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Nanci Murphy Named APhA-ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor for 2008



Nanci Murphy, PharmD, '97

Dr. Nanci Murphy, associate dean of Academic and Student Programs at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, has been named APhA-ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor for 2008. This award, established to recognize advisors who have promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists through various professional activities, is a great honor and could not go to anyone more deserving than Dr. Murphy. "Nanci makes an effort with each student on a personal level. We are but one generation of students with countless stories of Nanci's inspiration, dedication, and boundless support," says **Emily Schulze, '09,** a member of a team of students to nominate Dr. Murphy for this award.

Dr. Murphy is tireless in her efforts to support, train, mentor and care for our students. In addition to her role as associate dean, she spends time teaching students in both the classroom and practice settings, and supporting their many extracurricular activities at the University, community, state and national level. With such a busy schedule, Dr. Murphy still finds time to attend nearly every student function, organization meeting and event, and her door always remains open for students with special circumstances, in need of encouragement, or simply seeking advice.

"Nanci will always take extra time out of her schedule to listen, give support, and provide a creative solution," says Schulze.

Dr. Murphy creates leaders. In each student, she sees great potential for leadership, high achievement and success. One student describes Dr. Murphy's unique ability to instill confidence and bring out the best in our students this way: "She listens, makes suggestions, and through that opens a student's eyes to all the possibilities that we were blind to before. It's like turning a prism in just the



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Ben Michaels

Dear Alumni,

Greetings from the PAA and Happy New Year! With this being my inaugural column, I must begin by sending out a heartfelt thank you to **Suzanne Lee**, '01 for her two years of service as PAA president. Her leadership and efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone at the School of Pharmacy. Luckily for us, she will stay on the Board as past-president.

I would like to introduce myself as your new PAA President. My name is Ben Michaels and I am a pharmacist. Our profession is sometimes mislabeled as that of a pill pusher or gate-keeper of medications relegated to the basement of hospitals. I see our role as much more as I work in nursing units providing clinical services as a valued member of the health care team and measure my day not by how many prescriptions I fill, but by how many patients whose health I have improved.

When I graduated ten years ago, the concept of pharmaceutical care was just beginning in hospitals, clinics, and community pharmacies. It is amazing to see how much our job description has changed. In my experience, pharmacists' responsibilities and opportunities have increased immensely from one who primarily dispenses medications to one who now also provides clinical services.

I remember taking the immunization class offered by the School of Pharmacy during my final year. At the time, it was innovative. Now, every pharmacy I walk into offers immunizations and cholesterol screening. This flu season our infection control department specifically asked for pharmacists to help with employee immunizations. Once jealous of nurses for the many different areas of practice they could enter, I have enjoyed watching pharmacy expand in many different areas of health care. With medication therapy management programs, emergency room pharmacy, and pharmacistrun anticoagulation, diabetes and hypertension clinics, there are many options for today's pharmacy graduates.

With the recent accolades the School of Pharmacy has received, I am proud to say I am a graduate of the UW School of Pharmacy and a Husky. I feel the skills I learned in school have helped me adapt to the ever changing world of pharmacy. I cannot mention my school experience without recognizing the excellent job Sid Nelson has done while serving as Dean. While being an inspiring educator, he always impressed me with his easy going nature and genuine care about each student. When he was recognized as Dean of the Year, I couldn't think of anyone more deserving.

I look forward to serving as president of the PAA. If you have any ideas on how we could serve you better, please contact us. I hope this column finds all of you well and enjoying 2008.

Ben Michaels, '97 PAA President

29th Annual Don B. Katterman Memorial Lecture

PHARMACIST DRIVEN HEALTHCARE Asheville and Beyond Featuring John Miall



John Miall

The Katterman Lecture series has always stood for improved patient care through the efforts of concerned, prepared, and enlightened pharmacists and other members of a health care team. Year after year, attendees rank the UW Pharmacy Alumni Association's annual Katterman Lecture, named in honor of Seattle pharmacist and our first PAA president, the late **Don B. Katterman, '48,** as one of the top Continuing Education programs in the Northwest. This year will be no different.

As pharmacists and their staff

prepare to take on new roles in disease prevention and medication management in an era of massive prescription volumes and costs, it's apparent that this revolution in pharmacy practice affects all of us in many ways. Everyone, it seems, is talking about Medicare Part D, MirixaTM, Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health CareTM, and how crucial it is for pharmacists to find ways to be part of a patient's medication therapy management team. Some pharmacists have seen the benefits and have chosen to get involved while others have decided to continue to do what they've always done in pharmacy practice. It's time to wake up!

Our country and our state's employers are becoming increasingly aware of how pharmacist-driven health care services can lower health care costs, decrease the number of hospitalizations and employee sick-days taken, and improve employee wellness and productivity. Some companies have already put contracts in place and more are on their way.

Come to this year's Katterman Lecture to hear from John Miall, who, as the risk manager for the City of Asheville, North Carolina, hypothesized that pharmacists working in concert with other providers could dramatically lower his city's healthcare costs and improve employee productivity. The results have been phenomenal and long-lasting. Whether it is managing diabetes, asthma or cardio-vascular care/prevention, the positive clinical and economic impact of their pharmacist-driven health care program is legendary.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th, 2008 to attend this year's Katterman Lecture with Mr. Miall and local pharmacists who are leading the efforts to change our local healthcare delivery paradigms. This lecture is not only open to pharmacists but also to self-insured employers from around Washington so that they might discover a new way to promote healthier employees and decrease health care costs.

> 29th Katterman Lecture Saturday, April 12, 2008 8:00am to 12:30pm Rm T-435 Warren G. Magnuson Health Sciences Building

For further information about the lecture please contact Amy Dickau at 206-221-2465 or adickau@u. washington.edu. If there are questions regarding the CE portion of the lecture please contact Eric Irvin at uncpe@u.washington.edu. You should receive your invitation in early March.

AMCP Arrives at UW SOP

More than 30 pharmacy students joined together this past December to celebrate the start of a new UW SOP student organization, the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). The establishment of the UW Chapter (which is now the nation's 28th AMCP Student Chapter) started with the vision and hard work of **Mike Fallon**, '08, and **Catherine Ulep**, '08, who began their quest two years ago. The purpose of the AMCP-UW Chapter is not only to promote the safe and effective use of medications but also to convey the importance of the financial burden that these medications carry. The new chapter hopes to connect our students to opportunities in managed care by hosting industry days, participating in health fairs, helping medically underserved populations, as well as by inviting pharmacy leaders in the Northwest to share their valuable experiences with us. In April, a group of students will be attending the AMCP 20th Annual Conference in San Francisco where they will be exposed to numerous managed care opportunities allowing them to gain valuable experiences and make life-long connections. Officers will be attending a leadership session during the conference to learn about better ways to implement new ideas and promote the goals of AMCP. Like all new organizations, the students welcome your support and advice. Please visit www. students.washington.edu/uwamcp, or contact **Jessica Chao**, '10, AMCP-UW chapter president-elect at jhychao@u. washington.edu to share your insights and suggestions.

SCHOOL NEWS

Message from the Dean



Dean Nelson Photo by Dan Lamont

"I did this, says my memory. I cannot have done this, says my pride, remaining inexorable. Eventually, my memory yields."

As I step down this year as dean of the School of Pharmacy, the above quotation from Friedrich Nietzche's *Beyond Good and Evil*, when taken out of context, reminds me that I can neither take much credit for the many successes of the School over the past 13 years, nor be held solely responsible for the challenges it still faces.

So, how did an "accidental" dean with little previous administrative experience survive to become the longest tenured dean at the UW? This was made possible through the efforts of our bright and dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni. Many of the accomplishments have been highlighted in the 38 issues of DawgScripts that have been published since the beginning of my tenure as dean in 1995. As one recent example, Dr. Nanci Murphy, associate dean for Academic and Student Programs, received the national Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the Year Award from APhA-ASP for her innovative leadership and devotion to our students (see Cover Story). I have been blessed with many individuals of Nanci's caliber who work for the betterment of our School and the profession of pharmacy.

Three questions that many people have asked me are: 1) What do you consider your major accomplishments as dean? 2) If the School is doing so well, why are you stepping down? 3) What are you going to do after you step down?

Here are the answers: 1) *Major accomplishments as a dean* is somewhat of an oxymoron. However, with the help of the Provost's Office, I was able to retain and attract teaching faculty and staff who have received school, university-

wide and national awards, and outstanding science faculty who were ranked #1 nationwide in scholarly productivity as reported in the January 2007 issue of The Chronicles of Higher Education. Through alumni giving, I was able to support professional and graduate student activities and travel to professional and scientific meetings where, through a combination of the initiative of the students and the mentorship of their faculty advisors, they consistently won state, national and international leadership and achievement awards. Finally, through the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of our School's development team, and the generosity of our corporate and retail partners, and our alumni (who lead the UW in percent who give back to their school or college), we have tripled our endowment and annual giving to support our students, and our educational and research programs.

2) Why step down now? My deanship was a test of the Peter Principle, which cryptically states that we eventually rise to positions where we reach our level of incompetence. Our School of Pharmacy has two major challenges that I have not been able to resolve, and my powers to provide fresh thought about them have diminished. We continue to lag far behind our peer schools in space for our people and programs, and in faculty and staff salaries. I also am weary of ever increasing administrative responsibilities.

3) *My plans* for the last 5 years of my career are to return to my position as professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry where I will continue to teach and do research, and to spend more time with my family (including 5 grandchildren) and friends, as well as enjoy the pleasures of skiing, crabbing, fishing and reading. I also may try to relearn how to play the piano.

A sincere thank you from Joan and I to faculty, staff, students and alumni who have been so kind and gracious to us over the last 13 years, and for your commitment to the excellence of our School of Pharmacy and its programs. May we all look forward with pleasure and backwards with regret that we cannot relive the many enjoyable times we had.



New Program in Policy Research for Health Technologies

The School of Pharmacy launched a new Program in Policy Research for Health Technologies (PPRHT) in December 2007 in order to fulfill PORPP's mission and respond to industry interests in valuebased benefit design, coverage and reimbursement, and product valuation for the medical products industry. To date, eight corporate partners have supported the program. Central to this corporate and academic partnership is the shared vision of providing pragmatic and real-world safety, economic evaluation and outcomes assessment of products in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries. PPRHT will significantly advance the leadership of PORPP and UW SOP nationally and internationally in the field of outcomes research.

Corporate Partners include representatives from Eli Lilly & Company, Novartis Pharma AG, Glaxo-SmithKline, F. Hoffman La-Roche AG, GE Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and Sanofi-Aventis. **New PORPP Graduates**

The Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (PORPP) is proud to announce two new graduates:

Jonathan Campbell, MS, PhD who will continue his research as our Eli Lilly Post-Doctoral Fellow.

Lisa Meckley, PhD, graduated from the PORPP program and will continue her work as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston.

Lam and Odegard Named Bridge Endowed Professors

Drs Annie Lam, '95, PharmD, '97 and Peggy Odegard, '85, PharmD, '90, co-directors of the Plein Certificate in Geriatric Pharmacy, have been named Shirley and Herb Bridge Endowed Professors in Pharmacy. They are the first to receive this honor. It is a coveted award as only two such professorships currently exist at the School, the Milo Gibaldi endowment and the recently established Bridge endowment. The Bridges created this endowed professorship to promote programs focused on geriatrics and women in pharmacy. The professorship will support the initial funding to establish a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) training program in the School. This exciting new initiative will bring together in collaboration several faculty including Jackie Gardner, **Don Downing**, '75, Dana Hammer, **Karan Dawson**, '70, **Nanci Murphy**, '97, Jeff Rochon, '99, Dale Christensen, and Ellen Rhinard, '02. This UW group is also working with WSU faculty to launch a state wide MTM training for pharmacy students at both campuses. Dr. Lam will also be working on a MTM project with Li Li, the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice resident at the UW/International Community Health Services (ICHS) Residency Program. The pair have been awarded an Incentive Grant for Practitioner Innovations in Pharmaceutical Care sponsored by the American Pharmacist Association (APhA) Foundation. Together with the pharmacists and providers at ICHS, they will implement a MTM service at the clinic to optimize medication selfmanagement among the multi-ethnic elderly patients.

FACULTY NEWS

Bill Atkins received a \$1.1M 4 year grant from NIGMS to study the role of glutathione S-transferases in the metabolism of 4-hydroxynonenal, which is a marker for oxidative stress diseases including atherosclerosis, Alzheimer's diseases, and asthma.

Valerie Daggett has left the School of Pharmacy to pursue an opportunity offered by the College of Engineering.

Beth Devine is featured in a pod cast available at www.healthcare411.ahrq.gov in which she discusses UW SOP's research program at The Everett Clinic.

Gary Elmer was on national news on Dec. 13. Elmer was interviewed by *ABC News* on how increasing the amount of Probiotics, also known as the "friendly" bacteria, in your diet may lead to greater health.

Lou Garrison has received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$550,000 to support an economic evaluation of potential innovations in measles vaccination in resource-limited settings. The nine month project—the Global Measles Vaccination Strategies (GM-VIS) study-will examine the likely cost and health impacts of innovations, such as improved thermostability or needlefree delivery. Co-investigators include Tom Hazlet, Srikanth Kadiyala, Dave Veenstra, and Brian Bresnahan as well as Chris Bauch, an infectious disease modeler, from the University of Guelph in Canada.

John Horn was featured in the Dec. '07 issue of *Prevention* magazine in the article "Rx For Safety" which discussed general safety measures to avoid interactions and includes highlights of specific interactions. The 9th edition of Hansten and Horn's *The Top 100 Drug Interactions: A Guide to Patient Management*" was published in Jan. '08. This pocket guide now contains over 3600 potential drug interactions and metabolism data on about 325 drugs. Also Horn's "Drug Interactions: Insights and Observations" column, co-authored with Phil Hansten, is available online at www.hanstenandhorn.com. Practicing pharmacists are encouraged to visit this site for brief updates on clinically relevant drug interactions.

Rene Levy is one of five UW faculty members to be named as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Council. He and UW colleagues, Aimee H. Bakken, Toby Bradshaw Jr., Conway B. Leovy and Dennis P. Lettenmaier, are among 471 association members to be recognized for their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science and/or its technological applications.

Sid Nelson was quoted by U.S. News & World Report in the Sept. 26 article "Food and Drugs Can Create A Toxic Mix" in regards to his research previously published in the journal Chemical Research in Toxicology on the findings that high doses of caffeine (found in Red Bull and regular coffee) combined with acetaminophen or Tylenol may raise the risk of liver damage. Dean Nelson's research was also highlighted in USA Weekend magazine and its online Health Brief.

Peggy Odegard has been named Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). ASCP Fellowship is a special honor bestowed upon pharmacists who meet the highest standards in senior care pharmacy and have demonstrated an extraordinary level of service and dedication in professional practice activities.



School of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff Celebrate 20 plus years at the School! (L-R) Wendel Nelson, Ross Lawrence, Tom Kalhorn, Bill Howald, Kathy Hamilton, Cathy Johnson, Rene Lery and Sid Nelson (not pictured)

WSPA AWARDS CEREMONY



Hatam Shafeean, '99

The Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA) annual meeting and awards banquet was held on Oct. 28, 2007, at Redmond Marriott Town Center. As always, it was a wonderful event to bring together our state's pharmacists, be they Huskies or Cougars. This year's celebration marked the announcement that out-going-president Timothy Lynch, '98, would be passing the torch to incoming-president Warren Hall, '79. Two other UW SOP alumni stood out for their contributions to the community and the pharmacy profession. Lee Funkhouser, '72, received the Bill Mueller Outstanding Mentor Award in recognition of his commitment to mentoring and inspiring students, employees and colleagues as a preceptor for both UW SOP and WSU students during his



Cris Duvall (WSU, '07) and Lee Funkhouser, '72

25 year plus career at Rite Aid. Hatam Shafeean, '99, was awarded the Pharmacists Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year Award. Hatam speaks English, Persian and Spanish and by doing so has been able to break down the language barrier and provide pharmacy services to an extensive Hispanic population that may otherwise not be adequately served. Hatam, who started his Everett-based Shiraz Specialty Pharmacy from scratch, now provides care to a healthy population of walk-in customers of many nationalities as well as a large adult family home business. As always, UW is proud to see its alumni recognized at the state level for the commitment they have to the pharmacy community, future pharmacists and the patients they serve.

Call for Plein Proposals

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2008 Plein Grant awards. All UW School of Pharmacy alumni, faculty, clinical and affiliate faculty, and students are encouraged to apply. The deadline for proposals is June 2, 2008. One to three grants are funded annually by the Elmer M. Plein Endowed Research Fund in Pharmacy, established in 1995 to honor Professor Plein, who served the School from 1938 until his death in 1994.

The Plein Fund encourages, promotes and supports research and innovative practice in pharmacy. Areas to be supported may include, but are not limited to, research projects related to geriatric pharmacy, drug metabolism and transport, pharmacotherapeutics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmaceutical outcomes, pharmacoeconomics, and drug utilization; demonstration projects evaluating innovative practice models, publishable scholarly reviews, books or book chapters.

Awards range from \$500 to \$5000. Proposals must be received by June 2, 2008 for consideration. Awards will be decided by Aug. 1, 2008 and funding will usually begin on Sept. 1, 2008. Unless otherwise stipulated in the award, projects are expected to be completed in one year.

Submit proposals to: Elmer M. Plein Endowed Research Fund, c/o Eric Irvin, UW School of Pharmacy, Box 357631, Seattle, WA 98195. In the cover letter, please state principal con-

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 12 29th Annual Don B. Katterman Lecture (See page 3)

APRIL 17

Dean's Recognition Reception 6:30 – 8:30pm Dean's, Insider, and President Club members, Clinical and Affiliate Faculty and PAA members are invited to attend this annual reception to be held at the SAM Olympic Sculpture Park-Paccar Pavilion. Contact: Mariely Lemagne at mlemagne@u.washington. edu or 206.616.7613

APRIL 18

11th Annual UPPOW Auction Revenge of the Nerds 7:00pm - 11:00pm UW South Campus Center Proceeds benefit the professional development of School of Pharmacy students. Contact Janelle Wilde at jtwilde@u.washington.edu

JULY 22

Annual Dean's Club "Night with the Mariners" Seattle Mariners vs. Boston Red Sox Save the date! Contact: Mariely Lemagne at 206.616.7613 or mlemagne@u.washington.edu

tact, names of all proposers and their phone numbers, campus affiliates, if any, fax numbers and email address. Please also submit a resume for each listed proposer. Student projects are required to have a UW School of Pharmacy faculty member listed as a co-investigator. If the proposed research involves human subjects (either directly or through patient records or other data), Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval is required by federal, state and university regulations.

For more information, contact Eric Irvin, manager of business operations, at 206-685-8091 or eirvin@u.washington.edu.

STUDENT NEWS

Marlo Murray, '10, Ellen Smith, '10, and Janelle Wilde, '10,

received national recognition as the 2nd runner-up team in the NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition held in Anaheim, Calif.

Elyse Tung, '08, and **Kelly Philopant, '08,** placed 3rd nationally out of 91 teams in the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition held in Las Vegas.

Elaine Huang, '09, is currently serving as Vice-Chair of the ASHP Student Forum Executive Committee.

Patrick Gillard, '09, APhA-ASP MRM Coordinator, was instrumental in organizing the APhA-ASP Mid-Regional Meeting held in Seattle this past November.

Emily Schulze, '09, one of the 2007 NCPA Presidential Scholarship winners, is also serving on the national Student Leadership Council and Entrepreneurship Committee

Linsey Fu, '09, was selected as a 2007 NCPA Partners in Pharmacy Scholarship winner.

Luis Ramos, '10, has been awarded the NACDS Taro Research Foundation Scholarship, the APhA-ASP One-to-One Patient Counseling Award, and locally recognized as a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Community Volunteer.

Jean Dinh, '09, and Jenn Knutson, '10, completed a three month Multidisciplinary Pre-doctoral Clinical Research Training Program this past summer. Megan Buchanan, '10, completed the year-long program and earned a graduate certificate in Basic Clinical Research Methods.

Sandra Waishan Chiang, '10, helped organize students, faculty and staff participation in the American Cancer Society 6th Annual Fall Walk: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and took part in the 5K walk through downtown Bellevue this past October.

Sean Akamine, '10, a volunteer at the Washington Poison Center (a service-learning project for Pharm 439) had such an impact; The Center created a new staff position for him. Sean also presented, created and maintained a database at the Center on his research "Proper documentation of calciumchannel and beta-blocker exposure."

Tahnee Marginean, '10, has been elected APhA-ASP Regional Delegate and will represent Region 7 at the APhA meeting in San Diego. Erin Cutter, '10, has volunteered at the White Center Food Bank for over a year. She inspired her husband to also get involved. He now sits on the organization's board of directors.

Seth Storby, '11, has been selected to serve on the ASHP Communications Advisory Group.

UW Pharmacy Students have been involved in numerous extracurricular activities over the past few months including the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Heroes Celebration, the LKS-Susan G Komen Foundation fundraiser and food drive, the UPPOW/ASCP Health Fair at Magnuson Community Center, the ASCP seminar luncheon with Dr. Manju Beier, and medication safety presentations at the Hearthstone and Ida Culver. Rho chapter led Region 7's first Rho Chi meeting at the APhA-MRM in November this past fall. The students also mixed work with play at the UPPOW Winter Mingle and Kappa Psi January ski trip

Grad Student News:

Mindy Cheng was appointed to the University of Washington's Hall Health Advisory Committee where she hopes to help improve the health insurance provided to all graduate students. She is excited about opportunities to participate in the University's policy-making process through her new role on this Committee.

Elizabeth James has received an American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for her dissertation, "Washington State Prescription Medication Control Policy Initiatives: History, Incentives, and Impact."

Nanci Murphy's APhA Award... continued

right way so that a rainbow appears. She takes obstacles and turns them into windows of opportunity and that is inspiring."

Dr. Murphy may pull these talents from her own personal drive and dedication to pharmacy education. She has held leadership roles in University and state-wide programs to include co-director of the University of Washington's Center for Health Sciences Interprofessional Education, chair of the Faculty Council on Student Affairs, the Diversity Council, the Senate Executive Committee, the Faculty Leadership in Interprofessional Education to Promote Patient Safety, the Washington State Pharmacy Association's Board of Directors, State of Washington Pharmacy Leadership Conference, and the Board of Pharmacy's Task Force on Practitioner Competency.

Our School, as fortunate as we are to have Dr. Murphy, is not the only institution to benefit from her commitment to providing excellent resources, education and support to young pharmacists. Dr. Murphy has had a national impact as chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Joint Task Force on the Healthy Student Program, the Curriculum Special Interest Group, and the Student Services Special Interest Group. Dr. Murphy contributed to the development of the APhA-ASP/AACP Toolkit on Student Professionalism, the AACP Healthy Student Program Toolkit, Successful Practices in Student, Faculty and Staff Leadership, and the Pharmacy Practice CAPE Supplemental Educational Outcomes.

"I am very proud to be an advisor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy where it is a joy and privilege to work with such inspirational student pharmacists, faculty, administrators, and staff," says Dr. Murphy.

It is the University of Washington School of Pharmacy that is honored to call Dr. Murphy one of its own, and the School would like extend a personal thank you on behalf of generations of students, faculty and staff for her on-going support of future pharmacists and the advancement of pharmacy.

Dr. Murphy will be formally recognized at the APhA 2008 conference in San Diego, March 14-17.

Alumni Gather for 2007 Homecomng Brunch and Reunions





Above: Class of 2002 introduce new members of the family Below: Class of 1957 celebrate their 50th reunion



Generations of Alumni came together to enjoy a beautiful day with friends and colleagues at this year's Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA) Homecoming Brunch held on Saturday, October 27. Among those in attendance were two very special alumni, Joy B. Plein, PhD, '57, and Lyle Wellman, '32. A distinguished professor and much loved member of our faculty, Joy Plein celebrated the 50th anniversary of her doctoral degree and many years of



service at the UW. Lyle Wellman celebrated his 75th reunion since graduation. Lyle has visited the UW SOP over the years and five years ago he vowed to Sid, that he would return in 2007 to celebrate his diamond anniversary with the School. True to his word, Lyle was welcomed upon his arrival with a round of applause and the admiration of generations of fellow alumni. During the brunch many attendees enjoyed speaking with Joy and Lyle, all recounting fond UW SOP memories.

Classmates of the Class of 2002 were able to reconnect and meet many new family members at the Brunch. Later that evening, a more private reunion dinner was held at Buca di Beppo's in Seattle. The Class of 1972 also enjoyed catching up over wine and spaghetti at their 35th Class Reunion held at Buca di Beppo's Lynnwood location.

Homecoming also marked the passing of the PAA presidential torch. Over the past two years, Suzanne Lee, '01, has served as your PAA President and Georgia Gianacos Steenis, '00, has served as PAA Past President. Suzanne officially crowned Ben Michaels, '97, as successor. Ben, who has served as President-Elect for the last two years, is looking forward to his new role as PAA President and additional opportunities he will have to connect with pharmacy alumni.



Class of 1972 alumni celebrate at Buca Di Beppo

UW Pharmacy Education Provides Valuable Lessons

Al James, '55, whose career followed a path outside of pharmacy, still credits much of his success to the lessons he learned as a pharmacy student at the UW. The March 2008 UW Columns Magazine highlights Al James, his path to success, and his gift back to the UW School of Pharmacy

In the article James discusses the tight bonds he saw formed among students and faculty in his years at the UW. He recalls this time with great fondness. He is thankful for his UW SOP experience, which he says proved a great asset to him. "I feel that a key part of my success in life was my time at the School of Pharmacy. It opened up different avenues I couldn't have imagined," said the now semi-retired James.

After graduating from the

School of Pharmacy, James interned at Bartell Drugs, then opened a discount drugstore inside House of Values, becoming a partner in the business two years later. He went on to help start the Anthony's Home Port chain of waterfront restaurants and eventually became involved in real estate and angel investing. "The discipline and attention to detail I learned at the School of Pharmacy helped me every step of the way," James said. "There was a lot of luck involved too." In appreciation of his education and to provide opportunities to faculty and pharmacy students, James and his wife, Carolynn, established a charitable lead trust, which will provide future support to the School.

James has remained connected

to the School of Pharmacy, recently participating in a panel discussion about careers. "Alumni like James are invaluable members of the School's family," says Dean Nelson, "Al and Carolynn James have been long-time friends, advisors and supporters of the School," Nelson said. "Their gift will dramatically impact our ability to attract and support outstanding faculty and students, who in turn will lead the profession into the future. It is a truly transformational gift, and we deeply appreciate their profound generosity and dedication to the School of Pharmacy."

The original James story, by Abigail Klingheil, can be found in the March 2008 issue of the UWColumns Magazine

Dean's Club Loses Long-Time Member



Richard (Dick) Tomchalk, '53, passed away from cancer on Nov. 1, 2007 at the age of 77. Dick grew up in the Sea-Tac area, and attended Highline High School. He served as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army, Field Artillery in Augsburg, Germany from 1954-1956. Upon his return, Dick worked at Val Kirk's Pharmacy for a year prior to being employed as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative with Abbott Laboratories, first in Seattle, then Yakima. In July 1969 he relocated to Walnut Creek, Calif. as district manager. He retired after 32 years with the company in 1988.

Even from afar Dick remained active with the UW School of Pharmacy. He was among the early members of the Dean's Club and remained an active supporter throughout the years. He was a also long time UW Pharmacy Alumni Association member and an avid Husky fan. UW SOP prides itself in the continued involvement of its alumni and is thankful to Dick and his wife Bettie, and the many others that give back to the School, through programs such as the Dean's Club.

Outside of pharmacy, Dick was involved in carpentry, gardening, photography and traveling. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bettie, children Elizabeth and Vance and grandson, Connor and will be dearly missed by all.

The UW School of Pharmacy Dean's Club was established in 1991 by 22 visionary alumni as one of the first social and philanthropic clubs of its kind on campus. Over the past 17 years, the Dean's Club has grown into a family of over 140 members, sustaining the School's many innovative programs and departments. In 2007, the Dean's Club expanded by creating the Young Alumni Dean's Club which offers recent alumni an opportunity to support the next generation of pharmacists while remaining connected to the School. Undoubtedly, the Dean's Club is an essential source of support that continues to allow for opportunities to create innovative programs that are relevant to pharmacy students, faculty and research.

Kenneth Jenkins, '47, Lt. Col. US Army, died peacefully on June 7, 2007 at the age of 88. He was born in Everett and graduated from Everett High School in 1936. While at the UW, Ken served as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery assigned to Pearl Harbor in June 1941 He also served as an officer with the 10th Army headquarters during the invasion of Okinawa. After the war, Ken returned to the UW to complete his pharmacy education where he met and married classmate Ina Edwards, '47. Ken purchased the Callahan Drug Store in 1953, which became Jenkins Campus Drug for the next 22 years. He closed the University Avenue store in 1975 and was a real estate agent for Century 21 for the next ten years. He was an active member of the Sand Point Community Methodist Church and a life member of the Reserve Officers Associations. He enjoyed keeping up with his army and high school buddies. Ken is survived by wife Ina of 60 years, two children, Linda and Gordon, and two grand-children. Memorials may be made to the Providence Hospice Alzheimer's Association.

George Keene, '53, lost his nine year battle with Alzheimer's in Jan. 2007. George owned and operated Innes Ardin Pharmacy in the Richmond Beach area of Seattle from 1965 to 1980. He sold the store in 1980 and opened The Sports Fan sport shop in Aurora Village. In 1985 he moved to Tucson, Ariz. to enjoy the warm weather and year round golf. George is survived by his wife Kathleen.

MEMORIAM

Robert Covert, '55, died Dec. 4, 2007 at the age of 75 from a rare lung cancer. He graduated from Everett High in 1950 and attended UW before becoming a pilot in the 44th Armament & Electronics Squadron of the 44th Bomb Wing of the Strategic Air Command. He returned home to join his father at Lloyd's Riverside Pharmacy, then went on to own and operate Covert's Pharmacy in Everett and later managed Medical Art's Pharmacy (owned by Joan Nelson). He married Joyce Bayne in 1951, and they raised three children. After Joyce passed away, Bob married family friend Aileen Goetz, his wife of 20 years. The couple enjoyed traveling by car, plane and motor home and resettled on Whidbey Island in 2003. Bob was on a first name basis with almost all his customers and is fondly remembered for his home delivery of prescriptions in his VW Beetle as he drove home. He is survived by second wife Aileen, three children, Calen, Alison and Kerry Ann, step-children; Ronda, Rita, Andrew and Edward, nine grand-children and two greatgrandchildren.

Roxie Grant, '95, passed away on Dec. 24, 2007at the age of 60 from brain cancer. Roxie was born in Missoula, Mont. She graduated from high school in Spokane and moved to Seattle in the late 1960s. In the 1970s Roxie worked as an office manager and bookkeeper at the Seattle King County Council on Alcoholism and at a social services agency that served homeless youth in the university district. She was very active in the social justice and antiwar movements and together with her sister, Sharma Oliver,

helped friend Walter Crowley found the *Helics*, a publication that gave voice to these movements. She worked hard and overcame many obstacles to attain her goal of attending college. She graduated from pharmacy school at the age of 48. Roxie worked as a night pharmacist for the twenty-four hour Rite Aid at the Factoria Square Mall in Bellevue. Her patients and colleagues greatly appreciated her tremendous dedication as a pharmacist as well as her friendliness, kindness and great sense of humor. Roxie was also very active in animal rescue and nursed many animals back to health. Roxie is survived by her sister Sharon Kilburg and nieces, Angela Oliver and Katherine Stearns.

Stacey Nolan Pochop, PharmD '99, passed away on Sept. 9 at the age of 35 after a courageous battle with melanoma. Stacey graduated from Lake Washington High School in 1991 and UW in 1995 before entering the UW School of Pharmacy. She worked as a clinical pharmacist in Oceanside, Calif. Stacey is sur-vived by her two young children, Madison and Connor, her husband Maj. Timothy Pochop, USMC, her parents, in-laws and many friends. Stacey is preceded in death by her brother Kyle Nolan. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions for the education of Connor and Madison Pochop. For more information visit Stacey's online memorial at www.mem.com.

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Blossom Williams, '41, writes that she is happy to have graduated 66 years ago and worked during a time when pharmacists had fewer insurance headaches had more time to provide personal care. She and Guy Williams flew to Seattle from Florida on August 30th to celebrate Blossom and her two cousins 90th Birthdays! They also visited their granddaughter and family in Wenatchee, and Pat Tanac, '45, and Bob Tanac, '45, in Shoreline.

Arthur Sorenson, '48, is enjoying retirement. He spent 21 years with Parke-Davis including 16 years in executive postions in Detroit and as regional manager in Los Angeles, Denver, Seattle and Portland. He was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia, and has been active in Pharmacy organizations in Portland and Detroit. He is a member of Royal Renaissance, a Portland based Civic group as well as other community organizations.

Robert Graham, '51, worked in his families business until 1985, when he started doing relief work for small pharmacies in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties. There he enjoyed the opportunity such work provided to meet new people, experience new situations and witness how a community pharmacist's success was tied to the person they were. He stopped working in April 2003 and decided not to renew his license on his birthday that June - with no regrets. Since then he has been busy with community service for which he has received the Bellingham's Elk Lodge Elk of the Year Award for 2000 and 2001, the Rome Grange Guiding Light Award for 2005 and been named a Bellingham Central Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, 2005. He is now 82 yrs. old and plans to continue involvement in these three groups as long as he is able.

Bill Sable, '51, is still working about 40 hours a month and enjoying good health and some golf.

Jack King, '53, turned 77 last year. He worked until May 2006. His career included 30 years at Crown Drug and jobs in Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, Wash. His last two jobs were at Payless Drug and Medicine Shoppe. He has five children, 17 grandkids, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Billie (Reeder) Kutzer, '53,

flew to Las Vegas in November to visit Martha (Jessila) Trollier, '53. They drove to Laughlin, NV to reunite with Lloyd Castle, '53, of Hemet, Calif. The ladies then continued on to a boat trip on the Colorado River, which was so enjoyable they plan to take a longer boat trip to Lake Havasu this year. The duo met up with Kathy Takahashi, '54, of Boulder City for lunch, and they report that Kathy is still working for Medco.

Jean McLauchlan, '54, hosted the annual Chi Alumni Chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma Senior dinner at her home last May, at which the group presented scholarships to Karen Grinnen, '09 and Katie Thornton,'08.

Wayne Mosby, '54, and his wife, June, are busy selling the property they bought in their younger years; they have only one left!

Dick Ramsey, '55, and his wife, Jane, moved to an apartment in Bothell, but will soon be living in a condo on the grounds of Inglewood Golf Club. Ostrom Drug and Gift will also be moving in the spring of 2009.

also be moving in the spring of 2009. Paul Port, Jr., '56, sold Paul's Pharmacy in Bremerton (its home for 25 years) to Walgreen's Drug on Sylvan Way where Paul now works as a staff pharmacist.

Morris Gjessing, '59, lost his wife, Marietta, on Sept 08, 2007 to breast cancer.

Being of service is second nature to UW School of Pharmacy alumni. That's one reason why **C. Ray Steiner, '60,** and **Don Downing, '75,** offered to serve as career mentors to UW undergraduate students through the University's Career Mentor Program. We are proud of our pharmacy alumni who take the time to share their experiences and encourage undergraduates to pursue a career in Pharmacy.

Several other UW SOP alumni participated in the first annual Scholarship Scrabble at Trilogy Golf Course on Sept. 23. This event, hosted by WSPA and the Washington State Pharmacy Foundation, raises funds to help support pharmacy student scholarships at UW SOP and WSU. David Jaskar, MD, '61, will complete 20+ years at the VA as chief of geriatrics this coming spring. He will retire as medical director of Casa de La Liz, a private hospice, where he has been for 10 yrs. David hopes to make more homecoming games in the future.

Nancy Horst, '62, visited Paris in May and Croatia in September with friends.

Karen (Hansen) Thurston, '67, is enjoying retirement while wondering how she ever had time to work. She splits her time between homes in Orting, Wash. and Casa Grande, Ariz. She and her husband recently completed a motorhome tour of Civil War sites and also just welcomed their first grandchild.

Larry Martin, '67, still works some, but officially retired in August of 2005.

Betty Foster, '68, and Jim Foster,' 71, are the proud grandparents of Mackenzie Joy Foster born April 30, 2007. Jim is now retired.

Sue Anne Schleif, '68, lives in Valier, Montana and is in touch with Susan Caldwell, '68, Ellen English, '68, Gayle Hudgins, '69, and Shirley Bridge, '45, among others. She credits the UW School of Pharmacy with providing her with a wonderful social and professional foundation.

Gayle Hudgins, '69, is still teaching at the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy where she is director of Experiential Education. She also serves as director of the Montana Geriatric Education Center. She married Tim Edwards in July 2006. The two enjoy life in Missoula. Her children live in far places, Candice in Washington DC and Ian in Paris.

Ed Wong, '71, completed the 30th Ironman Triathon held in 2007.

Joyce Tanac Schroeder, '74, a former Olympic ('68) gymnast, was among l60 athletes honored during a Title IX banquet held last April at the UW Hec Edmondson Pavilion. Each athlete was presented with a framed "W". There were over 600 attendees. Title IX supports equality with men and women's sports activities.

Bill Fisher, '76, has worked at Bartell Drugs in Ballard for 20 years with Kim Cutlip-Henwood, '82, who has been there 22 years. He and his wife, Liz, of eight years, have a 6 yr.

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old daughter who is in first grade. Bill enjoys going to Husky Sporting events with **Ron Klein**, '**76**.

Mark Click, '77, worked parttime at both Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle and Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton until 1978. From 1978 – 1999 Mark worked at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where he met and in 1988 married, Lynn, an OR nurse. The couple adopted five children. One, Lydia Rose, passed away in her country of birth, Peru in 1991. Her twin Nara is alive and well. The other children, Jesse, George and Isabella are from Korea. Nara and Isabella, sing in the Atlanta youth choir. Nara has sung internationally in New Zealand, Barcelona and Sydney and Isabella will sing this year in Hawaii at the Pacific Rim Music Festival. Emily and Judith, Lynn's daughters from her first marriage are in Law School in Baltimore and undergard at Univ. of Iowa, respectively. The family moved to Decatur, GA in 1999. Mark dabbled in retail pharmacy at CVS for three years, but returned to hospital work at Emory University Hospital in 2001. He went part-time in 2002. The family lives in a 1920 farmhouse style home near an historic battle site of the Civil War.

Warren Hall, '79, says his greatest joys in life include family and friends. His greatest challenges include being active in the WSPA, UW and WSU preceptor and mentorship programs. These joys and challenges continue to encourage Warren to live life to the fullest.

Debbie Cederbaum, '81, helped UPPOW and the UW Chapter of the Int'l Pharmaceutical Students' Federation host Ms. Akua, a pharmacy student from Ghana, West Africa, who stayed with the Cederbaum family earlier this year and enjoyed the unique opportunity to gain insight into pharmacy practice in the US through visits to various practice sites during her one month stay.

Lisa Barr, '82, toured London and Scotland this summer with her family. Her son Alexander has celebrated 10 years of survivorship from diagnosis of leukemia in 1997. He is a junior at Mount Si High and hopes to go to college in 2009 to study entomology. Her 19 yr old daughter is a current UW student. Lisa still works full-time as a home infusion pharmacist at Apria Healthcare. Her husband, Lance, also a Husky grad, has been at Nintendo for over 25 years.

Thuy Vo, '82, PharmD, '95, became a grandparent; daughter Mai Dang, '01 gave birth to Emily Van-Thanh Trink on May 14, 2006. Thuy has moved from clinical to informatics manager, a newly created position, at Highline Medical Center.

Judi Lee Mar - Burbridge, '82, PharmD, '00, spent many years working in managed care, hospitals and retail, but has recently taken a position as a clinical marketing manager for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She finds it challenging, fulfilling and always different as she provides clinical support for Wash., Oregon, N. Calif. and Alaska. She sends her best to all her pharmacy classmates and colleagues.

Staci Dallaire, '97, is still working at a 160 bed community hospital in Southern Maine as clinical pharmacist. Her husband Dan's occupation is still Mr. Mom. Their total kid count is approaching four. Maggie (5), Andre (3), Kate (1) year old and one due 2/24/08. Cooper, the families black lab is still alive and kicking.

Evon Anukam, '01, through the assistance of her employer, Providence Milwaukee Hospital, is able to regularly supply medications to medical clinics in rural Nigeria. She also joined the Clackamas County Medical Reserve Corporation in Oregon.

Leonard Kabassu, '02, has three boys and is hoping for a girl soon.

Melanie Cohen, '03, will be stepping down as PAA Secretary/ Treasure as she and her husband are expecting!

Jennifer Oh, '03, finished her cardiology research fellowship and received her masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. She got married in May of 2007 and moved to Denver where she works as a consultant for Humana Inc.

Marie Ann Li, '04, married Andrew Hwang, MD, August 2007. They reside in Palo Alto, Calif. Both volunteer at Silicon Valley Christian Health Alliance, providing free health care to the homeless in San Jose. Marie works at Stanford Hospital and Clinics and has co-published a geriatric research article in the *Consultant Pharmacist* April 2007 issue with **Dr. Annie Lam, '97.**



Vinh Nguyen, '04, and Cher Espina-Nguyen welcomed son Kevin through an emergency C-section on October 5, 2007 (21 ins. 7lbs. 13 oz). Cher returned has returned to UW SOP and works 80 % time.

Julia (Herrman) Austen, '05, married Sean Austen on March 24, 2007. The happy couple lives in Seattle's Maple Leaf neighborhood.

Become a PAA Officer!

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Dean Nelson Goes on the Road to Visit Alumni



(Left to Right) Bryan Rowe, '93, Jane Anderson, Tanya Hamilton, '93 and Darcie Harnett, '95 enjoyed dinner with Dean Nelson on his recent trip to Spokane.

Prior to stepping down as dean in June 2008, Dean Nelson will make several special trips to re-connect with alumni and friends at locations throughout the country. This past fall, Dean Nelson and his wife, Joan, traveled to both Spokane and Tacoma for two well attended dinners. The Spokane dinner was held at the Steam Plant Grill. Many alumni attended including Lloyd Johnson, '57, celebrating his 50th reunion year and Bill Fassett, '69, former Dean of the WSU College of Pharmacy and former UW SOP faculty member. The Tacoma dinner was held at El Gaucho -Tacoma. Alumni shared personal memories about their time as UW SOP students and their fond experiences with Dean Nelson. Additional receptions have been planned in Hawaii and LA. Check your mailboxes and the UW SOP website for more details.

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