharmD alum, was installed as President of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Jane Linden Jacobson, '02, married on Sept. 25, 2004.

Marie Li, '04, and **Kenneth Wong, '04**, presented a poster titled "Changes in Disease State Prevalence and Medication Used in an Assisted Living Facility" at the November ASCP annual meeting.

Yamamura Named 2004 Distinguished Alumnus



Hank Yamamura receives plaque from Dean Sid Nelson at the Dean's Recognition Ceremony

Dr. Henry "Hank" Yamamura, '64, received the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus 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 Pharmacology at the UW School of Medicine in 1969.

Dr. Yamamura is Regents' professor of pharmacology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He

first joined the University of Arizona in 1975 as associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology 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 Regent's professor in 1997. He is also a current member of the Sarver Heart Center.

Prior to Arizona, Dr. Yamamura served as research associate in the Department of Pharmacology at Johns Hopkin Medical Center in Maryland. From 1970 to 1973 he served as captain in the Medical Service Corp 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 184 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. His research interests include opioid receptors (delta, mu and kappa) that are involved in the production of analgesia. Dr. Yamamura has played an important role in the development of drugs that act at the delta opioid receptors. Such drugs relieve pain and produce minimal side effects. He has cloned human delta opioid receptors to study the mechanism of opioid tolerance and dependence.

Dr. Yamamura and his wife, Susan, traveled from their home in Tucson, Arizona to attend the Dean's Recognition Ceremony, where he accepted his award. The University of Washington School of Pharmacy is proud of Yamamura's accomplishments and honored to recognize him as one of our most distinguished alumni.

Highlights from the Dean's Recognition Ceremony

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.



(L-R) Wade Schutze, Thomas Newcomer and Dan Connolly from Bartell Drugs represented some of our corporate donors.

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.



Mary Morrissey, clinical faculty, is presented with a 15-year service award from Terri O'Sullivan and Dean Nelson.



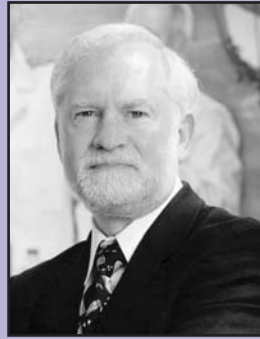
Bob and Pat Tanac pose with L.D. Bracken Scholarship recipients, Julia Herman (L) and Jennifer Johnson (R).



John (left) and his son, Ryan Ofiebro, flank Stephanie Decker, winner of the Kelley-Ross award.

SCHOOL NEWS

Message from the Dean



Dean Nelson
(Photo by Dan Lamont)

"I have to follow them,
I am their leader."
- *Alexandre-Auguste Ledru-Rollin, a leader in the French Revolution in 1848.*

The quotation above represents how I often feel when working with my faculty. As you will read in this issue of *DangScripts*, our UWSOP faculty are leaders at the learning edge of innovation and discovery.

From research on how to better utilize pharmacists to improve public health, to how genetics affects drug therapy, our faculty are ranked among the best in the world. This year alone, our faculty have been highlighted in the news for their research on drugs in pregnancy (Mary Hebert and Jash Unadkat), development of an HIV/AIDS vaccine (Shiu-Lok Hu), 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 and as pharmacists who care for the well-being of others; two, supporting and conducting research and providing graduate education in drug discovery and development, and in pharmaceutical outcomes research to improve decision-making regarding pharmaceutical therapy and policy; and three, supporting interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to health care that promote collaboration, diversity of thought, and mutual respect.

It is these accomplishments and the commitment of our current faculty that have inspired us, through the recently launched *Campaign UW: Creating Futures*, to make it 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.

Sid

PORPP News

• **The K-12 Clinical Research Career Development Program** is a newly launched program that involves a collaborative effort among all the health sciences schools and affiliated institutions. Funded by the NIH, the K-12 initiative is a program for doctoral level scholars from all the health professions. Selected participants will conduct intensively mentored research projects in one of the three designated program divisions: Translational Research, Clinical Trials, or Outcomes/Clinical Epidemiology/Health Services Research. **Danny Shen** is co-director of the Translational Research Division; **Sean Sullivan** is director of the Outcomes, Clinical Epidemiology, and Health Services Research Division. Young investigators will also receive rigorous instruction in clinical research methods, frequently while completing an MS degree from the schools of Public Health or Pharmacy, in a Clinical Research Track.

- A joint effort among PORPP, the

Department of Health Services, and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center has been formalized into the **LabCorp Project**. PORPP faculty leading the effort are **Scott Ramsey**, **Sean Sullivan** and **Dave Veenstra**. The goals of this new research program are to evaluate the clinical benefits and costs of selected diagnostic and laboratory technologies, and to develop guidelines for the use of clinical and economic data to support pricing and reimbursement for diagnostic and laboratory tests.

Appointments of PORPP Graduates

- **Denise Boudreau**, RPh, MS, (PhD-2002), has been appointed affiliate instructor. Denise is currently a research scientist, Center for Health Studies, Group Health Cooperative in Seattle.
- **Todd Lee**, PharmD, (PhD-2001), has been appointed affiliate assistant professor. Todd is a research scientist with the Pharmaceutical Outcomes

group at the Midwest Center for Health Services & Policy Research, Hines VA Hospital, Illinois. He also holds faculty positions at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

PhD Student Fellowships

- **Thy Do** has received a two-year predoctoral fellowship from the PhRMA Foundation for his dissertation work entitled "Discontinuation of Post-Acute Myocardial Infarction Beta-Blocker Therapy: Methods, Application, and Policy Implication."
- **Matt Kerrigan** is a predoctoral fellow in the Biobehavioral Cancer Prevention and Control Training Program, funded by the NCI and Bristol Myers Squibb. Matt will be working on his dissertation, "The cost-effectiveness of adjuvant, intra-vesicle chemotherapy and subsequent surveillance for non-invasive bladder cancer."

UW Hosts AMCP Management Development Program



AMCP/UW Management Development Program, Class of 2004

In early November the UW Schools of Pharmacy (UWSOP) and Business (UWBS) conducted the 15th Annual Management Development Program, sponsored by the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) and supported through a grant-in-aid from AstraZeneca. The program was selective, with applicants from managed care pharmacies, 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.

2004 marked the first year for the program to be hosted by UWSOP. Faculty facilitators Pete Penna (UWSOP) and Maryann Odegaard (UWBS) were assisted by Pete Fullerton, Jacqueline Gardner, and Shabir Somani from the School of Pharmacy and Vandra Huber from the Business School. Dennis Stillman from the UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine participated in the planning of the program. UWSOP will offer the program again in September, 2005. Interested pharmacists may find application information at the AMCP website, www.amcp.org.

FIRST ANNUAL RETAIL SHOWCASE PROVES A GREAT SUCCESS

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, discussions that are desirable, but often too difficult in more crowded forums.

Special thanks go to Rite Aid for furnishing snacks for retailers and The

Bartell Drug Company and Fred Meyer Pharmacies for providing a bountiful barbecue for attending students. Other companies represented were QFC Pharmacies, Safeway, Haggen, Inc, Walgreen's, Wal Mart, Long's Drugs, KMart, CVS, Target, and Albertson's. Alums representing the businesses included **Karin Hughs, '95**, **Verenna Kiser, '96**, **Cleve Scwenke, '75**, **Wes Douglas, '97**, **Wendy Austin, '97**, **Patrick Gallaher, '95**, **Carol Carnahan, '80**, **Chuck Jensen, '84**, **Pete Tenerelli, '82**, **Michelle Tenerelli, '94**, and **Lee Funkhouser, '72**.

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.

FACULTY NEWS

Valerie Daggett, medicinal chemistry professor, and colleagues published a paper entitled "Pauling and Corey's α -pleated sheet structure may define the prefibrillar amyloidogenic intermediate in amyloid disease" in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) USA* in August. The paper generated quite a bit of interest. Both *Science* and *Nature* published unsolicited editorials on it.

Rodney Ho, pharmaceuticals professor, traveled to Germany by invitation to deliver a lecture in honor of Paul Ehrlich's (father of the Magic Bullet Theory) 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 a renewal of an NIH grant totaling \$714,427 to continue his work, "Anti-HIV Drug Targeting to Lymphoid Tissues."

Nina Isoherranen joined medicinal chemistry faculty as acting assistant professor. This is one of two appointments funded by UWSOP's Corporate Advisory Board.

Annie Lam, lecturer, presented a research paper on assisted living at the November American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) annual meeting.

Joy Plein, pharmacy professor, was awarded Idaho State University's President's Medallion, an award which "honors friends and alumni whose outstanding accomplishments and exemplary service and support bring distinction to the University and advance higher education" at the University's fall Homecoming event. Professor Plein also led the Geriatric Academic Roundtable session discussion at the November ASCP annual meeting.

Andy Stergachis, adjunct professor of pharmacy and professor of epidemiology, has been appointed as interim chair of the Department of Pathobiology, at the UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

Rheem Totah, a former Plein fellow, joins medicinal chemistry faculty as acting assistant professor. This is one of two appointments funded by the Corporate Advisory Board.

Doris Uh, a former Plein fellow, has been appointed clinical instructor of pharmacy.

Dave Veenstra, pharmacy research associate professor, has been appointed to the National Academy of Science, Institute of Medicine's Committee on Genomics and the Public's Health in the 21st Century. The role of this committee is to discuss major scientific and policy issues related to genomics; examine the major supports for and challenges to the translation of genetic research into population health benefits; and suggest approaches for the integration of genomic information into strategies for promoting health and preventing disease.

KATTERMAN LECTURE

Managing Change: Pharmacists Shaping the Future of Pharmacy



Keynote Speaker: Tom Flick

The University of Washington and the Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA) are pleased to present motivational speaker and ex-Husky football great, Tom Flick, as keynote speaker for this year's Katterman Lecture. Joining Tom will be Rod Shafer, chief executive officer, Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA), Dedi Hitchens, director, Washington State Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Council and Steve Saxe, executive director, Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

Pharmacy leaders will discuss new legislation and practice issues. Tom Flick will provide strategies and motivation for improving communication within the work place and the pharmacy community as a whole, thereby

empowering each of us to not only positively impact our profession, but also optimize our own personal success as pharmacists.

For the past 16 years, Tom has been helping Fortune 500 companies and leading organizations meet the challenges of today's business environment, by presenting valuable leadership, strategic team development and change management strategies. He has tackled the business world with the same passion, focus and spirit that earned him honors as a collegiate and professional quarterback. As Rose Bowl quarterback for the Washington Huskies, Tom was voted team captain, "Most Inspirational" award winner, and Pac-10 conference "Player of the Year", before going on to enjoy seven years as a NFL quarterback.

As president of Tom Flick Communications and Outlook Consulting Group, Tom understands that people, not programs, help organizations change and grow. Tom works with a large variety of health, technology, manufacturing and service corporations and associations to help them meet the challenges of an ever-changing business environment. He addresses over 100,000 men and women each year on high performance strategies for leadership, teamwork, change, and personal growth. His passion for raising employee morale, improving customer service, increasing teamwork and communication, managing change and developing more effective lead-

ers is achieved by his unique gift to connect with the listener's heart as well as their head and habits. His achievements and experience in the highly competitive worlds of professional sports and corporate America give him a keen insight into success.

Join Tom, local pharmacy leaders and your colleagues as we discuss key state and national pharmacy issues that affect our profession and learn how you as an individual can affect positive change in pharmacy practice. With Tom's help we can create and implement strategies to improve the quality of life of pharmacists, pharmacy employees, patients and the community.

The lecture will be held on **Saturday, March 19**, in the Warren G. Magnuson Health Sciences Center, in Room T-435. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with discussion time built in at the end of the lecture. All students, faculty, staff and health care professionals are invited to attend. Attendees will receive 4.0 contact hours (0.40 CEUs) of continuing education credit. Registration fees are \$40 for PAA members, \$65 for non-members and \$20 for guests (no CE credit).

Same-day registration begins at 8 a.m. If you intend to register on-site, please contact the PAA office at (206) 543-3485 the week of the lecture to ensure space availability.

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 the most favorable 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 206-598-8150, email accord@fammed.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, it's your School in short!

PORPP Receives \$1.03 Million Grant to Bring Health Technology into the 21st Century

The University of Washington School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (PORPP), along with The Everett Clinic, have been awarded a \$1.03 million dollar grant to evaluate how computerized prescribing in an out-patient clinical setting improves medication safety and patient outcomes. The grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is part of a federally mandated program to use Health Information Technology (HIT) as a means to reduce medical errors and improve the national health care system - by making it safer and more efficient.

The project is a collaborative effort by the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and its partners, The Everett Clinic, CliniTech (The Everett Clinic's HIT organization) and Providence Everett Medical Center. This is one of the first times a study like this has been done in an outpatient clinical setting. Until now, most computerized prescribing studies have been done in large hospitals.

The team will test the efficiency and accuracy of computerized prescribing in reducing medication errors and will identify any links these errors may have to adverse drug events related

to emergency department admissions. They will use interviews, focus groups and surveys to evaluate prescriber's experiences.

In addition to reducing medication errors, the team expects the project to improve health information sharing between providers and pharmacies. This will make transitions between health care settings safer for patients. It is anticipated that improving the efficiency of community health services, medication safety, and patient outcomes will decrease the nation's total health care costs.

The study will take place over the next three years. All information, strategies and lessons learned from the study will be documented and made available to the public.

Sean Sullivan, professor and director, PORPP, is co-principal investigator and leads the UWSOP team of co-investigators which includes, Beth Devine, research assistant professor, PORPP, Will Hollingworth, research assistant professor, Radiology, and Tom Payne, clinical associate professor, Medicine/GIM.

Alumni in Action Continued from front page

the time and talents of numerous alumni who have made this program such a success. We hope many more of you will join us in all the fun!

Interested in volunteering as a standardized patient? We would greatly appreciate your involvement in helping us teach and test our students. We will provide a training manual and video that shows what occurs during an interaction, and explains how to evaluate the students with whom you interact. We will also provide you with a script to work from. We try to keep the time commitment to a minimum and only ask that our standardized patients do-

nate two hours of their time during one of our testing sessions, which are typically during the morning and early afternoon of a weekday, usually in early March. Volunteers will typically see three to four students during this two-hour period.

Please contact Teresa O'Sullivan at 206-543-3324 or terrio@u.washington.edu if you would like more information about the standardized patient training program.

PLEIN ENDOWMENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Elmer M. Plein Endowed Research Fund in Pharmacy awarded four research grants (totaling \$16,476) this year. Congratulations to the following individuals whose proposals have been funded:

Susan Lakey, '02, PharmD graduate from UW who completed a UW Specialty Residency in Geriatric Psychiatry and is now a UW Gero-Psychiatry Fellow, received \$3476 of Plein funds for her proposal "Predictions of Psychotropic Use in Medicaid-Funded Resident Care Facilities."

Aaron Ren, a graduate of Peking University and graduate student in the UW Department of Pharmaceutics, has received \$5000 of Plein funds for his proposal titled "The Effect of ST1571 (Geevec) on Fludarabine Disposition and Cytotoxicity." His UW advisors are John Slattery, pharmaceuticals affiliate professor, and Joanne Wang, assistant professor.

Ray Steiner, '60, BS Pharm UW, UW clinical instructor and consultant pharmacist at the Hearthstone, has received \$3000 from the Plein fund for his proposal entitled, "Medication Use and Pharmacy and Nursing Care Provided in Six Seattle-Area Assisted Living Homes." Steiner is the PI. and Annie Lam, UW lecturer and site coordinator and preceptor for Legacy House, and Bob Rhinehart, BS Pharm, owner and consultant pharmacist for Cornerstone Pharmacy and UW clinical instructor, are co-investigators. All three investigators hold UW Certificates in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice.

Rheem Totah, PhD, acting assistant professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, received \$5000 in Plein funds for her work "Evaluating the Role of CYP2J2 in Drug Induced Renal Toxicity."

Plein Fellows Make Great Faculty



(L-R) Joy Plein, Doris Uh, Gail Anderson, and Rheem Totah

Former Plein fellows Doris Joongsun Uh and Rheem Totah started the 2004/2005 school year as new faculty members. The School is honored to welcome both women. **Joy Plein, '51** widow of Elmer Plein for whom the Plein Fellowship is named, and **Gail Anderson, '78**, chair of the Plein Fellowship committee, treated Doris and Rheem to lunch in celebration of their appointments.

THE KVAMS

Their Passion, Their Pharmacy and Their Commitment



What started as a simple request from a local physician has grown into a business specialty and lifelong passion for a compounding pharmacy in Kitsap County. **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.

"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 the Kvams and their pharmacists reached out to the nursing community. "One of our pharma-

cists 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'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

**"It's my vision that every student of the School of Pharmacy be exposed to the compounding profession."
- Craig Kvam**



Fund in Pharmaceutical Compounding to attend a compounding class in Houston, Texas with PCCA.

"Last year, Dean Nelson approached us about increasing the amount of the endowment in order to take advantage of matching funds available from the University," Craig stated. "After Sally and I considered the opportunity, we decided to use the leverage of the matching funds to enable even more students to be trained at the PCCA seminar."

Starting this summer, as a result of the Kvams' expanded endowment, up to 15 students each year will have exposure to compounding practices. Additionally, these students will have the opportunity to share what they learn at PCCA with students who could not attend the compounding seminar.

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 important field. The impact reaches well beyond its 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

To learn more about this endowment or how to arrange for a University of Washington match to your gift, please contact Joyce Robertson, director of development, at jmrobert@u.washington.edu or 206-616-3217.

DOUGET ENDOWMENT FULFILLED



Tim Douget with 2004 Joan Douget Memorial Scholarship recipient Geoffrey Meer

Tim Douget always thinks big. "If Joannie were with us now," Tim explains, "she'd probably think I had gone a little too far with this whole scholarship thing. But I figure if you're going to do something, you might as well do it big."

It is this "think big" mentality that led Tim and his family to endow a scholarship in memory of his late wife, **Joan Douget, '94**. Diagnosed with cancer during her last year of pharmacy school, Joan was determined to complete her degree, even while undergoing chemotherapy treatments. But financially, juggling tuition and Joan's medical bills was nearly impossible. "Without scholarships, we wouldn't have been able to do it," Tim explains. Accordingly, Joan requested upon her death that an ongoing 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 scholarship has grown from

what Joan had envisioned," Tim explains of the Douget Endowed Scholarship Fund, "but every time I meet one of our scholarship recipients, I know I'm doing the right thing. To think that students will benefit for years and years to come - now that's something Joan would be proud of."

Tim and his family created the scholarship endowment for Joan a little over a year ago and publicly presented Dean Nelson and the School with the final gift needed to endow the scholarship at this year's annual Dean's Recognition Ceremony held on Oct. 27 at the Odyssey Maritime Museum in Seattle.

Co-Chairs Named to Campaign Advisory Board



Co-Chairs (L-R) Dr. Doug Mendenhall, SuAnn Bond, Dr. Ray Wilson, Donna Dockter and Mark Holzemer

Dean Nelson recently announced five outstanding individuals who will guide and co-chair the School of Pharmacy's Campaign Advisory Board during the University's fundraising campaign: **SuAnn Bond, '73**, **Donna Dockter, '72**, **Mark Holzemer, '73**, **Dr. Doug Mendenhall, '68**, and **Dr. Ray Wilson, '69**. "The School is fortunate to have their experience and leadership as the campaign progresses," said Dean Nelson. "This is a superb team of volunteers."

The Campaign Advisory Board will assist the School as it embarks on the *Better Pharmacy, Better Health* campaign to create new opportunities for pharmacists to be vital partners in the inter-professional world of health care.

Come Together Washington Attracts Thousands

On Oct. 15, 2004, the University of Washington hosted Come Together Washington, a grand celebration of community and University achievements that also marked the public launch of *Campaign UW: Creating Futures*, the UW's \$2 billion comprehensive fundraising effort. Come Together Washington provided friends, alumni, students, faculty, community leaders, and the general public a singular opportunity to reflect on some of the University's achievements in areas such as education, health care, culture, environmental and economic stewardship, and public service, and to share the UW's aspirations and hopes for tomorrow. Keynote speaker, Microsoft founder and chairman, Bill Gates III, addressed an estimated crowd of 5,000 at the event.

Corporate Advisory Board Meets

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 AngioGenex, and outgoing co-chair and former faculty member, Tom Baillie of Merck.