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From the college

Dear Friends:



We at the college of pharmacy hope you experienced a good holiday season. Each semester brings new challenges and opportunities in pharmacy education, just as the passing months bring the same to the pharmacy community. Another semester of courses are underway for P-1 students on both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses, while P-4 students are completing all requirements for graduation and P-3 students look forward to finishing coursework and entering the experiential program in the Summer of 2003. Many of you have shared or will share in the educational process along the way, as our profession truly requires a collective effort to bring new pharmacy practitioners into the workforce and meet the needs of patient care.

Frequent reflection on our ability to meet the pharmacy-related healthcare needs of the public is crucial, in order that our programs consistently enable new graduates to enter the profession with the ability to practice pharmacy today and grow to meet changing needs in the future. Just as pharmacy education and training is a collective endeavor, the process of reflection must be as well. Critical feedback on the nature of our programs should come from all aspects of the pharmacy community, as challenges to providing high quality services in all practice settings must be recognized in order to incorporate appropriate emphasis into pharmacy education. The endpoint of such dialogue should be the continuous provision of timely, relevant experiences for our students, with sufficient scope, depth and quality to ensure their success in meeting the societal need for our services. Through this dialogue we can sustain an educational process that is both essential and professionally rewarding for the global pharmacy community.

All contributions toward the education, training, and professionalization of pharmacy students are vital and appreciated. The importance of maintaining a dynamic, integrated educational process should be continuously affirmed and supported. Your reflective comments are welcome and needed to ensure we continuously accomplish necessary curricular outcomes for the benefit of our students and the profession.

I wish you good luck in your endeavors and hope to hear from you during the coming year.

Sincerely,

[Vincent Dennis](#), Pharm.D.
Assistant Professor and Director, Experiential Programs



College News

▪ **Launch of Online Continuing Pharmaceutical Programs**

Pharmacists have a pivotal role to provide education and leadership among fellow healthcare workers by providing accurate information regarding public health issues, critical medication usage, information to physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals in addition to counseling patients.

Beginning with the launch of a free web mediated continuing education program for pharmacists entitled "[Biological Warfare a Short Course for Pharmacists](#)" at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, the Office of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education will be working to develop more online continuing pharmaceutical education programs.

▪ **The Pharmacotherapy Service receives Quality Outpatient Award**

The Pharmacotherapy Service has received the 2002 Quality Award from the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality for improvement in the health care of people with diabetes seen in the Family Medicine Center. The recipients of the award are [Becky Armor](#), [Mark Britton](#), [Vincent Dennis](#), David Hughes and [Nancy Letassy](#).

Alumni News

▪ **Rex Medcalf ('50) Update**

Rex reports that he is living in Austin, TX. Friends and classmates can contact him at rmedcalf@aol.com.

▪ **Volume XVIII, Number 1 Issue of The Alumni Report**

A pdf version of the Alumni Report can be downloaded or viewed at <http://oupharmacy.com/alumni/alumnireport/02/1.pdf>
Follow this link: <http://oupharmacy.com/alumni/alumnireport> to view past Alumni Reports.

▪ **Email Address for Jennifer Odell ('90)**

Jennifer, who is currently living in Tulsa, OK, recently sent along her e-mail address. Classmates and friends can communicate with Jennifer at jennpath@yahoo.com.

▪ **Roxanna Han ('99, '00) Update**

Roxanna reports that she is living in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Her email address is roxanna-han@ouhsc.edu.

▪ **Email Address for Cleo Clark de Meules ('31)**

Cleo sent along her e-mail address in order for classmates and friends to communicate with her. She is living in Corvallis, OR and can be contacted at cleo@peak.org.

Continuing Education

▪ OPhA Mid-Winter Meeting

Come join The Oklahoma Pharmacist Association for this informative and fun weekend. Get live continuing education (1.0 CEU) and enjoy watching The University of Oklahoma Sooner Men's Basketball Team play The Baylor Bears Men's Basketball Team.

See [program brochure](#) for more information.

Requires [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view brochure.

▪ Free One Hour CE: Biological Warfare: A Short Course for Pharmacists

[Biological Warfare a Short Course for Pharmacists](#) is sponsored by The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. This program is intended for pharmacists, regardless of their practice setting, who wish to enhance their clinical skills associated with biological warfare.

Upon completion of the program, the pharmacist should be able to:

- Name three different manifestations of anthrax infection.
- List three antibiotic classifications commonly used to treat inhalational anthrax.
- Describe the organism responsible for botulism.
- Describe the length of incubation and clinical presentation of smallpox.
- Summarize the mainstay of treatment for both botulism and smallpox.

Contact Hours: 1 hour or CE Units: 0.1

ACPE Number: 053-000-03-039-H01

Expire Date: January 8, 2004

Fee: None

OUPharmTech News

▪ Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility: Section 508

"On August 7, 1998, President Clinton signed into law the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998 which covers access to federally funded programs and services. The law strengthens section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and requires access to electronic and information technology provided by the Federal government."

Section 508, an amendment to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires all federal departments and agencies that develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology (EIT), shall ensure that the EIT is accessible to federal employees as well as people with disabilities except where it would cause an "undue burden." Section 508 applies to various ways for disseminating information, including computers, software, and electronic office equipment as well as federal web pages. It does not apply to web pages of private industry.

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Job Openings

OU MEDICAL CENTER, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Nuclear Staff Pharmacist
- Clinical Pharmacist

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

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

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