# DAWG SCRIPTS <br> UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY NEWS 

## MTM Service Gets Started

There's a new pharmacy in town.
The UW School of Pharmacy is now operating a nondispensing, medication-therapy-management (MTM) pharmacy - UW Pharmacy Cares. The Washington State Department of Health granted the School a license for this operation - the first of its kind in the state - this past spring.

The purpose of the pharmacy is to provide a training ground in MTM service for UW Pharm.D. students while helping Washington pharmacists fulfill the state's unmet MTM needs. MTM is a benefit that pharmacists provide to high-risk patients - in which they help clients improve their medication use and promote a better quality of life.

Under Medicare Part D, certain beneficiaries who spend more than $\$ 4,000$ annually on prescription drugs and who have multiple chronic diseases qualify for billable MTM services. Since Medicare Part D went into effect in January 2006, however, many practitioners have faced more requests for MTM than they can (or want to) satisfy.

As a result, the School is collaborating with the Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA) and local pharmacies to bridge the gap in MTM services caused by Medicare Part D and other contracted MTM services.
"Our goal is to provide pharmacies
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Dr. Baillie (right) shares a laugh with Dr. Rene Levy, professor and former chair of the Department of Pharmaceutics, at a conference a few years ago. Baillie has maintained a relationship with the School of Pharmacy since he left the Department of Medicinal Chemistry in 1994. He returned to the School in the role of dean on October 1.

## School Welcomes New Dean

When the UW Board of Regents chose Dr. Thomas A. Baillie as the next dean of the School of Pharmacy, it welcomed back an old friend to the UW family. Baillie served as a professor of medicinal chemistry in the School from 1981 to 1994.

Baillie left the UW for Merck \& Co. Inc. because of the opportunities it offered him to pursue his research in drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics. He has been with the company since he left the University, most recently as vice president and global head of drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics.

Throughout the years, the School of Pharmacy has continued to enjoy a close working relationship with Baillie, as he has collaborated with faculty on research
and served on the School's corporate advisory board.

Regarding his return to UW, Baillie is excited to take the helm of what he calls one of the premier schools of pharmacy in the nation. He also looks forward to Seattle's scenery, seafood and climate. It is a climate, he points out, that rivals that of his native Scotland.

Baillie hails from the Hebridean island of Islay (pronounced "eye-la") on the west coast of Scotland. The tiny island may be best known for its eight malt whisky distilleries, one of which Baillie's father managed until he moved the family to Glasgow when Baillie was 5 . That is where Baillie stayed through graduate school.

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## President's Message



As fall approaches and the daylight starts to fade, I always think about going back to school. Even though I have been out of school for 11 years, I still feel a familiar itch this time of year.

For everyone at the UW School of Pharmacy, this fall will be special. As we welcome a new dean, Dr. Thomas A. Baillie, we also are ushering in a re-energized Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA). We have a new president-elect, Jenny Riddell, '06, and new liaisons between the School and our association - Assistant Director of Development Maria Tran and Assistant Director of Communications Melinda Young. This gives us a new team to put the PAA on the map!
While brainstorming with my cohorts about the best ways to strengthen the PAA, I discovered an interesting fact: That dentists and pharmacists have something very important in common. Outside of having mild cases of obsessive-compulsive disorder, our professions represent the only two schools with independent alumni associations in operation at the University of Washington. When I discovered this fact, I was filled with pride for our School and our profession.

In spite of this, though, our alumni association is not as hearty as it could be. Participation isn't where we think it should be - especially given what an impassioned group of people I know School of Pharmacy alumni to be. I became president of PAA because I have attended too many homecomings where there has been no representation by the classes from the previous 10 years. I want to make the PAA an organization that represents all the classes.

Therefore, with the help of Maria Tran, we have created a group on Facebook.com. Search for "UW Pharmacy Alumni Association" under Facebook groups, and that will direct you to our site. We will be posting information about what's happening at the School, so I encourage everyone to join and get connected.

We also hope that you will seek out other ways to be involved in PAA. For starters, the association is currently looking for an additional member to serve on the board. Other ways you can get involved include: becoming a preceptor for current students (see details on Page 14); joining a reunion-planning committee; contributing to the PAA scholarship; or simply attending one (or all) of the many alumni events that take place throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming involved or if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Maria Tran at rxalumni@u.washington.com.

Lastly, I hope you enjoy this new, improved version of Dawg Scripts with a special section that celebrates the completion of the School's fundraising campaign. And I hope to see you at an event soon!
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Ben Michaels, '97<br>President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

## Upcoming School of Pharmacy Events

October 15
Alumni \& Friends Reception at ISSX Convention
Town \& Country Resort \& Convention Center, San Diego, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Mariely Lemagne (206) 616-7613 mlemagne@u.washington.edu

October 18
PAA Homecoming Lunch
UW Huskies vs. OSU Beavers
I-Court Rotunda, Health
Sciences Building, 2 p.m.
Contact: Mariely Lemagne (206) 616-7613
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October 29 Career and Residency Day UW South Campus Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact: Maria Tran
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We are currently seeking suggestions for lecture topics for the annual Katterman Lecture in spring 2009. Contact Maria Tran, mgonz@u.washington.edu, if you have ideas or questions.

## Message from the Dean



Let me begin by saying how delighted I am to have been appointed dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Washington, succeeding Sid Nelson who, as you know, is stepping down from this administrative post after 13 highly successful years in the job. I congratulate Sid on his many accomplishments as dean, and I am very happy that he will remain on the faculty of the School as professor of medicinal chemistry.

By way of background to my own career, I received training in chemistry, at both the undergraduate and graduate level, from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, which was followed by postdoctoral research at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. I then held a faculty position at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (University of London) before joining the faculty in the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, in 1978. Three years later, I took up an appointment in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the UW School of Pharmacy, and remained in Seattle until 1994, when I joined Merck Research Laboratories in West Point, Penn., as vice president of drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics.

While I have very much enjoyed my career in the pharmaceutical industry, I always thought of returning to an academic setting at some point. So when I was offered the position this past spring of dean of the School, it simply was too good an opportunity to pass up! Over the years, I have retained the highest regard for the faculty, staff and student body of the School, and I am genuinely looking forward to becoming a part of the School's teaching and research mission once again.

While the School enjoys an enviable reputation for the high quality of its professional, research and training programs - as attested to by the success of its graduates in all areas of pharmacy practice and health sciences research -
we can anticipate many challenges in the years that lie ahead. Drug therapy in the United States is changing in a profound way (as is health care in general), driven by advances in science and technology, by societal and political pressures to contain costs and improve product safety, and by demands related to the re-importation of medicines from neighboring countries.

Also, the business model under which the pharmaceutical industry has been operating for many years is no longer sustainable, largely because of growing financial and regulatory pressures. It is clear that more-streamlined, costeffective development paradigms will be necessary to bring new drugs to market. The pharmacist and pharmaceutical scientist of the future must become familiar with this new reality and must be prepared to take advantage of the many opportunities that it presents.

In addition to changes in the external health care environment, the requirements for accreditation of the School's degree-awarding programs are becoming more stringent. These must be anticipated and addressed with some urgency if we are to retain our vibrant Pharm.D., M.S. and Ph.D. programs and build upon past successes.

It is in these latter areas that I intend to focus my initial efforts as dean as I become familiar with the administrative functions of the office and get to know as many current and former members of the School as possible. Despite the current challenges, the UW School of Pharmacy has enormous potential to further develop its leadership status in pharmacy education and pharmaceutical research, and to have a significant impact on programs across the health sciences in the university and beyond.

I look forward with much enthusiasm to the months and years ahead!


Thomas A. Baillie
Dean, UW School of Pharmacy

## Congratulations Duane Miller, Alumnus of the Year

Duane Miller, Ph.D., '69, is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science and Research.

After receiving his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Washington, he joined The Ohio State University faculty, where he later became chair of the Division of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy. He is currently chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical

Sciences and associate dean of research and graduate studies at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

His areas of research include anti-obesity, treatment of diabetic complications, male contraception and cocaine addiction.

Among his many honors, in 2001, he was selected as an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow.


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Suzanne Lee, center, greets Bung-orn Sripanidkulchai, dean of Khon Kaen University's pharmacy school, left. At right is Motoko Kanke, Japanese pharmacy educator and friend of the UW School.

## School Joins Thai Pharmacy Consortium

The pharmacy system in Thailand is undergoing a transformation, and the School of Pharmacy is helping make that happen. In July, the School joined the U.S. Thai Consortium for the Development of Pharmacy Education.

Originally created by the Royal Thai Government in 1994, the consortium began, in part, to respond to a pharmacist shortage in that nation. Nine U.S. pharmacy schools joined eight Thai schools in the original agreement, setting out to strengthen the practice and education of pharmacists in Thailand.

During the almost 15 years since the consortium was formed, select Thai pharmacy faculty have pursued advanced Continued on Page 15

## Drug Interaction Database Expands

A new, upgraded version of the UW Metabolism and Transport Drug Interaction Database launched July 1st.

The brainchild of Dr. Rene Levy, professor and former chair of the Department of Pharmaceutics, the database originally launched as an official venture through UW Tech Transfer in 2002. It is a Web-based search and analysis tool designed for use by scientists from academia, government and the pharmaceutical industry who work in drug discovery and development. It compiles and summarizes published data about new drugs and drug interactions.

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with MTM support while also assuring our graduates are well-prepared," said Associate Professor of Pharmacy Peggy Odegard.

Odegard and Annie Lam, senior lecturer in pharmacy, are using their funds from the Shirley and Herb Bridge Endowed Professorship to create this program. They are focusing on implementing an MTM curriculum for students, creating an on-site consulting service and conducting research.

This summer, faculty started their training by taking MTM cases over the phone and in person. They provided these services to qualified King County employees in need of MTM. WSPA spearheaded this collaboration between UW and King County.

Bellegrove Pharmacy in Bellevue, facing obstacles in creating an MTM program, took advantage of this collaboration and called upon UW. Faculty-pharmacists then came to Bellegrove to provide comprehensive medication reviews and follow-up with clients insured through King County.

UW faculty are also working to educate Bellegrove's staff on MTM.
"I believe the UW program can help move the profession forward," said Bellegrove Chief Operating Officer Steve Singer, '81.

UW Pharmacy Cares' model ensures that patients retain their relationship with their principal pharmacy while receiving MTM through the School.

Further, said Jackie Gardner, codirector of the School's Pharmacy Management Program, "We are identifying the barriers that pharmacies face in implementing MTM services, and we are seeking to model solutions."

More than 10 faculty members who are registered pharmacists are involved in this project. Eventually, they will mentor students in reviewing cases and providing hands-on services.

Ultimately, they seek to create a thriving service pharmacy that practitioners throughout the region can use to learn more about MTM - from business-operation requirements to the patient's needs for advocacy.

## School and Faculty News

Don Downing, clinical professor of pharmacy, was named Pharmacist Leader of the Year by Pharmacy Access Partnership. In conjunction with this award, he also received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

Lou Garrison, professor of pharmacy, was featured in an article about health-technology assessment in Brazil's economic journal Gazeta Mercantil.

Lou Garrison, Dave Veenstra, associate professor of pharmacy, Beth Devine, research associate professor of pharmacy, and Scott Ramsey, adjunct associate professor of pharmacy, have each authored articles in the top 100 most-downloaded from the journal Value in Health since 1998.

Rodney Ho, Milo Gibaldi endowed professor of pharmaceutics, was appointed associate editor of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

John Horn, professor of pharmacy, presented a lecture on drug interactions
with anticoagulants at Sharp HealthCare's Annual Anticoagulation Management Conference.

John Horn, Shabir Somani, associate professor of pharmacy, Pamela Wareham, assistant director of UW Medical Center pharmacy services, Jacqueline Osborn, clinical computer specialist for UWMC pharmacy services, and Phil Hansten, professor emeritus of pharmacy, presented a poster, "Clinical decision support systems: Customization of a drug interaction database to avoid alert fatigue," at the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists meeting.

## Bill Howald,

 lecturer in medicinal chemistry and managing technical director of the Mass Spectrometry Center, retired thisContinued on next page


Bill Howald
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## Student News



Joseph Babigumira

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Babigumira, Ph.D. candidate in the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (PORPP), recently received a $\$ 40,000$ dissertation fellowship from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Institute of International Education (IIE). His dissertation will look at the economic impact of unsafe, induced abortion in his native Uganda. Babigumira intends to focus on measuring the cost of these unsafe procedures on the healthcare system. The two-year fellowship is awarded to Ph.D. candidates studying population, reproductive health and economic development. Only a handful of students in the country received one.

Josh Carlson, Pfizer Research postdoctoral fellow in PORPP, received
a Best New Investigator Podium Presentation award at the International Society for Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research Conference in Toronto.

Abby Frye received an NCPA Presidential Scholarship.

John Hoekman, pharmaceutics Ph.D. candidate, along with two MBA students, took first place in the UW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship 2008 Business Plan Competition. (Read full story on back page.)

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation group is hosting a fifth-year pharmacy exchange student from Belgrade, Serbia, for a month this fall. The group worked throughout the summer to plan and make the arrangements for the student's stay as well as for her studies and activities while she's at the University.

Luis Ramos is a finalist for the Lucille and Edward R. Roybal Foundation 2008 scholarship.

Emily Schulze received the 2008

NCPA Outstanding Student Member award and an NCPA Partners in Pharmacy scholarship.

Ellen Smith received the NCPA Neil Pruitt Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Patricia "Petey" Sonnett was recognized with the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Pharmacy Practice award.

The student chapter of Kappa Psi International - Beta Omicron - was named the top chapter in Province X.

A team consisting of eight Pharm.D. students - Paul Algeo, Abby Frye, Joanna Ho, Tahnee Marginean, Kim Moody, Luis Ramos, Emily Schulze and Petey Sonnett - was chosen as one of four nationwide recipients of the AACP Student Community Engaged Service Award.

A group of Pharm.D. students recently created the School's first scrapbook for the class of 2009. It highlights a large collection of the class's activities from the past three years.

## School and Faculty News (Continued)

past summer. He was with the School of Pharmacy for almost 40 years. Said Dean Emeritus Sid Nelson: "The School is losing an outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff member who is revered as a mentor, teacher, master technician and facilities manager." Nelson noted his colleague's dedication to his work by recounting the time Howald spent winter break analyzing the tear gas used by the Seattle police to quell the World Trade Organization rioters.
(A fund has been established in honor of Howald's many years of service to the School. The William Howald Mass Spectrometry Support Fund will support education in mass spectrometry. To support this fund, please visit depts.washington.edu/pha/support.)

Susan Lakey, acting assistant professor of pharmacy, was named postdoctoral fellow and received an NIH New Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit New Investigator award.

Rene Levy, professor of pharmaceutics, gave the opening remarks at the 11th International

Conference on Drug-Drug Interactions. Carol Collins and Houda Hachad, research scientists in pharmaceutics, and Rodney Ho also presented.

Jeannine McCune, associate professor of pharmacy, was awarded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute a four-year R01 entitled "Population Pharmacokinetics/ Pharmacodynamics in Nonablative Stem Cell Recipients."

Sid Nelson, dean emeritus, received the Milo Gibaldi Excellence in Teaching award for 2008. Nelson also gave the keynote address at the 7th International Conference on Early Toxicity Screening.

Danny Shen, professor and chair of pharmacy, was elected the 2008 chair for pharmaceutical science for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Sean Sullivan, professor of pharmacy, published research findings in Allergy that showed the antibody drug omalizumab is cost effective for treating allergic asthma that has not responded fully to steroid inhalers
and other medications. Sullivan also co-authored "Key principles for the improved conduct of health technology assessments for resource allocation decisions" for the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care.

Rheem Totah, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, presented work on arachidonic acid metabolism by CYP2J2 and cardiotoxicity at the Drug Metabolism Gordon Research Conference.

Rheem Totah and Allan Rettie, professor and chair of medicinal chemistry, published a review article, "Cytochrome P450 2C8: Substrates, Inhibitors, Pharmacogenetics and Clinical Relevance," that was featured recently in the top ten most-cited clinical pharmacology and therapeutics papers from 2005 to 2006.

The School of Pharmacy ranked fifth among pharmacy schools in the country, according to the 2008 rankings of graduate and professional programs in U.S. News \& World Report.


## Better Pharmacy, Better Health Campaign Surpasses Expectations



Campaign co-chairs from left to right: Doug Mendenhall, SuAnn Stone, Ray Wilson, Donna Dockter and Mark Holzemer.

## By the Numbers: Campaign Highlights

As a result of your support throughout the Better Pharmacy, Better Health campaign, the School of Pharmacy:

Had the highest percentage of alumni who donated ( 30.3 percent) of any school or college at the University of Washington.

Exceeded its original fundraising goal by a greater percentage (203.5 percent) than any other UW school or college.

Created its first ever \$1 million endowed chair. (See full article on Page 9.)

Increased the number of School endowments by 240 percent.

Raised almost $\$ 3.9$ million for student support.

Increased Dean's Club membership by 65 percent.
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

When the School of Pharmacy embarked on its Better Pharmacy, Better Health capital campaign eight years ago, we had no way of knowing how significant Margaret Mead's words would be.

What we achieved is nothing short of momentous. Pharmacy is one of the smallest schools on campus, with an alumni body just shy of 4,000 ; yet, when the university-wide Campaign UW: Creating Futures came to an end on June 30, 2008, we had surpassed all the other schools and colleges at the University of Washington by raising more than double our initial fundraising goal.

As a result of our alumni, donors, faculty, students, volunteers and friends, we received $\$ 20.8$ million in gifts throughout the campaign. We are in awe of those of you who made this happen. As you will see in this special section of Dawg Scripts, what we have already achieved with this support is staggering - from founding an institute devoted to innovative pharmacy practice to creating a fund that supports international student-exchange efforts.

A special thank you goes to our former dean, Sid Nelson, '68, and campaign co-chairs Donna Dockter '72, Mark Holzemer, '73, Doug Mendenhall, '68, SuAnn Stone, '73, and Ray Wilson, '69, for their leadership and vision. We would also like to thank honorary co-chair Shirley Bridge, ' 45 - who is missed immensely. (See tribute on Page 7.) We are indebted to them for their generosity, time and commitment.

Although we reached our monetary goal, we continue to have a need for student support. As you will read throughout this edition of Dawg Scripts, our students regularly confront real-world problems with insight, innovation and energy. And when we pair them with exceptionally talented faculty, the results are extraordinary. In the years to come, we will continue to focus our fundraising efforts on supporting our outstanding students.

While the official campaign is over and the UW raised a record $\$ 2.68$ billion overall, opportunities still abound for you to get involved - by offering your expertise, time and financial resources. And we hope that you will. Through your participation, you, too, can change the world.

Thank you from all of us at the School of Pharmacy. We are inspired by your investment in the School. We look forward to seeing that investment flourish in the years to come.

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## School of Pharmacy Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge the many generous alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends that made gifts and pledges to our School between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. And a special thank you goes to the corporations and foundations that made gifts throughout the entire eight-year Better Pharmacy, Better Health campaign.

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## In Memoriam: Shirley Bridge's Gift Goes On

To say that Shirley Bridge, '45, believed in giving back is an understatement. Throughout her life, she volunteered with organizations ranging from the League of Women Voters to Swedish Hospital. In the late 1980s, she co-chaired the fundraising campaign that resulted in the construction of Seattle's Bailey-Boushay House, a groundbreaking residential facility for people with AIDS.

And less than a year before she passed away at age 86 this past June, she and her husband, Herb, created a School of Pharmacy endowment that will benefit future generations of students.

The Shirley and Herb Bridge Endowed Professorship for Women in Pharmacy was awarded to Annie Lam and Peggy Odegard, co-directors of the Plein Certificate in Geriatric Pharmacy, this past fall. The funds are helping to establish a new medication-therapy-management (MTM) training program in the School. (See cover story.)

Odegard, Lam and their colleagues
wrote the MTM proposal with Bridge's determination and spirit in mind.
"Shirley believed if you have an opinion, you should share it and work with people to make it happen. We had this idea for a program we thought was important for the practice of pharmacy, and [the Bridges] helped fund that idea."

After graduating magna cum laude from the School in 1945, Bridge became one of Washington state's first female registered pharmacists. She continued practicing until 1982.

Her mettle lives on among those who knew her at the School of Pharmacy.
"We can all still hear her Photo courtesy of $\begin{gathered}\text { when we run into barriers with } \\ \text { Herb Bridge }\end{gathered} \quad$ creating the MTM program," said Odegard. "We hear her saying, 'Just get around it.' Her belief that anything can be done if you put your mind to it continues to help us."

Bridge is survived by her husband, two sons and daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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## New Programs Enhance School's Reputation

Two programs created through the campaign are the Drug Metabolism, Transport and Pharmacogenomics Research (DMTPR) program and the Institute for Innovative Pharmacy Practice ("I2P2"). Each is advancing the School's mission in the following ways:

DMTPR (2003): This program seeks to fulfill the School's research mission and respond to critical industry needs in the areas of drug metabolism, transport, pharmacogenomics and related outcomes and policy research.

Partnerships with corporate and industry constituents allow DMTPR to provide the pharmaceutical industry with high-caliber future researchers as well as with training, analysis and research in drug metabolism.

I2P2 (2005): This institute is a premier center for pharmacy training, research and advocacy. I2P2 draws on the School's strengths in senior care, pharmacy management and community health programs.

It prepares well-rounded pharmacists who promote entrepreneurial solutions for better health and better business. It also creates research partnerships to help practicing pharmacists implement cost-effective, healthenhancing practice innovations.

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## Gibaldi Fund Reaches \$I Million

This past June, the School raised the funds to create its first ever $\$ 1$ million endowed chair - the Milo Gibaldi Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutics. More than 340 donors helped make this possible, including alumni, corporations, foundations, faculty and friends. Collectively, they paid tribute to a beloved late dean emeritus of the School.
"Milo had a vision many years ago to create this kind of endowment to advance the School's mission," said Director of Development Claire Forster. "In fact, he provided the original contributions."

The endowment can be used to attract and retain distinguished faculty. In addition, it will support services and programs that improve the capabilities of progressive drug therapy. Gibaldi also wanted the money to support new directions in research and teaching.

Gibaldi, who was dean from 1978 to 1995, was wellknown for his work in pharmacokinetics. He is credited for helping make the School one of the premier institutions in the country. He passed away in 2006.

His wife, Florence, is elated about the endowment.
"It means so much to me that the things he most wanted to leave behind are actually happening," she said. "Milo would have felt humbled, appreciative and honored to have known that so many people made this happen."

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## Donor's Support Spans Globe

Thanks to alumnus Herb Tsuchiya, '55, future Pharm.D. students will now have greater opportunities to think, and act, globally.

In February, Tsuchiya created the Herbert and Bertha Tsuchiya Endowed Student Support Fund for Global Outreach. The endowment is named partially in honor of his late wife, Bertha, a graduate from the 1948 School of Pharmacy class. Its purpose is to provide financial support for Pharm.D. students seeking international exchange opportunities to broaden their educations.

Encouraging international pharmacy exchange has been a priority to Tsuchiya for several years. He has long been involved in mentoring aspiring pharmacists through an international exchange program between the School of Pharmacy and Kyoritsu University School of Pharmacy in Japan (which recently merged with Keio University).

If all goes according to plan, said Tsuchiya, the funds from this scholarship "will bring a cross-pollination of ideas and will improve the quality of care for patients and consumers in both the exchange countries."

Tsuchiya and his wife both practiced pharmacy throughout their lives.
"I feel that l've been very blessed by my chosen profession," he said. "It's given me so much that I want to give back a little bit."


Herb Tsuchiya (center), and his brother Jack Tsuchiya, '51, recently greeted two Japanese pharmacy exchange students. Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics Suzanne Lee joined them (second from left).

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# Pharmacy Alumni and Friends: Out and About 

## A Night at the Mariners



Members of the Dean's Club came out to Safeco Field to support the Seattle Mariners against the Boston Red Sox on a chilly July evening. Although the M's lost (again), a good time was had by all.

LEFT: Lin Zhou, graduate student in pharmaceutics, and guest Wenbo Luo. RIGHT: Bob Satterthwaite, '55, and School friends Dave and Karen Anderson.


## A Final Dean's Recognition Reception with Sid Nelson

More than 230 donors, faculty, staff and students attended the annual Dean's Recognition Reception in April. This year's donor-appreciation event, which took place at the PACCAR Pavilion of the Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park, was the last such reception that Sid Nelson attended in his role as dean of the School. Last month, he stepped down after 13 years to resume his position as a full-time professor of medicinal chemistry.


LEFT: Director of Development Claire Forster and Jill Mack,'08, give an original piece of art from a local artist to Sid Nelson and his wife, Joan. ABOVE: Students Grace Navaja, Roland Lopez and Andrea Baek. ABOVE RIGHT: (Clockwise from left) Alumnus of the year Duane Miller, '69, with his mentor, professor of medicinal chemistry Wendel Nelson, and alumnus Ray Wilson, '69. BELOW RIGHT: School of Pharmacy Director of Experiential Education Terri O'Sullivan presents Malcolm McCallum, '63, with an award for 25 years of service.


View a slideshow of the reception at depts.washington.edu/pha/news-events/Recognition2008


## Other Happenings

BELOW LEFT: Florence Gibaldi (right), wife of the late Dean Emeritus Milo Gibaldi, recently traveled to the School from the Midwest to visit with faculty, staff and friends. Here, she's with Cathy Johnson, former administrator of the Department of Pharmaceutics. ABOVE LEFT: Bellingham alumni gathered this past August. From left: Angie Oberg and fiance Carson Huntoon, '07, Carole Sheppard, Virgil Sheppard, '53, Rosa Hoagland and Mike Hoagland, '70. RIGHT: Faculty and staff got together to raise a glass in honor of Sid Nelson at his retirement party in June. Here, he's accepting the gift of a pub chair from the Campus Inn, a place where many of his best ideas were hatched during his time as dean and professor.


## 50th Reunion Celebration



BELOW LEFT: Denise Grutchfield, Victor Grutchfield, '57, Tamio Miyata, '57, and Pauline Miyata. LEFT: Clockwise from left: Walter Davison, '57, Sid Nelson, Joan Nelson, Bob Rogers, '59, Eleanor Rogers, Vija Ozols, '58, and Bonnie Davison, '60. RIGHT: Audrey Lacey (Wade), '59, and Ann Massie, '59. BELOW RIGHT: Michael Lafferty, '95, and Barry Lafferty, '59.


Members of the classes of 1958 and neighboring years came together for a reunion at the Portage Bay Café in Seattle in June. When asked about their favorite memories from their time at the School, a few of them reminisced about the cross-country train trips they once took to visit pharmaceutical companies. Some other people shared stories about pranks involving, well, frog legs. Here are a few more favorite memories:

Audrey Lacey (Wade), '59: "During a final exam, the class had gathered waiting for Dr. Louis Fischer, our professor, to hand out the exam. He was not there. After about 10 minutes, he burst into the room with his pajama bottoms showing under his trousers. No explanation from him, but he obviously overslept."


Joan Skalabrin, '58: "My earliest and saddest memory is of my study group deciding not to learn the structural formula for phenolphthalein because there was no possible way it would be on the test. Oops!"

Herb Tsuchiya, '55: "Tasting an unknown liquid during a pharmacognosy exam and regretting using that method to identify it."


## New Dean (Continued from front page)

through a faculty appointment in the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco.

When he later joined the UW Department of Medicinal Chemistry, it was still located in Bagley Hall on upper campus. Looking back on that time, he recalls the sounds of Drumheller Fountain outside his office and of "freshman students being tossed unceremoniously into Frosh Pond by their unsympathetic senior colleagues."

Baillie counts his years at the School among the most enjoyable of his career.
"I truly appreciated the highly collegial and supportive environment provided by the School and its faculty," he said.

As he re-enters academia amid a new climate for health care, pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences, Baillie knows he
will face challenges. He plans to respond to these challenges, in part, by building on and emphasizing the School's many strengths.

Dean Emeritus Sid Nelson, who stepped down last month, said that Baillie is the right choice to lead the School, especially given his work in both industry and academia.

Nelson added, "He's a good teacher and a good administrator. Faculty and students will appreciate him."

Baillie's wife, Kathleen, who has her Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the School of Pharmacy, will join the new dean in Seattle. Baillie has two grown sons - a computer animator for the movie industry in the Bay Area and a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry at Emory University in Atlanta.

In his free time, Baillie can be found
flying his single-engine Commander aircraft - which he recently piloted across the country to move from Pennsylvania to Seattle. He will not, however, be found playing golf. Although he comes from the birthplace of the sport, it is a hobby that he says he just never learned.

## To learn more about Dean Thomas $A$.

 Baillie, read his inaugural Message from the Dean on Page 3.
## Support the School

The School of Pharmacy plans to host several reunions this spring. The alumni relations staff would love to have you on a reunion committee to help plan these events. To inquire about this or other opportunities to be involved, please contact Assistant Director of Development Maria Tran at mgonz@u.washington.edu.

Glenn Adams, '98, is the incoming president of the Washington State Pharmacy Association.

Jennifer Beach, '01, became president-elect of the Washington Association of Diabetes Educators. She will remain on the board as the Western Washington professional education chair until she becomes president in July 2009.

Megan Gibbs, '99, and John Gibbs, '98, welcomed twins Meredith and Monica Gibbs on December 11, 2007. Sister Madelyn, 3 , is enjoying being a big sister.

Scott Herzog, '03, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed baby Sydney on June 9th. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Janice Kirby, '77, recently celebrated her 30-year anniversary with husband Donny, marked by a trip to Maui in October. She also celebrated more than 30 years in pharmacy.

TheAnh Nguyen, '07, completed his first-year pharmacy residency practice at College of Pharmacy, University of Texas at Austin and the Central Texas VA. He's now pursuing a second-year pharmacy residency in cardiology at the Texas Heart Institute Medical Center in Houston.

Ryan Oftebro, '03, took over Kelley-Ross Prescription Pharmacy from his father, John Oftebro. Ryan Hansen, '03, and Brian Beach, '00, joined Ryan as partner-owners of Kelley-Ross.

Miroslava Orozco, '00, and her husband, Ricardo, welcomed their second child, Hudson Blake Orozco, on December 24, 2007. Miroslava continues to work at Tacoma General Hospital and her husband Ricardo is working as a commercial diver.

Mayleen Panaligan, '00, will get married to Victor Balunggaya in December 2008. They met in the Philippines in 2005 during a Singles for Christ Conference.


Jared Smith and Rhea Coquia

Jared Smith, '04, and Rhea Coquia, '07, tied the knot on July 26 in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Smith now live in Federal Way and are enjoying being newlyweds. South Park Pharmacy in Port Orchard was named the best pharmacy of South Kitsap in a competition sponsored by the South Kitsap Chamber of Commerce and Port Orchard Independent. Kenneth Paskett, '63, founded South Park Pharmacy in September of 1968. Ronald Wright, '65, and Joan Skalabrin, '58, are also practicing pharmacists there.

We want to hear from you. Let us know what's new in your life. Please e-mail us with your updates at rxalumni@u.washington.edu.

## NFL Takes Hypertension Initiative National

Last year, several Pharm.D. students participated in Novartis' pilot blood-pressure-awareness initiative cosponsored by the Seattle Seahawks. The students checked people's blood pressure and offered insight during Seahawks home games and at Costcos throughout the fall.

Overall, they helped to screen the blood pressure of almost 1,900 people. They also helped sign up more than 840 people to receive information about hypertension, and they helped answer general questions about health and wellness.

The project was such a hit that the NFL is taking it national this year.

Six other NFL teams have joined the Seahawks to participate in the Tackle Hypertension project - including the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts.

The project's goal is to encourage


Pharm.D. student Luis Ramos and preceptor Jenny Riddell, '06, assist fans at an August preseason game.
people to become active in spotting, monitoring and ultimately preventing high blood pressure.

Novartis invited UW pharmacy students back to the Seahawks program this year because they made such a good impression during the pilot program. So far, almost 40 students are signed up to help this football season.

To read more about this initiative and about other School news, visit: depts.washington.edulpha.

## Call for Preceptors

This school year will be another busy one for the Unified Professional Pharmacy Organizations of Washington (UPPOW). Pharmacy students participate in various community screenings, immunization clinics and health fairs throughout the year that promote our profession and serve our communities.

UPPOW needs preceptors and pharmacists to help at events. The time commitment can be as much or as little as you'd like, but your help at even one event during the year is appreciated.

For more info, contact UPPOW President Tahnee Marginean, at tahnee@u.washington.edu.

## PAA is on Facebook!

Join the PAA group by searching for "UW Pharmacy Alumni Association." Get up-to-date information on School news and events, and keep in touch with your fellow alumni! For more information, please e-mail rxalumni@u. washington.edu.

## In Memoriam

Bettie Fowler passed away on May 4. She was 95. Born in Tacoma to Hosmer and Elizabeth Brokaw, she was the granddaughter of Washington pioneers C.T. Stewart (Kona Coffee Co.) and J.W. Brokaw (Woodenware Co.). She graduated in 1936 from the School of Pharmacy. She maintained her pharmacy license for 50 years. She married C.H. Fowler of Arlington, Wash., on Nov. 10, 1940. Bettie was a charter member of the Everett Symphony where she played the violin for 20 years. She was active in the Marysville Log Cabin Club, and she was a Master Gardener. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah. -from The Seattle Times

## Continuing Education Program on Location in Italy

In a summer continuing education program, "The Art of Health, Life and Well-Being: A Tuscan Exploration of Health Care," a group of School faculty and staff and practicing Washington pharmacists spent a week in and near the village of Montisi, Italy, getting the Italian perspective on pharmacy.

Peers from the Facolta di Farmacia at the University of Perugia - a Seattle sister city institution - and pharmacists from the region shared their insight about how best to serve patients in the United States and abroad.

Karan Dawson, director of the School's continuing pharmacy education program, hopes that by exploring a
different culture and system of health care, attendees were inspired to think creatively about U.S. pharmacy practice. For instance, Dawson said, Italy has a national health care system that U.S. pharmacists can learn from as they prepare for potential universal coverage options in the future.
"The goal of this trip," she said, "was to help people think about how to improve patient care in the United States."

Dawson hopes this experience laid the foundation for the School of Pharmacy to develop joint research and education opportunities with the faculty at the University of Perugia.

## Thai Pharmacy Consortium (Continued from Page 4)

professional or graduate study in U.S. pharmacy schools. And multiple student and faculty exchanges, research projects and collaborations have taken place.

Through such efforts, members of the consortium have helped in a nationwide effort in Thailand to enhance academic, research and clinical pharmacy programs.

The program met with such success that this past July, the Thai government extended it through 2022 and invited more institutions to join. At the consortium's biennial meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the School joined four other U.S. schools and one Thai school as new members. Clinical Associate Professor of

Pharmaceutics Suzanne Lee was on hand for the signing of the contract.

Lee emphasized that the consortium is helping to modernize pharmacy practice in Thailand. Indeed, the entire Thai system is undergoing a structural shift - from a model focused on filling prescriptions to one that includes patient care and advocacy.
"[Academics in Thailand] would like pharmacists to be more on the front lines of drug-therapy management," Lee said. "They want to be involved in educating nursing and medical staffs, helping manage adverse affects of drugs and working on public-health efforts."

This is where the expertise of
academics and students at institutions such as the UW play an important role.

The consortium also gives U.S. students and faculty an international perspective on the practice of pharmacy.

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The School will kick off its involvement in the consortium by implementing a student educational exchange with Khon Kaen University in the northeast region of Isan.

## Drug Interaction Database (Continued from Page 4)

With the new Version 4.0, the database now includes a disease-specific search capability that allows scientists to search for drug-interaction potentials for medications related to almost 30 diseases. As a result, researchers can easily find a succinct overview of exactly what to watch for when developing a new drug targeting a specific disease.

If scientists are trying to develop an anti-diabetes drug, for example, they can quickly find out which enzyme to worry about in their study.

In addition, as of press time, the database was finalizing the details for an arrangement with the United Kingdom's Lhasa Services, a subsidiary of Lhasa Limited, a nonprofit global supplier of knowledge-based software and databases. Through this arrangement, Lhasa will promote subscriptions to the UW database to pharmaceutical research institutions throughout Europe. The UW already has a similar agreement in place with Japan's Infocom Corporation to distribute the database in Japan.

Levy's efforts to make knowledge about drug interactions more widespread are clearly paying off. Researchers from major pharmaceutical companies and from throughout the world already subscribe to the database. It is also one of the university's top-10 revenue generators.

And given recent developments, the database might be on track to become a major international player in the field of drug-interaction research - making prescription drugs safer on a global scale.

## Student's Co-Invention Could Revolutionize Disease Treatment Options

A new technology co-invented by two people in the Department of Pharmaceutics could pave the way for better treatment options for people with central nervous system diseases. It has already paved the way for the launch of a new start-up.

In the summer of 2007, pharmaceutics Ph.D. candidate John Hoekman and his adviser, Dr. Rodney Ho, invented a new direct-to-brain drug-delivery technology. Their creation is a nasal spray device that allows medications to go straight to the brain to treat diseases such as chronic pain and Alzheimer's. It allows for a safer, more efficient treatment option than more-traditional methods.

Soon after making their discovery, Hoekman and Ho received a $\$ 50,000$ Technology Gap Innovation Fund grant from UW Tech Transfer to develop the invention.

Then, this past winter, Hoekman learned about the UW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition. With two teammates from the Foster School of Business, he co-wrote a business plan to commercialize the technology. The team proposed a business, Impel NeuroPharma, that would use already approved pharmaceuticals and new biotechnology products to market the device.
"The [business] could allow drugs with really good therapeutic potential to get to market to treat diseases that currently have abysmal treatment options," said Hoekman.

The judges in the business plan competition must have seen the same potential. In May, Hoekman and his teammates, MBA candidates Michael Hite and Peter Olagunju, received the $\$ 25,000$ grand prize and a $\$ 5,000$ best-innovation prize.

The team was also among six finalists at the Draper Fisher Jurvetson Venture Challenge - a West Coast venture-capital competition the team was entered into after winning UW's contest.

Impel subsequently attracted the


From left, John Hoekman, Edmond Mesrobian (from business plan competition sponsor Real Networks), Peter Olagunju and Michael Hite at the competition in May. (Photo by Matt Hagen) attention of venture capitalists and angel investors. And in July, it incorporated as an official business. Hoekman, Hite and Ho are now negotiating with the UW for a patent and writing grants so they can lease space for the business.
For Hoekman, it still seems a little unbelievable, but it's nevertheless a dream come true. He pursued the field of pharmaceutics with hopes of accomplishing something meaningful for human health. In pharmaceutics, he said, "You can actually work on something that can be applied in the real world during your lifetime. You can make a positive impact on people in a real way."

