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Return to Viet Nam

Dr. Albert E. Burns, a 1970 graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM), a combat veteran of Vietnam, and current Dean and Professor participated in a medical mission to Vietnam this last June. This was the first time Burns had been back since departing thirty-six years ago. When queried about why he went on this trip, his answer is both altruistic and selfish, including a chance to give back, a chance to deal with large numbers of significant pathology, the simple adventure, and finally to seek some closure for himself. When asked how he got involved, he said it was through a friend of his, Dr. Tom Kaschak, a 1982 graduate of CCPM. The friendship started when Dr. Kaschak was in Podiatry school. Dr. Burns was a resident and Burns was part of Dr. Kaschak’s wedding party (another story in and of itself).

Dr. Kaschak has been making a yearly trip to Vietnam for the last eight years, and he had talked to Dr. Burns about participating. In the past the trip had always conflicted with graduation, but this year it was bumped into June. The group that went this year included Drs. Burns and Kaschak, Dr. Jack Schuberth, and Dr. John Stienstra. It was a three-week trip with the first five days spent in Hanoi and the remainder of the time in DaNang. The time in Hanoi was more political, meeting with Vietnamese and American officials. Time was spent visiting the two main hospitals in Hanoi, attending rounds, and Drs. Burns, Schuberth, and Stienstra making presentations to the orthopedic medical staff. There was also sightseeing time visiting the War Museum and the infamous Hanoi Hilton, where John McCain’s uniform is prominently displayed in a glass box. From there, the group went...
CSPM STUDENT NAMED AMERICAN BOARD OF PODIATIC SURGERY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Thomas H. Jordan, DPM, a May 2006 graduate of the California School of Podiatric Medicine, was selected to receive a Michael L. Stone Outstanding Professional Conduct Award during the American Board of Podiatric Surgery’s Annual Meeting on March 21, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada. This award is presented to one student from each of the eight podiatric medical schools across the nation. Thomas was presented a plaque as well as a $2,000 award. The criteria for being considered for a Michael L. Stone Outstanding Professional Conduct Award is the student’s grade point average (they must have maintained a 3.0 or better), service to the community and the College, focused interest in foot and ankle surgery, excellence in all endeavors, and demonstrated outstanding professional conduct throughout College.

Thomas maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.79 and was elected into the Pi Delta National Podiatric Medicine Honor Society as well as being listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges during his coursework at CSPM. In addition to his full-time academics, Thomas has been very involved as a community volunteer. He has participated in many foot screening events such as the University of California at Berkeley Employee Foot Screening, the Active Adults Health Fair in Richmond, California, and for runners crossing the finish line at the Napa Marathon. Other non-classroom activities have consisted of serving as club president for the Student Chapter of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine and participating in research by submitting abstracts to the Compendium of Podiatric Surgery in addition to a literature review article on soft tissue tumors of the foot and ankle for the National Foot and Ankle Review.

Congratulations Dr. Jordan!

LEARN ABOUT THE 2007 CODING CHANGES AND BENEFIT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE SAME TIME

The 2007 Codingline California Seminar “Strictly Coding” (with discussions on improving your bottom line) will be held on the Samuel Merritt College Oakland campus on Saturday, January 20, 2007. This all-day long coding and practice management seminar is the perfect opportunity for you and your staff to not only keep up, but stay ahead of the many 2007 changes set to affect your practice. Speakers to include Tony Poggo, DPM, and Harry Goldsmith, DPM.

A portion of the proceeds from the 2007 Codingline Seminar will benefit student scholarships at the California School of Podiatric Medicine.

For more information or to register online visit Codingline’s website at: www.codingline.com/events-CA.htm or contact Barry Wertheimer, DPM, seminar director, by email at bwertheimer@codingline.com or fax requests to 510.541.068.

ATTENTION DPMS

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Charles H. Johnson, DPM ’38 Podiatric Medicine Endowed Scholarship Established

The family of Charles “Charlie” H. Johnson and the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) Alumni and Associates have established an endowed podiatric medicine scholarship in honor of Dr. Johnson’s memory.

Dr. Johnson began his illustrious career with distinction as the youngest graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, and went on to fill virtually every leadership position in the podiatric medical profession. He served as President of the California Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) in 1966 and went on to become President of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) in 1973. He was Speaker of the APMA House of Delegates for many years and served as CPMA’s Parliamentarian for over 46 years. Dr. Johnson also served in many leadership roles in volunteer community service including serving as president of the California State Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Riverside, and the United Way of Riverside, to name just a few.

Dr. Johnson received many awards and recognition for his efforts and contributions on behalf of the podiatric profession and his community. In 1971, he was named California Podiatric Physician of the Year. He received APMA’s highest honor—the Distinguished Service Medal. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science from CCPM in 2000 received CPMA’s first ever “Lifetime Achievement Award,” in recognition of his more than half a century of dedication and commitment to the podiatric medical profession, and the CPMA Distinguished Medal of Honor in 2001 in recognition of outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the podiatric medical profession.

The Charles H. Johnson DPM ’38 Podiatric Medicine Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to students attending the College’s podiatric medicine program who exemplify leadership to the podiatric medical profession and on the basis of financial need and demonstrated academic and clinical excellence.

For more information on the Charles H. Johnson DPM ’38 Podiatric Medicine Endowed Scholarship Fund or other financial aid programs, contact Mary Robinson, Director of Financial Aid, at 510.869.6131 or visit www.samuelmerritt.edu.
The income tax deduction is a way for government to encourage private support of charitable organizations such as the College. Beyond that, though, individuals must take it upon themselves to find meaning in their charitable giving. In the end, our generosity should perhaps make us pause to wonder not about how much it costs to make a gift but how little we pay in exchange for such an extraordinary sense of fulfillment.

For more information, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.6628 or email ssylvester@samuelmerritt.edu.
**PEGGE SHUMAN HOUSER SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED**

When John Garten-Shuman, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, says “I gave at the office...” he means it! Not only does John give daily of his time and talent, he also gives of his financial resources. John, who joined Samuel Merritt College in 1995, has established the Pegge Shuman Houser Scholarship Fund in memory of his sister who passed away in 2001. John has established this Fund through a pledge, and has named the College in his estate plans.

Pegge was a 1960 graduate of the Helene Fuld Hospital Nursing School of New York. She worked for two OB/GYNs. She also worked at Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton. The last nursing position she held before her death was as an associate director in an orthopedic unit. “It just made sense to establish a scholarship fund in her honor at Samuel Merritt College, given her passion for nursing and my day-to-day experience of watching talented students struggle financially to achieve their dreams of becoming healthcare providers” states John.

The Pegge Shuman Houser Scholarship Fund will be open to all Samuel Merritt College students on the basis of financial need.

For more information on the Pegge Shuman Houser Scholarship Fund or other financial aid programs, contact Mary Robinson, Director of Financial Aid, at 510.869.6513 or visit www.samuelmerritt.edu. For more information on establishing a named scholarship or naming the College in your estate plans contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.

**HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT RETURNING TO SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE AS AN INSTRUCTOR?**

Samuel Merritt College is seeking several full-time and part-time nursing faculty members for our Oakland campus as well as our San Francisco satellite campus with clinical specialties in adult nursing, pediatric nursing, obstetrical nursing, community health, and/or mental health beginning January 11, 2007.

Our Sacramento Regional Center is also seeking full-time nursing faculty with the ability to teach across several clinical areas a significant plus. Experience teaching in baccalaureate or higher nursing programs highly desired. Master’s degree required, doctorate desirable.

Please submit cover letter and resume with salary requirements to: Steven Rush, Coordinator of Faculty Recruitment and Development, Samuel Merritt College, 5000 Summit St, 3rd floor, Oakland, CA 94609, email: srush@samuelmerritt.edu, or fax 510.594.7658.

**Flo’s Cookie Jar, a new grants fund for pre-licensure RNs who have personal emergences that would otherwise cause them to leave school, distributed its first emergency grants in April, 2006. The Northern California presentation, held at John Muir Medical Center (JMMC), Walnut Creek, followed a successful round of seed funding from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Monster.com, California Association of Health Plans and Catalyst Systems, according to Kristine Vahon, MBA, RN, fund chair and Californians for Patient Care (CPC) executive director. Named for Florence Nightingale, Flo’s was created by CPC with partnership assistance from the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL) and California Institute for Nursing and Health Care. The fund is housed at the California Nursing Students’ Association (CNSA) and managed by ACNL and CNSA CEO, Pat McFarland, MSN, RN.

At the ceremony, McFarland presented a check for $1,252 to Samuel Merritt College School of Nursing student, Melanie Bekiri, to pay one month’s rent. “Now I see a light at the end of the tunnel,” said Bekiri, a single parent. “I want to thank you for helping me and my daughter get there.” JMMC Senior Vice President and CNE Bev Jones, MPS, RN, BC, CNSA said, “Flo’s Cookie Jar is a wonderful initiative,” noted JMMC Senior Vice President and CNE Bev Jones, MPS, RN, BC. “It will make a difference in the lives of many students. Local level partnerships are a good idea. So many student nurses drop out due to small needs like child care expenses, car repairs and rent money,” McFarland said. “Flo’s can answer those small needs and keep the future of our profession in good hands.” For more information, contact Vahon at 916.444.5255 or kvahon@calpatientcare.org.

**LILLIAN B. CHAMPAGNE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECEIVES A MATCHING GRANT**

Samuel Merritt College has received a matching grant, from an anonymous donor, that will match all contributions to the Lillian B. Champagne Nursing Scholarship Fund (dollar for dollar—up to a total of $5,000) between now and December 31, 2006. The Lillian B. Champagne Nursing Scholarship Fund was established in 2004, following Miss Champagne’s passing, to benefit undergraduate nursing students through scholarship monies. Miss Champagne (or “Lil” as she was well known) was a long time Samuel Merritt instructor in the nursing program who loved to teach and had a reputation for setting high standards of achievement for those she taught.

Unfortunately, before the first Lillian B. Champagne Nursing Scholarship can be awarded, the Fund must reach a necessary funding care of $10,000 in order to allow it to generate enough interest to fund an award each year. To date, this Fund sits with a balance of $4,800. Please help this Fund reach the necessary funding core by sending a gift in Lil’s honor today. Your gift by year-end will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your contribution and building Lil’s Fund. Please make checks payable to Samuel Merritt College and note in the memo section of your check, the Lillian B. Champagne Nursing Scholarship Fund.

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**Pegge Shuman Houser (inset) receiving her nursing cap.**

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On Saturday, June 3, 2006, over 150 Samuel Merritt College and Providence College of Nursing alums gathered at the Annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon held on the Oakland campus of Samuel Merritt College in the Health Education Center. The day began with a social hour where alumns reconnected and reminisced as they perused through yearbooks and the collection of photos on display. Following the social hour, alumns gathered for a delicious buffet luncheon, taking of class photos, and a short program.

During the festivities, 1956 SMC alum Dorothy Drabny Tyler presented Sue Sylvester, Executive Director of Development, with a 1956 class gift totaling $5,956 to benefit the Nursing Scholarship Fund, and Dr. Audrey Berman was honored by 1987 SMC nursing alum Anne Boehm for being someone who played an instrumental part during a turning point in her life. “We all have mentors. They could be brothers, sisters, friends, a co-worker, a scout leader, a coach, a Mom or Dad, or a teacher. If we were to look back and see some turning point in our life... there would be someone we need to acknowledge for showing interest, being supportive, being inspiring, or simply holding us accountable. For me, it was my nursing school instructor, Audrey Berman,” stated Boehm before presenting Dr. Berman with a gift. “Until the day I die, I will sing the praises of and be eternally grateful to Dr. Berman for showing her compassion, being a great teacher, loving nursing, being a role model and for taking time out of her life to change my life and help me become who I was going to be."

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF CLASSES ENDING IN 2 OR 7: 2007 IS YOUR REUNION YEAR!
Please help to make the 2007 Alumni Reunion Luncheon a success. Contact the Alumni Affairs Office now to request a class roster to begin to rally your classmates together to attend or volunteer to serve on the 2007 Alumni Reunion Planning Committee.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

California College of Podiatric Medicine
Alumni Reunion Reception at the Golden State Podiatric Medical Seminar
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006—6:30P.M. TO 8:00P.M.
→ Come remember days gone by, renew friendships, and reconnect with classmates and former and current deans and faculty members at the Alumni Reunion Reception to be held during the Golden State Podiatric Medical Seminar in San Francisco, California.

Annual Samuel Merritt College Alumni Holiday Dinner
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006
COCKTAILS: 6:00P.M. DINNER: 7:00P.M.
→ This Holiday Dinner has been a long-standing tradition for Samuel Merritt College alumns. Come celebrate the holiday season with former classmates, as well as with current and former College staff, and faculty members.

To the left are candid photos from the 2006 Annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon.
1. Dorothy Drabny Tyler presents a class gift in the amount of $5,956 from the Samuel Merritt Class of 1956.
2. Representing the SMC Class of 1931 on their 75th reunion. (L to R) Maine Mielkebrandt Lathorne pictured with her daughter’s gift, SMC nursing alum Shannan Lathorne Johnson.
8. Those in attendance celebrating their 45th reunion—PCN class of 1961. Front (L to R): Judith Tarrant and Judy Ware Wohl.
10. Representing the SMC class of 1966 on their 40th reunion—Phyllis Winkford Holmes. Phyllis is also a graduate of Samuel Merritt College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. 

The Alumni Affairs Office is happy to provide support to alumni who need class lists or mailing labels to rally together classmates for these events. For more information or to request a class list contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 510.869.8628 or alumniaffairs@samuelmerritt.edu.
From the Ranks

California College of Podiatric Medicine 1961
Dr. Anthony J. Errocco* writes, “My brother, Dr. Joseph R. Errocco, DPM, FACPA, ’61 graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine has completed his psychiatric residency at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa and is now an MD in psychiatry as well as a podiatrist. He has things covered from head to toe. I feel this is quite an accomplishment and speaks very well of the education in general medicine we received from Dr. Reese, Dr. Schmetko, and the other professors at UC Davis.”

Dr. Ronald Hull has joined the Bay Valley Medical Group, Inc. in Hayward, California. Prior to joining the Bay Valley Medical Group Dr. Hull was in a successful podiatry practice in Castro Valley for almost 20 years.

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1962
Judith Pine Fleming writes, “After fifteen years of working in Hong Kong and Thailand, my husband is retiring and we are moving back to California. We’ve just become grandparents for the first time and we’re very excited about re-turning to the states and enjoying our new grandson.” Robin Cantin Ronan writes, “I was only member of the class of 1962 attending the June Reunion Luncheon at Samuel Merritt. I had a special reason to attend this year. I discovered Ruth Fite Butler, RN, our ER instructor during your years at Merritt was living in the same Sonora apartment complex as my mother. Ruth has become a special friend to both of us! My husband and I are living the “retired life” here in Sonora. Our home and three acres keep us plenty busy, but it is a labor of love. We also see our daughter and their families in Campbell and San Jose as often as possible and travel in our RV in the spring and fall months.”

1966 & 1988
Phyllis Wilkendorf Holmes writes, “40 years since graduation—not possible! I am enjoying retirement in Sheep Ranch, California, being a grandma four times, and quivering.”

1977
Linda Leonardi Blvdini writes, “Hello to all of my classmates of 1977, Next year will be 30 years — hope to see everyone at the Reunion in June.”

1978
Rhonda Roberts Miller writes, “After 31 years, first at Samuel Merrill Hospital School of Nursing, then Samuel Merrill Hospital, Merritt Peralta Hospital, Summit Hospital, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Summit campus, and finally Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Ashby campi (for the last 1 1/2 years), my husband, Jeff, and I decided it was time to try life in Dayton, Nevada, near Tahoe. I’ll continue work as an RN, but maybe not in a hospital. I miss seeing all my longtime friends/colleagues and wish them all the best!”

1992
Melissa MacDonald writes, “I was married to Shane Rhodes from Eugene, Oregon in September 2005 at Mayacamas Ranch in Calistoga, California. Currently, we have sold our house in Vallejo, quit our jobs and are bicycle touring around the country for a year. You can see a log of our travels at www.missysandshane.com.”

1998
Nicole Frantz Brocato is currently working in Oakland at the University of California in the Office of the President as the Coordinator of Quality of Care. Prior to this position she worked at the University of California, San Diego for seven years in many different roles. Welcome back to the bay area Nicole!

1999
Rachel Bruce Carathers and her hus-band, Dale, doubted their family in July with the addition of two sons: Georgiy (born June 2003) and Oleg (born October 2004).

2002
Alejandro "Jon" Lola writes, “Life is very busy here. My wife and I are expecting our second child in mid October. Our first is a little boy named Ryan…he is just so cute and fun to watch grow and play. I can’t wait to come home from work each day to see him. I’m a clinical nurse edu-cator at the Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. I’ve been an education since December 2005 and have been busy develop-ing programs like a Telemetry Training Course, an EKG course, a New Grad Program, and a Preceptor course. My main courses have been the EKG and Telemetry courses and the other edu-cator I work with developed the other two. As soon as I graduated and earned my registered nurse, I started in a medical/surgical unit for three months then went through a comprehensive critical care course. I have worked as a clinical care nurse since 2002. I have always loved to teach so after becom-ing trained in critical care I started preceptoring other nurses in the ICU after my first year and also started lec-turing in the basic critical care course. Even though I’m very busy with pro-gram development now and working a little extra sometimes on the weekends in the ICU or ER, I really enjoy work-ing with other nurses at other Adventist Health hospitals (Castle Medical Center is part of the Adventist Health System) with their programs and solutions to our common issues with having staff educate education and training.”

2004
Girl Escamilla Scott writes, “I’ve been working in the Med-surg ICU at California Pacific Medical Center for 1 1/2 years. I have also gotten married to Travis Scott, RT (we both work at CPMC) and are expecting our first bundle of joy in late December!”

Samuel Merritt College GRADUATES

PHYSICAL THERAPY

2002
Tamara Wissler Shih writes, “We welcomed our newest member of the family into the world on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 3:42 p.m. Xander Yun-Zhong Shih was 21 1/2 inches long and weighed in at a hefty 9 lbs. 1.6 oz. He’s growing so quickly. At just four weeks old he’s already up to about 12 lbs. and 23 inches long. He’s such a joy to have.”

ERRORS & OMISSIONS

In the last issue of The Reporter under the section heading In Memoriam, Mary Margaret Horvath Doyle P’48 was listed in error. It was actually Mary Virginia Doyle Roach P’48 that had passed not Mary Margaret Horvath Doyle P’48. Our apologies.

in memoriam…
SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE MOVES TO A CAMPUS-WIDE COMPUTER SYSTEM

Samuel Merritt College recently moved to the SCT PowerCampus data management system allowing virtually each and every department in the College to work off one integrated database.

In the past, the Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Enrollment and Student Services, the Business Office and Development and Alumni Affairs all maintained separate databases and in many cases used completely different software programs.

In 2004, a decision was made to move to one integrated campus-wide system to allow for any Samuel Merritt office to receive and enter updated address information, telephone numbers, name changes, etc, and once entered, allow every department to instantly have the current information. The first phase of data conversion began in 2005 and in April 2006, the final department (that of Development and Alumni Affairs) went live.

As with any computer conversion, and especially when merging multiple databases into a new integrated computer system, Samuel Merritt College has experienced a few hiccups along the way.

We want it right!

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The College has a brand new student recruitment video. Designed to provide important information about Samuel Merritt College, the DVD is approximately 23 minutes in length, divided into five segments. Viewers will be able to see an overview of the College, a message from President Diaz, details about each academic program, information about student services and how to contact us.

If you would like to receive a copy of the DVD, please contact Katie McWilliams, Assistant to the Vice President, Enrollment and Student Services at 510.869.6715, or via e-mail at kmcwilliams@samuelmerritt.edu.

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