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From the Dean
Dear Friends:

As you are no doubt aware, a prominent topic in the news these days is the issue of terrorism. As a result of the potential that violent acts will continue to occur in the foreseeable future, many eyes are now turned toward the healthcare community for information that can help protect individual health in the short and long term. I know that many questions are being addressed directly to pharmacists regarding various forms of biological and chemical terrorism and treatment protocols. Obviously, pharmacists are the most accessible of all healthcare professionals and, logically, will continue to be a ready source of information as well as effective therapies that can prevent or treat terrorism-induced health problems. For this reason, we are placing, in a prominent place on the home page of our website, links to information and downloadable files that can be used by pharmacists as well as other healthcare professionals and the general public for educational and defense purposes. The information that we place on our site is intended to be up-to-date and authoritative in nature. Please feel free to use this information for self-education and to help others understand the issues of the day. Please also visit often as the critical items of information will likely change on an irregular and unpredictable basis.

Along with providing high visibility of informational items on our home page (<http://oupharmacy.com/>), we will provide links as well as on the front page of the Oklahoma Poison Control Center (<http://www.oklahomapoison.org>). This will help emphasize the important role that the center can play in prevention and treatment. I hope that you will also think of the poison center website as a place to find up-to-date information that can aid your efforts as you work to provide poison education and prevention to your patients and public.

I attended the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Sunday, November 4, for The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. It was a very impressive event with numerous references to the university family of people and campuses and the annual fall enthusiasm for OU football. There were many of our pharmacy graduates in attendance and they had a chance to tour the facilities, including the space used for the pharmacy program in Tulsa. A special thanks is extended to those who stopped by to see what we are doing in Tulsa and to visit with pharmacy faculty, alumni, and friends.

For those of you who have not viewed the site, I invite you to have a look at the tribute to the Schustermans at <http://oupharmacy.com/information/schusterman.asp>. As we receive additional pictures from the recent dedication ceremony, we will place them on this site for everyone to see the events of the day.

Sincerely,





College News

- [The Schusterman Center in Tulsa Dedicated at Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)



The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony held on Sunday, November 4, 2001, for The Schusterman Center in Tulsa was a huge success. President David L. Boren and OU-Tulsa President Ken Levit spoke of Charles and Lynn Schusterman, The Schusterman Legacy and OU-Tulsa. Students from the Colleges of Medicine and Allied Health expressed appreciation and gratitude to the Schusterman family for their outstanding contribution and Stacy Schusterman, daughter of Charles and Lynn spoke on behalf of the family.

The OU Pep Band was on hand to convey the university spirit through renditions of "Boomer Sooner" and "Oklahoma." A reception inside the Academic Center and self-guided tour of the facility followed the ceremony.

Important Healthcare Information News

- [FDA Bioterrorism Web Page and Related Documents](#)

A web page with links to bioterror-related information from the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is available at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/bioterrorism.html>. The site also contains information from other authoritative sources, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Library of Medicine.

Also available separately online is information on labeling for two anthrax treatments (<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/2001/ANS01112.html>) and FDA warnings issued to sellers of unapproved foreign Ciprofloxacin (<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/2001/ANS01115.html>).

- [CDC Updates Available](#)

The website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) continues to provide useful information regarding antibiotic use, handling of suspicious envelopes and packages, protecting people potentially exposed to chemical and biological agents, and other health alerts and advisories. The information is also available in Spanish.

- [FDA Says Doxycycline, Penicillin G Procaine Labeling Covers Anthrax Treatment](#)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has concluded that language contained in product labeling for doxycycline, doxycycline calcium, doxycycline hyclate, and penicillin G procaine drug products covers the use of these drugs for treatment of all forms of anthrax, including inhalational anthrax. An FDA notice that will appear in the Federal Register provides dosage recommendations using these products to treat *Bacillus anthracis* infection. FDA also has invited drug manufacturers whose doxycycline and penicillin products do not specifically address anthrax to submit to the agency anthrax-related labeling supplements. Additional information can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/dockets/98fr/cd01156.pdf>.

- [National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Aids Homeland Health Security](#)

In 1998, Congress directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a national stockpile of pharmaceuticals and vaccines as part of the nation's medical readiness response plan to terrorism. Federal lawmakers appropriated \$51 million in fiscal year 1999 to create the stockpile and provided an additional \$52 million each year in 2000 and 2001, according to congressional records. Additional information is available at <http://www.ashp.org/public/news/breaking/ShowArticle.cfm?id=2653>.

Alumni News

- **Josephine Li McLeod ('94, '98) Has New Baby Boy**



Josephine and husband Bruce are proud to announce the birth, at 11:11 a.m. on October 31, 2001, of Cameron Siu Jing McLeod. Cameron was 7lb., 12oz. in weight, and 21.25 in. long. Congratulations Josephine and Bruce. Perhaps there will be another pharmacist in the family.

- **Neil Holder ('95) – Alaska Connection**

Neil sends greetings from Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. Classmates and friends are welcome to communicate with Neil at neil.holder@elmendorf.af.mil. Good luck Neil – hope to see you soon.

- **News from Steve Howell ('96)**



Steve reports that he is the new assistant director/clinical manager at Midwest Regional Medical Center. He is also currently completing his experiential rotations in the Alternate Pathway to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree program. The next best thing for Steve was the birth of his son, Preston Dean Howell, on 10/1/2001 at 12:17 pm. Preston weighs 8lbs., 10oz., and is 21 inches long.

Pharmacy News

- **Nuclear Pharmacy Compounding Guidelines from APhA**

The American Pharmaceutical Association ([APhA](http://www.apha.org)), the national professional society of pharmacists, has announced the release of a nationally recognized set of guidelines for nuclear pharmacy compounding. The guidelines were developed by a committee of the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhA-APPM) Section on Nuclear Pharmacy Practice, and were approved by the APhA Board of Trustees after an open comment period.

According to S. Duann Vanderslice, R.Ph., BCNP, chair of the APhA-APPM Section on Nuclear Pharmacy Practice, "The guidelines will give nuclear pharmacy practitioners an integral tool for modeling their compounding practices and providing radiopharmaceutical care and services."

The new guidelines can be found on APhA's Web site at http://www.aphanet.org/nuclear_compounding.pdf.

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 pharmaceutical care.

▪ **Report From Safety Net Hospitals Discusses Pharmacist Shortage**

The Public Health Pharmacy Coalition report "Causes of the Pharmacist Shortage in Safety Net Hospitals and Strategies for Alleviating the Problem" discusses the pharmacist work-force shortage from the view of public hospitals but offers insights applicable to other hospitals and health systems. The report is available at http://www.phpc-rx.org/OCC_2001_09_CausesOfThePharmacistShortage_Sept2001.pdf.

Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum News

▪ **Artifacts Received from Michael Kanady ('78)**



The College of Pharmacy recently accepted a large donation from Pharmacist Michael Kanady, a 1978 graduate of the college, for the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum. The collection was formerly displayed in Mr. Kanady's community pharmacies located in the southwest area of Oklahoma City. The objects include patent medicines manufactured in St. Louis, Chicago, Wichita, and Greenwood, Michigan, and a variety of items used for display purposes. Also in the collection are stock store labels from several Oklahoma pharmacies, including The Bear Drug Co, Shawnee, Yount Drug Store, Alex, and Bowyer-Brown Drug Co., Chickasha. Other labels represented from the Oklahoma City area are: Robinson-Terrell Drug, Standard Drug Co., Chapman Pharmacy, and the Irby Drug Co.

The college deeply appreciates receiving this significant collection of pharmacy memorabilia and will announce future opportunities for viewing the several items. We extend sincere thanks to Michael for this donation.

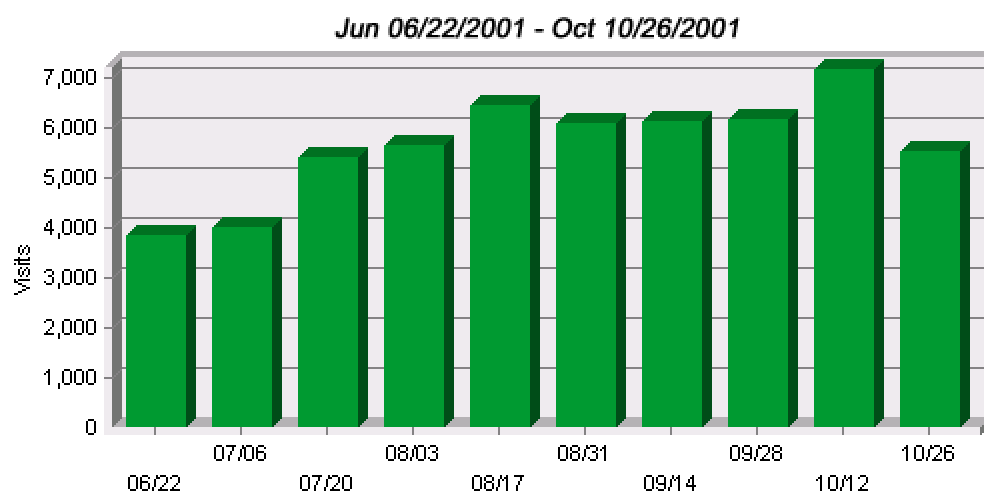
OUPharmTECH News

▪ **Seven New Domain Web Extensions Approved for Use on the Internet**

The new domains are part of a list of other existing Web suffixes that will be introduced, including ".biz", ".info", ".name", ".pro", ".aero", ".museum" and ".coop." They are expected to be available for use by the end of 2001.

Existing web extensions include ".com", ".net", ".tv", ".org", ".ws", and ".cc".

▪ General Statistics of OUPharmacy.com



General statistics visit graph displays the overall number of visits to OUPharmacy.com from its launch date, June 22 to October 26, 2001.

- Visits: 56,586
- Average per Day: 410
- Average Visit Length: 26 mins 14 sec
- Unique Visitors: 14,270
- Visitors Who Visited Once: 11,088
- Visitors Who Visited more than Once: 3,182

The statistics are captured by WebTrends, Analysis Suite, Advanced Edition, a reputable suite of web tools, which let OUPharmTECH staff understand our visitor activities; keep OUPharmacy.com running smoothly; manage web site performance intelligently; and analyze data on across multiple servers.

Our main goal is to deliver the highest quality visitor experience; thus enhancing interactions between faculty and students as well as building rapport with our alumni and friends.

▪ **MERLOT - A Free and Open Resource For Faculty and Students In Higher Education**

MERLOT is a free and open community of educators who contribute to a collection of online learning materials in higher education.

With a continually growing online learning materials, peer reviews and suggested assignments, MERLOT helps faculty enhance instruction. MERLOT is also a community of people who strive to enrich teaching and learning experiences.



Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

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

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

- Staff Pharmacist