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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

Last time, I mentioned the tremendous success of our program at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum held to celebrate and promote the multicultural environment and diversity of students in the OU College of Pharmacy. The latest enrollment data show that pharmacy has a total of 401 students with the following characteristics:

- 58% Female
- 4% African American
- 2% Hispanic American
- 12% Asian American
- 11% Native American
- 92% Oklahoma Residents
- 53% between 21-25 years of age

The college continues to encourage applications from all sectors of our state. We are committed to providing pharmacy education in support of the diverse population of Oklahoma and welcome inquiries regarding the application process at <http://oupharmacy.com/studentsrv/contact/>. Pharmacists can help the recruitment effort by promoting pharmacy to outstanding students and by fostering an interest in pharmacy through local efforts, such as speaking to school and community groups about pharmacy and providing part-time employment or other support for prospective students. The college is willing to help those efforts by sending along materials that might be useful in communicating information about pharmacy education. Please let us know whenever these opportunities arise.

The planning process for the increase in class size next fall is ongoing. A faculty task force, with Dr. Mark Stratton as Chair, continues to examine milestones and procedures that will be needed to effectively extend the doctor of pharmacy program to The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. 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. Already, the number of inquiries about admissions has increased in northeastern Oklahoma and we are experiencing tremendous interest in our program in the Tulsa area.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the next live discussion scheduled for Thursday, October 11 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. You can register for the event at <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/discuss/>. While online, please go to <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/discuss/archive/> for a look at the archived discussion held last month.

Sincerely,

College News

▪ Bill Moore Appointed Member Of NCPA Student Affairs Committee

Bill D. Moore is one of eight students selected nationwide to serve the [National Community Pharmacists Association](http://www.ncpa.org) (NCPA) as a National Student Affairs Liaison for 2001-2002. The liaisons constitute the Student Affairs Committee, which was established to increase input in the direction of the student chapters of the organization and to promote awareness of the benefits of student membership in the association. Bill, from Ringling, Oklahoma, is a student in the OU College of Pharmacy and currently serves the NCPA student chapter as President.



▪ **Schusterman Center Dedication Set For November 4**

A formal dedication ceremony for The Schusterman Center, located at 41st and Yale Avenue in Tulsa, has been scheduled for 2 P.M. on Sunday, November 4, 2001. President David L. Boren and the Schusterman family will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony, which will be followed by a reception and open house. All are invited to attend, along with their families and friends.

▪ **Guy Albertson ('85) New Pharmaceutical Care Coordinator**

Guy Albertson has recently started his new position as Pharmaceutical Care Coordinator in the Pharmacists' Care Center, a component of OUPharmCARE in the College of Pharmacy. Guy comes to the Pharmacists' Care Center from the Family Medicine Pharmacy, where he has served the Family Medicine Clinic as a pharmacist.

▪ **Calvin Anthony ('68) Announces Retirement from NCPA**

Executive Vice President Calvin Anthony, R.Ph., and member of the OU College of Pharmacy class of 1968, announced recently that he plans to retire from his position with the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) at the end of this year. Bruce Roberts, R.Ph., NCPA's fifth vice president, will replace Anthony, who has headed NCPA since July 1996.

"NCPA and independent pharmacy has progressed so much in the last five years under Calvin's leadership, we wish he would stay," said NCPA President John Carson, R.Ph., "but we understand that he and his wife, Linda, have decided the time is right for them to return to their home and family in Oklahoma. We will miss him, but we know he has a strong commitment to independent pharmacy and will continue to be a strong supporter and advocate of independent pharmacy and NCPA."

"The decision to step down as executive vice president of NCPA was not an easy one for me," Anthony said. "I have truly loved working in this position for NCPA and on behalf of independent community pharmacy. There is much still to be done. The job is never done. But, for a number of reasons, Linda and I feel now is the right time for us to move back to Oklahoma."

In announcing Bruce Roberts as his successor, Anthony said, "The choice of Bruce to fill the position of executive vice president has made my decision to step down easier. I know the day-to-day operations of NCPA will be in extremely capable hands. Bruce is well acquainted with the issues facing independent pharmacy today and has his eye on the future. He's well known in pharmacy circles as an innovator and a leader. He's an excellent choice for this position, and I will support him and NCPA in every way possible in the future."

Roberts, of Leesburg, Virginia, will officially join NCPA January 1, 2002.

"Calvin has been a good friend and strong supporter of the college and, while we will miss his national presence, we will have the good fortune to have him back home," said Dean Carl Buckner of the OU College of Pharmacy. "Calvin is a leader in the pharmacy profession and a former legislator in our state. We welcome his return to Oklahoma and look forward to working closely with him in the future."

For more information, read [NCPA's News Release](#).

▪ **Live Discussion on October 11**

The second live discussion from the OU College of Pharmacy is scheduled for 6 to 7 PM on Thursday, October 11. This is an opportunity to ask Dean Buckner questions about College of Pharmacy activities, including the pharmacy professional program, graduate studies, pharmacy at OU-Tulsa, college web activities, and alumni affairs. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please [register](#) for this live question & answer forum.



▪ **Pamela Propps New Geriatric Research Programs Coordinator**

Pamela Propps, R.N., M.S., has recently joined The Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy as its Research Programs Coordinator. In this capacity Ms. Propps will be responsible for coordinating the Institute's research program and data collection as well as ensuring administrative adherence to research protocols. In addition, Ms. Propps will be responsible for contributing to the leadership of the Institute, supervision of additional personnel as the Institute develops, and assisting in the identification of future funding sources. She will also serve the college as Clinical Assistant Professor.

Ms. Propps comes to the University of Oklahoma after a long history in the long term care and home health care industry in Oklahoma. She has also been an adjunct faculty member with the OU College of Nursing for several years.

The Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy was established in the College of Pharmacy in 2001 with a mission to improve outcomes from drug therapy in older people through research, education and service activities. The Director of the Institute, Dr. Mark Stratton, also serves as Herbert and Dorothy Langsam Chair in Geriatric Pharmacy and Professor in the College of Pharmacy.

Alumni News

▪ **Mark St. Cyr ('77) Update**

Mark is currently Director of Pharmacy Services at OU MEDICAL CENTER and sent along his email address at mark.stcyr@hcahealthcare.com for communications. Thanks for the update Mark.

Pharmacy News

▪ **Fall Meeting of OSHP**

The 2001 Fall Meeting of the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) is scheduled to be held at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City on Friday, September 29. The program begins at 8 a.m. and includes a total of 6 hours of continuing education. Inquiries about the program can be made to Kathy Threlkeld, OSHP Program Committee Co-Chair at (405) 949-3659 or by e-mail at threkr@integris-health.com.

▪ **Status of HR 2173**

HR 2173, the "Pharmaceutical Education Aid Act of 2001," as of September 14, 2001, has 50 cosponsors, including Brad Carson (D 2nd) from Oklahoma. The members of Congress cosponsoring the bill represent twenty-seven states. Six of the cosponsors - 2 Republicans and 4 Democrats - sit on the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, the committee with jurisdiction over HR 2173. Cosponsors include the Ranking Member of the Health subcommittee, and the Minority Whip.

HR 2173 was initiated by Congressman James McGovern (D-MA) and Congressman Michael Simpson (R-ID) in response to the high demand for pharmacists indicated by a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and reported at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/pharmacist.html>.

While the domestic agenda will certainly change in light of Tuesdays attacks, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) reports that congressional staff will continue to develop legislation and encourages continued discussion with members of congress regarding this issue.



Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum News

▪ Rita Benischek ('65) Makes History Conference Presentation

Ms. Rita Benischek, Curator and Historian of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum, presented a paper at the twenty-third annual Mid-America Conference on History held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. The title of her presentation was "The Ku Klux Klan and Politics of Professor Edwin DeBarr: University of Oklahoma, 1922-1924." Professor DeBarr was one of the four original faculty members at The University of Oklahoma and the founder and first head of the Department of Pharmacy at OU. His biographical profile can be found at <http://oupharmacy.com/information/deanprofile/debarr.asp>.

Oklahoma Poison Control News

▪ Welcome Randy Badillo

Randy Badillo has recently joined the The Oklahoma Poison Control Center as a poison specialist. Randy brings an immense amount of experience to the Poison Control Center as a nurse who has worked in the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Room at Mercy Hospital. Originally from Columbus Ohio, he has also served four years in the Navy as a journalist. Glad to have you with us Randy.

▪ Oklahoma Poison Control Center Receives Grant Award

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has been awarded a three-year grant from the Health and Human Resources and Service's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) authorized by Public Law 106-174. The grant, which provides \$170,000/year, will facilitate the attainment by the poison center of certification through the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

- Ensuring on-site medical direction and back-up;
- Increase experienced staff retention and providing training and education;
- Upgrade technology to increase accessibility and to better utilize staff time;
- Create a comprehensive educational plan that targets the public and professional communities about poison prevention education.

The Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act (Public Law 106-174) was passed in January 2000. Twenty million dollars were appropriated for fiscal year 2001 to support this legislation, meant to stabilize Poison Control Centers in the United States. The law seeks to increase the number of U.S. residents with access to a certified Poison Control Center and to decrease the inappropriate use of emergency medical services and other costly health care services. Federal responsibility for the implementation of this legislation rests within the Injury/Emergency Medical Services Branch of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

OUPharmTECH News

▪ Whatis.com - An IT encyclopedia Searchable Web Site

[Whatis.com](http://www.whatis.com) has most current IT-related words and acronyms. It can be searched either by entering a keyword or by selecting a category or choosing a topic of interest. Descriptions of keywords are then drawn from several networked search engines. Within each description, related keyword links may also be found to provide a fuller and cohesive understanding.



Job Openings

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