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### From the Dean

Dear Friends:

The 2001-2002 academic year came to a typical close on May 11 with commencement and convocation ceremonies. For OU and its College of Pharmacy, these events have taken place since 1896 when both graduates in the inaugural class from OU, Lemuel Dorrance and Marshall Tucker, were out of the pharmacy program. Thus began a long string of graduates tying, ever and ever closer, the OU pharmacy program to the profession. In fact, it was the pharmacists of Oklahoma Territory who were instrumental in the establishment of a pharmacy program at OU. Their petition to the OU Board of Regents was acted upon in a positive way, placing in motion events that started the string. The 107 classes that have passed through the college in the intervening years have yielded more than 4,400 graduates.

This year, another milestone was reached by the OU College of Pharmacy. The 61 students to graduate in the traditional pathway in 2002 constitute the first class to graduate from the newly revised, four-year professional program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Another 28 students have graduated this year in the Alternate Pathway to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, which was created to provide a way for practicing pharmacists to obtain the educational value of the program.

We are very proud of all of our graduates. The programmatic elements in place in the college have been designed and implemented with our students in mind, anticipating their needs to obtain the very best in pharmacy education, including knowledge about innovative research and service that will enhance their future careers. With the excellent faculty and staff that are in place to educate and to expand the horizons of the profession, our program is looked upon as providing a substantial advantage for graduates entering the profession.

All graduates are encouraged to become active in The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. The Alumni Association consists of graduates who are interested in enhance communications with other alumni of the college and in finding ways to bring our family closer together. The 2002 annual meeting of the association will be held on June 20, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and we are very much looking forward this year to a large turnout.

I am exceedingly grateful to the many students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who have helped our program develop over the past years and anticipate many more productive years in the future.

Sincerely,

### College News

#### ▪ Pharmacy Convocation 2002

The 2002 Convocation for OU College of Pharmacy graduates and their families was held on Saturday afternoon, May 11, at the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City. Several students were also on hand at the OU commencement held that morning in Norman. Brian S. West, President of the Class of 2002, gave the Senior Address while Jason C. Gray, Valedictorian of the Class of 2002, delivered the Valedictorian Address. The Most Congenial Senior Award was given to



Cade Jones and the Mosier Senior Scholar Award went to Brian West. The Convocation Speaker this year was Melissa Medina, Director of Instructional Sciences and Assessment at the OU College of Pharmacy.

In 2002, 61 students graduated from the traditional doctor of pharmacy degree pathway while 28 graduated from the alternate pathway to the degree. This was the 107th class to graduate from the OU College of Pharmacy. The 1st class received diplomas in 1896 when both graduates from the inaugural class of the university, Lemuel Dorrance and Marshall Tucker, were out of the pharmacy program.

▪ **NCPA Scholarship to Jennifer Yvette Reese**

Jennifer, who will be a P-2 student in the OU College of Pharmacy during academic year 2002-2003, was selected by the National Community Pharmacist Association NCPA Foundation Board of Trustees to receive the Foundation's Presidential Scholarship for the upcoming academic year. Presidential Scholars are selected on the basis of their demonstrated interest in independent pharmacy ownership and for their leadership in the profession. The award will be presented at the 2002 NCPA Annual Convention, October 19-23, 2002, in Nashville, Tennessee. Congratulations Jennifer!

▪ **Award for Jack Coffey ('57)**

Jack, who is currently serving as Assistant Dean and Clinical Associate Professor in the OU College of Pharmacy, has been selected by the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Foundation as the recipient of the Foundation's 2002 NCPA Faculty Liaison Recognition Award. The award will be presented at the Foundation Awards Luncheon, which will be held, during NCPA's 104th annual convention, October 19-23, in Nashville, Tennessee. Congratulations Jack!

## Alumni News

▪ **News from Dave Hart ('77)**

Dave reports that he is in the nuclear pharmacy program with Mallinckrodt Medical located outside of Boston, MA. After leaving Oklahoma, he helped to open several nuclear pharmacies in Richmond, Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa before settling down for 20 years in Tampa to raise a family. In 1990, Dave joined Mallinckrodt Medical as part of a team intending to put together in Tampa the first nuclear-PET pharmacy in the country. During that time, he assisted in writing the first and still only NDA for F18-FDG. In 1995, he moved to New England to do the same all over again, but the project was dissolved before completion. Dave was in Oklahoma City recently to attend the Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet and the Class of 1977 reunion. He remembers his early days with the College of Pharmacy Nuclear Pharmacy and looks to that time as a momentous occasion. Classmates and friends can contact Dave at [dthart@charter.net](mailto:dthart@charter.net). Thanks for the update Dave!

▪ **Bob Garis ('99) Selected for Teaching Innovations**

Bob, along with his faculty team at Creighton University School of Pharmacy, received honorable mention in the 2002 Innovations in Teaching Competition sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Council of Faculties. The portfolio submitted by Bob was entitled "The U.S. Health Care System PHA316: An Introduction to the Health Care Participants and Policy Decisions Facing Pharmacists. Congratulations Bob!

▪ **Note to Class of 1993**

It's time to make plans for a 10-year reunion! Please submit your ideas for the venue and date ASAP to Paul Cockrum. He can be contacted at [cockrums@netzero.net](mailto:cockrums@netzero.net) or by fax at 817-297-1054.

## OUPharmTECH News

▪ **Next Generation Internet: Internet2**

Back in the mid-90s, the Internet was going through a midlife crisis. It was initially built to help universities share research data, but the Internet was starting to bog down under the weight of commercial traffic. Consequently, research institutions



no longer had the bandwidth they needed. Thus, it was time to build an exclusive new network that could handle bandwidth-intensive applications from the ground up. With these goals in mind, 34 research institutions got together in 1996 to form the Internet2 consortium. Today, more than 190 universities are working in partnership with industry and government to develop networking and advanced applications for learning and research as well as to accelerate the creation of tomorrow's Internet.

Technically speaking, Internet2 offers super-fast connections to two fiber-optic backbones, namely MCI Worldcom's very-high-performance bandwidth network service (vBNS) and Abilene, a 10,000-mile backbone built specifically for Internet2 and named after the Kansas railhead that opened the old West to settlement. Internet2 is adding sufficient network infrastructure to support bandwidth-intensive applications.

For more information, follow this link: <http://www.internet2.edu>

▪ **A New and Blooming Market for IT Industry: Bio-IT**

According to Mark Hall, director of life sciences research at IDC, "We are seeing the convergence of two colossal industries – bio-science and IT science in a synergistic relationship. It is an extremely information-rich industry and the storage needs are huge." High-performance workstations and servers, storage and data and knowledge management as well as database technologies and tools, visualization, and application software are all part of the IT products and services, which closely associate with this new bio-IT market. Life sciences companies use around one-third of their overall spending on IT. Similarly, pharmaceutical companies are trying to radically change the process of finding new drugs and bringing them to market in a shorter time, Hall said. Several big vendors, including IBM Corp., Compaq Computer Corp., Sun Microsystems Inc., Dell Computer Corp., Silicon Graphics Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co., EMC Corp. and Oracle Corp., are already in the bio-IT market.

For more information, follow this link: [http://www.itworld.com/nl/ebus\\_insights/04252002/](http://www.itworld.com/nl/ebus_insights/04252002/)

▪ **Is Your Pharmacy Ready for HIPAA Compliance?**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 states that by mid-April 2003, companies or anyone who has direct access to patients' medical records must comply with HIPAA's security and privacy provisions. The provisions dictate who can and cannot access a patient's health information, electronic or otherwise.

Technologically speaking, this act will require upgrades of computer systems to enable documentation of who can access patients' medical records, when, and for what purpose. Nowadays, it is a common practice for healthcare providers as well as hospitals and pharmacies to keep patients' medical information in computers via software systems rather than filing cabinets. To comply with this act, they may need to consider a system which can log who has entered a patient's record and when, even if it was during a system upgrade. The deadline for full compliance is Spring 2004.

For more information on HIPAA security and compliance, please visit <http://www.hipaacomply.com>

▪ **OUPharmTECH Offers Web Design Services**

Since September 2001, **OUPharmTECH** – College of Pharmacy Information Technology has started offering web design services to help businesses establish online presence. Our clients include the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (<http://opha.com>) and the American Drug Utilization Review Society (<http://adurs.com>). OUPharmTECH emphasizes on the creation of visually appealing and functional websites. The staff at OUPharmTECH strives to give their clients a distinct, solid presence on the Internet at an affordable price.

If your business is interested to have an online presence, please e-mail [OUPharmTECH@ouhsc.edu](mailto:OUPharmTECH@ouhsc.edu)

▪ **Google to be the Search Engine for all AOL brands**

Google has partnered with AOL to offer Google's search engine over all of AOL's Internet companies. Interestingly, Google has acquired 31.87% of search referral worldwide, which is closing in to Yahoo's 36.35%.

▪ The OU College of Pharmacy has been using Google as its search engine since its launch. Under Google's free university program, web users visiting the college web site (<http://oupharmacy.com>) can search the site with accurate results, and

mostly importantly, without advertisements. For more information about the University Free Program, go to <http://services.google.com/googleuniv/login>.

## Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Family Medicine Clinic

- Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Schusterman Center, Tulsa

- Pharmacy Learning Facilitator
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Assistant or Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
- Assistant or Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist and/or Assistant Pharmacy Manager
- Staff Pharmacist

USPHS/Indian Health Service

- Staff Pharmacist
- Staff Pharmacist