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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

The horrific events of this week have given us all a sense of tremendous sorrow and outrage as we watched, helplessly, assaults against our country that shocked the world and brought back memories of the Oklahoma City terrorist attack. Numerous health care professionals now, as then, have responded to the times by helping those in need through numerous volunteer activities. Clearly, blood donation is one of the most effective ways of contributing from our Oklahoma distance and we continue to encourage this as a means of helping those more closely involved.

On September 7, the college sponsored a program at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum to celebrate and promote the multicultural environment in the OU College of Pharmacy. The program, entitled "Pharmacy in a Multicultural Society," was very successful and well attended by faculty, staff, students, alumni, counselors, and prospective students. Drs. Pento, Shankar, Matsumoto, and Hagemann from the college spoke about their faculty roles and activities in pharmacy, demonstrating ways in which students have become involved in their programs. The keynote speaker, Dr. Marcellus Grace, President of the National Pharmaceutical Association and Professor of Pharmacy Administration at the Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, highlighted the continuing need for vigilance in advancing the cause of multiculturalism in all aspects of society as well as in the pharmacy profession. We are very proud of the fact that the OU College of Pharmacy is looked upon as a leader in the multicultural arena. Our student body continues to reflect our commitment, with the P-1 class entering this Fall consisting of 34% minority students.

The College of Pharmacy continues to add faculty and staff in accord with plans for programmatic expansion to The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. The most recent addition is Lou Ann Hughes, D.Ph., who has joined the college as Assistant Director in the Office of Experiential Education. Lou Ann is a 1977 graduate of the OU College of Pharmacy and has practiced in a variety of settings, including community and consultant pharmacy. She is a Past-President of the Oklahoma County Pharmacists Association and current member of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association's Alumni Affairs Board. In addition to activities in classroom settings, Lou Ann will be visiting current and prospective adjunct faculty as she works to facilitate student learning and progression and respond to adjunct faculty needs.

We seem to be toward the tail end of resolving our recent communications difficulties and expect to be caught up in responding to the many inquiries and comments we have had over the course of the last few weeks. Your patience is very much appreciated.

The Alumni Association's reception that was to have been held in front of the Oklahoma Memorial Union before the OU-Tulsa game will be rescheduled in accord with the Athletic Department decisions about the game. As a reminder, you can read all of the previous issues of the College of Pharmacy e-News at <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/enews/>.

Sincerely,



## College News

### ▪ National Day of Prayer and Remembrance



Faculty, staff, and students at The Schusterman Center at OU-Tulsa observed 5 minutes of silence at noon on Friday, September 14, 2001, around the American flag at the front entrance to the facility. President David L. Boren requested that the University community observe five minutes of silence at noon Friday, which was declared by President Bush as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

### ▪ Disaster Donation Drive

In response to the tragedy in New York City, the Office of Student Services at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City has coordinated a campus-wide Disaster Donation Drive. Donations that are being sought include:

- Bottled Water
- Soda
- Juice
- Ready-to-Eat snacks
- New Blankets
- New Socks
- Work Gloves
- Face Masks

Currently there are 11 drop-off locations on campus. They are as follows:

College of Allied Health--Student Services, CHB-Room 165  
 College of Dentistry--The Commons, CDB  
 College of Medicine--Student Services, BSMB-Room 357  
 College of Nursing--Public and Support Services, CNB-Room 123  
 College of Pharmacy--Pharmacy Student Services, CPB-Room 117  
 College of Public Health--Student Services, CHB-Room 141  
 Library--Second floor near the Circulation Desk  
 Student Center--outside of Stillwater National Bank  
 Biomedical Research Building--Room 176, Lobby  
 Office of Student Services--Library, Room 164  
 BSEB--Room 100, Entryway

### ▪ Statement from President David L. Boren

"I have requested that the University community observe five minutes of silence at noon Friday, which has been declared by President Bush as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. During this period of silence, we will express our heartfelt sympathy for those who have suffered in this terrible tragedy and our renewed commitment to the principles of freedom and human dignity, which are at the core of what it means to be an American. I request that all University activities of all kinds cease during that five minute period and that any classes which are in session observe the period of silence."

### ▪ "Pharmacy in a Multicultural Society" Event Successful

On September 7, 2001, the College of Pharmacy hosted a program at the National Cowboy and Western Museum for



faculty, staff, students, alumni, and prospective students to celebrate and promote the rich multicultural environment in which we learn at The University of Oklahoma. Fostering a multicultural environment, including a sense of family and community, in the College of Pharmacy is a core issue with the college and it strives to ensure that these characteristics will be integral to our present and our future. Drs. Thomas Pento, Nathan Shankar, Rae Matsumoto, and Tracy Hagemann from the college spoke about their particular disciplines and how students are able to actively participate. The keynote speaker, Dr. Marcellus Grace, President of the National Pharmaceutical Association and Professor of Pharmacy Administration at the Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, spoke eloquently about the need to continue to focus on multiculturalism in our educational and professional settings.

## Alumni News

### ▪ Honors for M. Lynn Crismon ('74)

Lynn Crismon reports that he is the recipient of the 2001 Robert G. Leonard Memorial Lecture Award presented by the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the University of Texas College of Pharmacy. Lynn is currently a professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas in Austin.

Lynn and his wife Camille Hemlock adopted, in February, 2001, two children from Russia. Sergey Alexander Crismon (age 8) and Olga Grace Crismon (age 12) join two other children of the Crismons. Classmates and friends can communicate with Lynn at [lcrismon@austin.rr.com](mailto:lcrismon@austin.rr.com).

Congratulations Lynn and family!

### ▪ News from Kenneth Russell ('82)

Kenneth reports that he is part of the 375th Medical Group at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. His e-mail address is [lucyrussell@juno.com](mailto:lucyrussell@juno.com) and he invites classmates and friends to communicate.

### ▪ Bernard Sorofman ('79) Starts Associate Dean Position at Iowa

Bernard has officially stepped into his role as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, while continuing his duties as Associate Professor in the Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy Division at [The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy](http://www.uiowa.edu/~pharmacy). Dr. Sorofman received his B.S. degree in pharmacy from OU and his Ph.D. degree in social and administrative pharmacy from the University of Minnesota.

Currently president of the American Pharmaceutical Association Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, Dr. Sorofman is also a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association Board of Trustees and a fellow in the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Congratulations Bernard.

## Pharmacy News

### ▪ Judge Grants NCPA/NACDS Request For Injunction

Judge Paul Friedman of the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia has granted the request for an injunction made by the [National Community Pharmacists Association](http://www.nacpa.org) (NCPA) and the [National Association of Chain Drug Stores](http://www.nacds.org) (NACDS) in their lawsuit against Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson and CMS (formerly HCFA) Administrator Tom Scully regarding the administration's Medicare-endorsed prescription discount card initiative.

Judge Friedman issued an oral opinion from the bench within 20 minutes of the close of the hearing. The judge will express in a written order whether his injunction is preliminary or permanent. In his statement, Judge Friedman said, NCPA and NACDS had a "very high likelihood for success" in their suit against the administration based on the arguments



that the administration lacked legal authority to implement the plan and that the process followed by the administration was unlawful. He also noted that if the plan were allowed to proceed, community pharmacies, especially smaller pharmacies, would suffer "irreparable harm."

The suit, filed in July by NCPA and NACDS, cites a lack of legislative authority on the part of the administration, violations of the Administrative Procedures Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and an unlawful delegation of regulatory power to a private consortium by the administration in designing the plan.

For more information: <http://www.ncpanet.org/NEWSMEDIA/010907injunction.html>

▪ **New Legislation Would Increase Financial Assistance for Pharmacy Students**

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) will introduce legislation to increase financial assistance to pharmacy students and schools of pharmacy. The bill seeks to provide loan repayment assistance for students who commit to working in areas with high demand for pharmacists, or if they teach full time for two years at a school of pharmacy. The schools of pharmacy would benefit from the Reed bill because it also provides access to grant funds to help with the costs of remodeling or expansion. Representatives Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Mike Simpson (R-ID) introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

The legislation aims to attract more students to enter into the profession, which is especially important considering the increased need for pharmacists. If approved, the increased funding may be available as early as 2002.

**Continuing Pharmaceutical Education News**

▪ **Women's Health Program**

The program entitled "Women's Health Issues: Fundamentals and Frontiers" will be held on December 15-16, 2001, at the College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City. This comprehensive program will address health issues of the female patient, such as, osteoporosis, the impact of estrogens, androgens, and prolactin on sexual function, the manifestations of and treatment strategies for mood disorders, the diagnosis and treatment of migraine, bio-identical HRT, and current controversies in breast cancer prevention. In addition, cardiovascular risk reduction strategies and current treatment strategies for UTI and STD's will be addressed.

Inquiries can be made by going to <http://oupharmacy.com/ce/inquiries/>.

**Oklahoma Poison Control News**

▪ **Additional Space To Become Available for Poison Control!**

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has been housed in the same area of Children's Hospital since 1994 when the staff numbered only four. Today, the Poison Center staff includes fourteen specialists, as well as an educator and a medical director. The busy center also serves as a rotation site for students and residents at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

The new space in The Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER will be more than double the current office space. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is very appreciative of The Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER and the University Hospitals Authority and Trust for their support of this move.

▪ **1-800-222-1222, The New National Poison Control Number**

You may have noticed that the Oklahoma Poison Control Center has a new phone number. The new number, 1-800-222-

1222, is part of a national campaign that will be kicked off around January, 2002. Eventually, the entire nation will have access to a Poison Control Center by dialing a single 800 number, which will directly route the call to a local Poison Control Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

United States Poison Control Centers have been serving the public and medical communities in the United States for many years, each region or state using a different 1-800 number, encompassing over 130 different poison emergency numbers nationwide. The American Association of Poison Control Centers in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the United States Department of Health and Information Services, and the Oklahoma Poison Control Center are partnering in these efforts to make Poison Control Centers easily accessible to all U. S. residents. Soon, no matter where you are, or where you are traveling in the U.S., you will be able to reach the nearest Poison Control Centers by dialing 1-800-222-1222.

Callers can still access their local Poison Control Center by dialing a local or a statewide toll-free number. The old number, 1-800 POISON-1, will never be disconnected, but phone stickers and other promotional material will include the new number. Dialing 1-800-222-1222 is just another way to connect you to your Oklahoma Poison Control Center.

#### **Job Openings**

- Clinical Pharmacist
- Staff Pharmacist
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Research Assistant II