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## From the Dean

Dear Friends:

Pharmacy Multicultural Celebration 2002, an event sponsored by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and intended to celebrate and promote the rich multicultural environment of our college, was held on September 13 at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. Prospective students from the Tulsa area as well as pharmacy students, faculty, and staff at the OU College of Pharmacy were on hand to hear from several pharmacists about the multiple opportunities in the profession. The event was co-sponsored by the OU chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association.

The keynote speaker for Pharmacy Multicultural Celebration 2002 was Bruce Scott, a Past President of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Mr. 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. Mr. 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. Mr. Scott fielded questions from the audience as he discussed the evolution of the pharmacy profession and the need to focus on issues that relate to healthcare in our multicultural world.

The program was as follows:

### 11:00: **Welcome**

Carl K. Buckner, D.Ph., Ph.D., Dean and Professor  
The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

### **Welcome from Tulsa Pharmaceutical Association (TPhA)**

Lloyd Williams, Jr., D.Ph.  
President

### **Welcome from Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA)**

Crystal Price – P-4 Student  
Student Representative

### **Welcome from the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA)**

Dwight Vance, D.Ph.  
Vice President, OPhA District 1

### **Welcome from the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP)**

Anetta Harrell, D.Ph., M.B.A.  
President

### 11:30: **Lunch**

#### **Opportunities in Independent Pharmacy**

Lloyd Williams, Jr., D.Ph.  
Owner, Greenwood Pharmacy, Tulsa, Oklahoma

#### **Pharmacy in Large Store Corporations**

Jason Cuaderes, D.Ph.  
Director of Pharmacy, Med-X Corporation



**Pharmacy in Regional Drug Chains**

Joe Courtright, D.Ph.  
Vice President of Pharmacy, Mays Drug Stores, Inc.

**Pharmaceutical Industry and Hospital Pharmacy**

Anetta Harrell, D.Ph., M.B.A.  
Clinical Education Consultant, Pfizer Inc.

**Opportunities in Pharmacy Education**

Keith Swanson, Pharm. D., Director  
Office of Pharmacy Student Services  
The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

**1:00: Keynote Address**

Bruce Scott R.Ph., MS, FASHP  
"Multiculturalism in the Pharmacy Profession"

**2:00: Museum Open to Guests**

It was very encouraging to see a great turnout of prospective students from the Tulsa area as well as the interest in pharmacy being generated in northeastern Oklahoma. Presentations by all of the pharmacists on the program were exemplary and helped the interest build throughout the program. As soon as it is available, the streaming media of the event will be placed on the college web site for on-demand viewing.

I hope that you will continue to visit the college web site in order to keep up-to-date with our many activities and to provide news items about your activities at [www.oupharmacy.com/alumni/community/newsupdate/](http://www.oupharmacy.com/alumni/community/newsupdate/).

Sincerely,

**College News**

▪ **Harlan Stai Lecture on Gene Owen ('51)**

Harlan C. Stai, R.Ph., Senior Consultant, Cardinal Health Provider Pharmacy Services addressed approximately 50 OU College of Pharmacy students and faculty located on both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses during a special noon time presentation.

Stai, entertained the audience with the history of the founding of Owen Healthcare, Inc. by Gene Owen, a 1951 graduate of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Stai served as executive vice president for Owen Healthcare, Inc. for 22 years.





Jim Merritt, R.Ph., Senior Business Unit Director, Owen Healthcare, Inc. and a member of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Industry Advisory Board was also present and provided lunch for the attendees.

## Important Healthcare Information News

### ▪ **Special 9/11 Issue of MMWR**

A special 9/11/02 issue of "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" includes three articles about the health effects of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on rescue workers as well as several other articles related to the attacks. To read the special "MMWR" issue, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm51sp.pdf>.

### ▪ **9/11 Anniversary May Elicit Complex Emotions**

Paul Appelbaum, MD, President of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), has noted that many Americans may experience a variety of reactions -- from fear and anxiety to flashbacks and nightmares -- with the September 11 anniversary. The APA has prepared a series of documents to help people cope with their potential emotional response to the 9/11 anniversary. These documents may be viewed at <http://www.psych.org/disaster/11sept02.html>.

## Alumni News

### ▪ **Cynthia Boyle ('71) Named for MSHP Award**

Cynthia has been selected by the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) as the 2002 recipient of the Pharmacist of the Year. The award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions, such as service to pharmacy at the local or state level or achievement of professional excellence. Cynthia is currently a faculty member at the University of Maryland College of Pharmacy. Congratulatory messages can be sent to Cynthia at [cboyle@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto:cboyle@rx.umaryland.edu).

### ▪ **Kyle Panter ('99,'00) Update**

Kyle reports that he accepted a position in June with the Apothecary Shoppe in Tulsa and says that compounding is a perfect marriage of his chemistry and pharmacy degrees. He and his wife Michele live in Broken Arrow and helped start an extension campus of their church (Life Church) from Oklahoma City to the Tulsa area. The church is using video-based technology in a manner similar to that being used by the OU College of Pharmacy in teaching students in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Classmates and friends can send congratulations to Kyle at [MISSYANDME@INTELLEX.COM](mailto:MISSYANDME@INTELLEX.COM).

### ▪ **New Baby for Wendy Spatz ('99)**

Wendy reports that she, husband Tony, and son Austin welcomed a new member to the family on May 19, 2002. Braden Allen Spatz was born at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa and weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. Congratulations can be sent to Wendy at [twaspatz@cox.net](mailto:twaspatz@cox.net).

### ▪ **Jeff Lavender ('96) E-mail**

Jeff sent along his e-mail address and encourages classmates and friends to contact him at [jefflavender@cox.net](mailto:jefflavender@cox.net).

### ▪ **Bernard Hukill ('89) Update**

Bernard reports that he is happily married and continuing his career as Director of Pharmacy Practice with Medco Health. He is based in Davenport, Iowa. Classmates and friends can communicate with Bernard at [bkukill@msn.com](mailto:bkukill@msn.com).

### ▪ **Verna Brown Covington ('86) News**

Verna, who is living in Naperville, Illinois, sent along her e-mail address. She would like to communicate with classmates and friends at [theodora35@wideopenwest.com](mailto:theodora35@wideopenwest.com).



▪ **Jeff Schuff ('98) Address**

Jeff is living and working in Oklahoma City and encourages his classmates and friends to contact him at [jschuffdph@msn.com](mailto:jschuffdph@msn.com).

▪ **Jon Woodward ('95) Promotion**

Jon was recently promoted to manager of Positron Diagnostics. Positron produces PET radiopharmaceuticals and has the only commercial cyclotron in Pittsburgh. Classmates and friends can send congratulations to Jon at [jonrph@attbi.com](mailto:jonrph@attbi.com).

## Pharmacy News

▪ **HIPAA Extension Deadline Approaching**

Pharmacists should apply for an extension in the transition from the current National Council on Prescription Drug Program's (NCPDP) 3.2 electronic transaction standard to a 5.1 platform. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) final rule on transaction sets, October 16, 2002 is the date to switch to 5.1. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is allowing pharmacy providers to apply for a one-year extension, but business associates, such as PBMs, can require 5.1 prior to the deadline. Pharmacies that have not been given an extension can be fined by HHS.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), part of HHS, said it would not reimburse entities for services rendered that were not in compliance or had not been granted an extension by the deadline. Pharmacists are strongly advised to apply for an extension online.

- To apply, go to the CMS website, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa>.
- Click on "Standard Model Compliance Plan" under the heading "HIPAA Administrative Simplification."
- Then continue by clicking on the button that says "Begin the Electronic Submission Process."

Even with an extension, pharmacists should contact their computer vendor to make sure their system will support both 3.2 and 5.1.



## 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

### **The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City**

- Assistant or Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
- Assistant or Associate Professor
- Pharmacy Support Services Rep I

### **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