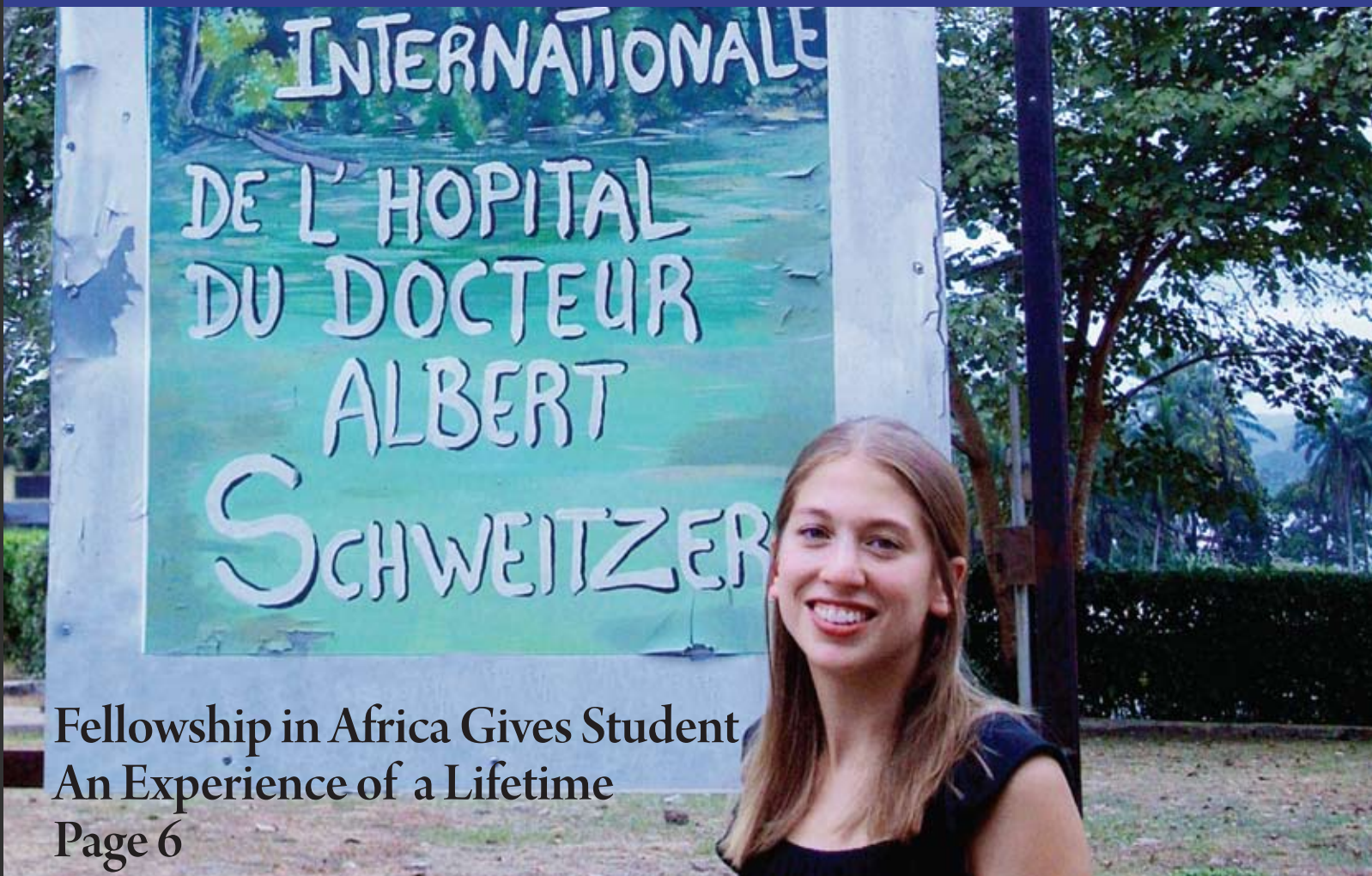


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ON THE COVER:

Third-year pharmacy student Elise Fields stands in front of the sign for the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon. Fields recently became the first-ever pharmacy student to receive a Schweitzer Public Health Fellowship to work in Gabon. See full story on Page 6.



I hope that your summer was a time of relaxation and recharging your batteries.

Over the summer, the Pharmacy Alumni Association has been busy. We welcomed Jennifer Glasco, '09, as our new PAA incoming president. Jennifer recently completed a pharmacy practice residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center, and she is now a pharmacist there.

While in pharmacy school, Jennifer appreciated working with pharmacists from many different pharmacy practice areas. She values the impact these pharmacists had on her professional development, and she says she is now ready to "pay it forward" to UW School of Pharmacy stu-

dents. Welcome, Jennifer! We're excited to have you as a leader within our association.

We have also been focusing on making your PAA membership even better. And now, for the first time ever, the annual membership dues for PAA count as a tax-deductible contribution to the UW and the School of Pharmacy. A tax deduction, just for doing something you would already do!

This past June, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the School of Pharmacy graduation and presenting the 2010 PAA Professional Excellence Award to Pharm.D. graduate Luis Ramos. Luis embodies the kind of leadership and passion that so many pharmacy students and alumni possess. I look forward to giving out PAA scholarships to two exemplary students this year.

I'm also looking forward to seeing you at our Homecoming celebration this fall. PAA is changing the event this year. We are combining our class reunions with the UW Homecoming Weekend for one big Friday night Homecoming Social and Reunion Celebration. It will be a great time to see friends, celebrate the purple and gold, and get ready to beat Oregon State!

If you're looking for additional opportunities to connect with the School, keep in mind that pharmacy students are ramping up for ever-more community activities this academic year. They have received grants to host numerous health care events in underserved communities and to organize pharmacy outreach projects. They are always in need of preceptors and mentors for their events.

As a regular preceptor for these kinds of activities, I have learned so much from the students and have been able to build relationships with the new classes. They always appreciate the opportunity to interact with alumni in this capacity.

To inquire about precepting or mentoring opportunities, please e-mail your contact information and your area of interest to me at jarnold@wsparx.org. No matter what, I hope each of you are finding your own valuable way to stay connected to the School.

Jenny Arnold, '06
President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

October 15
Pharmacy Alumni Night - Homecoming Social and Reunion Celebration
Eastlake Bar and Grill
Seattle, Wash.
Contact: Nancy Hart
(206) 616-7613
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Nov. 5-6
WSPA Annual Convention
Hilton Hotel
Vancouver, Wash.
Visit www.wsparx.org to register

Stay tuned for information about an event in honor of all reunion classes of 50 years and beyond in spring 2011!

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



The University of Washington released a report this summer detailing some of the significant impacts this institution makes on the region. I thought I would share a few noteworthy highlights of the report with you:

- The UW was on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in 2009, the highest federal

recognition a university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

- Collectively, UW students were involved in more than 346,000 hours of service in fiscal year 2009.

- Every year, the UW receives more federal research funding than any other American public university.

I'm proud of the many ways that the School of Pharmacy contributes to these numbers. And I'm proud of what they mean — that we are a community of people who care about service learning, volunteering and working on critical research.

The report also quantified the university's economic impact on the state of Washington — emphasizing the UW's positive impacts on employment, spending and tax revenue. It is no coincidence, of course, that the UW released this report during a time when institutes of higher education are continually facing cuts in state funding. If we want to protect our operations, we must continue to demonstrate and quantify just how much our university, and the School of Pharmacy, enrich our society.

At our School, we are so lucky to have a group of

alumni and friends who are already out in the world being such enthusiastic champions. They understand from personal experience the kind of difference this School makes.

Further, we are lucky to have a community of people who are devoted to offering private support to our students, faculty, research and programs. Once again this year, we ranked No. 1 among all schools and colleges at the university in the percentage of alumni who make gifts. Every single gift is crucial to our success. Every donor from the past year is acknowledged in this issue of *Dawg Scripts*, starting on Page 8.

Within those donor-recognition pages, there is also a timeline that showcases the first 20 years of the School of Pharmacy Dean's Club. We are excited to celebrate the anniversary of this special group of donors this fiscal year. Read more about the Dean's Club legacy, as well as about important changes taking place in the club, on Page 12.

In other parts of this magazine, you will read about a student who spent her summer providing care at the world-famous Albert Schweitzer Hospital in the African nation of Gabon, a faculty member providing increased research opportunities for American Indians and Native Alaskans, and a couple of alumni who were coincidentally stationed together in a Naval hospital in Guam.

I hope you will write us at rxalumni@uw.edu if you have your own stories to submit for future issues. You, our alumni and friends, are always our greatest ambassadors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas A. Baillie".

Thomas A. Baillie, Ph.D., D.Sc.
Dean, UW School of Pharmacy

Congratulations to the UW School of Pharmacy Class of 2010!



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Professor Helps Expand Research Opportunities Among American Indians and Native Alaskans

The School of Pharmacy has joined a nationwide network of scientists through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study how genes affect individual response to medicines. Ken Thummel, chair and professor of pharmaceuticals, and Wylie Burke, professor in the School of Medicine, and colleagues, recently learned they have received a five-year, \$10 million grant from the NIH's Pharmacogenomics Research Network (PGRN) to create a Northwest-Alaska center to study pharmacogenomics in rural and underserved populations.

The grant is one of 14 nationwide — totaling \$166.3 million — that the NIH awarded to expand this research network. In the 10 years since the PGRN's formation, researchers have identified gene variants linked to people's responses to medicines that treat cancer, heart disease, and other conditions. The aim of pharmacogenomics research is to identify how genes can be used to individualize drug therapies to make drugs safer and more effective for each person.



Ken Thummel

Thummel and Burke's PGRN program is the first to address the needs of underserved populations in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. It is a partnership with researchers at University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Montana, Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage, Group Health Research Institute, Puget Sound Blood Center and with communities and rural healthcare providers in Anchorage and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Alaska, Northwestern Montana, and parts of rural Washington and Idaho.



Cindi Laukes, Clinical Research Manager at the Montana Cancer Institute (a collaboration with the University of Montana), shares information with American Indians at the Arlee Powwow on the Flathead Reservation in summer 2009. Laukes and other researchers from the PGRN Northwest-Alaska Center have gone to community events such as this throughout the past four years to talk with potential research volunteers.

"We hope this grant will reduce barriers that limit the inclusion of American Indian and Alaska Native people in pharmacogenomic research," said Thummel. "We'd like these traditionally underserved communities, and their healthcare providers, to have increased opportunities to evaluate the merits of this testing and introduce advances into clinical practice when warranted."

The center's research will focus initially on genetic variables influencing drug therapy with the blood thinner warfarin, the anti-estrogen tamoxifen, and the immunosuppressant tacrolimus.

"These drugs are promising examples of pharmacogenomic test cases that could lead to improved safety and efficacy in dosing levels," said Erica Woodahl, lead investigator at the University of Montana and UW affiliate assistant professor of pharmaceuticals. The researchers hope to determine if the gene variation that has affected drug metabolism and responses among other study populations is also prevalent among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Project members also hope to assess possible gene-environment interactions. For example, many Yup'ik Eskimos still live a largely subsistence lifestyle. Their resulting diet is rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids, while low in leafy green vegetables — both factors that might contribute to a change in blood clotting and an altered need for warfarin. The scientists hope to take advantage of recently developed dietary biomarkers, Yup'ik food frequency questionnaires and cell-based models to analyze this subject.

Burke said that she and colleagues have sought to launch this type of research center for years. "We wanted to ensure that pharmacogenomic discoveries contributing to improvements in drug efficacy and safety benefit all people living in our region," she said.

At the University of Washington, the multidisciplinary research group involved in the project also includes faculty from the Departments of Bioethics and Humanities, Epidemiology, Family Medicine, Genome Sciences, Law, Medicinal Chemistry, Nephrology, and Pharmacy. 🌀

School Has Big Presence at AACP Annual Meeting in Seattle

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) held its annual meeting, themed “Expanding Our Horizons,” in Seattle this past July. More than 1,700 members attended the event, and the UW School of Pharmacy had a great showing.

The School was named a finalist for the AACP Transformative Community Service Award. This award recognizes a school of pharmacy demonstrating a major institutional commitment to addressing unmet community needs through education, practice and research. The winner will be announced in November.



Five faculty members held AACP leadership positions: Colleen Catalano was faculty representative to the House of Delegates; Karan Dawson was Chair of the Continuing Professional Education Section; Dana Hammer was Secretary on the Council of Faculties; Annie Lam was Chair of

the Geriatric Pharmacy Special Interest Group; and Nanci Murphy was on Council of Deans Innovations in Health Care Education Task Force and on the Program Committee.

Further, Cynthia Brennan, Jennifer Danielson, Dana Hammer, Tom Hazlet, Annie Lam, Nanci Murphy, Peggy Odegard, Joy Plein, Dave Veenstra and Stan Weber were presenters or moderators at workshops, roundtables and sessions. Dean Tom Baillie moderated a plenary session in which Andy Stergachis presented. Colleen Catalano, Jennifer Danielson and Skye McKennon presented posters. 🌟

School and Faculty News

Department of Medicinal Chemistry faculty members **William Atkins**, **Carlos Catalano** and **Rheem Totah**, and Department of Pharmaceutics faculty member **Rodney Ho**, were participating faculty in the UW Amgen Scholars Summer Program.

Department of Pharmacy faculty members **Brian Bresnahan**, **Louis Garrison**, and **Sean Sullivan** were co-authors on an article entitled “Findings Related to Assessing Value for Private U.S. Health Plans” in the June edition of *The American Journal of Pharmacy Benefits*.

Josh Carlson, research assistant professor of pharmacy, received a K12 program award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality through the UW Centers for Comparative and Health Systems Effectiveness Alliance. It provides him with in-depth, multidisciplinary comparative-effectiveness research training.

Department of Pharmacy faculty members **Josh Carlson**, **Beth Devine**, **Louis Garrison**, **Sean Sullivan**, **Dave Veenstra** and affiliate faculty members **Scott Ramsey** and **John Watkins** presented at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomic and Out-

comes Research annual meeting in May in Atlanta.

Department of Pharmacy faculty members **Beth Devine** and **Peggy Odegard** are co-investigators on a \$2.9 million grant on patient safety from the Department of Health & Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality.

Jackie Gardner, professor of pharmacy, retired after 18 years with the School. “Jackie changed the way the profession of pharmacy did business and the way individual pharmacists embraced patient care,” said Don Downing, clinical professor of pharmacy.

Milo Gibaldi Endowed Professor of Pharmaceutics **Rodney Ho** received a Life Sciences Discovery Fund commercialization grant for \$150,000 for a project that will test the safety and pharmacology of a novel MRI contrast agent.

Kelly Lee, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, received a Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research grant for the project “Resolving the core protein skeleton of the HIV Env glycoprotein spike.” This grant is funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for AIDS Research. He will work with Professor of Pharmaceutics **Shiu-Lok Hu** on this project.

Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics **Yvonne Lin** received an NIH R01 grant for the project “Exogenous and Endogenous Biomarkers of CYP2D6 Variability in Pediatrics.” Lin also got an Institute of Translational Health Sciences pilot grant for “Investigation of the In Vivo Inhibition of Cytochrome P450 3A4 by the Natural Product Resveratrol and the Potential for an Herb-Drug Interaction.”

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics **Qingcheng Mao** co-authored “Role of basic residues within or near the predicted transmembrane helix 2 of the human breast cancer resistance protein in drug transport” in the June *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*. An illustration from the manuscript was on the cover of that issue of the journal.

Professor of Pharmacy **Joy Plein** is the 2010 Distinguished Alumna of Idaho State University.

Jashvant Unadkat, professor of pharmaceutics, was appointed a Fellow of the Japanese Society for the Study of Xenobiotics in November 2009. Unadkat also gave the keynote lecture at the 9th International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics meeting in Turkey.

Providing Care to the Villages of Gabon

Student receives prestigious fellowship to work at the Schweitzer Hospital in Africa

Third-year pharmacy student Elise Fields entered the School of Pharmacy in hopes of pursuing a career in public health and global pharmacy. She has wasted no time in getting hands-on experience in both areas.

She previously volunteered as a medication screener for a regional medicine-return program. In 2009, she received a School financial award to spend her summer in Ghana, working with Ghanaian pharmacy students and faculty on a drug-safety campaign.

And this year, she was selected as one of six Lambaréné Albert Schweitzer Public Health Fellows.

Through the Schweitzer fellowship, Fields went to the west central African nation of Gabon this summer to work at the famed Schweitzer Hospital in the jungle village of Lambaréné. She is the first pharmacy student in the 30-plus-year history of this program ever to receive this fellowship.

The Lambaréné hospital was founded in 1913 by Albert Schweitzer, the 20th century musician, philosopher and physician who later became a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. It is devoted to studying the major causes of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa and serving a population with extremely limited access to care. Even today, many Gabonese people travel for days to reach the clinic.

Schweitzer Fellows get experience serving a population with major health issues — including HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Meanwhile, the experience is intended to help them become leaders who are dedicated and skilled in addressing the health needs of underserved communities.

One of Fields' roles at the hospital was to focus on a multi-department



Elise Fields, left, with a health care team from the Schweitzer Hospital's Protection Maternelle-Infantile — the maternal and infant protection and health program

project to improve drug-delivery practices. In addition, Fields tailored an existing diabetic-regimen handout to make it more accessible to a poor and mostly illiterate population. She also developed and executed a study involving patient attitudes toward side effects caused by drugs from both traditional and modern medicine.



Fields' drug-delivery project set out to improve a system in which most medications lacked adequate drug-therapy labeling and storage.

This summer turned out to be especially busy for the already-hectic hospital. Health care workers throughout the nation were in the midst of a long strike when Fields arrived in Lambaréné. And the Schweitzer Hospital was one of the few open health care facilities in the nation.

"It wasn't unusual for patients to spend all day waiting to see a physician," Fields said.

A few times a week, she also traveled to remote villages with nurses from the maternal/child health pro-

gram. They provided health clinics to people with no other access to care. She worked alongside the prescribing nurse or junior physician, helping to determine the most appropriate medications from the limited selection as well as counseling the patients.

"I often felt awed by the severity of cases we saw," she said. "Parents would present children with highly acute problems to us because of the distance and expense to take them to a clinic. We could only transport the most extreme cases back to the hospital, assuming we had room. Thus, we had to treat many complex cases based strictly on empirical evidence. We often didn't find out the outcomes."

Fields said she was grateful to be able to help in whatever way she could. Further, she is thrilled to have been chosen as the first-ever pharmacy student to be a Schweitzer Fellow. She enjoyed showing the other fellows in Gabon just how important it was to have a pharmacist on their health care team — despite any initial surprise they had when they met her. She hopes to continue playing a part in moving the field of pharmacy forward.

"I hope that my experiences in Lambaréné will inspire other future pharmacists to promote our profession beyond preconceptions and find new ways to serve patients," she said. 🌍

Student News

The Bridges to Health Patient Advocacy Center received the national "Use Medicines Safely" Campaign Award from the Community Pharmacy Foundation. The campaign focuses on educating the public on appropriate medication use and on the role of the pharmacist.

Michael Ayres, '11, had a peer-reviewed poster, "Trial of Teaching Methods for Bioethics Education for Pharmacy Students," at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

(ACCP) annual meeting in July.

Katharine Chan, '11, **Sarah Craciun**, '11, and **Dara Uch**, '11, presented the poster "Enhancing Osteoporosis Education Among an Elderly Mandarin-Speaking Population" at the Northwest Pharmacy Convention. Their faculty advisers were Annie Lam and Joy Plein.

Sara McElroy, '12, received a \$2,000 King County Tobacco Prevention Program grant. She also participated in many special activities at the ACCP Annual Meeting as an ACCP/Wal-Mart Scholar.

Josh Roth, graduate student in the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program, won the award for the Best Student Podium Presentation at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomic Outcomes and Research annual meeting in May in Atlanta. The presentation was entitled "Risk-Benefit Framework for Evaluation of Gene Expression Profiling in Women with Early Stage Breast Cancer: A Decision Model Developed in Collaboration with Stakeholders."

Scholarship Supports Public Health Outreach Efforts

Karen Craddick, '12, recently received a competitive Paul Ambrose scholarship to participate in the annual Ambrose Symposium in Washington, D.C. At the June



Karen Craddick

conference, she attended presentations and discussions by public health leaders and industry experts on topics such as prevention, health policy advocacy and community organizing.

"The ability to spend the weekend with like-minded health professional students who share my passions was amazing," she said.

Upon returning home from the symposium, each scholarship recipient must complete a public health project in their community. For Craddick's project, she set out to increase health literacy at Harborview Medical Center's Pioneer Square Clinic, where she interns. This downtown Seattle clinic provides primary health care and treats acute problems for low-income and homeless adult patients.

Craddick created educational

materials to help patients understand how to read medication labels, call in refills and know which medicines they take. She is also collecting data to assess how often patients receive a medication list at clinic visits. She is working with the medical director and other pharmacists to encourage providers to give patients such a list at every visit — an especially important step for a patient population that may not have an easy way to access or remember that information.

"Knowing what medicine one takes is so important in emergency situations and to aid in compliance, among other things" said Craddick.

Her experience as an Ambrose Scholar has deepened her enthusiasm for the role that pharmacists play in improving public health.

"I would like a public-health-related career where I can work to expand the role pharmacists can and do play in making people healthy," she said.

The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program, coordinated by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is named for a rising star in the field of prevention and public health who lost his life on September 11, 2001. ☹

16 Years of Border-to-Border



One of the 2010 Border-to-Border student teams

This past May marked the 16th anniversary of pharmacy students' participation in the annual Border-to-Border fundraiser! The event benefits the American Cancer Society and covers 325 miles, from Vancouver, Wash., to Blaine, Wash. Over the years, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised by students who participate in the event. This year, more than 35 students took part, raising \$3,500.

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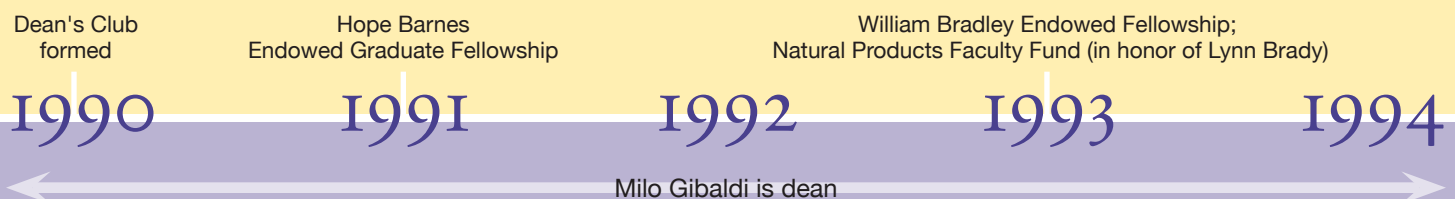
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Students Make Giving an Annual Tradition

During their graduation this past June, the Class of 2010 presented a class gift to the School of Pharmacy. Almost 70 percent of the students contributed to this gift, which helped create a special fund in honor of a favorite professor among the students — the Micki Kedzierski Pharmacy Service Excellence Fund.

It was the first time a graduating pharmacy class has created this kind of a class gift. And they have inspired the Class of 2011 to carry on the tradition.

The Class of 2011 P-4 Giving Campaign is setting out to help raise the money needed to fully endow the Doug Black Endowed Pharm.D. Scholarship. Once fully invested, this fund will provide a yearly scholarship to a deserving Pharm.D. student who exemplifies Professor Black's enthusiastic perspective on education.

The students in charge of this year's P-4 Campaign couldn't be more excited about trying to make this happen. As they noted in an open letter to their Class of 2011 classmates: "We want to take our support of the School of Pharmacy and its awesome professors to the next level."

To help the students with their campaign, please visit sop.washington.edu/p4giving/2011.

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School of Pharmacy Dean's Club Marks Its 20th Year

Twenty years ago, a devoted group of School of Pharmacy alumni came together to form the Dean's Club. With a shared desire to ensure their alma mater maintained the high level of excellence they experienced as students, they created a group that

provides annual financial support to the School of Pharmacy.

The impact of gifts to the School from the Dean's Club throughout these past two decades is immeasurable.

Dean's Club members have helped provide students with the means to travel to important national conferences, enabled the School of Pharmacy to give out scholarships to an overwhelming majority of students who apply, helped faculty and students create pharmacy outreach programs for underserved communities, and helped provide the core funding for countless special opportunities.

In short, Dean's Club members help make the School of Pharmacy the first-rate institution that it is.

Today, we are happy to report that many of the founding members are still part of the Dean's Club, and hundreds of others have joined them over the years.

"We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people in our Dean's Club," said Dean Thomas Baillie. "When I first became dean two years ago, Dean Emeritus Sid Nelson emphasized what a special group of people we have in this club, and just how enthusiastic they are about helping the School achieve its goals. It has been delightful to get to know them and to see that enthusiasm firsthand."

Dean's Club members can look forward to some special events and opportunities in the coming year in celebration of the 20th anniversary. 🎉

PHOTOS: LEFT: From left: Founding Dean's Club member and 2009's Distinguished Alumnus Steve Singer, '81, Jenny Arnold (Riddell), '06, and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Steve Riddle at the 2010 Dean's Recognition Reception. **CENTER:** Three School of Pharmacy deans appeared at this year's Dean's Club Night at the Mariners. From Left: Dean Emeritus Jack Orr, Dean Thomas Baillie, and Dean Emeritus Sid Nelson. **RIGHT:** From left: Michael Fey, '71, Donna Fey, '69, and Ray Wilson, '69, at the 2010 Dean's Recognition Reception

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"I support the University of Washington School of Pharmacy in this way because it has given me a profession that I still love after 40 years, and I have continued to get a lot back from the School even after graduation. And I love the ongoing camaraderie I have with my peers through my Dean's Club membership."

*~Donna Dockter, '72,
Dean's Club Founding Member*

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Membership Levels Change with the Times

Much has changed at the School of Pharmacy since the Dean's Club first formed. We have moved from Bagley Hall to the Magnuson Health Sciences complex. Our graduating classes are much larger, and we have transitioned from offering a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy degree to offering a Pharm.D. degree. Our research programs have grown and produced internationally renowned programs like the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program.

While our commitment to providing world-class educational and research programs have remained consistent, the costs to provide them have not. As

such, we have determined it is time to increase our Dean's Club annual giving levels to the following:

- **Dean's Club: \$1,000 to any fund or department at the School of Pharmacy**
- **Young Alumni Dean's Club: \$500 to the School for those who graduated in the last five years**

We continue to be grateful to our Dean's Club members for the difference they make. To learn more about these changes or to become a member, call Maria Tran at (206) 221-2465 or visit sop.washington.edu/school-of-pharmacy/giving/deans-club.html.

Dean's Recognition Reception Photos by Jennifer Richard, Team Photogenic, 2010

Class Notes

1950-1969

Bennett Anderson, '56, reports that his tennis team at Edgebrook Tennis Club won the regionals last summer in Sun River, Ore. As a result, they got to attend the United States Tennis Association National Tennis Tournament in Arizona — after 10 years of trying to go. Although they didn't win, they had a good time. Bennett got back in time to volunteer at Overlake Hospital at his usual Monday job.

Bill Fassett, '69, was chosen as Executive Council President-Elect of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Pharmacy Research and Science.

1970-1989

Donna Dockter (Sandberg), '72, and her husband, Donald, welcomed a new granddaughter on June 24th, named Valerie Katherine. They couldn't be happier.

Bill Fisher, '76, is still working at Bartell Drugs in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle with **Kim Henwood** (Cutlip), '83, and **Mike Smith**, '77. Fisher has a nine-year-old daughter named Kaeli.

Steve Cone, '77, and **Beverly Schaefer**, '70, co-owners of Katterman's Pharmacy in the Sand Point neighborhood of Seattle (originally founded by the late Don B. Katterman, '48), were featured in a *Puget Sound Business Journal* article this past spring that touted their innovative use of up-to-the-minute Twitter updates to respond to the H1N1 vaccine shortage.

1990-1999

Penni Dixon (McCall), '99, and her husband, Kim, are happy to announce that their daughter recently had her first baby, a boy named Colter. They love being grandparents. Their son, Ellery, is also currently a first-year pharmacy student at the University of Washington.

Washington State Pharmacy Association CEO **Jeff Rochon**, '99 (and Washington State Board of Pharmacy Chair **Gary Harris**, '72) joined several other pharmacists from independent pharmacies and pharmacy chains on the Advisory Committee to Address Prescription Drug Abuse, assembled by the Washington State Attorney General. The

group is tackling funding, legislative and practice-oriented issues necessary to implement Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Pseudoephedrine Tracking, Safe Medication Disposal, and Prescription Drug Abuse Education.

Donna Sullivan, '99, was named Director of Pharmacy for the Washington Health Care Authority. As of July 1, Donna has been focusing her time and work on developing pharmacy strategies and policies related to state health care purchasing. This involves working closely with the prescription drug program and MPA programs.

2000-present

Tiffany Erickson, '02, a pharmacist in the International Medicine Clinic at Harborview Medical Center received a Kradjan Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award from the UW School of Pharmacy.

Let us know what's new in your life. Please e-mail us with your updates and photos at rxalumni@uw.edu.

Alumni Reconnect in Pharmacy 'Halfway Around the World'

Alumnus Geoffrey Cheng, '02, a civilian pharmacist at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, recently sent us the following story:

Just as I was finishing officer training in Newport, Rhode Island, for the U.S. Navy reserves this past April, Naval Hospital Guam's pharmacy sent out a request for staffing coverage during a transition period. It was an ideal duty station for a new reservist to start out service, so I signed up for the 30-day orders.

Once my orders were confirmed, I called the pharmacist to ask more questions. She was on leave, but the department head answered my call.

"Is this Geoff, Geoff Cheng from UW?" he asked me.

Call it luck or fate, but a friend and fellow alumnus, Lieutenant Commander Dave Nelson, '01, was the pharmacist in charge at my first duty station. A true leader, Dave was conscientious and devoted to those under his command and to his patients. He was always first at work and stayed late every night. Each weekend, he put in extra time covering the inpatient pharmacy, performing administration duties and calling patients back. He took the time to mentor me about navy leadership and pharmacy operations.

It was like we were back in school when we worked as interns at UW Medical Center Pharmacy. It was great reconnecting with another alumnus halfway around the world! 🌍



Alumni Geoffrey Cheng and Dave Nelson at Naval Hospital Guam

Do you have a similar story that you would like to share in a future School of Pharmacy publication? Please send it with a photo to rxalumni@uw.edu.

Pharmacy Alumni and Friends: Out and About

Northwest Pharmacy Convention: UW Alumni Reception

Faculty, students and alumni once again descended on Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for this annual convention that attracts practitioners from throughout the region each May.



E-mail photos and captions from alumni events and gatherings to: rxalumni@uw.edu



LEFT: Chris Whitley, '77, and wife, Gail, a '97 graduate of the Foster School of Business. **ABOVE:** From left: Brian Beach, '00, Jennifer Beach (Grimm), '01, Sarah Herzog, Keli Hansen, an '01 graduate of the UW School of Nursing, and Ryan Hansen, '03.

Levy Symposium

The pharmaceuticals faculty hosted a special scientific symposium in honor of Professor and former Chair of Pharmaceutics Rene Levy's retirement this past June in Seattle. More than 120 people attended the event, "Pharmacokinetics — From Bench to Bedside." It highlighted the many impacts that Dr. Levy has had on the profession and on his colleagues.



LEFT: From left: Brad Kerr, '89, Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics Isabelle Ragueneau-Majlessi, '10, and Chair and Professor of Pharmaceutics Ken Thumel, '87. **RIGHT:** From left: Erica Woodahl, '04, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics Yvonne Lin, '02, and the guest of honor, Rene Levy.



Bill Trager Memorial Golf Tournament

To celebrate the life of Professor and Chair Emeritus of Medicinal Chemistry Bill Trager, who passed away last year, his children organized a memorial golf tournament and dinner in August. More than 100 family members, friends and former colleagues came out for the event, which raised funds for the Trager Drug Metabolism Fellowship.



LEFT: From left: Tim Carlson, '92, Dean Thomas Baillie, Paul Carlson, and former medicinal chemistry postdoctoral fellow Eric Dietze. **RIGHT:** From left: Rebecca Schellings, Angie Budnich, Katie Fleming, Bill Trager's daughter and current Pharm.D. student Lisa Rogers, and Research Associate Professor of Pharmacy Beth Devine, '08 graduate of the School of Public Health.



In Memoriam

Charles Abou-Chaar, '61, passed away in September 2009 after a prolonged illness. Born in Egypt in 1915, Abou-Chaar earned his bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut (AUB) and his Ph.D. in pharmacognosy from the UW.

He joined the AUB Biology Department in 1977. At the time, he had taught many of the pharmacists in the Arab World. He was an international expert in medicinal plant chemistry.

Charles was a founding member of the Lebanese Association for the Advancement of Science and the Reorder of Pharmacists. In 1986, the Lebanese Ministry of Education awarded him the Education Gold Medal, first rank. In 1994, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Order of Lebanese Pharmacists and the United Nations FAO Memorial Medal on natural diversity.

For many years, he curated the AUB's Post Herbarium, the only herbarium in Lebanon. During Lebanon's Civil War, he protected valuable plant specimens native to the Middle East. He retired in 1985.

He is survived by his children, Alexander and Mary, as well as by his grandchildren.

Ronald A. Barnes, '63, passed away on April 10 following aortic and mitral valve replacement. He was 78.

Born in Whitefish, Montana, in 1931, Ron joined the U.S. Navy and served as a dental assistant until his honorable discharge. He attended Santa Monica College and the UW.

In 1969, Ron purchased McCarthy Drugs. In 1974, he and his wife, Joan, merged their merchandise and customer base with the Palisades Drug Co. In the mid-1990s, Ron went to Capital Drug in West Hollywood and continued his interest in alternative medicines. He became adroit in knowing which alternatives did or did not interfere with prescribed medications.

He was pharmacist in charge at Beverly Hills Medical Plaza Pharmacy for 10 years until last August when his health failed.

Ron was a past commander of American Legion Post 283 and a member of the Palisades Optimist Club and the famous Roaring 20's.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan 'Joey' Barnes, his step-brother, Anson Barnes, and numerous nieces and nephews. (*Palisadian-Post*)

Maxine Orr, wife of Dean Emeritus Jack Orr, passed away in May in Seattle from complications of pneumonia. She was born in 1917 in Yeoman, Indiana. Maxine married her high school sweetheart, Jack Orr, in 1942.

The couple lived in Wisconsin, Ohio, Utah and Montana before settling in Seattle in 1956. She accepted gracefully the duties of faculty wife and a dean's wife at the Universities of Montana and Washington. Maxine was active in the Faculty Wives' Club at the UW and served on its Board of Directors.

She was a Life Member of the APhA Auxiliary, the WSPA Auxiliary and its King County chapter. For her services to UW women pharmacy students, she was an honorary member of Lambda Kappa Sigma.

Maxine was a member of the Wedgwood Presbyterian Church. She was a loyal Husky football fan. She also enjoyed golfing with her good friends, playing the piano and gardening. Travel was an important part of the Orrs' lives.

Maxine is survived by her husband, Jack, daughter Judith, grandsons, Kevin and Ryan, and one great-grandson, Zayne. (*Seattle Times*)

Remembering Professor Emeritus and Longtime Supporter Nate Hall

Dr. Nathan "Nate" Hall, professor emeritus of pharmacy, died June 2 at Evergreen Hospice after suffering a stroke. He was 92.

Nate Hall entered the UW at the age of 16 and graduated summa cum laude at age 19. He earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacy at the UW, and was a professor of pharmacy here until his retirement in 1981.

"Dr. Hall was my undergraduate mentor; he had a major influence on my career and research," said Dr. Bill Hayton, '67, Associate Dean of the College of Pharmacy at The Ohio State University.

"I was a participant in the NSF-sponsored Undergraduate Research Program and was in his lab at Bagley



Nate Hall

this work won a Lunsford Richardson Pharmacy Award."

He added that Dr. Hall was instrumental in getting him to go to graduate school.

In 1959, Dr. Hall was awarded a Fulbright Senior Lectureship to the University of Malay in Singapore. In 1968, he took a sabbatical to serve as visiting professor of pharmacy at the

Hall from 1965-'67. We conducted drug-absorption studies using a fish model. One of our published papers based on

University of Sydney in Australia.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He and his late wife, Florence Turnbull, enjoyed traveling. According to Professor of Medicinal Chemistry Wendel Nelson, who knew him before and during his long retirement, Dr. Hall was also very competitive, and very good at sports, including bowling, handball, and golf, which he played right into his 90s.

Dr. Hall is survived by his children, Dennis and Pamela, seven grandchildren, and his brother, Gregory. He will be missed by his many friends and admirers in the School of Pharmacy, and long remembered for his contributions to science at the University of Washington. 🍷



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School of Pharmacy Research Highlights

Shelly Gray, professor of pharmacy, was the lead author in a May *Archives of Internal Medicine* study that took place through the Women's Health Initiative. The study, which followed more than 160,000 women between ages 50 and 79 over eight years, showed that proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), which reduce gastric acid production in the stomach, are associated with osteoporotic fractures in postmenopausal women. Given that more than 119 million prescriptions were written for PPIs in the United States in 2009 and that they make up the third-biggest selling class of drugs, the results of her study made headlines in major media outlets throughout the world — including *The Wall Street Journal* and *Reuters*.

The UW's **Obstetric-Fetal Pharmacology Research Unit** received a \$5 million grant from the National In-

stitute of Child Health and Human Development to continue its work on the clinical pharmacology of medications during pregnancy. The interdisciplinary unit, established in 2004, is one of four centers nationwide conducting research on how pregnant women's bodies respond to medications. In the grant's first five years, the team, led by Professor of Pharmacy **Mary Hebert**, has shown that glyburide and metformin, two commonly prescribed oral medications to control blood sugar in women with gestational diabetes, are eliminated more rapidly in pregnant women.

The **Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program** (PORPP) recently co-founded the UW Centers for Comparative and Health Systems Effectiveness (CHASE) Alliance. The CHASE Alliance is building on the shared



strengths of researchers across the UW who are focusing on health services research, health policy and economics, patient-reported outcomes and health systems evaluation, among others. Founding members also include the Department of Health Services at the School of Public Health and the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center at the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. PORPP helped organize the first-ever CHASE Alliance Symposium in June, entitled "Evidence and Clinical Decisions in the Era of Health Care Reform."