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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

I just returned from the 55th Annual Meeting of the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA, <http://npha.net/>) held this year in Houston. The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA, <http://snpha.com/>) met conjointly with the parent organization as they celebrated the 30th year of their formation. The NPhA and SNPhA are dedicated to representing the views and ideas of minority pharmacists on critical issues affecting health care and pharmacy; as well as advancing the standards of pharmaceutical care among all practitioners. Terrence Burroughs of Cary, North Carolina, is Executive Consultant for the NPhA. Terrence worked in conjunction with the officers of the NPhA to put together a very successful meeting that provided multiple learning and social opportunities for the participants.

Four of our students, along with their advisor Heath Burge, were also in attendance and represented the local OU student chapter. Dr. Marisa Lewis of the Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is the Executive Director of SNPhA and very effectively organized a great meeting for the students. It is always refreshing to see the enthusiasm and commitment that the students have for the profession and for its advancement. The students at the meeting this year were every bit as energetic as they have been in the past and it is evident that their level of interest remains very high. The student chapter at OU remains active and is always looking for ways to interact with pharmacists in the community as a means of aiding the delivery of pharmacy services to improve patient care. SNPhA members are also committed to help find ways of meeting the need for greater minority representation in pharmacy and other health professions.

You may remember that Dr. Marcellus Grace, Immediate Past President of NPhA, was our keynote speaker at Pharmacy Multicultural Celebration 2001 and the streaming video of that event can still be viewed at <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/media/index.asp>. Pharmacy Multicultural Celebration 2002 will be held at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa on September 13 and we are very fortunate to have Dr. Bruce Scott, a past President of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), as the keynote speaker for the event this year. Dr. Scott is currently Vice-President of Resource Management at Allina Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In that position, he is responsible for the development of systems and processes to manage various resources utilized in patient care. Dr. Scott received the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison before completing a residency in Hospital Pharmacy at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City and a Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration degree from the University of Kansas. He has received numerous awards and is well known as a leader in the pharmacy community.

It is anticipated that approximately 200 participants from schools in the Tulsa area will be present at Pharmacy Multicultural Celebration 2002 to hear about the many opportunities available in the pharmacy profession and how the advancement of pharmaceutical care is important to all cultures. The participants will also be able to tour the museum that afternoon. I look forward to another great event that is intended to celebrate and promote the rich multicultural environment of our college.

Sincerely,



College News

▪ Fifth Annual Pharmacy Student Research Conference

Five students and four faculty members from the OU College of Pharmacy attended the Fifth Annual Pharmacy Student Research Conference - Western Region, May 31 - June 2, 2002. This annual conference is sponsored by the Merck Company Foundation and is hosted by the University of Colorado School of



Pharmacy in Denver, Colorado.

Podium presentations were given by Kari McCracken (P3) and Isaac Mitropoulos (P1). Poster presentations were given by Winter Gibbs (P3) and Stacy Gee (P3), and by Emily Nguyen (P2). The OU faculty mentors attending the conference were [Tracy Hagemann](#), [Holly Hoffman](#), [Rae Matsumoto](#), and [Les Reinke](#).



▪ Recent Publications from the Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy

The following articles written by Dr. Mark Stratton related to Geriatric Pharmacy have recently appeared in the Vintage Newsmagazine:

Using medication safely – A key ingredient to your health. The Vintage Newsmagazine. 16 (4): 6-7, 2002.

Prescription medications and older patients. The Vintage Newsmagazine. 16 (5): 6-7, 2002.

Over-the-counter medications. The Vintage Newsmagazine. 16 (6) 12-13, 2002.

The mission of the Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy in the OU College of Pharmacy is to improve outcomes from drug therapy in older people through research, education, and service activities. Dr. Stratton is the Director of the Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy, Professor, and Herbert and Dorothy Langsam Endowed Chair in Geriatric Pharmacy. Information about the Institute is available at <http://oupharmacy.com/geriatric/>.

▪ Yamanouchi USA Foundation Supports College of Pharmacy Research

The Yamanouchi USA Foundation recently provided a gift to the college in support of faculty research. The following projects have been funded for 2002:

“Comparison of gene expression between resistant pneumococci and wild-type isolates” by Dr. Holly L. Hoffman, and

“Interprofessional perceptions of collaborative drug therapy management and pharmacist responsibility for drug therapy outcomes: An explorative study of Oklahoma physicians and pharmacists” by Dr. Lourdes G. Planas.

Resources from the Yamanouchi USA Foundation aid our efforts to bring basic and clinical pharmacy research activities and faculty closer together in order to be well-positioned to develop new and relevant drug-related knowledge of importance to health care and to facilitate our common goals. We are very grateful for this support.

▪ 2002 Spring Convocation Streaming Video Now Available

The streaming media version of the Convocation held to honor the OU College of Pharmacy Class of 2002 is now available for on-demand viewing. You can see the event by going to <http://oupharmacy.com/pharmcomm/media/>.



Alumni News

▪ Travis Watson ('92) Update

Travis has a new position as Director of Pharmacy Management in the Office of the Lead Agent for TRICARE Northeast based in Washington, D.C. Congratulations Travis.

▪ Doug Anderson ('92) Activities

Doug says that he would like to get together with former classmates who graduated with him from the previous post-baccalaureate doctor of pharmacy degree program. Interested graduates can contact Doug at andersd@swosu.edu.

▪ Justin Wilson ('02) in Community Pharmacy Residency Program

Justin recently started in a 1-year Community Pharmacy Residency program at Osterhaus Pharmacy in Maquoketa, Iowa. Classmates and friends can communicate with Justin at justinwilson@mchsi.com.

▪ News from Boyd Glynn Perry ('73)

Glynn sent an e-mail saying that he has opted to take a short sabbatical from the pharmaceutical industry and play a lot of golf for a while. He and his wife Valinda live in Grapevine, Texas. Classmates and friends can communicate with Glynn at glynnperry@aol.com. Good to hear from you Glynn.

Continuing Pharmaceutical Education News

▪ Adult Immunization Certificate Program in Oklahoma City, August 24-25, 2001

Three major barriers to adequate vaccination are access, patient education about the importance of immunization and missed opportunities with these patients. With the equivalent of the entire U.S. population visiting pharmacies every week, pharmacists who provide immunizations address both the access issue and augment other health care providers or institutions whom may miss opportunities to vaccinate. Pharmacists are also among the most trusted of health care providers, which gives us the ability to influence patient behavior through education.

This past year in Oklahoma, pharmacists were given the legal right to administer medications to patients, including vaccines. The Office of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education at the College of Pharmacy is excited about the opportunities that exist in our state to further protect our patients and their families from vaccine-preventable diseases. The impact that we can have is tremendous, not only from providing vaccination services, but to work with other health care providers as a team to benefit patient care.

Completion of this program will give you the tools necessary to provide immunizations in your community. You will learn of many resources, which will get you started with your immunization program, and support you in the future. Because immunization information changes constantly, we encourage you to take advantage of these resources in order to remain up-to-date.

[Click here](#) for more information.

▪ OUPharmCE Transcript

"OUPharmCE Transcript" helps pharmacists manage and track their lives as well as online continuing pharmaceutical education programs provided by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Pharmacists can retrieve, review, e-mail, and print their transcripts anytime, anywhere via the Internet. These transcripts are made available for record-keeping purposes only and may not be used as official Statements of Credit.

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Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum News

▪ Oklahoma Frontier Drug Store Museum Activities

The current year, 2002, marks the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Oklahoma Frontier Drug Store Museum in Guthrie. The museum is maintained by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation, Inc., which will sponsor a celebration of the opening on September 21 in Guthrie. The celebration will be accompanied by a mortgage-burning ceremony to commemorate loan repayment in the 10th year at the Guthrie site. In addition, a golf tournament is scheduled to be held on September 20 for the benefit of the Foundation. A video of the 1992 grand opening of the museum is available for on-demand viewing at <http://oupharmacy.com/museum/gallery>.

▪ Carl and Joyce Lyons Collection Donated to The Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum

Joyce Lyons has generously donated several items from Carl's personal collection of pharmacy memorabilia for display at The Schusterman Center branch of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy museum. The well preserved collection includes many mortar and pestle sets, rare medicines and bottles with Oklahoma labels, and a show globe. The collection resulted from a personal hobby of Carl's since 1960. "We are very pleased to donate Carl's things to the College of Pharmacy at OU-Tulsa. Carl loved Tulsa and he loved his job at The Schusterman Center," said Joyce.

Carl and Joyce Lyons moved to Tulsa after Carl's graduation from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in 1960. Carl became the first director of pharmacy at Saint Francis Hospital and later Governing Officer of Skyline Terrace Nursing Center. He was serving as Assistant Dean of the OU College of Pharmacy in Tulsa at the time of his passing. Among his many accomplishments, Carl received the Ralph D. Bienfang Outstanding Practitioner Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, the A.H. Robins Bowl of Hygeia, and the Oklahoma Hospital Pharmacist of the Year from the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists. His service has also been recognized by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Presidential Award and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Distinguished Service Award. Carl was inducted into the Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1998. He was also a recipient of the Donald E. Francke Medal given by the ASHP for significant international contributions to hospital pharmacy.

Joyce, along with two daughters Cindy and Linda, are Registered Nurses and involved in nursing education. Joyce is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma, College of Nursing. Carl and Joyce recently established an endowed scholarship fund at the OU Foundation in support of doctor of pharmacy students in Tulsa

Job Openings

OU 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

- Technology Coordinator
- Pharmacy Support Services Rep. I
- Research Technician
- 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