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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

Last Friday, September 27, we held a party to celebrate the expansion of access to the doctor of pharmacy program to Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma. The occasion was celebrated at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa and marked by several distinguished guests and speakers.

The program, shown below, started at 3 P.M. and was followed by a reception in the pharmacy area of the facility.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Carl K. Buckner
Dean, OU College of Pharmacy

Kenneth J. Levit
President, OU-Tulsa

Joseph J. Ferretti
Senior Vice President and Provost
OU Health Sciences Center

Recognition of Special Guests

Lynn Schusterman
President
Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation

Gerald Heller
CEO, May's Drug Stores, Inc.
Chair, College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board

Craig Fuller
President and CEO
National Association of Chain Drug Stores

Calvin J. Anthony
Past Executive Vice President
National Community Pharmacists Association

Jim Martin
Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Division
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Closing Remarks and Dedication of Bench in Memory of Carl Lyons

Carl K. Buckner
Dean, OU College of Pharmacy



In addition to our guest speakers, there were several representatives from the pharmacy world in attendance. In addition to Mr. Heller and Mr. Anthony, other members of the College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board in the audience were Jack Coffey, Herb Langsam, Tom Noles, Tony Palmer, and Walter Scheffe. Also representing pharmacy in Oklahoma was Mr. Bryan Potter, Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. In addition to Mr. Jim Martin, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. was represented by Chad Ducote, Paul Helm, Rick Irby, Debbie Mack, and Bob Randall.

It was also a pleasure to have in attendance Representatives Darrell Gilbert and John Wright along with Judge Thomas Brett, Richard Hedgecock from the staff of Congressman John Sullivan, and Susan Harris from the Metro Tulsa Chamber.

We were very fortunate to have present for the ceremonies the family of Carl Lyons, including his wife Joyce and daughters Cindy and Linda as well as their families. Cindy spoke on behalf of the family and helped unveil a portrait of Carl which will reside in the Tulsa branch of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum. The artist, John Stewart, resides in the Tulsa area and the portrait was framed by Mr. Wes Gan of Native American Art in downtown Tulsa. The ceremony was also marked by the dedication of a commemorative bench in memory of Carl and the opening of the Tulsa branch of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum, containing the Carl and Joyce Lyons Collection which consists of numerous pharmacy items donated by the family.

As part of the College of Pharmacy expansion to Tulsa, the college has established a branch of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum at The Schusterman Center. As you may remember, Lemuel Dorrance was the first, in alphabetical order, of two graduates in the first class at The University of Oklahoma in 1896. The other graduate that year was Marshall Tucker. Both were graduates of the pharmacy program, which was the first professional program established at OU. The museum effort in Tulsa has been seeded by an extremely generous donation by Mr. Allan Jeffy of pharmacy artifacts collected with his father Ralph. The Ralph and Allan Jeffy Family Collection is of major importance to the history of pharmacy in Oklahoma in that it represents and depicts the status of pharmacy in both Oklahoma and Indian Territories as well as of early 20th century pharmacy in the newly formed state of Oklahoma. We are deeply appreciative of the Jeffy Family for their support in this effort and Allan was present and recognized during the ceremony.

It was very encouraging to see a great turnout of pharmacists and friends at the event. Tremendous interest in pharmacy is being generated by this program expansion effort and I am deeply appreciative of the outstanding support the college is receiving from all quarters. 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/.

Sincerely,

College News

▪ Program Expansion Celebration Successful

On Friday, September 27, The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy celebrated expansion of access to the doctor of pharmacy degree program at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa.

Speaking on behalf of the university were OU-Tulsa President Kenneth J. Levit and OU Health Sciences Center Senior Vice President and Provost Joseph J. Ferretti and pharmacy dean Carl Buckner.



Others speaking at the celebration were

- Ms. Lynn Schusterman, President of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation;
- Mr. Gerald Heller, CEO of May's Drug Stores, Inc. and Chair of the College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board;
- Mr. Craig Fuller, President and CEO of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS);
- Mr. Calvin Anthony, Past Executive Vice President of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) and member of the College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board; and
- Mr. Jim Martin, Senior Vice President of the Pharmacy Division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Support for the expansion was provided by the Institute for the Advancement of Community Pharmacy, the NACDS Foundation, the Wal-Mart Foundation, and the Eckerd Foundation. The Institute for the Advancement of Community Pharmacy was founded by the NACDS and the NCPA.

▪ **Grant for Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy**

The College of Pharmacy's Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy, directed by Dr. Mark Stratton, has received a grant from the State of Oklahoma, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$99,686.50 to fund its service activities for the upcoming year.

The funds will be used to enhance the Institutes public service programs to older Oklahomans in the following ways:

1. continuation of the Medication Safety lecture series and initiation of the "Brown Bag" medication review program;
2. production of a video for seniors on "Using Medication Safely;"
3. production of public service announcements on medication safety issues for seniors; and,
4. training for emergency medicine personnel and social workers to enhance their ability to identify medication related problems in the seniors they serve.

In addition to serving as Director of the Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy, Dr. Stratton is Professor and Herbert and Dorothy Langsam Endowed Chair in Geriatric Pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy.

Important Healthcare Information

▪ **Smallpox Vaccination Clinic Guide Available**

The newly developed smallpox vaccination guidelines from the CDC, which incorporate many of the comments and suggestions CDC received from state epidemiologists, bioterrorism coordinators, immunization program managers, and other healthcare officials, provide for distribution of 280 million doses of smallpox vaccine from the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile storage sites to states' field sites within 5-7 days. To download a PDF file of the document, go to <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/documentsapp/SmallPox/RPG/index.asp>.

Alumni News

▪ **Valerie Wambach ('92, '00) Recently Married**

Valerie reports that she has recently married (August 2, 2002) Shane Pennington, a nurse for the Oklahoma Organ Sharing Network. Her 5 year old stepson's name is Blake. Valerie continues to serve as Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City and can be congratulated at valerie.pennington@deaconessokc.org.

▪ **Davida C. Elliott ('95) Update**

Davida reports that she has a new e-mail address, new job, and new life. She is currently working at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas, and can be contacted at dcarleyne@hotmail.com.



Pharmacy News

▪ Pharm Aid Bill Passes Senate Committee

On Wednesday, September 25th, 2002, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, by a unanimous vote, passed S1806. The bill that passed out of committee was a substitute for the S1806 which was introduced in the Senate by Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Tim Johnson (D-SD), and Mike Enzi (R-WY) last December. The intent of the legislation remains improving access to pharmacy services and increasing the educational capacity of U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy. The major provisions of the bill will authorize the Secretary of HHS to:

- Establish a loan repayment program for pharmacists willing to practice in a "health care facility with a critical shortage of pharmacists." This definition includes a pharmacy.
- Establish a loan program that can be accessed by individuals interested in pursuing an academic career after graduation from an accredited school of pharmacy. Individual loans would be cancelled after a four-year period of full-time academic employment.
- Establish grants to support efforts of colleges and schools of pharmacy to improve their information technology systems to better support technology assisted learning and distance education.

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

- Lan Analyst
- 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

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma

- Clinical Pharmacist