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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

I just returned from two important meetings of national pharmacy organizations and am pleased to report that the OU College of Pharmacy was extremely well represented at both. The Annual Convention of the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA) was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Annual Meeting of the [American College of Clinical Pharmacy](#) (ACCP) was held in Tampa, Florida.

The OU student chapter of the NCPA, led by President Bill Moore, sent 30 students to Philadelphia and won the \$500 prize for largest attendance by a student chapter, in close competition with the student group from the University of Kansas. Bill was further recognized by the NCPA Foundation with a \$2,000 Presidential Scholarship and appointment to the prestigious NCPA Student Advisory Committee. Students in attendance at the OU College of Pharmacy reception in Philly had a great time rubbing elbows with leaders of the NCPA, including President John Carson and Executive Vice President Calvin Anthony ('68) as well as incoming Executive Vice President Bruce Roberts, the evening's keynote speaker General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, and many alumni and friends from Oklahoma. Congratulations and thanks to the students for representing the college extremely well at this meeting.

While on the topic of the NCPA, I want to draw your attention to the fact that Joe Harmison ('70) was selected at the Annual Convention to be the new Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Joe has been a good friend of the college and helped in many ways, including service on the Alumni Affairs Board of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. He received the association's [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) in 1999. We are very proud of Joe and thank him for his continuing support.

Also at the NCPA meeting, Lonnie Wilson, Oklahoma pharmacist and father of Justin Wilson, a senior student in the OU College of Pharmacy, was selected to be Third Vice President of the organization in the upcoming year. Lonnie is also an adjunct faculty member with the college and provides a rotation for our students at [Pharmacy Providers of Oklahoma](#) (PPOK). Congratulations are extended to Lonnie along with our thanks for his many contributions to our pharmacy program.

At the ACCP meeting in Tampa, our pharmacy faculty demonstrated to other colleges and schools of pharmacy as well as to the many pharmacists in attendance the bases for our outstanding pharmacy program. [Five abstracts](#) based upon research conducted by our faculty in a variety of pharmacy practice settings in Oklahoma were published in the organization's program and presented in Tampa. Overall, these several studies demonstrate the value of pharmacy services delivered by pharmacists in patient care settings and the positive outcomes achieved through the optimization of drug therapy. The facts that these studies were conducted by our faculty (with help in several cases from OU pharmacy students) and in our state are extremely noteworthy and bring recognition to the fact that OU pharmacy faculty are at the forefront of the profession, working to advance the state-of-the-art in pharmacy practice in our state and nation. Congratulations and thanks to the OU pharmacy faculty members and the supporting students participating in the scientific sessions at the recent meeting of the ACCP.

In addition to the presentation of research results, two of our faculty, Dr. Michael Burton and Dr. Wanda Kilzer, participated in the educational sessions at the ACCP meeting. They were invited to be part of these sessions because of their recognized expertise. The involvement of our faculty at this level also provides substantial evidence of skill and accomplishment and we congratulate and thank them for their activities as well.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you at the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association pre-game reception starting two hours before the OU football game with the University of Tulsa on November 3. Please stop by the Alumni Association tent in front of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on the Norman campus for free hot dogs and soft drinks. Also,



as a reminder, you are also invited to attend the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for The Schusterman Center at 41st and Yale in Tulsa starting at 2 p.m. on November 4. See you there.

Sincerely,

College News

▪ Recent Pharmacy Faculty Abstracts

Several College of Pharmacy faculty members presented the results of their work at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy held in Tampa, Florida. The following abstracts appeared in the meeting program:

- "Drug-associated thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura-hemolytic uremic syndrome: A systematic review of published case reports." Patrick J. Medina, James M. Sipols, Sara K. Vesely, and James N. George.
- "Utilization study of a cerivastatin conversion program within a United States Air Force primary care clinic." Robin R. Feuge, Mary Ann Halloran, and Stephanie L. Anderson.
- "Evaluation of the precision of two point-of-care anticoagulation monitors." Dawn E. Havrda, and Toni L. Hawk.
- "Long-term resperidone usage for physical assault in an institutionalized developmentally disabled population." Nancy C. Brahm, H. Dix Christensen, and Robert Brown.
- "Effect of a pharmacist-managed diabetes clinic on hemoglobin A1c values and screening indices for diabetes management." Mary Ann Halloran, Robin R. Feuge, Dea L. Brueggemeyer, and Shirley R. Lockie.

▪ "Pharmacy in a Multicultural Society" Streaming Media

The streaming media version of this event is now available for on-demand viewing. You can see the event by going to <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/media/>.

▪ Calvin Anthony ('68) To Receive Humphrey Award

The American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), the national professional society of pharmacists, recently announced that Calvin J. Anthony, R.Ph., Executive Vice President of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) in Alexandria, Virginia, has been selected by the APhA Board of Trustees to receive the 2002 APhA Hubert H. Humphrey Award.

The award, named for the noted pharmacist and former Vice President of the United States, was established in 1978 to recognize APhA members who have made major contributions in government and/or legislative service at the local, state, or national level. It will be presented at the APhA 149th Annual Meeting and Exposition, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 15-19, 2002. APhA's awards program is American pharmacy's most comprehensive recognition program.

Calvin, an APhA member and 1968 graduate of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, purchased his first pharmacy after graduating from pharmacy school at the age of 23 and has owned a number of Oklahoma pharmacies over the past 30 years. He is currently the owner of Tiger Drug Company in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Chris Pharmacy in Perry, Oklahoma.

Calvin was a two-term state representative, serving as assistant majority floor leader, and former mayor of Stillwater. A past president of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, he became an NCPA officer in 1984, and served as NCPA Executive Committee Chairman and President before assuming the position of NCPA Executive Vice President in 1996.

"Cal has placed the interests of his patients, community, profession and family at the forefront of everything he has done in his career. He exemplifies every quality for which the Humphrey Award, APhA's highest recognition for government service, was established," said John A. Gans, APhA Executive Vice President.

He has received numerous other awards and citations throughout his pharmacy career, including the Bowl of Hygeia in 1986 and the Ralph D. Bienfang Outstanding Practitioner and the Distinguished Alumni Awards from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. He serves on The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the University of Texas College of Pharmacy advisory councils. The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy recently established the Linda H. and Calvin J. Anthony Distinguished Entrepreneur in Pharmacy Lecture Series, in honor of Anthony and his wife, Linda.

According to APhA President Thomas E. Menighan, "Cal Anthony has an impeccable reputation, leadership skills, and self-less public service. We are indeed honored to have a member of our profession and our Association accomplish so much for the profession and the public over such an extended period of time." The American Pharmaceutical Association is the first established and largest professional association of pharmacists in the United States. APhA's 50,000 members include practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, pharmacy students, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession. The Association is a leader in providing professional information and education for pharmacists and an advocate for improved health through the provision of comprehensive pharmaceutical care.

▪ **OU NCPA Students Win Best Attendance**

The student chapter of the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA) at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy won the \$500 prize for largest student attendance at the NCPA Annual Convention in Philadelphia. A total of 30 students from OU trekked to Philly to attend the annual event on Friday, October 12. At the 2001 student Olympics and student reception that evening, the OU chapter won the cash award in close competition with the student chapter from the University of Kansas. Congratulations for outstanding participation.

▪ **Successful Live Discussion Completed and Archived**

The second live discussion hosted on the college web site was held between 6 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 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.

Alumni News

▪ **Joe Harmison ('70) New NCPA Secretary-Treasurer**

Joe Harmison was recently selected as the new Secretary-Treasurer of the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA). Joe has been very active in the organization over the years and most recently served the organization as Fourth Vice-President. He has been very active in the Texas Pharmacy Association and served that organization as President in 1996-1997. Joe is an inaugural member of Alumni Affairs Board of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association and received the association's [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) in 1999.

▪ **Alumni Report Archives**

Issues of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association's "Alumni Report" from 1985 to present can now be viewed at <http://oupharmacy.com/alumni/alumnireport/>. Despite our substantial efforts to retrieve past issues, some are still missing. Please let us know if you have previous issues that you can share with us by contacting OUPharmTECH@ouhsc.edu. Thanks for your support.

▪ **News from Steven Myers ('94)**

Steve reports that he and Kelley finally got around to having their first child, Luke Jameson, born June 29th. Luke was 21 ½ inches long and weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz. His picture is posted at babynursery.com under Stillwater Medical Center. Steve is currently working at Perkins Drug in Perkins, OK, and working toward purchasing the business. Classmates and friends may contact Steve at myers0629@aol.com. Congratulations and best wishes to Steve and family.

▪ **OU/OSU Pre-Game Reception**

Join GlaxoSmithKline for a pre-game reception before the OU/OSU game. Bring your family and friends.



- When: Saturday, November 24, 2001 (or 2 hours before game time)
- Where: Frontier and Heritage Rooms in the Oklahoma Memorial Union

For information call 405-271-6194. Courtesy of GlaxoSmithKline.

▪ **Rescheduled Pre-Game Party**

Join The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association at a pre-game reception and visit with friends and classmates. Enjoy free hot dogs and soft drinks. Bring your family and friends.

- When: Saturday, November 3, 2001 - Noon (or 2 hours before the OU/Tulsa football game)
- Where: Pharmacy Alumni Association tent in front of the Oklahoma Memorial Union

For information call 405-271-6194. Courtesy of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Pharmacy News

▪ **University of Florida Expands Doctor of Pharmacy Program**

The University of Florida College of Pharmacy has announced that it is taking its four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program to Jacksonville, Orlando, and St. Petersburg. Students will begin classes at the three locations in August 2002.

College officials hope the move helps offset the growing demand for qualified pharmacists. The number of unfilled full- and part-time retail pharmacist positions across the country rose from 2,700 in January 1998 to nearly 7,000 in January 2000, according to a study by the Department of Health and Human Services released in December 2000.

"The demand for qualified pharmacists is not going to diminish; demographics show it is only going to continue," said William H. Riffie, Ph.D., University of Florida's associate provost for distance, continuing, and executive education and dean of the College of Pharmacy. "Enrollment at the Gainesville campus is limited to 131 entering students. Forming an alliance with the University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College, for example, enables us to deliver a program with a top-10 national ranking beyond the boundaries of the Gainesville campus. Our goal is to double the number of graduates beginning in 2006."

The College of Pharmacy will target students who cannot move to Gainesville for financial reasons or because of other personal circumstances. Each University of Florida off-campus program will accept 50 students every fall, capping enrollment at 200 students per site after four years.

The educational program will be the same as on the Gainesville campus, including examinations, classification for professional years, and month-long rotations in the fourth professional year.

Students will access the course material using compact discs and streaming video containing faculty presentations. They will be able to access study guides on the college's Web site and will communicate with professors through videoconferencing and e-mail. During scheduled class meetings with the site facilitators, students will participate in discussions and review sessions, present group projects, complete laboratory assignments and take examinations.

The students will be required to complete clinical experiences in the community starting in their first professional year that will introduce them to patient interviewing techniques and physical assessment skills. They also will participate in health screenings or other educational initiatives at local pharmacies. The early clinical experiences will be held in the three metropolitan areas.



▪ **Immunization Back on Track for Oklahoma Pharmacists**

According to the [Oklahoma Pharmacists Association](#) (OPhA), Mr. Bart Fite, an attorney in Muskogee, filed an injunction on Monday, May 15, that was signed by Mr. McCormick, assistant for Drew Edmondson, enabling pharmacists in Oklahoma to resume their work of providing immunizations. The OPhA will seek legislation in the next session that will extend the ability of pharmacists to provide these services.

▪ **NACDS Opposes New CMS Plan**

According to the [National Association of Chain Drug Stores](#) (NACDS), the organization has recently requested that the Court deny a request by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to stay all legal proceedings against the Medicare-Endorsed Prescription Discount Card Program.

“CMS’s motion for a stay ignores the fact that the Court issued a preliminary injunction in this case after finding that CMS lacks the legal authority to implement this program,” said Larry Kocot, NACDS Senior Vice President and General Counsel. “CMS wants this stay solely because it intends to move forward with the very program that the Court stopped CMS from implementing.”

NACDS maintains that CMS is not entitled to a stay based on the following reasons:

- CMS requested the stay to stop all legal proceedings while it solicits comments on this program. Yet CMS does not explain how or why this will cure the threshold defect in the original Card Program, that they lack legal authority to implement such a program.
- CMS is proposing a clearly inefficient utilization of resources, i.e., requiring interested parties to submit comments on a proposed program that a federal court has already found the agency lacks the authority to implement.
- After reviewing and responding to comments, CMS will decide whether to issue a final rule and will make any changes it believes are appropriate based on the comments it receives. CMS is asking the Court to disregard its own injunction on the basis that, in the future, CMS may possibly publish a materially different program as a final rule.
- Because the new program could be different from the current program, CMS maintains that the current legal challenge could become moot. Unless and until CMS formally withdraw the Card Program, this case is not moot.

"This motion reveals the real motive of CMS – to shut down this lawsuit without providing any discovery related to the secret closed-door meetings that were conducted without any public scrutiny in developing this program," Kocot said. "CMS is poised to implement the original Card Program by attempting to cure its procedural defect, but not its substantive defects. The Court should deny the request for a stay."

Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

▪ **The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Now Requires Child-Resistant Packaging for Common Household Products Containing Hydrocarbons**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has now voted to make it a requirement that many household products containing hydrocarbons must be sold in child-resistant packaging. This safety standard will help prevent injuries and deaths to children under 5 years of age who swallow and then aspirate these products. A partial list of these products include baby oils, bath oils, and hair oils; makeup removers; household oil; and some cleaning solvents and water repellants. Child-resistant packaging must be in use within 12 months. For more information, [click here](#).



Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

- Assistant Director of Student Services
- Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Clinical Pharmacist
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Research Assistant I or II

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

- Staff Pharmacist