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From the college

Dear Friends:



The *Mortar and Pestle Society* was established in 1991 to facilitate the annual giving program of the College of Pharmacy. For the first five years an annual Phone-a-Thon was held each fall in the College by alumni, students, faculty and staff. Since 1996 the Phone-a-Thon has been conducted by the Development Office on the Norman Campus and several years ago it was moved to the Spring because of the busy fall schedule associated with the program change and expansion.

Donations to the *Mortar and Pestle Society* have totaled more than \$300,000 over the past 12 years or an average in excess of \$25,000 each year. These funds, together with additional private contributions dedicated to two endowed chairs, the Tulsa campus programs, and several scholarship programs, have been essential for the improvements in the pharmacy programs. During this time the College has implemented the post-baccalaureate Pharm.D. program (1991-2002), alternate pathway Pharm.D. program (2001-2004), entry-level Pharm.D. program (1999-), and, beginning this fall, M.S.-Pharm.D. program.

Equally important to the program changes have been the improvements in the methods of delivering pharmacy education to our students. State-of-the art multimedia equipment has been installed in all of the classrooms along with internet connectivity and sophisticated distance-education capabilities. In essence this permits bringing diverse practice sites and activities to the classroom, and taking the classroom to remote practice sites and practitioners. It is not possible to describe in this space the many individual changes, but I'm sure you can envision the enormous challenges faced by the faculty, staff and students to bring about these changes in program type, size, content, and methods in such a short period of time. And this is just the beginning of the changes required to provide the very best in pharmacy education.

Another major use of Mortar and Pestle funds has been the enhancement of existing scholarship and emergency loan programs. The College is proud of having developed one of the best scholarship programs in the country since moving to the Health Sciences Center. Until recently, most of the merit scholarships were for \$500 and the average emergency loan request was for much less; a \$10,000 endowment is required to support a \$500 annual scholarship. The added tuition and fees of the doctoral program along with inflation and expansion of the program had eroded the value of the scholarships and greatly increased the need for emergency loan funds. Private gifts have enabled us to increase nearly all merit scholarships to the \$1,000-1,500 range, increase the number of scholarships commensurate with the enrollment increases, and have adequate reserves for emergency loans.

Many people unfortunately feel that the gift that they can afford is insignificant in such an expensive endeavor as professional education but nothing could be further from the truth. The College receives state appropriations of 7.7 million dollars—less than half of which is generated by tuition and fees—to operate the doctor of pharmacy program. More than 95% of this is for salaries and fringe benefits with only about \$300,000 for operational expenses; most of this goes for "fixed" expenses and less than \$100,000 is even somewhat "discretionary." Residency, fellowship, graduate and research programs are funded by faculty grants, contracts, and clinical service funds which are virtually 100% "dedicated." However, it is important to note that these activities do make critical contributions to the professional program by providing 25-30% of faculty salaries, many specialized practice sites such as the nuclear pharmacy and poison control center, residents, fellows, and graduate assistants. The College also receives about \$200,000 a year in expendable income from endowments but these funds too are dedicated to various scholarships, lectureships, and endowed chairs. Essentially, the *Mortar and Pestle Society* is the discretionary funding of the College.

A number of alumni and others have suggested that the annual Phone-a-Thon be returned to the College and Dean Voth has asked the Development Committee to restore the College Phone-a-Thon this year. This will be accomplished on



November 10-14. The Committee has established a goal of \$100,000 this year which can be variously translated as 20—\$5,000, 100—\$1,000, 1000—\$100 gifts or whatever combination we determine to give. With more than 3,400 living alumni, in excess of 150 faculty and staff, and countless friends this is actually a very modest goal. Certainly it is not an amount that will insure excellence in the College of Pharmacy but it is a very significant down payment toward this goal. You may feel free to contact any member of the Development Committee or College administration if you would like additional information on the *Mortar and Pestle Society*. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dick Shough

H. Richard Shough, Ph.D.
Chair, Development Committee

Committee Members:

Bill Canfield (1962)
Jack Coffey (1957)
Kenneth Conklin
Paul Manzelli
Rebecca McNeal (P-2 Student, Tulsa)
Tom Noles (1964)
Tony Palmer (1973)
Rita Pierce
Kenny Utz (P-2 Student, OKC)

College News

▪ Recognition and Participation in 2003 ACCP Meeting

The ACCP MEETING was held November 1-5, 2003 and the following individuals should be recognized for their participation:

- Dana G. Carroll presented a scientific poster discussing the evaluation of a newly established pharmacotherapy clinic's impact on diabetes management.
- Mary Ann Halloran is the Secretary/Treasurer of Education and Training for 2003-2004.
- Stephen F. Hamilton was among the abstract reviewers.
- Holly L. Hoffman presented a scientific poster discussing the comparison of microarray data between two quinolone-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* isolates.
- Mark A. Stratton was among the review panelists for the ACCP Research Institute 2003 Fellowship and Research Awards.
- Kimi S. Vesta presented a scientific poster discussing taking call as pharmacy students: a survey of pharmacists' opinions and experience.
- Stacey Zondor presented a scientific poster discussing the development of a chemotherapy administration sequence chart.
- Chris Rathbun is a member of and attended the editorial board of the Pharmacotherapy Self Assessment Program.
- Beth Resman-Targoff was among the abstract reviewers and Jeff Stroup presented a scientific poster discussing the efficacy of insulin glargine in the treatment of diabetes, but neither was able to attend the meeting.

Becky Armor, Michael Burton, Tracy Hagemann, and Douglas Voth also attended the meeting. Interviews were conducted with 24 potential faculty candidates and 2 candidates for residency/fellowship positions.

▪ **Industry Advisory Board Outstanding Member Award**

The 2003 IAB Outstanding Member of the Year Award was given to Francy Geiger of Aventis Behring. This award is given for contributions that enhance the relationship and collaboration between medical industry and The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.



▪ **Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy Involves in Public Service**

The College's Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy has been actively involved in public service activities since its inception. Most recently Mark Stratton, Pharm.D., Director of the Institute for Geriatric Pharmacy created a brochure for seniors called "Medication Safety Tips for Seniors". This brochure can be downloaded from our website at <http://pharmacy.ouhsc.edu/geriatric/>.

Also, the Institute recently created three public service announcements which aired on all of the major networks in Oklahoma City and Tulsa during August and September. These public service announcements are also directed toward improving the safe use of medications amongst older Oklahomans. These public service announcements can also be viewed at on our website.

▪ **Second Annual White Coat Presentation Ceremony**



On September 30, 2003, the College of Pharmacy honored the 2003 entering P-1 class by hosting the 2003 White Coat Ceremony. Deans Mark Britton and Jack Coffey presented each of the 125 entering first year (P-1) pharmacy students with a white laboratory coat, symbolizing the students' transition from their undergraduate preparatory coursework into the professional curriculum.

The event also provided an opportunity for the entire P-1 class to meet in one location to elect class officers and to greet classmates who, up until the event, were only an image on a classroom television monitor. Officers for the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2007 are listed below:

P-1 students reciting the Pharmacist Oath

 [View Video](#)

The Class of 2007 was joined at the event by family members and friends, college faculty and staff, and fellow students from the College of Pharmacy. Members from the local chapter of the [Academy of Students of Pharmacy \(ASP\)](#) assisted in hosting the event, providing service such as mailing funding requests to alumni, ironing the coats prior to presentation, and serving as ushers during the event. Lunch for the over 200 students, faculty, staff, and special guests was sponsored by the College of Pharmacy Student Executive Council.

Position	Oklahoma City	Tulsa
President	Matt Brammer	Aubrey Kerr
Vice-President	Jamie Smith	Scott Evans
Secretary	Sarah Gross	Kelly Grober
Treasurer	Teresa Nguyen	Laura Morris
OUHSC Student Senators	Teena Thach Craig Trusley	

Many alumni and friends provided the funding necessary to purchase the white coats for the incoming class. Wal-Mart Pharmacies provided a

major donation to the College of Pharmacy, assuring that lab coats could be purchased for the entire class. [View donor list.](#)





Alumni News

▪ **New Arrival for Sheli Kraft ('00, '01)**

Sheli ('00 '01) and Joel Kraft announce the birth of their daughter Kaitlyn Dawn Kraft born on Oct. 7, 2003 at 11:58 a.m., 6 lbs 15 oz, 20 inches. Congratulations to Joel and Sheli.

▪ **Brad Hayes ('00) Alumni Update**

Brad Hayes, Class of 2000, graduated from Oklahoma City University with an MBA in Health Administration in August 2003. He has been the pharmacy manager for a long term care pharmacy in Oklahoma City for the past year. His classmates can contact him via email at BradJHayes@aol.com



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▪ **Library of Congress Denied Access to Digitally-Protected Works**

On October 28, 2003, in a move deemed by some as a blow to consumers, the U.S. Librarian of Congress denied requests for exceptions to digital copyright law Tuesday that would allow users greater flexibility with their media, such as fast-forwarding through currently unskippable DVD commercials

The Librarian did grant other exceptions sought under the 1998 [Digital Millennium Copyright Act](#), but the request for "fair use" exceptions were largely denied, according to San Francisco-based privacy group the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which lobbied for the changes. In a statement released Tuesday, EFF Staff Attorney Gwen Hinze said the EFF was disappointed that the Librarian of Congress did not realize the impact the law is having on consumers' ability to "make reasonable uses" of the digital media they've purchased.

Consumer and civil liberty groups have long been [rallying for changes](#) to the DMCA, which they say curbs users' fair use rights to access, play, and move digital media that they own. The law prohibits circumventing digital copyright protections, which media companies often include to prevent copyright infringement. However, opponents to the DMCA claim that the protections [go too far](#), preventing users from, for example, playing CDs that they have purchased on more than one device, or from sharing DVDs and CDs with friends and family.

The Librarian did allow exceptions in four cases: for decoding lists of Web pages or directories blocked by Internet filtering software, accessing e-books for which the publisher has disabled the read-aloud function, circumventing obsolete digital rights management devices that prevent access due to malfunction, and accessing computer programs and video games distributed in an obsolete format.

Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Computer Operator I
- Pharmacy Support Services Rep. I
- Nuclear Staff Pharmacist
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Research Assistant II
- Research Associate

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Schusterman Center, Tulsa

- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

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