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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

I just returned from the 2002 meeting of the [American Pharmaceutical Association](#) (APhA). This year, the APhA celebrated its 150th year of existence, having been formed in 1852 in Philadelphia, the site of this year's gathering. The meeting incorporated several special activities designed to celebrate this sesquicentennial year, including special symposia, the distribution to attendees of a book illustrating the history of the APhA, and the introduction of a special postal cancellation commemorating the occasion.

In addition to the flurry of activities surrounding the historical event, the APhA programming included the Political Leadership Breakfast. This year's speaker and recipient of the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Award in recognition of his service to pharmacy was our very own alum, [Calvin J. Anthony](#). Calvin, class of 1968, has recently returned to Oklahoma after serving as Executive Vice President of the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA) between 1996 and 2001. He was introduced by another of our alumni, Tim Barrick, class of 1985, from Shawnee.

You may be aware of the significant role that Calvin played in the Oklahoma House of Representatives in the 1990s. He led the state's Health Care Reform Task Force as well as the debate on major health care legislation for the House. During his tenure in the House, he was a continuous source of information for other members relative to pharmacy issues. Through his efforts, the legislature passed a bill establishing the Oklahoma Poison Control Center, managed by the OU College of Pharmacy. In addition to service to The University of Oklahoma as a member of advisory boards and committees, he and his wife Linda established the Linda H. and Calvin J. Anthony Endowment for Entrepreneurial Development in Community Pharmacy Practice. This endowment has aided the creation of the [Linda H. and Calvin J. Anthony Distinguished Entrepreneur in Pharmacy Lecture Series](#) which brings to our campus outstanding individuals to speak to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends about their careers, about factors that have facilitated their success, and about current opportunities and future directions in community pharmacy. Calvin was the inaugural speaker in this series.

Calvin is a recipient of numerous awards and citations, at both the state and national levels, including the Ralph D. Bienfang Outstanding Practitioner Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award given by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. He continues to be a friend of our college and we are very proud of him and his accomplishments.

The OU College of Pharmacy was also well-represented by alumni and faculty making presentations at the APhA meeting. The following is a list of contributions from the college:

- "Recipient Profiling and Comparison of a Propoxyphene with Acetaminophen Utilizer in a State Medicaid Program and a State Employees Program," by Alex Park ('91, '01) and Elgene Jacobs.
- "Test of a Pharmacist Model of Perceived Responsibility for Drug Therapy Outcomes" was presented by Dr. Lourdes Planas.
- Rita Benischek ('65) presented a paper entitled "Pharmacy Dean, Chemist, and the Ku Klux Klan: Edwin C. DeBarr, 1859 – 1950" as well as a poster depicting the history of our college entitled "Intersection of APhA with the College of Pharmacy, University of Oklahoma 1892 – 2002."
- Additionally, Loyd Allen ('66) spoke on "Novel Administration of Medications in the Outpatient Setting."

We also had a very good turnout at the Oklahoma reception held in conjunction with the APhA meeting. Several alumni and friends came by the OU College of Pharmacy exhibit in the exhibit hall to visit and to learn about our current activities. The following left their e-mail address and encourage communication with classmates and friends:

- Carmen Clelland ('89) – carmen.clelland@winslow.ihs.gov
- David Mihm ('86, '94) – david.mihm@liu.edu
- Michael Goodin ('89) – mxgoodin@bop.gov
- Tim Barrick ('85) – tjbarrick@aol.com
- Chieu Vo ('94) – chieu1@hotmail.com
- Cynthia Boyle ('71) – cboyle@rx.umaryland.edu

Please keep us posted on your activities by going to the Sooner News Update page (<http://www.oupharmacy.com/alumni/community/newsupdate/>) on our website. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



College News

▪ Dr. Stephen Hamilton Co-Authors Nature Article

Dr. Hamilton, Professor in the Department of Pharmacy: Clinical and Administrative Sciences, is co-author on a paper that recently appeared in the scientific journal Nature. The data were collected when Dr. Hamilton was on sabbatical leave at the W. K. Warren Medical Research Institute in Oklahoma City. The article, entitled "Stimulated platelets use serotonin to enhance their retention of procoagulant proteins on the cell surface", authored by G. L. Dale, P. Friese, P. Batar, S. F. Hamilton, G. L. Reed, K. W. Jackson, K. J. Clemetson, and L. Alberio, appeared in the Volume 415, January 10, 2002, issue of Nature and suggests the existence of an as yet unidentified receptor for serotonin.

Important Healthcare Information

▪ Reviews of the Disaster Response Empirical Literature Available for Healthcare Professionals

The National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Web site presents reviews of the empirical literature on disaster response for healthcare professionals. To access the literature, go to <http://www.ncptsd.org/terrorism/professional.html>.

Alumni News

▪ Theresa A. Mays ('92, '94) in San Antonio

Theresa reports that she is living and working in San Antonio, Texas. Classmates and friends can contact her at tmays@satx.rr.com.

▪ News from Gary D. Astley ('94)

Gary reports that he works the night shift (9:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.) at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Also, Gary sent his e-mail address so that classmates and friends can contact him. He can be reached at rxnut@sbcglobal.net.



▪ **Mary Winchell Goertz ('59) Semi-Retired**

Mary reports that she and her husband Ralph, a graduate of UT (unmentionable beyond the initials), sold their pharmacy, Mary's and Ralph's in March of 2001. They consider themselves to be "semi-retired" and are working as consultant pharmacists with the Wesleyan Homes of Georgetown, Texas, and the Williamson County (Texas) Health District. She further reports that all is well with her, except of course, the usual onset of the "Golden Years" and the usual wildness that happens whenever OU and UT graduates are together. We certainly sympathize with you Mary. However, in light of the fact that OU is on a roll these days, you have the upper hand. May that never change! Classmates and friends can contact Mary at maravu@texas.net.

▪ **Tresta Van Berg ('99) Newly Married**

Tresta has recently married and is now Tresta Van Berg Hager. She and Brett were married in October, 2001, in Maui. Tresta is working in Fort Worth at Precision RX and living in Keller, Texas. Classmates and friends can contact her at trestav@yahoo.com. Congratulations and best wishes Tresta!

▪ **Mandi N. Autry ('97) Update**

Mandi is working at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City and sent along her e-mail address in order to communicate with classmates and friends. Mandi can be contacted at shoeprincessmandi@hotmail.com. Thanks for the information Mandi.

▪ **Lance O. Idleman ('97) Address**

Lance is currently living in Louisville, Kentucky and sent along his e-mail address so that classmates and friends can contact him directly. He can be reached at Lidle21831@aol.com. Thanks Lance!

▪ **In Memoriam – James Mark Weger ('81)**

We are saddened by the news that James died on March 5, 2002. He was a member of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society as a student and was living in California at the time of his death. Classmates and friends may communicate with his wife, Elayne, at few4math@flash.net.

Pharmacy News

▪ **NACDS Unveils "PharmacyCare One Card"**

The [National Association of Chain Drug Stores](#) (NACDS) recently unveiled the "PharmacyCare One Card" to provide seniors with alternatives to pharmaceutical manufacturer-sponsored discount cards. The PharmacyCare One Card will allow low-income seniors to receive a pharmacy benefit that includes discounts to prescription drugs as well as pharmacy services. The PharmacyCare One Card is a privately sponsored card program administered through the Pharmacy Care Alliance, a voluntary network of participating community pharmacies, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and claims administrators. These participants will jointly fund all promotional materials, discounts to seniors, and other administrative expenses.

Under the terms of the program, manufacturers will negotiate separately with each pharmacy or pharmacy chain to provide discounts to prescription drugs to seniors. The discounts and drugs offered will vary based upon the individual negotiations. According to NACDS, several pharmaceutical manufacturers have expressed interest in enrolling in this program.

Claims administrators interested in participating in the program will receive a "license" by the alliance. NACDS and Argus Health Systems, Kansas City, Missouri, are in negotiations for Argus to be a licensed administrator.

According to NACDS, this card will eliminate confusion resulting from seniors from having to use multiple discount cards and will also eliminate the burdens associated with management of multiple cards by pharmacies. The single card will provide all of the necessary information for seniors to receive access to the discounts and medications.

▪ **Recent Activity in Discount Card Program Saga**

The [National Association of Chain Drug Stores](#) (NACDS) and the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA) recently filed a motion requesting that the Court enforce the existing injunction prohibiting HHS/CMS from moving forward with the Discount Card Program. The stated rationale for filing at this time is to encourage the Court to save the organizations the time and expense of responding to a rule that is being promulgated in violation of the injunction. Details of the motion can be found at <http://www.oupharmacy.com/news/pdf/injunction.pdf>.

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 Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Senior Account Clerk
- Assistant or Associate Professor
- Research Assistant II
- Assistant/Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist and/or Assistant Pharmacy Manager
- Staff Pharmacist