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## From the Dean

Dear Friends:

We recently lost a great friend. Carl Lyons, a 1960 graduate of the OU College of Pharmacy, was, without question, one of the most treasured and beloved icons of Oklahoma pharmacy. Indeed, his visibility and involvement at all levels of the profession, local, national, and international, was unique and unprecedented. If you did not know him personally, I am sure that you have heard or seen his name on several occasions and associated with multiple pharmacy activities. Notwithstanding the sadness we have experienced by his loss, his legacy and the traditions he left for us will continue to speak out and provide a guiding light.

Carl's life was filled with honor, duty, and service. He loved to lend a hand and unselfishly became involved whenever asked to participate. Carl always had a positive and forward-thinking outlook and was inspirational for us all. Above all, he was devoted to family and his affection for them spilled over to everyone in his presence.

As Assistant Dean for the OU College of Pharmacy, Carl was highly effective when it came to promoting our college. He cherished The University of Oklahoma and one of his passions became our goal of expanding the full doctor of pharmacy degree program to Tulsa. He was an extremely successful ambassador, aiding tremendously our faculty, staff, and student recruiting as well as our institutional and public relations in Tulsa. The license tag on his white van read "ATULSAN" and we sometimes referred to him as "Mr. Tulsa." There was not another person associated with the college with more knowledge about Tulsa, its people, and its traditions. He was a perfect match for the position he held.

We will truly miss our dear friend and colleague, Carl Lyons.

Sincerely,

## College News

### ▪ In Memoriam - Carl D. Lyons ('60)

The College of Pharmacy and the pharmacy community have been deeply saddened by the passing of Carl on May 18, 2002. At the time, Carl was in Phoenix to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Following graduation from the OU College of Pharmacy in 1960, Carl became Chief Pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa and subsequently served as Administrator and Governing Officer of Skyline Terrace Nursing Center, also in Tulsa. Carl served the OU College of Pharmacy in many ways, most recently as Assistant Dean in Tulsa. More about Carl can be found by going to <http://oupharmacy.com/partner/lifetime/lyons.asp>.

## Alumni News

### ▪ Class of 1952 Reunion in Norman

Several members of the pharmacy graduating class of 1952 gathered in Norman for the annual 50 year reunion event



sponsored by The University of Oklahoma. The College of Pharmacy held a reception in the former prescriptions laboratory of the old pharmacy building for those attending. Greeting the participants were Carl Buckner ('65), Dean of the College of Pharmacy, and Tom Noles ('64), Chair of the Alumni Affairs Board of the Pharmacy Alumni Association. The 1952 graduates present were Polly Fox Burgess, Jim Jarrett, Herb Langsam, Phil Martin, Phil Orr, and Joe Reiger.

▪ **Bill Osborn ('84) Appointed to Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy**

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating recently appointed Bill to serve a four year term as a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. Congratulations Bill!

▪ **Bob Peercy ('58) Update**

Bob reports that he and Thelma sold their pharmacy (Bob's Pharmacy) in Big Spring, Texas, and retired to The Villages, Florida. Classmates and friends can reach Bob and Thelma at [bobpeercy@thevillages.net](mailto:bobpeercy@thevillages.net). Congratulations Bob and Thelma!

## Pharmacy News

▪ **ASHP Press Release Regarding Carl Lyons**

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP, <http://www.ashp.com/>) has released a statement in memory of Carl Lyons, a long time active member and past president of the organization. The statement can be found on the organizations web site or at <http://oupharmacy.com/news/pdf/carillyons.pdf>.

▪ **Pharmacy Organizations Take Pharmacists Care Message to State Legislators**

Ten national pharmacy organizations are collaborating to demonstrate ways pharmacists can improve healthcare quality and decrease costs by reducing problems associated with medication use. Legislators attending the National Conference of State Legislatures meeting to be held July 25-27, 2002, in Denver will be able to participate in screenings in the areas of cholesterol, diabetes, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, H. pylori and body fat analysis. Practicing pharmacists will be on hand to counsel attendees on test results and to discuss how pharmacists are serving the healthcare needs of patients in their communities. The exhibit will demonstrate how pharmacists are providing patient-care services designed to improve medication use and reduce much of the costs associated with the estimated \$177 billion spent each year by the healthcare system on drug related problems. The exhibit will also emphasize collaboration among pharmacists, physicians, and other healthcare professionals to improve health outcomes. Practicing pharmacists interested in volunteering in this effort can go to the Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care website at: <http://www.aphanet.org/pharmcare/AllianceforPC2002.htm> for additional information.

The collaboration, known as the "Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care," consists of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA), National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), and National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA).

## Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

▪ **Use Pesticides Appropriately to Prevent Poisonings**

Spring and summer months bring an increase in the number of exposures to pesticides and the number of pesticide related calls to the poison center. When used properly, pesticides can help you control pests and prevent disease. Herbicides (weed killers), fungicides, rodenticides (rat poisons), and insecticides are pesticides commonly used in and around the home, in schools, parks and other public places. These products can be very harmful if used the wrong way.

In 2001, pesticides were the sixth most common cause of poisonings in Oklahoma with 1,743 pesticide poisoning exposures. Nationwide, there were 17 deaths attributed to pesticide poisoning in 2000. "Individuals must take necessary



precautions to protect themselves, their children and their pets from pesticide poisonings,” notes Tracy McKeown, MPH, education coordinator for the Oklahoma Poison Control Center a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the Children’s Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

McKeown adds that its important to make sure pesticides as well as other potential poisons, are properly stored out of reach and site of children. “Check all areas of the home, especially the bathroom, kitchen, and garage where pesticides are commonly stored,” McKeown said. Pesticides include many common household products like cockroach and other insect sprays and baits for indoor use; insect repellents for personal use; rat poisons; flea and tick sprays, powders, and pet collars.

Recommendations for preventing accidental poisonings include:

- **READ LABELS FIRST** even before you buy the product. Follow all directions and precautions exactly every time you use the product.
- Buy and use only what you need for your pest problem. Do not assume that using more pesticide than the label recommends will do a better job. It won’t.
- Wear protective clothing for example long sleeve shirts and pants.
- Do not smoke, drink or eat during application.
- Before applying any pesticide, indoors or outdoors, remove children, pets and their toys from the area and keep them away until the pesticide has dried or for as long as is recommended on the label.
- Mix or prepare the product outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not apply dust or spray on a windy day. When there is a breeze, make sure the wind is blowing the pesticide away from you, not onto you.
- Always store pesticides away from children’s reach, in a locked cabinet or garden shed. Indoors or outdoors, never place rodent or insect bait traps where children or pets can get to them. If you are interrupted while using a pesticide, do not leave the container within reach of children and pets.
- Always store pesticides in their original containers, tightly closed, complete with labels that list ingredients, directions for use, and first aid steps in case of accidental poisoning. Never transfer pesticides to other containers like an empty soft drink or milk bottle; young children associate these containers with food or drink.
- Teach children that pesticides are poisons and should not be touched.
- Alert others, especially caregivers, grandparents and friends, to the potential hazards of pesticides.
- When finished wash exposed skin with soap and water. Launder the clothing separately from the family laundry before wearing again.

If you suspect a pesticide poisoning, call the poison center right away at 1-800-222-1222. Keep this number near your phone. The poison center provides free confidential poison information and treatment advice to Oklahoma residents and health care professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information about pesticides go to the United States Environmental Protection Agency website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

## **OUPharmTECH News**

▪ **Free Microsoft Webcasts for the General Public**  
Watch live online presentations given by Microsoft Support Professionals, and participate in an interactive, synchronous,

live online event discussing the hottest topics from Microsoft as well as live Q&A sessions following each presentation. In addition, if anyone cannot make it to a live event, an archive of previous events can be found <http://www.microsoft.com/usa/Webcasts/ondemand>. Mostly importantly, it is free for the general public.

For more information, follow this link: <http://www.microsoft.com/usa/webcasts>

▪ **Third Annual EDUCAUSE Survey Identifies Current IT Issues**

**EDUCAUSE**, a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology, has gathered input from member institutions to identify the most pressing IT-related issues on campuses today.

Follow this link, <http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/EQM0222.pdf> to view the report in pdf format.

## 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

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Clinical Pharmacist
- 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