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**From the Dean**

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the College of Pharmacy e-News. Your participation is very much appreciated and I hope that you will enjoy reading about our activities. Please send your comments and suggestions along to help us improve this communication to make it even more enjoyable and informative.

Each issue of this e-News will provide updates of information and news items that have been placed on our website since the last edition. We also plan to bring to your attention matters that the college and the profession will be addressing in the upcoming future.

If you have perused our revised website, you have likely found many avenues for information exchange and learning as well as multiple ways of communicating with us. I hope that you have found time to read the history of the college or to download Leo Tate's book free of charge. It is our intention to make our website as easily navigable, interactive, informative, and interesting as possible and delivered in a way that presents a consistent layout designed with you in mind.

At the OU College of Pharmacy, we are extremely excited about our current and future activities as well as the path of the pharmacy profession generally. We want to share that excitement with you. Please plan to join our live discussion on August 14 when you will have a chance to ask questions regarding our college and its directions. If you are interested, please go to [register](#) for this first-time ever question & answer forum. More will be scheduled in the future.

I am personally very pleased with all directions our college is taking. We have a superb faculty and staff as well as student body, all working together to create an atmosphere of excellence that is truly the hallmark of this institution.

I hope that you will continue to travel with us as we implement our motto - "setting future standards."

And don't forget to tell your friends to visit [OUPharmacy.com](http://OUPharmacy.com) as well.

Sincerely,

**College News**

▪ **Prominent Inhalation Toxicologist to Speak at OU Health Science Center**

A pioneer in the use of computerized techniques in respiratory toxicology will deliver the Oklahoma Center for Toxicology's 2001 Distinguished Lecture.

Yves Alarie will speak on "Computerized Animal Bioassay to Evaluate the Effects of Airborne Chemicals on the Respiratory Tract" at noon Monday, Oct. 8, in the auditorium of the Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library, 1000 Stanton L. Young blvd., on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Oklahoma City campus.



Alarie is a professor of respiratory physiology and toxicology at the Dept. of Environmental and Occupational Health, University of Pittsburgh. His lecture is free and open to the public.

An expert in inhalation toxicology, Yves Alarie, Ph.D., has been on the University of Pittsburgh faculty since 1970. His primary interest concerns the interactions of airborne chemicals with sensory receptors located in all areas of the respiratory tract, from the tip of the nose to the alveolar level.

Dr. Alarie is known internationally for a sensory irritation bioassay that became an American Society for Testing and Materials Standard Method in 1984.

Alarie recently published on the most advanced computer-based diagnostic system to delineate the effects of airborne chemicals on the respiratory tract. He works extensively on quantitative structure activity relationships for airborne chemicals, publishing results that can reduce the use of animals in toxicology research, and has developed the largest database on airborne chemicals of industrial importance.

#### ▪ William Moore (P-3) – Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that William Moore (OU Pharmacy P-3 Student from Ringling) will receive a \$2,000 National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA, <http://www.ncpanet.org/>) Foundation Presidential Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year. The scholarship check and award certificate will be presented at the student awards ceremony held in conjunction with the 2001 NCPA Annual Convention, October 13-17 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### ▪ In Memoriam - Dr. Lora Rikans

Dr. Lora Rikans, recently retired as a faculty member at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, passed away on July 2 at her home in Michigan. She was 61 years old and a widely respected teacher and pharmacology researcher. During her long-term tenure at The University of Oklahoma, she became friend to many and had a positive impact on many more.

#### ▪ Pharmacy Faculty Promotions

Congratulations are in order for two faculty members in The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. The OU Regents have recently approved the promotion of Dr. Michael Burton from Associate Professor to Professor. At the same time, the regents approved the promotion of Dr. Rae R. Matsumoto from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure.

#### ▪ Pharmacy Plans for Tulsa



The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that, beginning in Fall of 2002, it will add 60 students to its first year class in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. Students in the program will also be based at The Schusterman Center, 41st and Yale Avenue, in Tulsa and delivery of the complete four-year curriculum to students on both Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses will be simultaneous and utilize distance learning

technologies.

In the application process, prospective students may express a preference for entry onto either the Oklahoma City or the Tulsa campus, but ultimate placement will be the decision of the College of Pharmacy. Additional information is available through the Office of Pharmacy Student Services at (405) 271-6598 or by visiting <http://www.oupharmacy.com>.





## Alumni News

### ▪ Leon Brining ('62) Update

After graduation from OU College of Pharmacy and registration by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, Leon Brining opened Leon's Medical Clinic Pharmacy at 322 N. Service Rd. Moore, OK -- in October 1962. He owned and operated the pharmacy for 39 years. On January 1, 2001 the pharmacy was sold to Debbie J. Lewis. Yes, there is life after pharmacy! E-mail [Leon](#) and he will tell you about it.

### ▪ News from Carolyn Fauser ('99)

We recently received word from Carolyn Fauser ('99) that she is engaged to be married in April of 2002. Congratulations Carolyn! She would like to hear news from other alums and friends and has sent along her e-mail address for correspondence purposes ([RXQT@aol.com](mailto:RXQT@aol.com)).

### ▪ OU Alums Receive Awards

The 94th Annual Convention & Exhibit Show of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA, <http://www.opha.com/>), held June 21-24 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Tulsa, was well attended by graduates of the OU College of Pharmacy. Congratulations are extended to recipients of the following awards from the OPhA:

**Distinguished Young Pharmacists Award** Lee Ann Lavender (OU '97)

**Bowl of Hygeia** C. Edward McFall (OU '69)

**Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award** Shonda Lassiter (SWOSU)

In addition to the OPhA awards, the Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation, Inc. inducted Gordon S. Richards (OU '63) into its **Pharmacy Hall of Fame**. Congratulations to all!

### ▪ Website updates Alex H. Park ('01)

Alex H. Park, a 1991 B.S. degree graduate of the OU College of Pharmacy, recently completed the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree program at OU. Alex has entered the residency program of the OU College of Pharmacy and can be contacted at [alex-park@ouhsc.edu](mailto:alex-park@ouhsc.edu). Alex is a recipient of the [Outstanding Young Alumni Award](#) from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

### ▪ Alumni Association Officers for 2001-2002

The Alumni Association of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy met Thursday, June 21, 2001, at The Summit Club in Tulsa for their annual meeting and the election of new officers. A special recognition plaque was given to out-going President Tom Noles in appreciation of his efforts and hard work on behalf of the Alumni Association.

Newly elected officers for 2001-2002 are President: James Osborn ('93) of Yukon, President-Elect: Robert (Bobby) Richardson III ('58) of Duncan, Secretary: Dani Lynch ('82) of Piedmont, and Treasurer: Brooke Van Horn ('64) of Edmond.

### ▪ Website honors WW II Veteran, John C. Crews ('51)

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy, and in 1960, moved to the West Texas city of Odessa to pursue his American Dream of owning his own drug store. At one time, he and his partner owned and operated five drug stores in Odessa and nearby towns. He and Jo raised three children, and they have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. [Click here](#) to view John's personal website.



## Pharmacy News

### ▪ Designation Change for Registered Pharmacists in Oklahoma

Governor Keating recently signed into law House Bill 1297 which provides that pharmacists in Oklahoma will now be licensed with the designation "Doctor of Pharmacy" and use D.Ph. as the abbreviation. The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy (<http://www.state.ok.us/~pharmacy/>) plans to issue new licenses to registered pharmacists making the request after the law becomes effective on November 1, 2001.

### ▪ New Pharmacy Education Opportunities in South Texas

Texas Governor Perry recently signed HB1640 establishing a school of pharmacy at Texas A&M University. The new school will be based in Kingsville and is intended to improve healthcare services in South Texas, where the demand for pharmacists is greater than in any other area of the state.

### ▪ ASCP President Simonson Briefs Congress on Medicare Pharmacy Benefit

As announced by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP, <http://www.ascp.com/>), its current president, William Simonson, recently delivered a presentation during a Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill. The briefing, entitled "Pharmacy's Views on Prescription Coverage and Quality Care for Medicare Beneficiaries," was held to educate Congress and their key staff members on the differences between a "drug benefit" and a comprehensive "pharmacy benefit." Simonson was joined by Jim Smith of CVS Corporation and Ed Dillon, an independent pharmacist in Washington D.C.

In his presentation, Simonson described the role of pharmacists in the management of medication therapy for frail nursing home residents. He further noted that the complex medication therapies of long-term care patients require the expertise of a pharmacist to prevent medication-related adverse outcomes. Simonson stated that medication-related problems cost our health care system \$177 billion annually. He also stressed the cost-effectiveness of payment to pharmacists for their services under a Medicare drug benefit.

### ▪ HR2173 - PharmAid

A congressionally mandated study released last year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) indicated that the demand for pharmacists is by far greater than the supply of pharmacy graduates from U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy. The full report is available at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/pharmacist.html>.

In response to the high demand for pharmacists, Congressman James McGovern (D-MA) and Congressman Michael Simpson (R-ID) recently introduced legislation intended to increase the number of pharmacists by providing aid to colleges and schools of pharmacy in the nation. HR 2173, known as the "Pharmacy Education Aid Act of 2001," would provide federal funds to support facilities renovation and expansion, loan repayment for pharmacy faculty, and student scholarships. If enacted, this could substantially aid the efforts of the OU College of Pharmacy to increase class size and graduates by placing students at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa.

## Continuing Pharmaceutical Education News

### ▪ ACPE's 9th Invitational Conference

The American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE, <http://www.acpe-accredit.org/>) recently provided information about its 9th Invitational Conference on Continuing Pharmaceutical Education. The program, entitled "Working Together to Create the Future," will furnish an opportunity for providers of continuing education in pharmacy to learn of new opportunities and to share ideas and experiences. The program will be held November 1-4, 2001, in Phoenix, Arizona.



#### ▪ **Adult Immunization Certificate Program**

The Office of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education at University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy will provide a certificate program to enhance the pharmacist's knowledge and skills in the administration of adult immunizations. The program (ACPE #053-000-00-008-C01053-0012) will be held on July 28 and 29, 2001, at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. Online inquiries about the program may be made by going to <http://pharmacy.ouhsc.edu/ce/inquiries/> or by contacting the Continuing Pharmaceutical Education [Administrator](#).

#### **Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum News**

##### ▪ **Certificate Donation**

Mr. Ben Moffett of Bosque Farms, New Mexico, has recently donated a unique certificate to the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum. The certificate was issued by the Board of Education of the Territory of Oklahoma to Mr. Moffett's sister-in-law, Ms. Alice Morrison, signifying her completion of Common School in Oklahoma Territory. The document, dated June 10th, 1905, contains the signature of David Ross Boyd, President of the Board of Education in Oklahoma Territory at the time. David Ross Boyd was also the first president of The University of Oklahoma. After leaving Oklahoma, Ms. Morrison taught on the Navajo Reservation. We express sincere thanks to Mr. Moffett for making this significant donation to The Dorrance.

##### ▪ **Pharmacy Student Museum Volunteers**

The Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation, Inc. presented Meritorious Service Awards to pharmacy student representatives from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy recognizing Outstanding Volunteer Service with the [Oklahoma Frontier Drug Store Museum](#) in Guthrie. Students from both pharmacy programs have devoted many long hours toward helping activities at the museum and in perpetuating interest in the history of pharmacy. Paula Webb (OU P-4 student) represented students at the OU College of Pharmacy in receiving the recognition plaque for the college.

##### ▪ **Recent Book Donations**

We are grateful for the following for their donations to the College of Pharmacy and the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum:

Dr. Joseph A. Rieger, Emeritus Professor in the OU College of Pharmacy, and his wife Maureen stopped by the college recently to make a monetary contribution to the college as well as to present the following treasures:

*American Red Cross First Aid Text-Book*, Revised, The Blakiston Company, Philadelphia, 1940.

*A Text-Book of Biologic Assays*, 2nd Edition, P. S. Pittenger, P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, 1928.

*Drug Store Management*, 1st Edition (Ninth Impression), H. C. Nolen and H. H. Maynard, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, 1941.

*A Textbook of Pharmacology*, A. D. Bush, P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, 1927.

*American Pharmacy*, 2nd Edition, R. A. Lyman, Ed., J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, 1948.

Mr. Al Graham recently donated the bound version of the monthly publication *Meyer Brothers Druggist*, Volume XXX, 1909.

Thank you for your support!!



### Oklahoma Poison Control News

#### ▪ Toxic Gas Released at the Port of Catoosa

The toxic gas Arsine was released at the Solkatronic Chemical plant at an inland waterway near the Tulsa suburb of Catoosa sending at least 95 people to area Hospitals. For more information about Arsine, [click here](#).

If exposed, call your doctor or the Emergency Room if you develop any unusual signs or symptoms within the next 24-72 hours, especially: unusual fatigue or weakness, shortness of breath, abnormal urine color (red or brown), stomach pain or tenderness, unusual skin color (yellow or bronze), if pregnant call your doctor.

#### ▪ Warning Issued About Dietary Supplements Containing Comfrey

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, <http://www.fda.gov>) recently issued a letter that advises manufacturers to remove comfrey products from the market and alert customers to immediately stop using comfrey. Comfrey is a plant that contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids that can present a serious health hazard if ingested. Pyrrolizidine alkaloids cause liver disease in humans, and can be toxic to other tissues as well. Death has been reported as well as evidence implicating these substances as carcinogens in animals. Common names for Comfrey include Russian comfrey, knitbone, bruisewort, blackwort, or slippery root. Scientific names include *Symphytum officinal*, *S. asperum*, and *S. x uplandicum*.

Comfrey is widely used in the United States and has been claimed to heal gastric ulcers, hemorrhoids and to suppress bronchial congestion and inflammation. One source of comfrey in the United States includes various herbal teas. After ingesting comfrey symptoms may not appear for days or weeks and may include vomiting and severe abdominal pain. Presentation in children may be confused with Reye's syndrome.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC, <http://www.ftc.gov>) has also taken action against unsafe products containing comfrey. The commission is challenging the safety and health benefit claims for a number of comfrey products sold by one firm.

### OUPharmTECH News

#### ▪ OUPharmacy.com Officially Launched

"Setting Future Standards" is our motto for all aspects of the College of Pharmacy, as well as for the college website. The revised OU College of Pharmacy website was officially launched on July 2, 2001. E-mail announcements were sent to all college faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends. OUPharmacy.com is a dynamic site which is intended to be easily navigable and interactive as well as to present a consistent layout designed with the web users in mind.

### Job Openings

- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Pharmacist or Nurse Specialist in Poison Information I
- Research Program Coordinator
- Research Assistant II
- Pharmaceutical Care Coordinator
- Assistant Director of Experiential Education