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I hope that you had a chance to re-energize and soak up some Vitamin D during our waffling summer. As I gear up to pass the baton to President-Elect Jennifer Glasco, '09, I am excited to know she will be taking over such a strong and invigorated association.

One example of how great our PAA is: Our members donated so generously to the alumni fund this year that for the first time ever, the PAA will be able to give out **two** \$1,000 scholarships. It couldn't come at a better time with rising tuition. In-state, first year pharmacy students will pay \$20,550 this year in tuition alone. Needless to say, we hope you will keep your gifts coming. Students

appreciate your generosity more than you know.

Something I always appreciate is when Husky Football starts up in the fall! I look forward to watching the marching band, seeing friends in our section of the stadium, and of course, tailgating. Be sure to check the School of Pharmacy Facebook page (www.facebook.com/uwsop) for updates on where to join me and other pharmacy alumni for tailgating this season. Also, the PAA will have its Homecoming Social the Friday night before the game again this year. So please join us at Ivar's Salmon House on October 28th. Families are welcome — we need to get the kids hooked on purple early! If you haven't registered yet, contact rxalumni@uw.edu to RSVP.

At that event, I will be handing over the reins as PAA president to Jennifer Glasco. Jennifer works at Virginia Mason Medical Center, and is looking forward to continuing the strong traditions we have started. In fact, she has already been busy communicating with many alumni to introduce herself. I am excited to welcome her on board. As she moves out of her president-elect position, the PAA board has an open position. If you are interested, please contact us at rxalumni@uw.edu.

I have enjoyed the opportunities to meet pharmacy alumni from across the years as president of the PAA. This summer, it was a pleasure to meet the alumni at the reunion for pharmacists who graduated over 50 years ago! What a special opportunity to learn how much our profession has changed, and how much remains the same.

Thank you so much for your support to keep the PAA strong. And I would just like to give one final shout-out from this column: Thank you to the UW pharmacy students who showed up loud and proud at the alumni event at this year's Northwest Pharmacy Convention! They belted out the best "Bow Down to Washington" I have ever heard from any group of pharmacy students! You make us all proud. Go Dawgs!

Jenny Arnold, '06
President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

October 25
**American Association of
Pharmaceutical Scientists
Convention - Alumni Reception**
6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
D.C. Renaissance Hotel, Rm 15
Washington, D.C.
RSVP to rxevents@uw.edu

October 28
**Homecoming Social and
Reunion Celebration**
Ivar's Salmon House
Seattle
For more info, contact (206)
616-7613 or rxevents@uw.edu

November 4
"W" Day
A celebration of the UW's 150th
anniversary. Festivities will take
place on campus and in Seattle.
For more information, visit
www.uw.edu/150

*Stay tuned for information
about an event in honor of all
reunion classes of 50 years ago
and beyond in spring 2012!*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



One hundred and fifty years ago this November, the University of Washington was founded. It was housed on a ten-acre knoll overlooking Elliott Bay that was donated by Seattle pioneers.

Thirty-three years later, in 1894, the School of Pharmacy (then the College of Pharmacy) became the third college at the UW. It was created through the

efforts of the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association, which had lobbied for legislation regulating its profession, and which wanted a college of pharmacy in the new state.

The college opened its doors to 21 students, among them four women. It was a two-year program. Charles Hill, the dean of the college, was the primary professor of chemistry, botany and microscopy. The other three faculty members were volunteers.

If only they could see us now.

To honor our institution's sesquicentennial, the UW will offer many celebratory events, lectures and historical insights throughout this academic year. Find out more at the UW 150th Anniversary website, www.uw.edu/150.

Here at the School, we have some historic milestones of our own to acknowledge. The Mass Spectrometry Center turns 30 this year. The Metabolism and Transport Drug Interaction Database will celebrate the 10th anniversary of

its official commercial launch in 2012. Our Institute for Innovative Pharmacy Practice is five. And one of our student organizations, the Lambda Kappa Sigma Chi chapter, is turning 70. [Read more about this group on page 12].

At a recent reunion for alumni who graduated 50 years ago and earlier, we heard many interesting accounts from people about their days at the School of Pharmacy. So many of you have great stories of your own about your time as students. Some of you met your spouses here. Some of you are part of a family legacy of UW-educated pharmacists. Many of you held leadership roles in student organizations or participated in important scientific research projects. Without a doubt, each of you contributed in your own way to this School.

I encourage you to submit your story on the online UW timeline at www.uw.edu/150. Or if you have a School of Pharmacy story you would like to submit for potential publication, please email it to us at rxalumni@uw.edu (subject line: "My UWSOP story").

This is a year to honor the people who comprise the history of this great University and School. Without you, we wouldn't be where we are today. And with you as our greatest allies, we look forward to moving toward the University of Washington's 200th anniversary.



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

From the UW 150th Anniversary Timeline



1896: A chemistry lab in the Administration Building (now Denny Hall), where the College of Pharmacy was housed (UW Libraries, Special Collections)

Read more stories about the history of the UW and the School of Pharmacy at www.uw.edu/150.

College of Pharmacy Finds State Drug Lab

In 1909, the Washington State Legislature decided the UW was the best site for a state Food and Drug Laboratory. College of Pharmacy Dean Charles Johnson took on the task, and the lab remained at the UW for almost eight decades before moving to the state's Department of Agriculture. Samples of food, fertilizers and dairy products were tested at first. Later, drugs, liquor and water were added to the lab's responsibilities. As agricultural practices in the state changed, by the 1960s the lab's emphasis shifted to identifying pesticide residues in foods. The expertise of faculty and staff assistants in the lab — many of them students whose education was financially supported by this work — helped to secure a good reputation for the state's agricultural products, which continue to be exported nationally and internationally.

(Source: Orr, Jack, Ph.D. *The First Century, A History of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy 1894-1994*.)

Where Did Your Degree Take You?



Al James



Bill Stavropoulos



Susan Teil Boyer

Graduates from our programs go on to accomplish a multitude of great things. But don't take our word for it. We checked in with a few alumni who have done just that, and we asked them to share some words of wisdom with our future alumni.

Al James, B.S., '55

Retired Operating Officer

House of Values, PayLess Drug,
& Anthony's HomePort Restaurants

After graduation, James interned at Bartell Drugs, then opened a drugstore inside House of Values, becoming a partner in the business and helping to expand it to multiple stores. He later served as an Executive VP at PayLess Drug, among other companies. He helped start the Anthony's HomePort chain of restaurants in the Puget Sound area and eventually began real estate and angel investing.

What have you enjoyed most about your career? I got to learn about so many things and have played a role in supporting so many exciting new businesses and undertakings.

How did the UW School of Pharmacy prepare you for your career? Working in a pharmacy right out of college and working my way up to become a pharmacy owner helped me as I learned how to run a business. Throughout my

career, I used my pharmacy education by always doing a lot of research and analysis when making decisions.

What was your favorite part about being a pharmacy student? There were so many great professors, and I had a great group of classmates. Pharmacy school is a lot of work, but we had good social bonds. It seems like things are the same for students today.

What has been your greatest career lesson? In the business side of pharmacy and in almost anything else, marketing skills are essential. If you don't know how to market your product, you won't succeed. It's also important to see the big picture and remember to use common sense. It sounds simple, but people often forget about it.

What advice do you have for our incoming pharmacy students? First, it is always good to learn new things and challenge yourself. And second, don't be afraid to make mistakes. There is always going to be a learning curve.

Bill Stavropoulos, Ph.D., '67

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After receiving his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry, Stavropoulos worked with Dow for 39 years, serving in positions in research, marketing and management. He has held roles as President, COO and Chairman of the company. He is currently President and Founder of the Michigan Baseball Foundation, a nonprofit minor league baseball franchise in Midland, Michigan, whose proceeds support area businesses and community revitalization.

What did you enjoy most about your work with Dow? There's such a sense of excitement and accomplishment when you work in a place that is trying to produce products and services that are useful. I love the creative process.

How did your education here prepare you for your career? Working toward my Ph.D. in such a vigorous

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program gave me so much confidence. It really helped prepare me for life and for working in a corporation. I learned about accountability, meeting deadlines and working with colleagues to get things done. You have to make your own plan with your adviser, and you are responsible to get it done.

What has been your greatest career lesson? You can't plot your career. Do you what you are good at and interested in and do your job it well. Everything else will take care of itself. And take risks. I really believe that.

What advice do you have for our incoming graduate students? Jump in with all you've got, keep balancing your life, work hard, enjoy what you're doing and live in the moment.

What advice do you have for people hoping to be in leadership positions? Learn to work with people by listening to them and understanding them. When you're working with teams, paint a vision for a future that you're all working together to accomplish.

Susan Teil Boyer, B.S., '72
Executive Director
Washington State Board of Pharmacy

Boyer previously held positions including VP of Pharmacy and Laboratory Services at MultiCare Health System, Tacoma, and Director of Pharmacy Services at Good Samaritan Community Health-care. She is an affiliate faculty member with the UW School of Pharmacy. Boyer also has an M.S. from The Ohio State University, and she completed the Pharmacy Executive Management Program from the Wharton School.

What do you love most about your current job? Working with the pharmacy board is great. We have a diverse group of pharmacists, board members and staff dedicated to patient safety and in support of quality pharmaceutical care in Washington state.

How did the School prepare you for your career? It gave me the tools I needed to begin lifelong learning in the practice of pharmacy. My first job began at the UW Medical Center as a

hospital pharmacist in 1972 and paved the way for a career in hospital and health system pharmacy.

What was your favorite part about being a pharmacy student? Learning from the dedicated clinical faculty. In particular, Wayne Kradjan was an inspirational clinical leader who fostered enthusiasm for patient care. Wayne went on to become dean at the Oregon State University School of Pharmacy. [Editor's note: Our School of Pharmacy also has an annual clinical instructor award named after Kradjan.]

What has been your greatest career lesson? Believe you can do anything you put your mind to, and if you work hard, you can achieve your goal. After several years in my first job, I learned I wanted to be in a decision-making and leadership role, which for me began with the leap to graduate school and a residency in pharmacy.

What advice do you have for our students? Work hard, keep your enthusiasm and consider a pharmacy practice residency once you graduate. 🍷

What are you doing with your degree? Tell us at rxalumni@uw.edu.

Faculty News

Dean **Thomas Baillie** has been named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society.

Clinical Assistant Professors of Pharmacy **Colleen Catalano** and **Jennifer Danielson** were accepted into the UW Teaching Scholars Program as Interprofessional Scholars.

Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy **Mike Donahue** received the 2011 School of Pharmacy Kradjan Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award. Donahue owns Bob Johnson's Pharmacy in Seattle.

Don Downing, I2P2 Endowed Professor of Pharmacy, won the 2011 School of Pharmacy Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching Award.

In July's *Journal of Medical Economics*, Professors of Pharmacy **Lou Garrison** and **Sean Sullivan** published a study highlighting a risk-assessment tool that could improve the cost-effectiveness of Type 2 diabetes prevention.

Impel NeuroPharma, a biotech founded by Professor **Rodney Ho** and **John Hoekman**, Ph.D., '10, received \$750,000 from the Department of Defense's Chemical and Biological Defense Program to assess how therapeutic drugs might break the blood-brain barrier to treat people exposed to chemical warfare agents.

Professor **Shiu-Lok Hu** has re-

ceived the UW Milo Gibaldi Professorship in Pharmaceutics.

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Medicinal Chemistry **Sid Nelson** received the Drug Metabolism, Transport and Pharmacogenomic Research Endowed Professorship.

Adjunct Professor of Pharmacy **Andy Stergachis** has been named to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies' Committee on Strengthening Core Elements of Regulatory Systems in Developing Countries.

Professor **Sean Sullivan** was nominated for the UW Graduate School's Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.

Student News

This past spring, more than 300 pharmacy, medicine, nursing and physician assistant students participated in the largest known training of its kind in the country to date. The multi-day event was sponsored by grants from the Josiah Macy Jr. and Hearst Foundations to improve interprofessional communication.

Multiple pharmacy students and alumni volunteered at the Washington State Free Clinic in Tacoma in May. The event provided care to almost 1,500 people without insurance.

Nineteen pharmacy students went to Houston this past spring and summer to attend the Professional Compounding Centers of America Boot Camp. The program provides training in contemporary compounding. The Craig & Sally Kvam Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Compounding and the School's Dean's Fund for Excellence helped provide this opportunity.

Anneliese Bodding-Long, '12, received an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Walmart Scholarship to attend the AACP convention in July. Her faculty mentor was Clinical Instructor of Pharmacy **Dana Hammer**.

Elise Fields, '12, was named a UW Thomas Francis, Jr. Global Health Fellow. As a fellow, she will travel to Namibia to help the Windhoek General Hospital develop a pharmacy practicum site.

Andrew Heinz, '13, received



A few UW pharmacy students work in the lab at the Compounding Boot Camp in Houston this past summer.

the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation's Neil Pruitt Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Lambda Kappa Sigma's (LKS's) UW Chi Alumni Chapter awarded scholarships to LKS members **Laura Knutzen Hoekstra**, '12, and **Johanna Thompson**, '12, for their contributions to the LKS mission.

Pharmaceutics graduate student **Li Liu** received a travel grant

from the International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) to attend the 17th North American Regional ISSX Meeting.

Cara McDermott received a UW Huckabay Teaching Fellowship to work with faculty to create a hospice teaching module for pharmacy students. McDermott received her Pharm.D. in 2011 and is completing an M.S. in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy.

Ciprian Pascu, '12, received a Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity scholarship at the Kappa Psi Grand Council Convention.

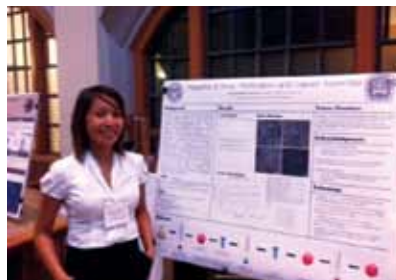
Tracy Yep, '12, will present a poster, "The Pharmacokinetics of Metoprolol During Pregnancy," at the October American College of Clinical Pharmacy annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Yep completed this research during her time in the Institution of Translational Health Sciences Multidisciplinary Predoctoral Clinical Research Training Program. Her faculty mentor was Professor of Pharmacy **Mary Hebert**.

Johnny Wong, '12, was elected a Collegiate Member-at-Large of the international Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Executive Committee.

Faculty Researchers Mentor Talented Undergraduates

Last year, the Departments of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutics announced the creation of the Pharmacological Sciences Summer Diversity Program. The new program set out to provide research opportunities for talented undergraduate students from diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

This summer, the program welcomed its first two students. Carol Nyamweya came from the College of the Sequoias. She worked with Pharmaceutics Professor Shiu-Lok Hu and Medicinal Chemistry Professor Carlos Catalano on a project to purify the HIV gp160 envelope glycoprotein and




Diversity Program Scholar Michelle Redhair presents her research at a UW poster session

characterize its proteolytic maturation. She starts her junior year at the University of California Los Angeles this fall.

Michelle Redhair came from the University of Arizona. She worked with Medicinal Chemistry Professor Kelly Lee

on a project to purify the capsid protein from hepatitis B and characterize capsid assembly in vitro. She will be a senior this fall and hopes to pursue a Ph.D.

"The two students did extremely well," said Catalano. "They presented the results of their work at a University of Washington undergraduate research poster session in August. We really enjoyed having them in the lab. Perhaps we will see them in our graduate programs in the future!"

Find more information on the Summer Diversity Program at the Department of Medicinal Chemistry website, sop.washington.edu/medchem. 

Addiction-Awareness Program Educates, Inspires

Third-year pharmacy student Jake Glasser hopes to devote his pharmacy career to helping people who struggle with drug addiction. In particular, he hopes to help veterans of war.

“As new drugs with abuse potential continue to hit the market and the men and women in the armed forces continue to return home and suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental illnesses, the incidence of addiction will surely increase,” he said. “I plan to help these addicts as well as the loved ones who are affected by the disease.”

In June, Glasser participated in a powerful week-long program to further prepare him for this career. He spent a week at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. Known as “the Utah School,” it helps attendees increase their awareness of the health and social problems of alcoholism and other drug dependencies. Participants in the internationally recognized program include health sciences students and practitioners as well as professionals from fields such as criminal justice and education.

Glasser attended along with UW pharmacy students Amanda DeJong, '13, and Sara McElroy, '12, who was there in her role as president of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists.



Jake Glasser is pictured here on a hike he took with other Utah School participants this summer.

The program had several sections geared toward pharmacists, whose profession gives them unique access to and understanding of drugs.

For Glasser, the most profound part of the week was the chance to sit in on an Al-Anon support group. “I was blown away by the courage it took for the attendees to share their stories,” he said. “The support in that room was greater than any I have ever felt.”

The people behind the Utah School want attendees to have just those kinds of inspiring experiences. They seek to provide the attendees with insight into the human side of addiction — to help remove their judgments and to instill in them an understanding that addiction is a disease.

The UW School of Pharmacy has sent at least one student to this program for more than 20 years.

“The UW students who attend the Utah School have already received a solid educational foundation in chemical dependency,” said Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Micki Kedzierski, who teaches the School’s chemical dependency curriculum. “They’ve taken addiction studies courses ranging from a classroom format to interactive practicum in community-based treatment programs. The Utah School enables these students to build community with other professionals who seek to help people with addiction struggles.”

All of the attendees leave with a memorable take-home message: Helping people with addictions is important and meaningful, but it is hard. You must find ways to avoid burnout.

“I know this work won’t come with major rewards daily,” said Glasser. Further, he recognizes that the veterans he hopes to serve will have complex issues and challenges. So, he intends to focus on the small victories that his patients have in treatment and recovery.

“I will also find people who can support me, just like I will recommend for my patients,” he said. “Support and hope are essential for success in treatment, regardless of which side of the disease you find yourself on.” 🍷



Popular Exchange Program Still Going Strong

Each summer, students from Keio University School of Pharmacy in Tokyo, Japan, visit Seattle for a four-week clinical rotation exchange program that is a collaboration between our School and Northwest Hospital. Students also get to meet with UW faculty, alumni and students while here. At left are two participants from this past summer — Eriko Koyama, left, and Ayumi Tokunaga, right — with alumnus Herb Tsuchiya, '55. Not pictured is Clinical Associate Professor Suzanne Lee, '88, a long-time preceptor in the program. Koyama and Tokunaga stayed with alumna Donna Dockter, '72, during their time here.

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- The **Jack Orr Fund** — a fund that previously focused primarily on supporting special projects at the School of Pharmacy — has been revitalized in order to support more students.
- Members of the **Class of 1969** are close to doubling the endowed scholarship named after their class. Alumni Ray Wilson and Bill Fassett are leading the effort. They challenge all classes at the School to follow their lead and create an endowed scholarship fund.
- Before he passed away last year, alumnus Robert Lohr, '48, founder of Labob Laboratories, set up a bequest. Thanks to his generosity, the **Robert M. Lohr Fund** will support excellence at the School of Pharmacy.
- Our School once again **ranked No. 1** this past fiscal year in terms of percentage of alumni who give back to the University of Washington — **at 25.6 percent!**

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Dennis Lam

In 2006, first-year pharmacy student Dennis Lam was diagnosed with cancer. For the next 15 months, he served as a model of strength and positivity to those who knew him at the School of Pharmacy. Dennis left an indelible mark when he passed away in 2007.

Now a former classmate seeks to create a permanent legacy at the School in Dennis's name. Brian Seiki, '08, has led the charge to create the Dennis K. Lam Endowed Scholarship.

"Dennis was the first person I met after moving to Seattle," said Seiki. "We not only became fast friends but roommates as well. He made my transition a welcome one and I owe him a lot. And my story is not unique. His life touched many."

As a testament to this, the response to Seiki's fundraising effort has already been tremendous. Members of the Class of 2008, as well as friends and family of Dennis, have raised \$12,700 since May. Seiki hopes to reach \$25,000 by year end to endow the fund. Once endowed, the scholarship will provide annual support to students who need financial assistance and who contribute to the community.

Said Seiki: "I know it will mean a lot to the entire class of 2008 to see this effort come to fruition and for us all to pay a lasting tribute to our esteemed classmate."

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UW Lambda Kappa Sigma Chapter Marks Its 70th Year

In the UW School of Pharmacy's early years, female pharmacy students were far outnumbered by male students. And unlike their male counterparts, they didn't have a pharmacy fraternity they could call their own. They had started a few clubs throughout the 1920s and '30s, but they were all informal.

In the early 1940s, a small group of female students set out to change that. By April of 1941, they had created a UW chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS), a national professional pharmacy fraternity for women.

During its first 40 years of existence, the UW Chi chapter of LKS provided women with important representation in the School. It also gave them the opportunity to strengthen their friendships and serve the community.

Even as the percentage of women pharmacy students caught up with men over the years, the organization remained active. The group even welcomed international conventions to Seattle more than once.

Today, the UW chapter has almost 25 members, and includes men in its membership. Clinical Professor Micki Kedzierski and Clinical Assistant Professor Susan Lakey, '02, advise the student group. Lakey was a member of LKS herself when she was a student here.

The LKS Chi chapter's community activities in recent years have included food drives, outreach events at retire-



UW LKS Chi chapter members at the initiation ceremony in fall 2010. Amanda DeJong is at center in purple, and Rachel Beardshear is second from the right.

ment communities and faculty appreciation events. This coming year, the chapter plans to engage in multiple women's health programs.

The UW Chi student chapter also enjoys a close bond with the UW LKS Chi alumni chapter. It is led by Nancy Horst, '62.

In fact, thanks to this alumni group, LKS president Amanda DeJong and vice president Rachel Beardshear were able to attend the national LKS convention this past summer in Detroit. They received a joint \$1,000 scholarship from the women in the alumni group and the School's Center for Pharmacy Leadership.

"The members of the alumni LKS group are some of the wisest, most generous women I have ever met," said DeJong. She added that the scholarship she received only served to increase her enthusiasm for being part of a group with a 70-year legacy at this School.

It is a legacy that can be seen

throughout this *Dawg Scripts*. In the Student News section on Page 6, you'll read about two other LKS members who recently received scholarships from the alumni chapter. On page 14, there's a photo of Pat Tanac, '45 — a member of the LKS alumni group and former long-time adviser of the student group — at a recent School event. And on Page 15, you'll see that an alumna who recently passed away, Phyllis Harsh, '46, even made sure her role as LKS president was mentioned in her obituary.

The anniversary of the Chi chapter will be celebrated at the LKS initiation ceremony this October. Surely, the founding members would be proud. 🌟

Source for historical information: Orr, Jack, Ph.D. *The First Century, A History of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy 1894-1994*.

Tax-Free Giving Opportunity Ends Soon

Until Dec. 31, 2011, you can make a tax-free charitable gift from your IRA. Do you qualify?

- You must be 70 ½ or older on the date of the gift.
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Thank You for Your Leadership, Dr. Shen

In June, the Department of Pharmacy threw a party for Danny Shen as he stepped down after 12 years as department chair. Shen is third from the left in this photo with the department administrative team. They are (L to R): Lee Lee Lim, Ray Brooks,

Patricia Hedtke, Ruth del Rosario and Penny Evans. Shen's leadership helped create a team that has been with the university for a total of 70 years! Each employee is celebrating a major anniversary at the UW this year — from five to 20 years.

Class Notes

1950-1959

Bill Sable, '51, finally retired after working 60 years!

1970-1979

Dave Swenson, '76, is VP, Marketing and Product Management for the Dispensing Business Unit at CareFusion Corporation, responsible for product development and direction.

Steven Erickson, '72, was on the cover of *Pharmacy Today* in an article that focused on his patient-centered approach to care. Recent alumni **Kate Choiniere**, '10, and **Carmela Andrada**, '10, were also in the article.

2000-2009

The Washington State Pharmacy Association received a \$60,000 Community Pharmacists Foundation grant to assist in an effort to get pharmacists recognized as patient care service providers. WSPA Director of Pharmacy Practice Development **Jenny Arnold**, '06, UW Clinical Professor **Don Downing**, '75, and UW Clinical

Assistant Professor **Skye McKennon** are part of the grant.

Jenny Arnold (Riddell), '06, and **Beth Arnold** (Walter), '06, received the UW School of Pharmacy Outstanding Service Award.

Collin Conway, '05, was recently named Executive Committee Member-at-Large of the American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management.

Christopher Flowers, M.S. Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program, '02, was elected to the Lymphoma Research Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board.

Ryan Otebro, '03, and his wife, Jess, welcomed their son, John Benno, this past June. This is the first child for the couple.



John Benno Otebro

Murad Younis, '02, is practicing in Canada and is Board-certified in four specialties: oncology pharmacy, nutrition support

pharmacy, pharmacotherapy and psychiatric pharmacy.

2010-present

At the 2011 UW School of Pharmacy graduation ceremony: **Jonathan Chenoweth** won the Alumni Professional Excellence Award. **Joanna Jaecks** won the Faculty Excellence Award. **Brent Leithauser** won the Dean's Club Humanitarian Award.

Kelsey Hanson, Ph.D., '11, is now a Research Scientist at Pro-teotech in Kirkland, Wash.

John Hoekman, Ph.D., '10, received the 2011 University of Washington Graduate School "6th Chapter" Dissertation Award.

Tasha Ritchie, Ph.D., '11, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Membrane Transport Biology group at Queen Mary University of London.

Pragya Singh, Ph.D., '11, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Physical Biosciences Division at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab.

Email your news to rxalumni@uw.edu.

School of Pharmacy Research and Discovery Highlights

Carlos Catalano, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, is a co-PI on a new National Institutes of Health Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program grant. This program provides students of diverse backgrounds with research training. The fellows perform a one-year research project in participating mentor labs. They take a GRE prep course and receive scientific writing training, among other things. They are expected to apply to Ph.D. programs during their fellowship tenure. The program admitted six students in summer 2011. Catalano is a scientific mentor to one student and professional mentor to two of them.

Dave Goodlett, Professor and Director of the Mass Spectrometry

(MS) Center, has created a method to make MS research easier. Known as Surface Acoustic Wave Nebulization (SAWN), it has been under



development in the Goodlett Lab for three years. The SAWN method (pictured above) is being patented by the UW Center for Commercialization (C4C). A C4C Gap Fund for \$50,000 is going toward the construction of a prototype device.

Jeannine McCune, Professor of Pharmacy, is the principal investigator on a grant that aims to improve a child's chance of survival when being treated with cyclophosphamide, a commonly used anti-cancer drug. The project is a two-year, \$768,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute. Co-investigators are Julie Park and Doug Hawkins from Seattle Children's Hospital and Karen Makar from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. This grant was made possible by initial pilot monies from the School of Pharmacy's Drug Metabolism, Transport and Pharmacogenomic Research Fund, the Seattle Children's Foundation, the Eagles Foundation and Alex's Lemonade Stand. ☺

Pharmacy Alumni and Friends: Out and About

Katterman Lecture Reception

UW Foege Building, May 10



From left: Rhea Smith (Coquia), '07, Drew Edwards, '69, and Tiffany Erickson (Tennant), '02

Era Living Workshop

University House Wallingford, June 29



Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Karan Dawson, '70, '78, center, co-lead an alternative medicine workshop for residents at Era Living Retirement Community's University House. Pat Tanac (Hornall), '45, left, and husband Bob Tanac, '47, right, were workshop attendees. (Not pictured: School of Pharmacy faculty member and workshop co-leader Susan Lakey, '02)

50+ Year Class Reunion



Ivar's Salmon House,
June 18

LEFT: From left: Pat Choi and Jimmie Choi, '53, who traveled from Sacramento for the event. **RIGHT:** From left: Dean Emeritus Jack Orr, Ted Taniguchi, '49, and Louise Chervenak (Osborne), '49



Dean's Club Night at the Mariners

Safeco Field, July 13



LEFT: From left: Kathleen Baillie, '93, '97, with husband, Dean Thomas Baillie. **RIGHT:** From left: Pam Holzemer, School of Pharmacy Assistant Dean of Advancement Claire Forster and Mark Holzemer, '73



In Memoriam

Lois J. Balent (Lemon), '49, was born on January 13, 1927, and passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Lois was last known to be living in Alhambra, California.

James L. Carlson, '49, passed away in March in Tacoma. Jim was born in Aberdeen, Wash., and he grew up in Cosmopolis, Wash.

After working seven years in a drugstore in Seattle, Jim joined the old E.R. Squibb Co. as a pharmaceutical representative. Working 30 years with the company, Jim finished his career working relief in several Pierce County pharmacies.

He was a member of the Washington State Pharmacy Association, past member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 174, and a charter member of Skyline Presbyterian Church.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ellen; daughter, Nancy; daughter-in-law, Linda Carlson; and his brothers, sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Gilbert W. Cleasby, '48, passed away in May. He was born in Everett, Wash. After obtaining his pharmacy degree and an M.D. from Northwestern University, Gilbert went to San Francisco in 1952 to intern at Letterman Hospital.

Following military service in Korea, residency in ophthalmology at Stanford University and fellowship study at Columbia University, he joined a practice in San Francisco in 1958. Gilbert engaged in clinical practice and teaching at California Pacific Medical Center until retiring in 2000. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Honor Award for teaching in 1968 and Senior Honor Award in 1984.

He was also active in many other organizations, including the San Francisco Medical Society, California Association of Ophthalmology, and American Medical Association. His sabbatical studies were carried out at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London and the University of Zurich. He was guest lecturer at many national and international meetings and was author of 139 publications.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, and is survived by his children, Carolyn and David, and three grandchildren.



Phyllis Harsh

Phyllis Joyce Harsh (Jones), '46, of Mercer Island passed away in May 2011. Phyllis was born in Okanogan, Wash., and graduated from Omak High School in 1942.

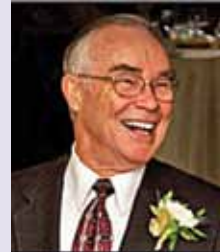
While at UW, she was president and charter member of the Chi Chapter of the Lambda Kappa Sigma group. After college, she married George Randall Harsh and had two children, John and Terri.

Prior to 1960, she worked as a pharmacist for Group Health and Medical Dental Hospital. From 1960-1971, she worked at Virginia Mason hospital and participated in a research grant for Providence Hospital from 1966-1967. Later, she worked for Harborview Hospital as a preceptor, and she also worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She gained her Alaska Pharmacist License and worked briefly in Alaska while keeping her license active in Washington before retiring.

In retirement, she spent time in

the San Juan Islands as a companion/caregiver to her aunt, Nell Robinson. In her life, she loved dancing, skiing, sailing, diving, flying, travel, painting and live theater.

She is survived by her children.



Jack Schofield

John "Jack" F. Schofield, '51, passed away peacefully in June after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Jack was born in 1929 in Poulsbo, WA. He graduated from

Poulsbo High School in 1947 and went on to the UW School of Pharmacy in the Navy ROTC.

After graduation, Jack joined the Air Force and went through Officer Candidate's School where he earned the rank of second lieutenant. After the Air Force, Jack returned to Port Angeles where he served as a volunteer fire fighter and later met his wife of 52 years, Lorna Randall. Married in 1957, Jack and Lorna moved to Seattle shortly after, where they bought Parson's Pharmacy in Ravenna. He sold the business in 1972 and opened Schofield Pharmacy in downtown Edmonds where he spent more than 25 years.

Jack had a keen interest in anything with an engine. He loved cars and motorcycles. Jack was in constant motion his entire life. He loved projects, and enjoyed sharing jokes, stories and his mastery of world accents with friends. Jack had a soft spot for all animals. But most of all, Jack loved his family.

Jack is survived by his wife Lorna; four children; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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School's Largest Department Gets New Chair



Peggy Odegard
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Professor of Pharmacy Peggy Odegard recently became the new chair of the Department of Pharmacy. Odegard is the first woman to hold this role. She succeeds Profes-

sor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics Danny Shen, who has returned to his teaching and research responsibilities at the School.

Odegard received a B.S. in pharmacy from the UW in 1985 and a Pharm.D. in 1990. Since then, she has served in various capacities on the faculty of the School of Pharmacy, serving as assistant dean under the late Dean Milo Gibaldi.

In addition to being a licensed

pharmacist, Odegard is a certified diabetes educator and immunization provider. She works at the UW Medicine Diabetes Care Center. She worked for Pay 'n Save early in her career and at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center in inpatient, outpatient and clinic practice settings for more than 20 years. She previously directed the School's Plein Certificate in Geriatric Pharmacy Program.

In 2008, she received the Shirley and Herb Bridge Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy, a distinction that was renewed this year. She also helped co-found the School's consulting pharmacy program, UW Pharmacy Cares, in 2008. Since that time, she has been active in UW Pharmacy Cares in forming partnerships with area pharmacies and care facilities. Much of Odegard's career has been devoted to highlighting the important role that pharmacists

have in patient care and to promoting collaboration among health providers. Her research evaluates pharmacy practice interventions to improve outcomes.

Odegard's honors include the Washington State Pharmacy Association's Pharmacist of the Year Award, the Bill Mueller Outstanding Mentor Award from the Washington State Society of Health System Pharmacists and the UW School of Pharmacy Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching Award.

"I look forward to capitalizing on Peggy's experience and vision to build upon the solid foundation established by Danny Shen," said School of Pharmacy Dean Thomas Baillie.

Odegard said she is excited to be working with leaders throughout the state to ensure the further development of the School of Pharmacy's programs, and the promotion of future innovations in pharmacy. 