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### From the Dean

Dear Friends:

We are very busy at the college preparing for the beginning of the 2002-2003 academic year. The usual flurry of activities is underway as we prepare for new and returning students by setting schedules, revising and updating course materials, and planning for the myriad steps that will need to be taken to ensure smooth and effective program operation and delivery. This year, we prepare for new as well as usual approaches to program delivery as we mark an extremely important milestone in the history of the college. Distance learning has arrived as students starting in the P-1 class of the doctor of pharmacy degree program will be the first to experience a learning environment that includes students in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa.

Using the latest in videoconferencing technology, classes in the first year of our curriculum will be taught to students in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa simultaneously. Sometimes faculty will be in the classroom in Oklahoma City and sometimes they will be teaching at the other end of the turnpike. In all cases, however, the students on both campuses will learn the same material at the same time.

The infrastructure to support our new configuration for program delivery is now in place. All that remains is to turn on the switch and go. The first go-live date is Tuesday, August 20, the beginning of Orientation Week. Students will gather on both campuses before the actual start of classes to receive an orientation to the program and the profession, to be introduced to faculty and other students, to obtain assignments of faculty advisors, and to learn about academic coursework and expectations. Classes start on August 26.

Please mark your calendars for an upcoming alumni activity to be held at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa soon after the start of classes. An OU/Tulsa Watch Party, sponsored by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, will be held in the Schusterman Center cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 30. Free food and beverages will be available and the game will be shown on a large screen monitor. A free, one-hour continuing pharmaceutical education program (<http://oupharmacy.com/ce/programs/pdf/adhd.pdf>) for interested pharmacists will start at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please plan to join us for the first victory of the OU football season. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

### College News

#### ▪ **New Student Orientation Schedule**

Orientation for incoming P-1 students is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 20, at 9 a.m. in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa. Campus specific orientations will be held in Oklahoma City on August 21 and in Tulsa on August 22. A final orientation session will be held on both campuses on August 23. The August 20 and 23 sessions will be delivered to both sites simultaneously using the same videoconferencing technologies that will be used for classroom instruction. Classes start on August 26.



▪ **OUPharmTECH Presentation at National Conference**

Nelson Er, Technology Coordinator, and Justin McMinn, Technology Specialist, in the OUPharmTECH group (<http://oupharmacy.com/finance/pharmtech/>) in the College of Pharmacy recently participated in Syllabus 2002, a technology conference focused on technology in higher education institutions. Their presentation was entitled "Building Blocks to a Professional Web Site" and can be viewed in abstract form at [http://www.syllabus.com/summer2002/proceedings2.asp?proceeding\\_code=222](http://www.syllabus.com/summer2002/proceedings2.asp?proceeding_code=222).

Syllabus 2002 offered a full program to participants interested in examining new technologies first hand, finding the best examples of planning and implementation, and discovering how new media are best integrated into the teaching and learning process. Several sessions at the conference provided information that will be of use to the college as it begins to focus more on distant learners.

## Alumni News

▪ **News from Matt Moss ('01)**

Matt reports that he is now serving as Director of Pharmacy at Mesquite Community Hospital, a 172-bed facility located in Mesquite, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. Classmates and friends can contact Matt at [Matthew.Moss@mch.hma-corp.com](mailto:Matthew.Moss@mch.hma-corp.com).

▪ **David Bateshansky ('02) Update**

David recently began a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Los Angeles, California. Classmates and friends can communicate with David at [David.Bateshansky@med.va.gov](mailto:David.Bateshansky@med.va.gov).

▪ **August 30 OU/Tulsa Watch Party**

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association will sponsor a reception and watch party for the OU football game against the University of Tulsa on Friday, August 30. Free food and beverages will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa (4502 E. 41st Street). The game will be viewed on a large screen monitor. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

A free continuing pharmaceutical education program presented by Dr. Jeff L. Frye and entitled "Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)" (<http://oupharmacy.com/ce/programs/pdf/adhd.pdf>) will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m. for interested pharmacists. The one-hour of continuing education credit is provided by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

Please spread the message and plan to join us to watch the first OU victory of the 2002 season.

## Continuing Pharmaceutical Education News

▪ **Educational Needs Survey**

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy is committed to meeting your needs in continuing professional education. We need your help in evaluating our current programming and to plan our future offerings. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

Thank you for your time and effort in providing this valuable information. If you have any questions or are interested in more information about any of our programs, please call us at (405)271-6194 or by e-mail [Sandy Warner](#) or [Tony Palmer](#).

▪ **Infectious Diseases Seminar, September 20-21, 2002**

The field of infectious diseases is challenging and ever changing. Pharmacists are expected to have knowledge in vast areas of the field ranging from retroviruses to fungi to bioterrorism to common bacteria. With the equivalent of the entire United States population visiting pharmacies every week, pharmacists are sure to deal with numerous disease and drug related questions from consumers. Pharmacists are in the unique position of being the most trusted of health care providers as well as being the final check and balance for the patient. A strong foundation in infectious diseases products and disease states is a must for all pharmacists regardless of work setting.

Completion of this program will give updated information on new antibiotics, pneumonia guidelines, bioterrorism, and HIV/AIDS treatment products and guidelines. The course will be taught by leaders in each of these fields. The program will utilize the knowledge of clinical pharmacists in ambulatory care and hospital pharmacy, physicians experienced and respected in infectious diseases, and entrepreneurs in community pharmacy. This program will give you a perspective from the health care team covering most aspects of infectious diseases.

[Click here](#) for more information.

▪ **Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) Seminar, August 30, 2002**

This seminar is intended for Pharmacists regardless of practice site. The goal is to enhance the participant's skills and to gain knowledge in the treatment of attention-deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD). Upon completion of this seminar, the participant should be able to:

- describe the core symptoms of ADHD and the effects on executive function and resulting areas of impairment in the life of the ADHD patient;
- describe the diagnostic criteria for the various subtypes of ADHD as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th ed. Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR);
- discuss the various components of a successful ADHD treatment program with respect to the results from the multimodal treatment study of children with ADHD (MTA Study); and
- discuss the typical adverse events patients and families may expect with pharmacological treatment with the stimulant group of medications.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

▪ **New Supply of CroFab™ Snakebite Antivenom**

Savage Laboratories®, a division of Altana Inc., announced today that the Food and Drug Administration has released 2,882 vials (1,441 cartons) of CroFab™ (Crotalidae Polyvalent Immune Fab -- Ovine) for shipment immediately. The vials will be shipped to wholesalers this week. This shipment follows 1,788 vials that were released July 17th. The shipments represent the second and third shipments this year. In March, Savage Laboratories announced that the outsourced process for the filling and freeze drying of CroFab™ was found to be out of specification, which resulted in a two-month delay in the release of CroFab™ to the market. The first shipment of CroFab (3,628 vials) was not released until early June. Savage Laboratories anticipates the fourth shipment (2,718 vials) will ship by the middle of August.

CroFab™ is indicated for the management of patients with minimal or moderate North American crotalid envenomation. The term crotalid describes the *Crotalidae* family of venomous snakes, which includes rattlesnakes, copperheads and cottonmouths/water moccasins. CroFab™, developed and manufactured by Protherics Inc., is one of two crotalid antivenoms available in the United States. Antivenin Crotalidae Polyvalent is produced by and marketed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, Inc.

### About Savage Labs

Savage Laboratories® is a division of Altana, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of ALTANA Pharma AG, a multi-national pharmaceutical company based in Konstanz, Germany. Currently the strategic focus of Savage Laboratories is emergency/critical care and women's health care. More information is available at [www.savagelabs.com](http://www.savagelabs.com).

## 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