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**From the Dean**

Dear Friends:

We just finished the annual two-day Orientation held for new students entering the College of Pharmacy. Classes in the 2001-2002 academic year will begin next Monday, August 20, and faculty, staff, and students alike are very enthusiastic and excited about upcoming activities. In addition to returning students, we will start the year with 85 new P-1 (first year) students in Oklahoma City. This number is slightly larger than the 75 new students that entered in some of the previous years and reflects our commitment to be as responsive as possible to the needs of the community and profession. In fact, based on our physical facilities, 85 is the absolute maximum number of students that our space in Oklahoma City will accommodate. With the availability of The Schusterman Center, however, we will be able to expand our P-1 class size to 145 in Fall of 2002 by entering students on the Tulsa campus and utilizing the latest in distance education techniques and technologies.

The following preliminary statistics for the new P-1 class are subject to a few minor changes as summer credits and grades come in to the college over the course of the next couple of weeks.

- 1) The class of 85 students was selected from among 218 applicants.
- 2) There are 26 male and 59 female students in the class.
- 3) The average pre-pharmacy grade point average of the class is 3.46.
- 4) The average score on the Pharmacy College Admission Test was 66.7.
- 5) Most (75) of the students are Oklahoma residents.
- 6) Many (33) of the students have prior university-level degrees, including 23 with Bachelors degrees in other disciplines.

It is easy to see that, as usual, our entering students are of the highest caliber. They were all interviewed on campus during the admissions process and demonstrated at the time excellent communication skills. The future of pharmacy will be in safe hands.

I also want you to know that the first live discussion hosted on the college web site on Tuesday, August 14, was very successful and I answered several questions that were submitted during the session regarding various activities of the College of Pharmacy. Those who were not able to participate this time will have additional opportunities in the future and everyone is invited to view the archived transcript of the discussion at

<http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/discuss/archive/>.

Sincerely,

#### **College News**

- **2001 Convocation Streaming Video Now Available**

The streaming media version of the Convocation held to honor the OU College of Pharmacy Class of 2001 is now available for on-demand viewing. You can see the event by going to <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/media/>.

▪ **Successful Live Discussion Completed and Archived**

The first live discussion hosted on the college web site was held between noon and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2001. Dean Carl Buckner answered several questions that were submitted during the session regarding the various activities of the College of Pharmacy. Those who were not able to participate this time will have additional opportunities in the future and everyone is invited to view the archived transcript of the discussion at <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/discuss/archive/>

▪ **Dr. Resman-Targoff Recognized Nationally**

Dr. Beth Resman-Targoff, Clinical Associate Professor in the OU College of Pharmacy, has been recognized by the Editorial Board Chair for outstanding achievement for her significant contribution as an author in the Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program, Fourth Edition (PSAP-IV). This program is an 11-book self-study program for those wishing to improve their skills in pharmacotherapy and is a widely recognized and respected publication of the [American College of Clinical Pharmacy](#) (ACCP). Congratulations Beth.

▪ **Pharmacy Faculty Recognized for Teaching Expertise**

Dr. Patrick Medina, Assistant Professor in the OU College of Pharmacy, was among pharmacy faculty nationwide recognized recently by the [American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy](#) (AACP) for excellence in teaching. All individuals honored by the AACP were selected by students and faculty for outstanding faculty contributions within their institutions.

▪ **Pharmacy Faculty to Visit China**

Dr. Jiayuan Ren, Associate Professor of Research in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been invited by the China Overseas Exchanges Association to visit the Chinese Provinces of Shan'xi and Hubei between August 12 and 21, 2001, for purposes of discussing research activities of common interest. Dr. Ren's research centers around gastric injury and the discovery of potential protective mechanisms.

## Alumni News

▪ **Kirsten Hua Back in Oklahoma**

Dr. Kirsten Hua ('00), has recently returned to Oklahoma as Medical Liaison for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. While she resides in Oklahoma City, she has responsibility for the entire state. She recently stopped in to visit and is looking forward to seeing all of her old buddies. Welcome back Kirsten.

▪ **New Son for Brenna Kindell ('94)**

Brenna S. Kindell ('94), pharmacy manager for Albertson's in Denison, Texas, gave birth to a son, Murray Huston Kindell, on June 28, 2001. Murray was 8 pounds 5 ounces and 21 inches long. Congratulations Brenna.

▪ **Ed Hall ('67) Still a Sooner Fan**

Ed Hall ('67) reports that his youngest son Alex is attending the University of Virginia on a football scholarship - following in the footsteps, no doubt. Even though Ed is a Sooner fan through and through, he will have divided football interests this Fall. Is there a "what if" question that needs to be asked at this point?

▪ **Recent Alumni Association and Affairs Board Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the recently held meetings of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association and its Alumni Affairs Board can be found at <http://oupharmacy.com/alumni/activity/> and <http://oupharmacy.com/information/boards/aab/>, respectively.

▪ **News from Bob Perry ('49)**

Robert C. Perry, class of 1949, has moved from McKinney to San Antonio, Texas, but he and his wife still plan to attend all of the upcoming Sooner home football games as well as the Texas game in Dallas. Bob says that "Norman is a little further up the road, but we have 4 grandchildren living three-tenths of a mile from our house here in San Antonio." Bob's e-mail address is [NorTXMojo@aol.com](mailto:NorTXMojo@aol.com)

▪ **Melissa ('92) and Edwin King ('80) Update**

Congratulations: Melissa Beth Talley married Dr. Edwin Kim King in February 2001.

▪ **Paige ('97) and Mandi Autry ('97) Update**



Paige and Mandi Autry have a new baby, born on April 26, 2001. Olivia Grace Autry was 7 lbs 0 oz, 20.5 inches.

▪ **Camryn Herje ('00) Update**



CONGRATULATIONS: Camryn Herje married Dustin Schrock, Lieutenant, United State Army, on July 7, 2001, at Main Post Chapel, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

## Pharmacy News

▪ **NCPA and NACDS Launch e-Connectivity Company**

The National Community Pharmacists Association ([NCPA](#)) and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores ([NACDS](#)) recently announced the formation of SureScript Systems, Inc., a new venture to accelerate the adoption of an efficient, secure electronic system to directly connect prescribers and pharmacists.

SureScript Systems will provide a connection point for physician offices to efficiently reach the broadest possible number of pharmacies, and enable those pharmacies to communicate electronically with connected physicians.



Additional information can be found at the following site: <http://www.ncpanet.org/NEWSMEDIA/010814surescript.html>

▪ **NCPA Urges Caution in Signing Discount Card Contracts**

The National Community Pharmacists Association ([NCPA](#)) is urging its members to use extra diligence in examining contracts from third-party payors. Merck-Medco's PAID Prescriptions has solicited pharmacies to participate in "PAID's Medicare-Endorsed Discount Card Retail Network." NCPA reminds members that they are under no obligation to sign a contract or participate in any non-insurance discount card network. This program is directly tied to President Bush's Medicare discount card initiative, which NCPA opposes.

Additional information can be found at the following site: <http://www.ncpanet.org/RXCARDS/rxcardinfo.html>

▪ **OPhA Special Meeting**

A special meeting of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association ([OPhA](#)) was held on August 2, 2001, to discuss implications and options relative to an attorney general's ruling that the Oklahoma pharmacy practice act does not allow pharmacists to administer drugs, including providing immunizations, to humans. According to the OPhA, the ruling could mean that thousands of Oklahoma residents will not be able to receive immunizations this year.

▪ **APhA Foundation Alliance with American Heart Association**

A recently announced alliance between the American Pharmaceutical Association ([APhA](#)) Foundation and the American Heart Association ([AHA](#)) is intended to allow both organizations to maximize their investments in patient care outcomes by working together to create, promote and implement programs, products and services that will:

1. Detect and treat risk factors for cardiovascular diseases and stroke;
2. Achieve early identification and treatment of coronary diseases and stroke through health screenings;
3. Promote the role of the pharmacist as part of the healthcare delivery team; and
4. Increase patients' adherence with medication regimens and therapeutic lifestyle changes.

The American Pharmaceutical Association ([APhA](#)) Foundation is affiliated with the APhA, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., works to design solutions to medication use problems in America.

The American Heart Association ([AHA](#)) is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill about 950,000 Americans.

▪ **NACDS Update on Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Program**

According to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores ([NACDS](#)), the Bush Administration has delayed implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. The application due date has been changed by CMS (formerly HCFA, <http://hcfa.gov/discountdrugs/>) to August 31, 2001. NACDS analysis indicates that none of the modifications made in the Final Application result in any significant changes, such as regarding the qualifications for an entity that wishes to participate in the program. Further, none of the modifications appear to affect community pharmacies' pending lawsuit against the Administration regarding the Medicare Prescription Discount Card Program.

On the lawsuit front, a hearing has been scheduled in the case of NACDS/NCPA v. Thompson et al. and critical dates are as follows:

August 14 - The government must file any opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction,

August 24 - NACDS/NCPA will file a reply to the government's opposition,

August 31 - Deadline for applications to participate in the discount card program,

September 6 - Court has scheduled a hearing on NACDS/NCPA's motion for preliminary injunction,

September 21 - Endorsements scheduled to be announced.

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

#### ▪ **Publication Donation**

Ms. Anna Nebgen, a staff member at the OU College of Pharmacy, has recently donated to the museum the publication entitled "Oklahoma: Official Publication of Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce," and dated June 15, 1972. This special issue featuring the Oklahoma Health Center is an important item for our collections in that it provides substantial information about the development of the medical center. We are very pleased to be the recipient of the publication and thank Anna for her thoughtful contribution.

#### ▪ **APhA Historical Marker To Be Dedicated in Philadelphia**

The American Pharmaceutical Association ([APhA](#)), in partnership with the [Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission](#), will dedicate a state historical marker at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, at the intersection of Market and Seventh Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The historical marker commemorates the founding of the APhA in October 1852 as an organization dedicated to assuring quality and safe distribution of drugs and expanding the professional role of the pharmacist. Pharmacists from eight states met in Philadelphia near the marker for the founding meeting. Among them was Philadelphian William Procter, Jr., the "Father of American Pharmacy." The APhA is the first established and largest professional association of pharmacists in the United States.

### **Oklahoma Poison Control News**

#### ▪ **Head Lice Information Available**

Children have started back to school and may be bringing home an unwanted guest, head lice. Parents, day care providers, school officials, and healthcare professionals often call The Oklahoma Poison Control Center to seek advice about how to treat head lice. Head lice can be annoying but rarely, if ever, cause harm except for itching and loss of sleep (they are more active at night). They are not known to transmit any infectious agents from person-to-person. Additional information is available at: <http://oupharmacy.com/poison/prevention/lice.asp>.

### **OUPharmTECH News**

#### ▪ **OUPharmacy.com Integrates Google Search Engine**

The OU College of Pharmacy website has integrated [Google](#) as its site and web search engine. Google is renowned for its explicit and powerful search capabilities. Therefore, the College of Pharmacy website can now be searched in a more efficient manner by entering appropriate keywords.



### **Job Openings**

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