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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

The Spring semester is now underway and students as well as faculty appear to be refreshed and back in tune with the academic environment. The previous semester saw promising results with regard to student progression and achievement. Most of the first year pharmacy students are still here and in good standing while the composition of the other classes remains virtually the same. The Dean's list indicates the usual excellence in academic accomplishment with a total of 19 students in the P-1, P-2, and P-3 years achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point. We remain on target to award the doctor of pharmacy degree to approximately 61 students at the May 11th convocation. This will be an historic occasion as we celebrate the first full class to graduate in our revised doctor of pharmacy program.

I hope you have all had the chance to peruse the new calendar available on our homepage at www.oupharmacy.com. This new feature provides an added dimension to our ability to communicate our activities and to share pharmacy-related events of general interest. Several important events coming up at the college include the annual Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet to be held on April 12 and Pharmacy Family Day on April 13. Graduation ceremonies in Norman are to be held in the morning of May 11 with the pharmacy convocation following in Oklahoma City that afternoon. Please plan to join us on these celebratory occasions.

On Friday, February 1st, we will be honored to host one of our graduates, Dr. M. Lynn Crismon (class of '74), as speaker in the [Philip C. and Ethel F. Ashby Lecture Series](#). Dr. Crismon's lecture, entitled "Utilizing Systems of Care to Improve Outcomes Among the Severely Mentally Ill," will be presented at noon in Room 103 of the College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City and webcast to Room 1D33 at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. You are welcome to attend at either site.

The Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum (<http://www.oupharmacy.com/museum/>), an important part of the college's endeavor to perpetuate and to stimulate interest and research in the history of pharmacy, was extremely fortunate in the past two weeks to have received donations of important pharmacy artifacts for its curatorial efforts in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa.

- Mr. Joseph Bradley, a retired representative of G.D. Searle, has donated a collection of old Searle products, promotional literature, and books gathered during his 33 years with the company. Mr. Bradley is a 1949 graduate with a B.Sc. degree in Biology from The University of Oklahoma.



- Mr. Alan B. Jeffy, a 1968 graduate of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, has donated a large collection of drug products, bottles, literature, and books collected over the years with his father Ralph. The collection has been designated to reside at The Schusterman Center as an aid to the planned expansion of the doctor of pharmacy program to Tulsa and to memorialize the involvement of the Jeffy family in the profession and in the community. Alan is continuing his education by participating as a student in the college's Alternate Pathway to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.



Both of these collections contain important items documenting the development of pharmacy and are currently being cataloged and photographed for subsequent display. Stay tuned! The objects in these collections will provide substantial research and education opportunities for many years to come. The college expresses sincere appreciation and thanks to these individuals for their thoughtful gifts.

Sincerely,



College News

- **Fall Semester, 2001, Dean's List Announced**

Pharmacy students who are enrolled full-time in good standing, earn a grade point average of 3.00 or above with no grades below B, and rank in the upper 20% of their class for each semester are placed on the Dean's List. Students designated by an asterisk (*) below obtained a perfect 4.00 SGPA.

P-3 Students:	P-2 Students:	P-1 Students:
Gena Elizabeth Berish* Sarah Emily Brewer* Tiffany Ann Crutchfield Shala Dawn Devlin* Chad Allen Douglas* Ryann Rene Downard Winter Joy Gibbs* Mark Benton Hill* Christendoza Sophia Kim Kari Anne McCracken* Kyle Dustin McMurphy Brent Charles Pritchard Jennifer Burkhart Sipols* Jennifer Michelle Taylor-Holbrook* Donna Michelle Turner Julie Beachel Whitmire*	Leigh Rochelle Adams Labinot Avdiu Jacqueline Tania Beers* Erica Dale Branham* Erin Kay Burden Stephanie Diane Hightower Christopher Joseph Holmes Kris Douglas Hunley Michael D. Hurlbut Richard Frank Justik Christopher Lee Monnot Emily Cao Thuy Nguyen Thi Xi Nguyen* Timothy Wayne Pickens Kiet Tran Vuong* Sheri Leigh Wahrmund Gretchen Marie Williams	Emily Christin Babcock* Robert Aaron Bond Margarita Victorovna Chebakova Randa Marie Cox Cari Noel Dubuc Jordan Hill* Amanda Kay Humble* Gina Jo Humble* Gretchen Elaine Imel John Robert Lee Ladonna Rose Pickett Deborah Jeanette Poland* Lindsey Michelle Ray Hao Thai Tran Amanda Lea Tunnell Brandi Ann Widowski

Important Healthcare Information News

- **Free Medical Management of Radiological Casualties Handbook**

The Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) has made available a PDF file of the "Medical Management of Radiological Casualties Handbook" for healthcare providers, senior disaster preparedness personnel, and operational planners. AFRRI conducts research in the field of radiobiology and related matters essential to the operational and medical support of the U.S. Department of Defense and the military services. The PDF file can be found at <http://www.afrrri.usuhs.mil/www/outreach/training.htm>.



- **Medical Management Guidelines for Acute Chemical Exposures**

Guidelines available at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/mmg.html> were developed by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to aid emergency department physicians and other emergency healthcare professionals who manage acute exposures resulting from chemical incidents.

- **CDC's Bioterrorism Web Site Takes On New Look**

Links to information on anthrax and smallpox now appear prominently at the top of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site on public health emergency preparedness and response, also known as the agency's bioterrorism Web site. The site can be viewed by going to <http://www.bt.cdc.gov>.

Alumni News

- **Robert Garis ('99) Publishes on PBMs**

An article entitled "Inside the Cost of Prescription Drugs" co-authored by Bob has recently appeared on the national scene and made available by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) at http://www.nacds.org/user-assets/PDF_Files/cu_article.pdf. Bob received his Ph.D. degree in the OU College of Pharmacy and is now an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Sciences at Creighton University. Congratulations to Bob and his team of coworkers.

- **In Memoriam - Ray Shaw ('38)**

We are deeply saddened by the recent news of the passing of Mr. Ray Shaw. In addition to substantial contributions to the profession, Ray contributed much work, knowledge, and support to the Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation and the Oklahoma Frontier Drug Store Museum. Ray was a good friend and loyal OU Pharmacy alumnus and we will truly miss him.

- **Deril Lees ('78) Highlighted by PCCA**

The 2002 calendar from [Professional Compounding Centers of America](#) (PCCA) contains pictures of Deril and information regarding his pharmacy practice. According to the narrative, "Deril Lees, D.Ph., of The Apothecary Shoppe in Tulsa, Okla., is a strong believer in patient counseling. A number of physicians call and ask him to sit down with their patients, counsel them about bio-identical hormone replacement therapy, and recommend a treatment". In a situation described in the calendar, Deril was able to make a recommendation that has prevented migraine headaches from occurring in one patient for more than a year-and-a-half. Congratulations Deril.

- **Parke Largent ('61) Featured Pharmacist at OPhA**

Parke is the Featured Pharmacist on the newly designed website of the [Oklahoma Pharmacists Association](#) (OPhA). Parke's biographical profile can be found on the OPhA site at <http://opha.com/featured/index.asp?InterestID=5>. Parke is currently serving the college as Adjunct Assistant Professor and as Alumni Consultant. He is a recent recipient of the [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) presented by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Pharmacy News

- **Pharmacy Coalition Praises New Prescription Drug Bill on Coverage for Seniors**

The Pharmacy Benefits All Coalition (PBA) recently applauded Representatives Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) and Mike Ross (D-AR) for introducing "The Medicare Drug and Service Coverage Act of 2002" (MEDS Act). The bill itself and a summary of the bill may be found at http://www.nacds.org/user-assets/pdf_files/emerson_bill.pdf and http://www.nacds.org/user-assets/pdf_files/pdc_act2002.pdf, respectively.



According to the PBA, the bill represents a "high water mark" for prescription drug legislation in Congress because it focuses on providing seniors with comprehensive coverage for prescription drugs as well as the pharmacy services needed to ensure that those drugs work most effectively. The coalition immediately endorsed the bill.

The Emerson-Ross bill stresses the importance of "complete" patient care, by providing seniors with coverage not simply for prescription drugs, but also medication management services furnished by a pharmacy provider. These services improve medication outcomes and reduce the risk for adverse drug events. Prescription drugs are only effective when used properly, and without pharmacy services to aid in the safe use of medications, significant unnecessary medical costs will likely to continue to be a problem for the health care system.

The Pharmacy Benefits All Coalition (PBA) was formed to advocate that Medicare prescription drug legislation be designed to provide seniors access to the prescription drugs they need, as well as access to the services available from their pharmacy provider of choice. Members of the Pharmacy Benefits All Coalition include the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Food Marketing Institute (FMI), the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), the National Council of State Pharmaceutical Association Executives (NCSPA), and the National Retail Federation (NRF).

▪ [APhA Files For Pharmacists' Right To Compound Drug Formulations](#)

The [American Pharmaceutical Association](#) (APhA), the national professional society of pharmacists, filed a "friend of the Court" brief with the U. S. Supreme Court this week to address the issue of pharmacists' right to compound drug formulations. APhA submitted the brief to provide the Court with information about the importance of compounding to patients and our health care system. The Association wishes to protect the interests of its members, and the interests of all pharmacists who now, or in the future, may engage in the practice of compounding drugs to meet the needs of their patients and the requirements of the physician, all furthering the physician/pharmacist/patient relationship.

At issue is litigation from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In *Western States Medical Center, et al. v Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, et al.*, the court held that a section of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA) was unconstitutional. The section specified the substantial limits on FDA's authority to regulate pharmacy compounding. Specifically, the court found that the requirement that compounding pharmacists must refrain from advertising in order to qualify for exception from FDA regulation was unconstitutional. Because that portion could not be separated from the rest of the compounding language, the entire section relating to compounding was invalid.

According to APhA President Thomas E. Menighan, "Throughout our history, APhA has consistently supported and defended pharmacists' right to compound drug formulations. In 1888, APhA published a reference text, the National Formulary, to promote consistency in compounding—that prescriptions compounded in one location would be the same as a prescription for the same drug product compounded in another. Pharmacists' compounding activities are a critical component of the American medication use system, allowing physicians to prescribe medication therapy to best meet the needs of their patients. Any decision from the court implying that compounding is something it is not could do real damage to patients who rely on compounded medications."

Menighan concludes, "Virtually all practicing pharmacists will be involved with compounding activities at some point during their career. We learned about compounding in pharmacy school, and our patients need this valuable service. APhA is pleased to defend this important right of the profession."

▪ [OPhA to Sponsor Pharmacy Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 5, 2002](#)

The [Oklahoma Pharmacists Association](#) (OPhA) will sponsor its annual Pharmacy Legislative Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Tuesday, February 5, 2002. Pharmacists will visit with legislators at the Capitol and inform them of issues



important to the profession. The OPhA will also host state lawmakers later that evening at a Legislative Reception to be held at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Oklahoma City. Information is available at the OPhA web site.

Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

- **New National Toll-Free Number for Poison Centers**

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has a new telephone number. The new number, 1-800-222-1222, is part of a national campaign starting on January 30, 2002. The entire nation now has access to a poison center by dialing one number, which will directly route the call to their local poison center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Poison centers have been serving the public and medical communities in the United States for many years. Each region or state has been utilizing a different 1-800 number, so over 130 different poison emergency numbers have been available nationwide. The American Association of Poison Control Centers in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the United States Department of Health and Information Services, and the Oklahoma Poison Control Center have partnered in these efforts to make Poison Control Centers easily accessible to all U. S. residents. So, wherever you are, or whenever you are traveling in the U.S., you will be able to reach the nearest poison center by dialing 1-800-222-1222.

Callers can still access their local poison center by dialing a local or a statewide toll-free number. The old number, 1-800 POISON-1, will never be disconnected, but phone stickers and other promotional material will include the new number. Dialing 1-800-222-1222 is just another way to connect you to your Oklahoma Poison Control Center.

Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Family Medicine Clinic

- Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Everett Tower

- Assistant or Associate Professor
- 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 Assistant Professor
- Assistant Director of Experiential Education

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Account Clerk III
- Staff Pharmacist
- Assistant or Associate Professor
- Research Assistant II
- Clinical Pharmacist
- Assistant/Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist