Admission Data
From the 388 qualified applicants, 85 were admitted (35 for Spring 2011, 50 for Fall 2011). The demographics and basic stats for this class are as follows. The gender breakdown remains almost even: Female 49% and Male 51%. Most, 87%, are Oklahoma residents. The PCAT composite average was 64, while ACT was 25.3, GPA was 3.55, and average age was almost 24 years (23.7 yrs).

Interim Dean Selected
Dr. Dennis Thompson, Associate Dean for Pharmacy Practice, was named Interim Dean of the COP in March 2011. Dr. Barry Gales will serve as Interim Chair of Pharmacy Practice in Dr. Thompson’s place.

Dean Search Committee Activated
The search for a new dean for the COP has begun. Dr. Steve Pray serves as chair of the dean search committee, composed of faculty, students, alumni, and other stakeholders. The opening has been submitted nationwide, and the COP hopes to fill the position by the end of 2011.

New Faculty
- Dr. Virgil VanDusen rejoined the faculty on June 1, 2011 as Bernhardt Professor of Pharmacy Administration.
- Dr. Krista Brooks joined the faculty in July, 2011. Dr. Brooks recently completed a residency at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of SWOSU. Dr. Brooks will serve as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice.

Student News
- The Dean’s Council of Students established a program of Tuesday/Thursday lunches for students at nominal cost. Sponsorship of the lunches is available to interested parties.
- Students Robert Gholson and Patrick Kelley won the local 2010 Clinical Skills Competition and represented SWOSU at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA.
- Around ten SWOSU students attended the annual OPhA Legislative Day in February, and they participated in the health fair and other activities.
- COP students presented research posters at the Regional Colleges Research Day at Cameron, the annual SWOSU research day, and at the annual APPhA/ASP Annual Convention in Seattle this spring.
- Almost all (98%) of the graduating students passed the NAPLEX during recent exam cycles. All passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).
Faculty News and Accomplishments

- Dr. Faruk Khan has been promoted to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Nancy Williams has been awarded FASHP (Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists) status from ASHP. In addition, Dr. Williams has been reappointed by ASHP to serve on the Commission on Affiliate Relations for 2011-2012.
- Dr. Scott Long was the 2010 recipient of the Bernhardt Award, SWOSU's highest honor.
- Dr. Faruk Khan was awarded an INBRE Junior Investigator Award (JIA) of $335 thousand.
- Dr. Rahmat Talukder has been selected to serve as a visiting ACPE Accreditation Inspection team member.
- Dr. Dennis Thompson received the 2010-2011 prestigious Donald C. Brodie Scholar-In-Residence award. Dr. Thompson spent the fall semester 2010 in Washington DC pursuing research related to pharmaceutical education and the pharmacy profession.
- Dr. Tom Davis was selected as the 2010 Pharmacist of the Year by OSHP.
- Dr. Nancy Williams is the current OSHP President with Dr. Chelsea Church serving as Past President and Dr. Edna Patatanian as Secretary.
- After a ten-year battle with metastatic breast cancer, Dr. ElGenia French, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, passed away suddenly January 12, 2011. A more than thirty-year veteran of the SWOSU COP, she taught several generations of students with a firm hand and kind heart. Always a fighter, she had rarely missed work over the last decade and was working the very day of her final hospital admission. A memorial fund has been established by the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. Please contact Patti Harper at patti.harper@swosu.edu or 580.774.3190 for details.
- Faculty have written and presented numerous scholarly-research papers in the past year. For details, refer to the latest COP newsletter link at the COP website: www.swosu.edu/academics/pharmacy/gen-info/index.asp.

Calendar of Events for 2011

- Parents Day – September 10
- Pharmacy Alumni Association Council Meeting – September 10
- Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation Board Meeting – September 15
- CE in Tulsa – October 1-2
- SWOSU Homecoming – October 15 (COP Open House 10A-1PM)
- CE in Weatherford – October 16
- Fall Break – October 20-23
- CE in Nashville – October 20-22
- Pharmacy Job Interview Day – October 27
- CE in OKC – November 12-13
- Thanksgiving Break – November 23-27

For more details about Southwestern Pharmacy events, contact the Pharmacy Alumni Office (swpharmacy@swosu.edu; 580-774-7197 or 580-774-3190). To receive E-News, please submit your email address to swpharmacy@swosu.edu. For more SWOSU events, visit www.swosu.edu.