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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. *)

Sonus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

835692104
(CUSIP Number)

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and Communications)

December 18, 1996
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of
the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment
subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of
such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

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to be sent.

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which
would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange
Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section
of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however,
see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
SS OR IRS IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

West Highland Capital, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) / X /
(b) / /

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(E) / /

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 477,100
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 477,100

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
477,100

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
5.6

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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Estero Partners, LLC

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California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 398,050
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 398,050

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398,050

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
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Lang H. Gerhard

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(b) / /

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES -0-
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH 398,050
REPORTING
PERSON 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH -0-

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
398,050

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California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 333,700

	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 333,700

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
333,700

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Buttonwood Partners, L.P.

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California

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 64,350

	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 64,350

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
64,350

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0.8

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This statement relates to shares of Common Stock (the "Stock") of Sonus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("SNUS"). The principal executive office of SNUS is located at 28026 20th Avenue, S.E., Suite 102, Bothell, WA 98021.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

The persons filing this statement and the persons enumerated in Instruction C of Schedule 13D and, where applicable, their respective places of organization, general partners, directors, executive officers and controlling persons, and the information regarding them, is as follows:

- (a) Lang H. Gerhard ("Gerhard"); West Highland Capital, Inc., a California corporation ("WHC"); Estero Partners, LLC, a California limited liability company ("LLC"); West Highland Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("WHP"); Buttonwood Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("BP").
- (b) The business address of Gerhard, WHC, LLC, WHP and BP is 300 Drake's Landing Road, Suite 290, Greenbrae, California 94904.
- (c) Gerhard is the sole director and occupies all the executive offices of WHC, which is an investment adviser. Gerhard is the sole manager of LLC. WHC, LLC and Gerhard are the general partners of WHP and BP, which are investment limited partnerships.
- (d) During the last five years, none of such persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the last five years, none of such persons was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Gerhard is a citizen of the United States of America.

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ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

The source and amount of funds used in purchasing the Stock were as follows:

Purchaser	Source of Funds	Amount
WHC	Funds Under Management(1)	\$5,569,163.00
WHP	Working Capital	\$3,757,386.64
BP	Working Capital	\$ 726,311.22

- (1) Includes funds invested by WHP and BP in Stock.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The sole purpose of the acquisitions of the Stock reported herein was and is for investment.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

The beneficial ownership of the Stock of the persons named in Item 2 of this statement is as follows at the date hereof:

Name	Aggregate Beneficially Owned		Voting Power		Dispositive Power	
	Number	Percent	Sole	Shared	Sole	Shared
Gerhard	398,050	4.7	-0-	398,050	-0-	398,050
WHC	477,100	5.6	-0-	477,100	-0-	477,100
LLC	398,050	4.7	-0-	398,050	-0-	398,050
WHP	333,700	3.9	-0-	333,700	-0-	333,700
BP	64,350	0.8	-0-	64,350	-0-	64,350

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The persons filing this statement effected the following transactions in the Stock on the dates indicated, and such transactions are the only transactions by the persons filing this statement in the Stock since October 19, 1996:

Name	Purchase or Sale	Date	Number of Shares	Price Per Share	Broker Used
WHP	P	12-16-96	6,800	22.5000	INST
BP	P	12-16-96	1,400	22.5000	INST
WHC	P	12-16-96	1,800	22.5000	INST
WHP	P	12-17-96	13,600	22.6875	HMQT
BP	P	12-17-96	2,800	22.6875	HMQT
WHC	P	12-17-96	3,600	22.6875	HMQT
WHP	P	12-18-96	23,800	24.1428	HMQT
BP	P	12-18-96	4,900	24.1428	HMQT
WHC	P	12-18-96	6,300	24.1428	HMQT
WHP	P	12-26-96	5,000	28.1250	HMQT

HMQT - Hambrecht & Quist Incorporated

INST - Instinet Corporation

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ITEM. 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Gerhard, WHC and LLC are the general partners of WHP and BP pursuant to limited partnership agreements providing to Gerhard, WHC and LLC the authority, among other things, to invest the funds of WHP and BP in Stock, to vote and dispose of stock and to file this statement on behalf of WHP and BP. Pursuant to such limited partnership agreements, the general partners of WHP and BP are entitled to allocations based on assets under management and realized and unrealized gains, if certain conditions are met. Pursuant to investment management agreements, WHC is authorized, among other things, to invest funds of its various investment advisory clients, and to vote and dispose of those securities. Such investment management agreements may be terminated by either party on notice as provided in such agreements and provide for fees payable to WHC based on assets under management and realized and unrealized gains.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

A. Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Statement on Schedule 13D or 13G (including power of attorney).

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: December 30, 1996.

/s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard

WEST HIGHLAND PARTNERS, L.P.

WEST HIGHLAND CAPITAL, INC.
By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard,
General Partner

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard, President

BUTTONWOOD PARTNERS, L.P.

ESTERO PARTNERS, LLC
By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard,
General Partner

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard, Manager
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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING
OF STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 13D OR 13G

The undersigned agree to file jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") any and all statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G

(and any amendments or supplements thereto) required under section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with purchases by the undersigned of securities of Sonus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. For that purpose, the undersigned hereby constitute and appoint West Highland Capital, Inc., a California corporation, as their true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the undersigned to prepare or cause to be prepared, sign, file with the SEC and furnish to any other person all certificates, instruments, agreements and documents necessary to comply with section 13(d) and section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with said purchases, and to do and perform every act necessary and proper to be done incident to the exercise of the foregoing power, as fully as the undersigned might or could do if personally present.

DATED: December 30, 1996.

/s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard

WEST HIGHLAND PARTNERS, L.P.

WEST HIGHLAND CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard,
General Partner

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard, President

BUTTONWOOD PARTNERS, L.P.

ESTERO PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard,
General Partner

By: /s/ Lang H. Gerhard
Lang H. Gerhard, Manager

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