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## HOMECOMING

### A Time for Coming Back and Giving Back



*Class of 1956 classmates Allen Lomax (left) and Bennett Anderson celebrate over 50 years of friendship at this year's PAA Homecoming Party.*

Over 60 pharmacy alumni and friends gathered for the PAA Homecoming pre-game party on Saturday, Oct. 28. Alumni enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres while catching up with old friends and reminiscing over reunion class photos. 50-year reunion class members **Bennett Anderson, '56**, and **Alan Lomax, '56**, were honored by the PAA and Sid Nelson gave a short recap of School activities complete with a tour of the facilities and a great joke (ask him about the sick duck).

Most attendees continued on to the stadium to cheer on the University of Washington Huskies in what turned out to be an exciting game against the Arizona State Sun Devils. The two teams battled it out in overtime. The Huskies had high hopes of a Homecoming win after a field goal, but the Sun Devils slipped in with a touchdown. Though the UW was not victorious, the bright, crisp afternoon made for an excellent homecoming. We hope you'll join us in the fun next year!

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Suzanne Lee

Dear Alumni,

With 2007 we welcome in a new year and a new set of goals - some big, some small and some more realistic than others. Many of us start off these early months with the best intentions, armed with much ambition for our new (and sometimes renewed) resolutions. However, if you are anything like me, many of these goals remain unmet when December rolls around - possibly started, but not completed.

My excuse is I am too busy, juggling several responsibilities and obligations between jobs and family. I have learned to take goals on one at a time, so as not to be overwhelmed by trying to do it all. Choose the project you feel is most important and make sure you complete it and complete it well. Whether you spend more time with family, go back for your external Pharm.D, volunteer with the School or community, you need to allow yourself the time and direction to accomplish your goal.

This year, I am making great efforts to prioritize the many things I hope to accomplish in the next twelve months. It is easier said than done, as identifying the priorities on my list might well be one of the most difficult parts of reaching

my end goal, but it is an important step to success.

We never know where our life will take us. We are reminded of this with the passing of 2008 Pharm.D candidate Dennis Lam (*see page 9*). Dennis touched many lives at the School and he will be sadly missed by his classmates, professors and colleagues. Dennis serves as an inspiration, not only for his brave fight with cancer, but also for his devotion to his faith and his dreams. Dennis left a successful career in engineering to enter the world of pharmacy - a world in which he felt he could better serve his community. Dennis focused on this dream and it became a reality when he joined our entering class in the fall of 2004.

Dennis' achievement was great; a complete career change to one he felt better suited to his life goals. Pharmacy can be very fulfilling, yet you may still have professional New Year's resolutions. Maybe it's to take just a little extra care with each customer or to attend a specific conference you have missed in the past. I encourage you to choose the resolution most important to you, and to go for it as Dennis did.

Everyone gets busy, weeks fly by, then months. A long list of all you hope to accomplish can be overwhelming. I encourage you to make 2007 the year you pick your top priority and stick to it. You will find so much satisfaction at year's end when you can look back and say "I did it!"

Good luck whatever your endeavor may be. I wish you a very inspirational and satisfying 2007.

Suzanne Lee, '01  
PAA President

## JOIN US for KATTERMAN 2007

### Profitability and the Pharmacy Revolution: *Keys to Profitability in Traditional Pharmacy Practice and the Growing Clinical Services Sector* Featuring Dale Christensen and Steve LeFever

Whether you are a chain store, hospital or independent pharmacist, you are most likely responsible for some aspect of your organization's profitability. As an independent pharmacist, you face the same challenges as any small business owner when it comes to finances. As a member of a pharmacy team within a larger practice setting, you may find yourself responsible for millions of dollars of inventory annually. No matter where you work or the role you play, there is always a bottom line to meet and hopefully exceed.

To complicate matters, the pharmacy industry is in the midst of a revolution. It began with a few pocket pharmacies providing clinical services, such as medication therapy management or diabetes treatment, beyond and above the traditional pharmacy dispensing. Our nation, particularly the federal government with its Medicare payment plan, realized the potential within pharmacies of this type, and as of 2006, authorized insurance payment for such value-added services. This action has in turn encouraged more and more pharmacies to adopt a wider-range of services, which both better serve their clientele and boost their bottom line.

Such changes to business bring new challenges and highlight those that already exist. Whether you are among the pioneers of this pharmacy revolution, in the process of joining the troops or just interested in learning what such changes mean for the industry, you will not want to miss this year's Katterman Lecture featuring guest speakers, Dale Christensen, a former UW faculty member who was instrumental in engineering the Pharmacy Practice Act change and well-known for his participation in the "Asheville Project", and Steve LeFever, a dynamic speaker and

business management consultant.

Dale Christensen, professor of pharmaceutical policy and evaluative sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina and the School of Public Health (adjunct), served on the UW School of Pharmacy faculty for over 20 years before moving to N.C.. His research interests are in the areas of drug-taking compliance, pharmacoeconomics and drug policy evaluation. However, his primary interest is in developing and evaluating pharmacist medication therapy management services. For the past 15 years he has worked with Medicaid agencies in both Washington and North Carolina on drug-related issues. He has served as a member of each state's Drug Use Review Committee and was the PI on a large OBRA-90 demonstration grant to study the effects of paying pharmacists for value-added services.

In North Carolina, Dale supervised the evaluation of the famous Asheville diabetes disease management project. (The "Asheville Project" as it is more commonly known, serves as one of the best examples of successful pharmacy service management). Dale currently supervises the design and evaluation of polypharmacy medication therapy management projects aimed at Medicaid patients in nursing homes, state employees and retirees. In addition to discussing his experience with the Asheville project and current clinical services, Dale will speak on third party services in King County, the importance of documentation and how to work money wisely. He will also discuss the new web-based platforms (namely Outcomes Pharmaceutical Healthcare and Community MTM) now available to pharmacists to help manage expanding business endeavors.

Steve LeFever, chairman and founder of Business Resource Services, Inc. is a highly knowledgeable and entertaining presenter with an extensive business background and a solid understanding of the pharmacy industry and the challenges today's pharmacy owners and workers face. He will address issues, such as clinical services, inventory management, and human resources from a business perspective and provide keys to maximizing the profitability each brings to your work place.

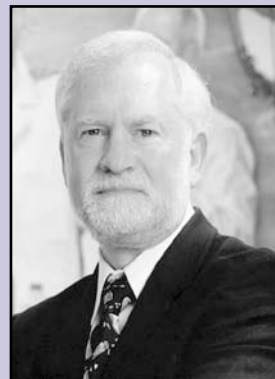
Steve has spoken at numerous pharmacy association meetings from Georgia to California, including WSPA's annual meeting and the National Community of Pharmacists Association. If you have missed him, or want a chance to see him again, this is it! LeFever has a "tell it like it" approach and will leave you not only inspired, but also armed with the tools necessary to make the most of today's pharmacy business.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**Katterman Lecture**  
**Saturday April 28**  
**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**  
**UW Health Science Rm T-435**

*Pharmacists wishing to receive CE credit will earn 4 hours for their attendance. For CE-related questions, please contact Eric Irvin at [uwcp@u.washington.edu](mailto:uwcp@u.washington.edu). For further information on the April 28 lecture, please contact Beth Fenkner at [rxalumni@u.washington.edu](mailto:rxalumni@u.washington.edu) or at the PAA office at 206-543-3485. You will receive a brochure by mail in March.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Message from the Dean



Dean Nelson  
Photo by Dan Lamont

*"One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."*

- Andre Gide

As a public research university, discovery is at the heart of what we do. From basic research discoveries, to those that improve benefit/risk assessments of drugs, from discoveries that help us teach and mentor our students better, to those that help us best serve our patients, the School of Pharmacy is at

the forefront of helping to fulfill one of the key missions of the UW.

On June 4, 2005, *The Seattle Times* lead article "Degrees of Success at the UW" gave credence to the importance of our discoveries to the world. The article first mentions the educational mission of the UW and the 12,000 degrees it confers across its three campuses. It goes on to point out that "The volume (of graduates) is impressive, but the UW is also making contributions on the most minute of levels – how individual's genes affect their responsiveness to medication." The editors reference a research article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (volume 352, pages 2285-93, June 2, 2005) about a discovery that individual differences in a gene that affects our blood clotting system, affects therapy with the anticoagulant drug, warfarin, and that knowledge of these genetic differences could help physicians deter-

mine the right dose of warfarin to be used in individual patients. It is noted in the *Times* editorial that "...this discovery will probably affect far more lives than the number of black robes gathered at Husky Stadium..."

The editorial noted that UW researchers working with counterparts at Washington University in St. Louis made this discovery. However, it failed to mention that this interdisciplinary research effort was led specifically by Dr. Allan Rettie, chair of our Department of Medicinal Chemistry, or that co-authors included three other UW SOP faculty members (David Blough, **Kenneth Thummel, '87**, and David Veenstra), and that one of the research scientists from Washington University in St. Louis was **Howard McCleod, '88**, who performed undergraduate research in our program while obtaining his pharmacy degree. Scientists from the department of genome sciences in the UW School of Medicine were integral to the research discovery as well.

Much of the discovery that takes place at the UW and in our pharmacy school does not make general news headlines. These discoveries also take many years of committed effort by our faculty, staff and students (and sometimes alumni). In many cases, it is difficult to explain the significance of the work we do, such as, Why does a protein fold in a particular way? What is significant about a particular transporter? or, Why is the way we perceive our role as a pharmacist important? As Andre Gide stated many years ago, sometimes discovery means that we have "... to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."

*Sid*

### Geriatric Program News

\* The UW School of Pharmacy, in partnership with the UW Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Community Medicine, and Social Work, has received a two-year \$200,000 RAND/Hartford grant to establish an Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center. The mission of the Center is to develop and study innovative clinical and health services interventions in geriatrics, and build capacity for conducting interdisciplinary research by fostering center identity and sustainability, promoting linkages between schools and departments that will encourage collaboration in training, and men-

toring for junior geriatric research faculty. UW was one of only seven institutions in the country to receive such funding.

\* The UW SOP Plein Certificate Program in Geriatrics celebrated its 20th year by being renamed in honor of co-creators, UW professors Joy, and her late husband, Elmer Plein.

\* Bob Miller, the president of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, recently recognized the UW geriatric program as one of the best in the country and an important training and education model for other Schools of Pharmacy around the nation.

### New Staff Member



Jenny Eccles joined the School as assistant director of development in October 2006. Previously, Jenny worked at the Wesley Homes Foundation, where she managed the planned giving program. Prior to that, Jenny was the development coordinator for the College of Business and Economics at WSU (we promise not to hold her Cougar background against her!) Please contact Jenny at 206-221-2465 or [jeccl@u.washington.edu](mailto:jeccl@u.washington.edu) to learn more about the Dean's Club, scholarships, and other giving options.

## I2P2 Endowment Named in Honor of Jacqueline Gardner



UWSOP is proud to formally announce the establishment of the Institute for Innovative Pharmacy Practice (I2P2) and recognize Dr. Jacqueline Gardner, who was instrumental in the Center's creation, by naming the first Endowed Professorship in Innovative Pharmacy Practice in her honor.

The Jacqueline Gardner Endowed Professorship in Innovative Pharmacy Practice is an important milestone for the Institute and the School. The endowed funds will help attract and

retain distinguished faculty in the areas of pharmacy management and senior care.

"It is a great honor to be chosen by the I2P2 committee, they themselves each respected colleagues and great innovators, as the namesake of this endowed professorship," said Gardner. "I am humbled and moved by this recognition."

Dr. Gardner, has been with the UW School of Pharmacy for 15 years. She began work as an associate professor in 1992, has served as co-director of the Retail Pharmacy Management Program since 2000 and is the current acting director for I2P2.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, Dr. Gardner, an epidemiologist who also holds a masters in public health, continues to stay abreast of issues within the "real world" of retail pharmacy practice by working once a week as a pharmacy technician. These various roles put her in a unique position to see the needs of the profession from several points of view. This experience has inspired her strong advocacy of expanding pharmacy services to include immunization, contraception and other value-added care.

I2P2 was created to meet the growing need for well-rounded pharmacists. Dr. Gardner, having presented the vision and goal, has been a driving force behind the formation of the Institute, which serves as a research and education umbrella that spans several areas of the School of Pharmacy curriculum. I2P2 focuses on training, research and advocacy of pharmacy management, value-added pharmacy services and senior care. Through this Institute, and the experience and ideas created and shared within it, our students will enter the workforce ready to implement and promote entrepreneurial solutions for better health and better business.

*The Jacqueline Gardner Endowed Professorship in Innovative Pharmacy Practice and I2P2 itself are great accomplishments. The School is now looking to raise money for a much needed second endowed professorship to further the mission of the Institute. To learn more about I2P2 please contact Jacqueline Gardner at [jsgardne@u.washington.edu](mailto:jsgardne@u.washington.edu). To learn how you can support the Institute, please contact Claire Forster, director of development, at [clbrown@u.washington.edu](mailto:clbrown@u.washington.edu).*

## UW SOP is Prominent Force at International ISSX Meeting



Pre- and post- doctoral finalist (L-R) Carrie Mosher, Ian Templeton, Erica Woodahl, Huixia Zhang and Elva Gao.

Medicinal chemistry and pharmaceuticals faculty, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students, past and present, were featured prominently at the 14th North American ISSX meeting held Oct. 22-26 in Puerto Rico.

Drs. **Ken Thummel, '87**, Jash

Unadkat, Nina Isoherranen and Allan Rettie gave presentations on their Vitamin D, transporter, itraconazole interaction and pharmacogenetics work, respectively. Former medicinal chemistry graduate students, Drs. **Ken Korzekwa, '87**, **Leslie Dickmann, '03**,

and **Mike Fisher, '98**, also gave oral presentations. Korzekwa discussed the pharmaceutical industry's view of mechanism-based inactivation. Dickmann described her search for new ligands for the 'orphan' CYP2S1. Fisher participated in a debate defending the use of in vitro technologies to predict human metabolism.

Erica Woodahl (pharmaceutics) was one of six finalists for best post-doctoral poster. Elva Gao and Carrie Mosher (medicinal chemistry) and Ian Templeton and Huixia Zhang (pharmaceutics) were finalists in the pre-doctoral poster competition.

Gao won the first place award for her work "Identifying binding sites on P450 for cytochrome b5" and Mosher won third place for her research "Identifying CYP2C9 binding site determinants of phenytoin metabolism and hetrotopic activation by lansoprazole."

## FACULTY NEWS

**Phil Hansten** has been asked to be the commencement speaker at his alma mater, the University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy, on May 5, 2007. Also, Hansten's personal research, photos and commentary of eagles "having a delicate romantic moment" in a tree outside his home was aired on national TV ("The Colbert Report" on the Comedy Channel) on Nov. 14. Though not a scientific media outlet, Hansten's affiliation to the School was noted.

**Rodney Ho** was asked by AAPS career development team to share his insights as an established scientist to help inspire young investigators. Ho was also invited, as a keynote panelist, to the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) annual scientific meeting in Denver to discuss potential new directions for USP, which sets standards for pharmacy compounding practice. UW SOP hopes, through Ho's involvement, to play a role in setting these standards.

**John Horn** presented "Designing an Effective Drug Interaction Screening Program" at the ASHP mid-year clinical meeting in December in Anaheim, Calif., as part of the session "Evidence-Based Approaches to Reducing Medication Misadventures Caused by Drug-Drug Interactions." Also, the 2007 edition of *The Top 100 Drug Interactions: A Guide to Patient Management*, co-authored by Horn and Phil Hansten, is now available. This pocket-sized drug interaction reference continues to be a popular reference for practitioners who want an authoritative guide to clinically significant interactions. For more information visit [www.hanstenandhorn.com](http://www.hanstenandhorn.com).

**Nina Isoherranen** has been appointed assistant professor of pharmaceuticals effective Dec. 1, 2006.

**Lou Garrison** was interviewed for the Sept. 18 issue of *The Grey Sheet* in response to the article he co-authored for *Health Affairs* (Sept/Oct) regarding pharmacogenic pairings of novel drugs and diagnostics.

**Rene Levy** and his team's Metabolism-based Drug-Interaction Database has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Revenue Generating Technologies

of the University of Washington. The database has made top listing since the University began reporting top-rated, revenue generating technologies invented by the faculty two years ago, a high honor considering over 300 innovations and 40 patents are reported by the University annually.

**Sid Nelson** was highlighted in *University Week* (Nov. 30) "A conversation with Dean Sidney Nelson of the School Pharmacy." The Dean spoke about his life as a dean, the changing roles of pharmacists and esprit de corps enjoyed by UW SOP faculty, staff, alumni, friends and students.

**Terri O'Sullivan** and **Dana Hammer** were again invited speakers at the AACP Institute, an opportunity which provided great national visibility and recognition for their expertise in experiential education.

**Allan Rettie's** warfarin research was the subject of *Molecular Interventions* central article (V6 I4) "The Pharmacogenomics of Warfarin: Closing in on Personalized Medicine." Rettie and his student, **Guoying Tai, '06**, were highlighted in a five-page spread on their groundbreaking work. Visit [www.molinterv.org](http://www.molinterv.org) for full article.

**Sean Sullivan**, in cooperation with Premera's John Watkins and **Ed Wong, '71**, (UW clinical associate professor and clinical professor, respectively) and their colleague Sanchita Roy Choudhury co-authored the report "Managing Biotechnology In A Network-Model Health Plan: A U.S. Private Payer Perspective" published in *Health Affairs* (Oct.).

**David Veenstra** received a \$90,000 CDC grant for his research "An Evidence and Value Based Evaluation of Genetic Testing to Guide Warfarin Therapy." This will also help fund Lisa Meckley's Ph.D dissertation work "Clinical Utility, Cost Effectiveness and Provider Perceptions of CYP2C9 and VKORC1 Genotyping for Chronic Warfarin Therapy."

**Joanne Wang** was quoted and her work discussed in the Sept. 29 issue of *Science* in the article "Google of the Brain: Atlas Maps Brain's Genetic Activity" regarding the Paul Allen brain map (p. 1879).

## PORPP NEWS

### NEW FACULTY:

**Srikanth Kadiyala** (PhD, health policy, Harvard School of Public Health, B.A, economics, Univ. of Chicago) has studied effects of the incidence of cancer in the family on the demand for cancer screenings and health insurance, and compared the impact of the type of health insurance (managed care vs. fee-for-service) on the quality of patient care. He will help teach health economics and policy courses while continuing his study of quality, managed care and insurance markets, and the impact of guidelines on the quality of physician care in cancer screenings.

### NEW GRAD STUDENTS:

**Joseph Brian Babigumira** (MBCbB, Mbarara Univ. and Ntare School, Uganda; MS, health services research, Case Western Reserve Univ.) is a physician, teacher, and lecturer and has experience in falciparum malaria and HIV. He's also a recipient of the NIH/Fogarty Int'l Clinical, Operational, and Health Services Research and Training Award. His goal is to conduct cost-effectiveness research and influence health policy in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Mindy Cheng** (BS, microbiology, UMich.; MS, health services research, CSU) was a microbiologist and a regulatory affairs associate at ALZA Corporation. She hopes to develop and evaluate health policies that will bring pharmaceutical innovations to the developing world.

**Catherine Wairimu Waweru** (BSc, pharmacy, Univ. of Nairobi, Kenya; MSc, clinical pharmacy, Int'l practice and policy, Univ. of London) served as chief pharmacist in a hospital in Kenya, where she developed a program to ensure the availability of affordable essential drugs to patients in need. Her goal is to improve access to necessary pharmaceuticals and health services for the people of Kenya.

**Jelena Zurovac** (B.A, economics, Smith College) is currently a PhD student in economics at the UW. She has studied the historical and empirical relationship between income inequality and economic growth, and is interested in privatization in transition economies and its effect on the population.

### RECENT GRADUATE:

**Thy Do, MS, MPH, PhD**, "Outpatient Discontinuation of Post-Myocardial Infarction Beta-Blocker Therapy and Its Effect on Recurrent Coronary Events". Do now works in the epidemiology group at Amgen in San Francisco.

## Coming Back and Giving Back... CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE



Class of 2006 alumni Beth Walter (left) and Jenny Riddell return for their first post-graduation homecoming with guests RJ Arnold (back-left) and Mike Arnold



(L-R) Class of 1961 classmates, Don Volkman and Bill Hollingsworth, catch up at PAA's Homecoming party.

Homecoming always brings back the die hard Husky fans, but it also sees the return of many non-sports fans hoping to catch up with former classmates and reconnect with friends and colleagues. The connection individuals and classes have with each other and with the School is what makes our alumni family such a strong and uniquely cohesive group. Many alumni enjoy fond memories of their fellow classmates, favorite professor, toughest class or funniest college experience. Others also remember receiving scholarships, which made these memories and their pharmacy education possible.

**Ray Wilson, '69**, is among those who relied on scholarship aid. He credits much of the success he enjoys today to the education he received at the UW School of Pharmacy, and the doors it opened, allowing him to go on to earn a Ph.D, then MD. Like many of today's students, Ray would not have been able

to attend our School without the help of scholarship funds. "I applied to the UW, they offered me financial support, I took them up on it, and I've been grateful ever since," said Wilson.

To show his gratitude, Wilson led the creation of the first ever class sponsored scholarship endowment. Over one-third of his classmates have already donated to the recently created Class of 1969 Endowed Scholarship. Wilson, co-chair of the School's campaign, presented the idea to his class at their 35th reunion. The scholarship became fully endowed in 2006.

Wilson challenges other classes to create their own endowed funds. "It just takes one or two motivated people in each class to get the ball rolling. It's a very doable thing," said Wilson. "Our class was small, yet we raised over \$50,000 toward an endowment. I think there are a lot of other classes out there that could easily meet, if not exceed, that amount."

Wilson and his classmates understand that more endowments mean more opportunities for students. In-state tuition at the School now costs more than \$12,000 per year. "A lot of students just can't do it," said Wilson,

a Kirkland resident who retired from his gastroenterology practice last year. "They have to go deeply in debt or forego their education altogether. If we want the best of the best, we need to have scholarship money to offer because students are going to go where they get help."

The UW has launched a new campaign to help those who are interested in funding student scholarships maximize their investment. This new program, named Students First, enables donations of \$100,000 or more to be matched at 50% of the principle. That means a class that is able to raise \$100,000 together would receive a total of \$150,000 for pharmacy scholarship programs.

Student support provides motivated students the chance to pursue their education regardless of economic circumstance. Your class endowment, coupled with the University's match, will ensure that cost does not prevent any qualified individual from receiving a UW education, thereby ensuring that the best and brightest students create their futures at the UW School of Pharmacy and return later to support future generations of Husky pharmacists, like those before them.

If you are interested in learning more about the Class of 1969 endowed fund, starting your own class or group endowment or need further information on the Students First program please contact Claire Forster, director of development, at [clbrown@u.washington.edu](mailto:clbrown@u.washington.edu) or by phone at 206-616-3217.



Kari Douglas, '92, (middle) introduces her brand new baby boy to (L-R) Homecoming attendees Tish Ramseth, Donna Dockter, '72, Joan Nelson and Sharon Fassett.

## UW SOP Students Pay Tribute to American Pharmacy Month

October was American Pharmacy Month and many UW SOP students organized several important community outreach activities to honor the occasion.

**Luis Ramos, '09**, and **Michelle Akcar, '09**, launched their HIV/AIDS educational awareness project with the first of three events designed to help identify and address the needs of patients with HIV/AIDS. On October 18, the duo assembled a team of health care providers, including two pharmacists, a nurse practitioner, a nurse, and a physician to discuss interprofessional team care in HIV management. The panelists spoke on a wide range of topics and discussed strategies for providing the best care for patients from different health care perspectives. "It was an overwhelmingly positive experience for all involved," said Ramos, who facilitated the panel discussion.

Due to advancement in HIV treatment, younger generations don't seem aware of the severity of the disease, have less fear of contracting it and do less to avoid getting it. By increasing pharmacists' (and other health care worker's) knowledge of trends in HIV patients, Ramos and Akcar hope to help improve delivery of comprehensive care within our community and halt the increasing spread of the disease.

UPPOW officers **Carolyn Sear, '08**, and **Petey Sonnett, '09**, organized a "Know your Medicine, Know your Pharmacist" information table in a high traffic area of the UW Health Sciences building during the month of October. Their goal was to increase the awareness of a pharmacist's role and provide useful information to fellow students, faculty and staff regarding pharmacy care. Sear, Sonnett and 10 of their fellow classmates took shifts at the



*Lambda Kappa Sigma Trick-or-Treaters (L-R) Ellen Smith, Karen Grinnen, Margot McCaffrey, Michelle Halver, Nicole Even, Diana Spencer, Jean Dinh*

table, answered questions and distributed a great deal of information that included brochures describing important questions individuals should ask their pharmacists about prescription and over-the-counter medications; how they work, how they should be taken and how each may interact with another. A flyer addressing commonly asked questions and basic information about flu shots was also distributed.

"It is important to promote the profession of pharmacy since many people, even those within the health care community, have a limited view of the scope of a pharmacist's duties," explained Sear. "Hopefully this will encourage more dialogue between patients and their pharmacists."

The table not only educated people on the role of pharmacists, but also helped generate interest among undergraduate

science students, several of whom stopped by with questions about careers in pharmacy.

In honor of American Pharmacy Month and Halloween, UW SOP Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) members partnered with Northwest Harvest to trick-or-treat the night away by collecting canned food throughout the community on the eve of Oct. 31. LKS students collected approximately 150 pounds of food for families in need in Washington.

Other students volunteered with the Hutch School Tutoring program. These students helped tutor in math and science, as well as create lesson plans for young kids undergoing cancer treatment and who are unable to attend traditional school during their treatment.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Jason Boyd, '07**, recently finished a summer rotation abroad at the pharmacy department of the Ministry of Health in Republic of Palau. Boyd impressed his hosts with his hard work, knowledge and maturity. While there, Boyd helped his host country create a formulary that has since been printed for the hospital staff.

**George Guenther, '07**, was selected to receive a NCPA Presidential Scholarship. He was recognized at the October NCPA annual convention in Las Vegas.

**Nicole Miller, '07**, was selected as a regional liaison by the national Phi Lambda Sigma executive committee.

**Kelly Philopant, '08**, and several of her peers, have been involved in APhA/ASP's Operation Immunization. With the help of pharmacy preceptor and McNeil Island Correctional Center pharmacist, **Nicole (Klosterman) Gerdes, '05**, students have been visiting the prison in groups of three to give immunizations (flu & hepatitis) and perform TB tests on inmates. The experience has also included charting immunizations in patient records, touring the facility and being exposed to a unique pharmacy practice site. Students have made five visits to the facility since spring.

**Elyse Tung, '08**, and members of Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) helped WSPA conduct phone interviews with pharmacies that have been assigned pre-approved MTM patients to determine if these pharmacies were experiencing any problems with the new program. PLS also plans to hold seminars to teach students how to set up MTM services at their internship sites. The MTM program reimburses pharmacies for patients with multiple medications and disease states. Community Care Rx has already identified MTM eligible patients, and King County Employees plans to do the same in 2007.

## Student's Battle with Cancer Ends Sadly



**Dennis Lam**, UW School of Pharmacy Pharm.D candidate, Class of 2008, passed away on Dec. 11, 2006 at his home surrounded by loving family and friends. He was 28 years old. Dennis was diagnosed with cancer after completing his first year of pharmacy school. Throughout his 15-month heroic battle he inspired friends, family, pastors, and doctors alike with his positive attitude.

A Seattle area native, Dennis attended John Hay Elementary, Brighton Elementary, McClure Middle School, and Franklin High School. He graduated from the latter in 1996 and received a bachelor's in chemical engineering from the UW in 2001. He was successful in his post-graduate years as a chemical engineer, but believed pharmacy was his true calling. He was accepted into the UW SOP Pharm.D program in 2004. As a student, Dennis was a member of UPPOW and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and interned at Swedish Medical Center.

Dennis loved to spend time with his many friends, snowboard, salsa and swing dance, and was devoted to his faith. Though Dennis passed away as a young man, he had already lived many lifetimes of happiness, hope, and love. He is survived by his parents, Yue Fong and Joseph Lam; his brother, Jeffrey Lam; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Niu On Ng; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

The UW School of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students are deeply saddened by this loss, but grateful for the time Dennis was with us.

*In honor of Dennis, the pharmacy staff at Swedish Medical Center has created the Dennis Lam Scholarship Fund at the UW School of Pharmacy. Many friends, family and co-workers have already contributed. To learn more please contact Claire Forster, director of development, at clbrown@u.washington.edu.*

## Call for Plein Proposals

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2007 Plein Grant awards. All UW School of Pharmacy alumni, faculty, clinical and affiliate faculty, and students are encouraged to apply. Deadline for proposals is June 1, 2007.

One to three \$500 to \$5,000 grants are funded annually by the Elmer M. Plein Endowed Research Fund in Pharmacy, established in 1995 to honor Professor Plein, who served the School from 1938 until his death in 1994. The Plein Fund encourages, promotes and supports research and innovative practice in pharmacy.

For more information on areas of study supported, important dates, requirements and restrictions, and how to apply please visit <http://depts.washington.edu/pharma/pleinfund.html> or contact Eric Irvin, manager of business operations, at 206-685-8091 or by email at [eirvin@u.washington.edu](mailto:eirvin@u.washington.edu).

## MEMORIAM

**Robert H. Garrison, '39**, died Oct. 4 at the age of 89. Bob was born in Connell, Wash., and grew up in Centralia. He and his wife Mae Rose Munroe married the year he graduated and enjoyed 59 years of marriage and seven children. Bob owned drugstores in the Centralia/Chehalis area with his brother prior to moving his family to Glendale, Calif. where he spent the next 15 years as vice president of Rexall Drug Company. Mae Rose passed away in 1998. Bob was remarried in 1999 to close family friend Marion McCaw. They were both in their 80's. Bob was preceded in death by Mae Rose, their daughters, Mary, Gretchen, Patricia and one grandson. Bob is survived by his wife Marion, and children, **Bob Garrison, Jr., '76**, Deedle Curry, Christine Rippey, and Tom Garrison, 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be left at [www.gaffneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gaffneyfuneralhome.com).

**Jessie Lavender, '40**, passed away from bone cancer at the age of 88. She grew up on Orcas Island and, after graduation, practiced at retail drug stores before settling into the Marine Hospital in Seattle. In 1946 Jessie moved to Camden,

N.J., then relocated to California in 1948, where she worked at Owl Drug Store in Sacramento for many years before accepting a position at the Fairmont Hospital in Oakland. She took leave to travel the world, visiting Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Kashmir, Pakistan, East Africa, and Spain. Jessie retired from Fairmont in the mid-70's to pursue her passion for books by opening a small bookstore and tea room in Castro Valley. Jessie is survived by two brothers, one sister and eight nephews and nieces.

**Sharon M. Bracken**, widow of **Jim L. Bracken, '45**, died peacefully on Sept. 24 in Seattle. Mrs. Bracken and her family were strong supporters of the School of Pharmacy (endowment support to the Bracken PCLC and student scholarships) and the UW. Her husband, **Jim, '45**, and father-in-law, **L.D. Bracken, '13**, were both well-recognized leaders in the pharmacy profession. Sharon was born in Tacoma in 1929, and grew up in Olympia. She attended WSU where she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and a majorette with the marching band. She was an early stewardess with United

Airlines prior to meeting and marrying Jim, who preceded her in death in 1984. Sharon was a passionate community volunteer and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Laura Clough, Carol Clemency and John Bracken, and 10 grandchildren.

**Gayle McWilliams, '86**, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 14. Gayle grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., then joined the army and moved to Fort Lewis where she met Fred, her husband of 27 years. She was a pharmacy technician in the service and later at St. Joseph Hospital. After graduating pharmacy school she worked for many years at Bridgeport Pharmacy in Lakewood and Enumclaw before managing Puget Sound Behavioral Health Pharmacy from 2000-2005. She was a certified diabetes educator and recipient of the 2002 WSPA "Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award." In 2003 she earned her MBA and became a junior associate with Dobson Group. In 2006 she became manager of Home Infusion Service for Providence Health Service. She is survived by her husband Fred and missed by many.

## CLASS NOTES

**Lois Lemon Balent, '49**, lost her second husband, Anthony Balent, on Sept. 27. Although she misses him she is enjoying living at the Kensington Episcopal Home in Alhambra, Calif. She is near two of her four sons, and enjoyed spending the holidays with her family, whom she had been living apart from for 20 years.

**Robert Look, '51**, and his wife Mary Jo are both getting along very well in Whitefish, Mont. and looking to forward great skiing this winter. Robert would love to hear from his 1951 classmates. Please call Robert at 406-862-7500.

**George H. Bartell, '53**, is chairman of the board for Bartell's Drug, the nation's 15th largest chain drug store. The company is winner of the Best in the Northwest 2006 Washington Large Pharmacy Business of the Year award. Bartell's was started by George H. Bartell, Sr. in 1890, and it remains a family run business, with his grandson George D. Bartell now at the helm.

**Richard Ramsey, '55**, is pharmacist and "knower of all things" (really, it's on his name tag) at Ostrom Drug and Gift, which is one of the last of the full-line Drug and Gift stores in Snohomish, King and Pierce county. They don't sell cigarettes, food, alcohol or major electronics, just great gifts, candles and greeting cards and have a full-service pharmacy with patient consultation, flu shots, nursing home service and senior center consulting.

**Dave Jaskar, '61**, has for the past 20 years, been chief of geriatrics at Tucson VA Hospital. He has also been the director of hospice at the VA and at Hospice Casa De La Lus. He practiced pharmacy prior to and during medical school, from which he graduated in 1971. He was an internal medicine resident at Mason Clinic, then practiced at Kent Medical Center for 12 years before moving to the desert, which he loves, in 1985. Dave stays involved in his community and has been on PT committees for multiple hospitals. He interacts a lot with clinical pharmacists, interns and residents. Dave would have liked to go through the Pharm.D program had it been available 40 years ago.

**William Sandal, '66**, worked at Peterson's Pharmacy for two years after graduating. He was then drafted into the Army, stationed in California, and has remained there ever since. He worked at Longs Drugs in the Bay Area from 1971

to 2000 before retiring (the first time) from the pharmacy manager position. After the millennium, William went back to work part-time until 2005, when he retired permanently. He recently underwent neck surgery for the fourth and hopefully final time for severe cervical stenosis. He is now in Seattle on an extended visit, to be with his aging mother. His partner of 24 years is "holding down the fort" in Alameda, Calif.

**Barry Sommerdorf, '66**, worked at Joseph Hart Inc. in downtown Seattle after graduation. In 1968, he joined the University Hospital Inpatient Pharmacy where he became involved in early clinical pharmacist roles, and managed drug study packing for the Epilepsy Center. In 1976, Barry transferred to Harborview Medical Center where he worked in the clinical psychiatric sector of in-patient and out-patient pharmacies. He retired in 2003 after 35 years in the field, but returned in 2004 and works part-time at the Pharmacy at Fircrest School near his home in Shoreline. Barry has been married for 36 years and has two married daughters (in Shoreline and Renton) and one infant grandson. His hobbies include his family, bicycle riding (1 STP & Oregon coast ride), 21 years of owning Triumph sports cars (TR3, TR7, TR8) and traveling.

**Ronald Bright, '69**, retired from Astra Zeneca at the end of 2005 and lives with his wife Dorine in Camas, Wash.

**Dave Morio, '71**, and his pharmacy co-owner Beth Christman, put on the first and very successful Fife Pharmacy & Gifts "Focus on Health Days." The two-day event included pharmacy and nutritional consultations, home care product demonstrations, and free health screenings. The Fife team partnered with Swedish Medical Center and the Susan B. Komen Foundation to provide on-site mammograms to women on board the Swedish mobile Breast Care Express at reduced rates. Morio and Christman raised enough funds through community donations to perform 44 mammograms. UW SOP and WSU pharmacy student volunteers helped screen and test patients. The community loved the event. "It was a lot of work," said Morio, "but helped people recognize all we (the pharmacy) had to offer." Morio and Christman encourage other pharmacies to put on similar events. "Any community pharmacy can do this," said Christman. "You

just need a motivated team." (see note)

**Doug Johnson, '73**, owner of Hillsboro Pharmacy, and his wife Beverly, have been married 36 years and have two children, Aaron (32) and Amy (29). Johnson's hobbies include golfing, watching sports and making home improvements. He has served as a Hillsboro city counselor for the past four years and is a member of the Greater Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and Hillsboro Kiwanis. Doug serves on the board of the local library, helped start the Hillsboro Tuesday markets and founded the Hillsboro Downtown Business Association.

**Dan Davidson, '78**, retired from Northwest Hospital and lives with his wife Shelly in Olympia. They have three sons. Bo is in his 3rd year of dental school at UW, Ben is a double major at Western in computer science and mathematics and their youngest, Matt, is a photography student at Academy of Art in San Francisco.

**Rory Rimmel, '82**, teaches the Antimicrobial Agents and Antiviral Agents sections of Medicinal Agents III at University of Minnesota. He has received several teaching honors, awarded by students, to include "Teacher of the Semester" Fall of 2005 and 2006 and was named teacher of the year by Pharm.D III students in 2003 and 2005. Rory was a teaching assistant for Gary Elmer and credits his success to Elmer's superb mentorship.

**Cheryl Zimmerman, '83**, is completing her final year as a member-at-large for AAPS.

**David Meade, '94**, retired in July 2005 as a Lt. Col. after 20 years in the USAF. He is now a pharmacy analyst for the Dept. of Defense Pharmacoeconomics Center in San Antonio, Texas.

**Jeff Rochon, '99**, is working, on behalf of WSPA, with the UW School of Public Health and several other state and local health institutions to establish the new Public Health Reserve Corps, a group of medical and non-medical volunteers who will be trained for emergency response activities, including dispensing medications and vaccinations, and conducting health assessment and

(more on page 11)

Note: If you are interested in hosting a health fair at your pharmacy and would like to involve UW students, please contact our Student Program office at [pharminf@u.washington.edu](mailto:pharminf@u.washington.edu)

## New Residency Program Meets Growing Demand for Management Trained Pharmacists

The UW School of Pharmacy has created a new joint Pharmacy Management/Masters in Health Administration (MHA) residency program to help address the acute need for management trained pharmacists in hospitals and other patient care institutions across our nation.

Starting the summer of 2007 the School will welcome at least one new resident a year to the two-year program. Participants will complete one year of pharmacy residency practice, then one year of a specialty residency in pharmacy management at UWMC, Harborview or the Cancer Care Alliance (CCA.) During this time they will also be taking MHA classes. This dual program is the ideal way to prepare participants for work on interdisciplinary teams, where pharmacy managers collaborate with physicians, hospital administrators and nurses to provide complete, high-value, cost-effective patient care. Graduates of the program will have the experience and skills needed to become successful managers in both in-patient and ambulatory settings.

UWMC Pharmacy Director, Shabir Somani, is very excited about the new program. "We are going to be playing an important role in developing future

pharmacy management leaders," says Somani, "and helping to eliminate the shortage of pharmacy managers in the institutional setting."

Pharmacy management is a demanding, but fulfilling career that unites both the business and clinical aspect of patient care. Institutional pharmacy managers play a strategic role in creating health care practices to meet patient and institutional needs, today and in the future. Unfortunately, our nation has a shortage of management trained pharmacists. Yet, less than half of the country's Schools of Pharmacy currently offer any type of dual pharmacy/management program. As our health care system continues to adapt to society's needs, the UW School of Pharmacy is proud to offer a comprehensive education for individuals wishing to become leaders in the influential area of institutional pharmacy management.

Pharmacists who have a strong interest in pharmacy management and are interested in advancing their career in institutional pharmacy management should contact Janet Kelly, outcomes and cost management pharmacist, UWMC Pharmacy Services at [rxpress@u.washington.edu](mailto:rxpress@u.washington.edu) or Cindy Wilson, supervisor, inpatient pharmacy, HMC Pharmacy Services at [cinwil@u.washington.edu](mailto:cinwil@u.washington.edu) to learn more about the joint Pharmacy Management/MHA program.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 12**

**Dean's Recognition Reception**  
Dean's Club, Insider and President Club members, PAA members, and clinical and affiliate faculty are invited to attend this annual dessert reception to be held at the Edgewater Hotel. The event starts at 6:30 pm. For more information or to RSVP please contact Ariana Ghasedi at 206-616-7613 or [arianag@u.washington.edu](mailto:arianag@u.washington.edu)

**APRIL 13**

**UPPOW Auction**  
Decades, the 10th annual UPPOW fundraising auction will be held Friday night at South Campus Center. For more information please contact Lindsey Fu at [jfu3@u.washington.edu](mailto:jfu3@u.washington.edu)

**APRIL 28**

**Katterman Memorial Lecture**  
*Profitability and the Pharmacy Revolution* with special guests Dale Christensen and Steve LeFever will be held Saturday morning from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. To register please call the PAA Office at 206-543-3485 (see page 3.)

**JULY 28**

**Dean's Club Night Out with the Mariners**  
Save the Date! For more information on this event or to become a Dean's Club member please contact Jenny Eccles at 206-221-2465 or [jeccles@u.washington.edu](mailto:jeccles@u.washington.edu)

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disease surveillance. Pharmacists and pharmacy interns interested in volunteering should visit [www.metrokc.gov/health/phreservecorps](http://www.metrokc.gov/health/phreservecorps).

**Caroline Chalverus, '00**, is excited to move to Las Vegas in Spring 2007.

**Clement Chung, '01**, recently obtained his board specialty certification in pharmacotherapy (BCPS) and plans to complete certification in oncology (BCOP) in 2007. He works at Valley Medical Center in Renton where he is revamping and strengthening the oncology pharmacy services offered. He and his wife Emily also celebrate the birth of their first daughter, Deborah Grace, born May 6, 2006.

**Marcin Rychlewski, '05**, completed his pharmacy practice residency at UCSF

and is currently an assistant clinical professor of clinical pharmacy at UCSF School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacist at the UCSF Medical Center.



**Elizabeth Fuchs, '04, Joyce Tsai, '78, Pat Tanac, '45, and Nancy Horst, '62**, (seen L-R in the above photo) attended the initiation of eight new members of UW Lambda Kappa Sigma this past October in the home of **Susan Lakey, '02**.



Newly initiated members, Pharm.D students (L-R): Back: Janelle Wilde, Ellen Smith, Michelle Halver, Nicole Even, Kayla Kent, Margot McCaffrey. Front: Dea Kim, Kate Hammer

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## UW School of Pharmacy Corporate Advisory Board Meets



On Sept. 21-22, the UW SOP hosted its annual meeting for Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) members at the Columbia Tower Club in downtown Seattle. The Board, comprised of 40 pharmaceutical industry leaders, met with Dean Nelson and faculty members to discuss the School, the pharmaceutical industry, current research, and future corporate and academic collaborations.

Our CAB member's experience and expertise make them invaluable resources for advice and strategic input. They also serve as an important link to the financial and scientific resource support the School receives from leading pharmaceutical companies. CAB members were treated to a poster presentation by our post-docs, fellows, and Ph.D students. It was an opportunity for all to discuss the exciting work on campus and within the industry that will lead to breakthroughs in the years ahead.

*CAB member Newell McElwee of Pfizer (left) and Eli Lilly Postdoctoral Fellow Brian Bresnahan tour presentations. Board members include former UW faculty Thomas Baillie (Merck), Jeff Lee (Allergan), B. Michael Silber (Roche) and Devin Welty (Allergan); alumni Doug Mendenhall, '68 (Merck), Al Linggi, '71 (McKesson), Ed Wong, '71 (Premera Blue Cross), Bill Garland, '74 (Amgen), Mitchell Higashi, '01 (GE Healthcare); and former postdoctoral fellow Paul Pearson, '86-'89 (Amgen). The Board consists of 34 members in total.*

## Dean's Club Members Enjoy An Evening of Art and Conversation



*Dean's Club members (L-R) Allison Halgren, '97, George Bradley, Gary Harris, '72, and his wife Carrol.*

Sixty Dean's Club members joined Dean Nelson, and his wife Joan, at the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park on Oct. 19 for a special "Thank You" event to recognize the enormous impact Dean's Club members make at the School. The generous support of the Dean's Club is at the heart of many of the School's most exciting and innovative programs.

It was a wonderful evening for guests to catch up with classmates, faculty and colleagues, while viewing beautiful pieces of Asian art work. Allan Rettie, chair and professor of medicinal chemistry, gave a presentation on his internationally recognized research on genetic variability and response to the oral anticoagulant drug, warfarin. Topics highlighted included the nature of the specific genes involved, inter-ethnic differences in warfarin response and impediments to the implementation of genetic testing in practice.

*To learn more about the Dean's Club, becoming a member or attending an event, please contact Jenny Eccles, assistant director of development, at [jeccl@u.washington.edu](mailto:jeccl@u.washington.edu)*

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