

School of Pharmacy

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Who is...Michael Grafton?



*Mary Anne Koda-Kimble with
Michael Grafton at Staff Lunch*

coast and went to the College of the Holy Cross. He graduated in 1983.

Before coming to the School of Pharmacy, Michael was a senior administrative analyst for the dean's office School of Medicine at the San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center, managing the billing for the \$50 million affiliation agreement between UCSF and the City and County of San Francisco as well as other responsibilities.

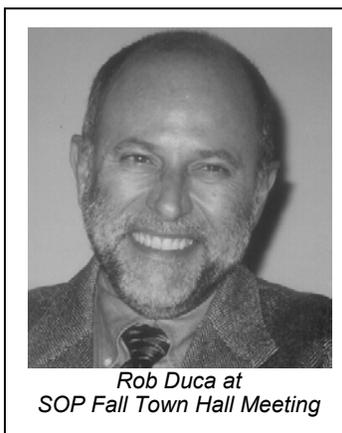
When asked what he does in his position, Michael said, "My primary responsibility is to act as a steward of University of California assets within the School of Pharmacy. This means that faculty, staff, students, and others who spend or receive funds do so in accordance with university policies and procedures, and to make sure that various guidelines provided by federal, state, and private sponsored agreements are followed as well. Unfortunately, my role is often one of 'policing.' For the most part, people understand that policies are in place for a reason, and will work with the financial unit to resolve policy conflicts."

"I meet (not as regularly as I would like) with faculty to go over their spending and to keep apprised of ongoing developments which may affect the funding portfolios of individual faculty. These past two months, the entire financial unit has been involved with testing the WebLinks upgrade, and soon the School of Pharmacy will be piloting the PeopleSoft 8.4 upgrade to the financial and purchasing systems. I am a member of several campus-wide committees involved with improvements to the campus administrative systems, including campus research administration and recharge systems."

Michael Grafton is the financial unit manager in the dean's office. He accepted the position in 2000 after Clarence Robinson left the department. Michael grew up in Weymouth, Massachusetts just south of Boston, Massachusetts on the

"I am enrolled in the UC Berkeley Extension accounting program leading to an MBA or MPA program. I am also studying Italian and plan to enroll in refresher courses in French and Spanish. I love to travel and hope to get back to it next summer.

Rob Duca, Associate Dean for Administration



*Rob Duca at
SOP Fall Town Hall Meeting*

Rob Duca has been appointed as the School of Pharmacy associate dean for administration, effective December 1, 2002. "Rob brings with him an impressive set of credentials in finance and administration, which we will put to immediate use on day one," said **Mary Anne Koda-Kimble**, dean. "There is no more pressing issue in the school than our resource situation, and I

look forward to working with Rob as we continue to search for – and find – viable solutions."

Rob comes to the pharmacy school with more than 25 years of experience at UCSF, most recently as the chief administrative officer for the department of surgery. He has co-authored more than 35 clinical academic publications, and has spoken at national conferences on a variety of management topics, such as the effective and efficient use of computers in the medical environment, faculty compensation plans and the management and leadership of academic departments.

He is past president of the Academic Practice Association of the Medical Group Management Association, a past president of the Association of Academic Surgical Administrators and he has served on the boards of several local community organizations. Rob received his MBA from the McLaren College of Business at the University of San Francisco. He accepts the associate dean position held previously by Angela M. Hawkins, who now serves the campus as director of resource management in the UCSF Office of Budget and Resource Management. "We benefited tremendously under Angela's leadership, and we are fortunate now to welcome Rob," said Mary Anne.



Staff Service and Appreciation Lunch

The School of Pharmacy staff met at Laurel Heights on Thursday, October 7 for a taste of the islands and a terrific lunch. Committee members, **LaTrece Cain, Kristina Clarke, Kathy Johnson, Georgia Hansen, Claire Lee, Susie Levings, Deborah Petrie, Lorie Rice and Valerie Starling**, planned and executed the 2002 annual Staff Appreciation and Recognition event.

Staff were welcomed by the sweet music of the Harmonics Steelband as they walked into a room filled with plants and other signs of the "Escape to an Island" theme. They then feasted on barbecue chicken and ribs as well as many tasty side dishes and desserts from James Standfield Catering. Lorie Rice, who managed the event, said, "The idea for the Caribbean theme was Valerie's. Kathy found the perfect invitations and Claire, per usual, added her personal touch with the centerpieces."



*Drug Product Services Lab (DPSL) staff at the party.
1st row: Amy Lin (honored for 25 years of service), Rachelle Fernandez, Lisa Tan and Jennifer Chow;
2nd row: Jose Rodriguez (25 years), Joanne Whitney (20 years) and Jerry Bales.*

Mary Anne Koda-Kimble presented awards to the following employees for their years of service: **30 Years: Patricia Lizak, Erlinda Lopez and Minh Murphy; 25 Years: Don Conde, Georgia Hansen, Conrad Huang, Amy Lin, Beth Manning and Jose Rodriguez; 20 Years: Kent Olson, Stanley Tani and Joanne Whitney; 15 Years: Adolfo Lanic and 10 Years: Anh Le and Anthony Tsao.**

Awards were given for the most colorfully dressed in island clothing and one person at each table received the orchid, which had served as a centerpiece for that table. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed, appreciative atmosphere – as well as the good food and companionship.

Fall Town Hall Meeting

Betty Hoener, faculty council chair, expanded the Fall faculty meeting beyond the usual business matters. Faculty and staff were invited to partake in refreshments and mingle before the meeting began.

At the invitation of the Faculty Council, student leaders, **Jennifer Chang** (CSHP president), **Dao Lieu** (ASP president), **Adara Louis** (ASSP president) and **Aaron Huwe** (ASSP president-elect) spoke to the faculty directly about student concerns. A major issue that emerged was how to involve the faculty more in student activities requiring preceptors (i.e. health fairs, etc.) and mentors. The students enjoyed meeting faculty on a more personal level at the faculty/student breakfast.

The students asked the faculty present how they could be persuaded to participate in student activities. **Steve Kayser** said that early notice is important. **Betty Hoener** felt that faculty is more available for breakfast and lunch meetings than in the evening. **Candy Tsourounis**, seconded by **Norman Oppenheimer**, told the students that the best way to reach faculty was to approach them individually. By targeting a particular faculty member, they will get his/her attention and probable involvement. **Lisa Bero** suggested that "Meet the Expert" type meetings for small groups are a good way for students to be involved with faculty in a more direct way. The students also requested that faculty and staff be aware of student obligations (i.e. meetings, etc.) when setting dates for tests.

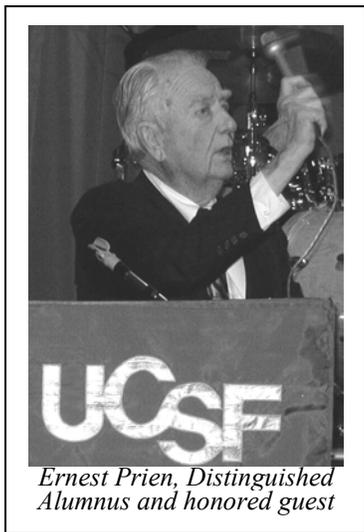
Everyone has heard that costs are going up for health care, so Sandra Norberg of the benefits office and Pamela Hayes, health care facilitator were asked to present changes in benefit plan options and increases in premiums paid by employees to the group. They explained the new plans and stated that there are only a few changes in the HMO plans, although the cost to the employees will be slightly higher than before.

After a business report and discussion concerning Faculty Council, **Mary Anne Koda-Kimble** requested that the faculty consider ways to maintain faculty cohesion after the move to Mission Bay. She acknowledged **Steve Kayser** for being elected by the 2002 senior class to receive the Long's Teaching Award. She read the full and heartfelt statement by the students in nominating Steve for the award.

Mary Anne then welcomed **Rob Duca**, the new associate dean of administration to the group. When Rob took the floor to introduce himself, he said he planned to meet with every faculty and staff member personally in the next seven months. A ripple of laughter filled the room at the idea of his meeting personally with that many people while balancing the incredibly delicate finances the School must deal with. But, everyone was delighted with his energy, humor and dedication.

UCSF is currently in the midst of a \$1.4 billion fundraising campaign as part of which the School of Pharmacy has an individual goal of \$25 million. Leading the School's campaign is George Scangos, president and CEO of Exilixis, Inc. and PharmD alum Toby Herfindal, president and CEO of National Oncology Alliance, Inc.

Helene Lipton won the \$500 UC account drawing offered to faculty who attended the meeting. The next faculty meeting will be held January 29th from 1-3.



Ernest Prien, Distinguished Alumnus and honored guest

Homecoming 2002

There was a good turnout for Homecoming 2002, All Roads Lead to Rome [Home]. Starting with registration and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning, November 2nd, the attendees were welcomed by UCSF Pharmacy Alumni Association President **Bret Brodowy** and Dean **Mary Anne Koda-Kimble** with an update on School progress and plans.

Student leaders also provided a glimpse of student life then and now. CE classes taught by **Robert Miller, Karen Hudmon, Lisa Kroon** and **Janice Tam** were offered in the morning along with a program of students speaking to the alumni.

The afternoon started with lunch and a panel discussion on "Pharmacogenomics: What is it? How can it change the way we treat patients?" by **Kathy Giacomini, Deanna Kroetz, Su Guo** and **Gary McCart**. After lunch, pharmacy students presented comprehensive demonstrations of their research findings and patient care skills. Attendees were also given a tour of the new Mission Bay Campus. Alumni particularly enjoyed seeing the continuous-running video of historic and nostalgic moments assembled from movies or videos shot over the past 40 years, including the origins of clinical pharmacy.

Ernest L. Prien, Class of 1934, was introduced at the evening dinner-dance as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for his patient advocacy and exceptional pharmaceutical care and for his leadership and farsightedness in challenging the norms of the drug distribution industry. Capping the evening were a series of musical performances by the PharmD students.

January Move to Mission Bay

The pharmaceutical chemistry department and part of the biopharmaceutical sciences department are pioneering the move to Mission Bay in early January. They will take occupancy in the first building to be completed, Genentech Hall, on the 4th and 5th floors. Pharmaceutical chemistry faculty who are slated to move are **Charles Craik, Volker Doetsch, Ken Dill, Pam England, Tom Ferrin, Kip Guy, Tom James** (chair), **Irwin (Tack) Kuntz, Susan Miller, Paul Ortiz de Montellano, Tom Scanlan**, **C.C. Wang, Patsy Babbitt**, biopharmaceutical sciences, will also be located in Genentech Hall.

Biopharmaceutical sciences faculty who will be moving to the second building that will house genetics, neuroscience and developmental biology are **Kathy Giacomini** (chair), **Su Guo**

and **Deanna Kroetz**. Everyone is excited about the move to the sparkling new campus with more space for labs, although it will be vital to keep in close touch with faculty and administration back at Parnassus.

Irwin (Tack) Kuntz Receives 2003 Founders Award for Biophysical Society

Irwin (Tack) Kuntz, pharmaceutical services, received the 2003 Founders Award from the Biophysical Society. He was cited for "contributions in computational modeling in biology and chemistry," this would include the DOCK program for ligand design and drug discovery and some earlier work on the development of "distance geometry," a mathematical approach that has proved useful in generating three-dimensional structures of proteins and nucleic acids from NMR experiments.

Employees of the Month

Employees are chosen by the MSOs of their departments to receive this award. The following awards were presented for August 2002.

Steve Batiloro was selected the Clinical Pharmacy Employee of the Month for August. He is the epitome of an excellent employee – not only dedicated and efficient with the many tasks that he handles, but also giving of himself to the School and department by being the "in-house" photographer. His pictures grace the pages of our publications, and even some employees' PC screens (the baseball and Homecoming pics were great!). Steve's help and real participation provide excellent support to our team.

Claudia Johnson was selected the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Employee of the Month for August 2002. Claudia is being acknowledged for her conscientious effort in running Ken Dill's research group. With 15 years of dedicated service to Ken's research and administrative needs, she has consistently performed at a level above expectations. When needed, she works overtime and on holidays to get the job done to meet her standard of excellence. Claudia is also very resourceful in managing the group's resources.

Pharmacy Fact

Did You Know About the School's Historical Contributions to Challenging Parasitic Diseases?

In a collaborative research effort, **C.C. Wang**, pharmaceutical chemistry, identified a protein target needed by the parasite *Tritrichomonas foetus*, determined the structure of the protein, identified molecules that might bind and "immobilize" the protein, and – using these as touchstones – synthesized molecules that could bind more tightly to the protein while not interfering with the human forms of the protein. The significance? *Protozoans are a major cause of deadly and debilitating illness of humans and livestock throughout the world. School scientists, such as C.C., use the sophisticated techniques of structure-based drug design and combinatorial chemistry to produce effective species-specific molecules of medicinal importance.*

Medicine Question of Month on Web

Be sure to log on to Medicine Question of the Month (<http://pharmacy.ucsf.edu/ccsc/medq/>) to learn the latest evidence-based advice about popular medicines. The column, which is a regular feature of the School's homepage, is managed by clinical pharmacy faculty member **Candy Tsourounis**, director of the Drug Information Analysis Service and member of the Center for Consumer Self Care. The goal of the column is to empower consumers with information they need to make smart decisions about medicines and to encourage consumers to ask their own questions and seek the reliable, expert advice of pharmacists. The column is receiving an impressive 600 to 700 hits each week, and it has not yet been marketed to the public. The current column is "Are omega-3 fatty acids good for my heart?"

Previous columns as follows are archived on the site:

- ✓ Could coffee increase your total blood cholesterol levels?
- ✓ Does the product PatentLEAN™ work for weight loss?
- ✓ Can Zyban® help you quit smoking?
- ✓ Does Botox® Cosmetic remove wrinkles on the face?
- ✓ What is the latest evidence regarding the use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for the signs and symptoms of menopause?

Recognitions

Neal Benowitz, medicine, clinical pharmacy, was named the 2nd annual UCSF Faculty Distinguished Clinical Research Lecturer.

Lisa Bero, clinical pharmacy, received a \$1,123,800 grant for 5 years from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute for "UCSF Environmental Tobacco Smoke Center of Excellence" and \$291,700 for 2 years from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for "A Qualitative Study of Editorial Decision-Making."

Patrick Finley, Luriko Ajari, clinical pharmacy, received a \$50,000 grant from the Mt. Zion Health Fund to establish a depression clinic in the OB/GYN setting at the UCSF Women's Health Center. They will be conducting a 2-year demonstration project to examine the impact of routine screening and medication management of depression by clinical pharmacists in this specialty setting.

Robert Ignoffo, clinical pharmacy, presented "Collaborative Oncology Pharmacy Practice: The UCSF Experience" at the 2nd International Conference of the Deutch Group of Oncology Pharmacy in Ravenburg, Germany in September.

Lisa Kroon and **Kethen So**, clinical pharmacy were elected CSHP Fellows, California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, at the CSHP Seminar 2002 in Anaheim, California.

Robert Levin, clinical pharmacy was recently awarded an Israeli Lady Davis Fellowship. He will be a Forchheimer Visiting Professor in the Hebrew University School of Pharmacy in Jerusalem from February 10, 2003 to May 2003.

Jim Lightwood, clinical pharmacy, received a \$24,144 grant for 6 months from the Center for Health Improvement for "CPAC: Health Care Assessment for Low-Income Populations."

Alenka Luzar, pharmaceutical chemistry, was awarded a competitive renewal of her NSF grant from Theoretical and Computational Chemistry: Statistical Mechanics and Simulations program (Interfacial Water from Molecular to Mesoscopic Scale) for a further three years. She has also been invited to present her current work, at the 85th Canadian Society of Chemistry conference in Vancouver in June ("Untangling the Riddle of Hydrogen Bond Relaxation Dynamics in Neat Water and Aqueous Solutions") and at the 224th National ACS meeting in Boston in August ("Dynamic Aspects of Hydrophobicity").

Terrie Nghiem, pharmaceutical services, presented a talk titled "Update on Immunosuppressive Therapy and Other Medications for Kidney and Kidney-Pancreas Transplantation" at the August 4th International Convention of Vietnamese Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists in Anaheim. CE credits for the lecture were provided by Western University of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy.

Kathryn Phillips, clinical pharmacy, is a co-investigator on a grant, "Cost-Effectiveness of Treating Hypertension" awarded to Lee Goldman by NHLBI. They are conducting a cost-effectiveness analysis of anti-hypertensive drugs in conjunction with the ALLHAT Clinical Trial Coordinating Center at the University of Texas at Houston.

Joanne Whitney, clinical pharmacy, gave a talk and was part of a panel at the SF Aids Foundation, Stop Aids Project and the Electric Dreams Foundation event "E, G, Tina and Me: The Highs and Lows of Club Drugs."