Welcome to the second issue of “What’s Up Doc”. In this second issue, it is with mixed feelings that I announce my resignation as Dean of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University, College of Pharmacy effective March 1, 2011. Whether this is the last issue of the newsletter is up to the person that follows. The SWOSU COP has a lot of potential and I hope that whoever follows me is able to achieve it. Now, on to what you really want to hear about, the student, faculty and staff news.

In the picture to the left, future Doctor of Pharmacy Brent Moore (left) monitors the blood pressure of an unknown patient (right). Brent is the president of the SWOSU Chapter of the APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP). Brent and a handful of other students participated in the ASP sponsored clinical project, Operation Heart. The event was part of a health fair at the SWOSU Wellness Center in conjunction with the City of Weatherford, other health professions on campus (i.e., nursing, physical therapy) and APhA-ASP.

Dr. James Kirk (on the left in the picture to the right), CVS Pharmacy Supervisor and SWOSU alumni, presents Dean Ried with a check for $5,000 for student scholarships. Dr. Ryan Walker (another SWOSU alum; sorry, no picture Ryan), Walgreen’s Pharmacy Supervisor, also presented the College with a $10,000 gift from the Walgreen’s Co. as part of their scholarship, social responsibility and diversity program. A portion of the funds from the program provide scholarships for students interested in community practice. The remainder of the funds will be used to host the Fall SWOSU/OU joint preceptor meeting scheduled at the Moore Norman Technical Center at the South Penn campus on August 24, 2011. The guest speaker will be Dr. Todd Sorensen, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Sorensen will speak on professionalism and social responsibility of a professional. Dr. Sorensen has spent much of his career serving the medication use needs of underserved populations. He has over 10 years of experience working with health care organizations serving underserved communities in both rural and urban settings.

Dr. Nancy Williams (left) was appointed by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) President, Diane Ginsburg, to serve on the Commission on Affiliate Relations for 2010-11. The Commission advises the ASHP Board of Directors on standards for affiliation of state chapters, implementation of the standards, strengthening affiliates, and building affiliate relationships with ASHP. The commission met for a week in September at Bethesda, MD, as part of Policy Week. Dr. Williams discussed issues critical to health-system pharmacy practice with Senator James Inhofe (OK).

Fast Facts. The college had 126 qualified applicants for the Spring 2011 class. Thirty-five students were accepted. 86% were Oklahoma residents; 52% were female and 48% male, the average PCAT composite score was 62; GPA – 3.39 and the average age was 23.8. Congratulations to the students and faculty of the college. In the May-August trimester, 98% of the College’s students passed the North American Pharmacy licensure Exam (NAPLEX) on the first attempt and were above the national pass rate on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE); which, by the way, will be required for students after the New Year. The Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony is April 25th (2:00PM) at the SWOSU Fine Arts Center and the Hooding and Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2010-11 will be held on May 6th and 7th respectively, on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.
**H.F. Timmons Endowed Professorship.** About this same time last year, we began our efforts to raise funds for the first-ever SWOSU College of Pharmacy Endowed Professorship. As of this writing, we are nearing 40% of our goal. By making your tax-deductible donation to the H.F. Timmons Endowment Fund, you will be saving on your taxes and helping your SWOSU College of Pharmacy prepare pharmacists for tomorrow. What an opportunity for win-win for you and the College! As a state institution, SWOSU participates in the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) matching endowment program. After reaching our goal and because of your generosity, the permanently restricted endowment gifts that will total $125,000 will be matched by OSRHE with an additional $125,000. The funds are dedicated to the study of translation of science into practice and genetic variation on drug response in patients by correlating gene expression with a drug’s efficacy or toxicity. I know it is a tough time; but know your donations, contributions, and sacrifices for SWOSU COP are appreciated.

**Faculty Presentations and Published Papers.**

*Presentations.*

**Davis T, Welch EB.** Behavioral Medicine Update, A Review of Chemical Dependency and Dementia; Continuing Pharmacy Education, College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City, Weatherford and Tulsa OK.

**Davis T.** Diabetes Update 2010; Continuing Pharmacy Education, College of Pharmacy, Las Vegas, Nevada.


*Publications.*

**Ried LD.** Evaluation of a Distance Education Statistics Course. *J Am Pharm Educ.* 2010; 74(9): Article 172.


The SWOSU COP family has grown, a son was born to Dr. Shelley (Prince) Stockton, a daughter to Dr. Kristin Montarella, a granddaughter to Dr. Steven Pray, granddaughter to Dr. Nina Morris and grandson to Dr. Ried.