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Wayne Salisbury ('58) and wife, Joidy, of Tulsa, donate pharmacy artifacts to the College of Pharmacy museum. They are pictured here with Dean Dr. David Bergman.



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Vern Harris Inducted Into SW Athletic Hall of Fame

Of all the outstanding student-athletes that have graduated from Southwestern, there may have not been a better one than Vern Harris of Seiling.

Harris was a four-year letterman in football where he starred in the Bulldog offensive backfield from 1953-1956. While playing football, Harris was

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Hodges Donate \$100,000 to Pharmacy Alumni Foundation

Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo, TX have given a \$100,000 check to the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. Jerry Hodge is a 1965 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. He received the SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979.

The gift will be used to establish a scholarship fund with the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. The Jerry and Margaret Hodge Practice Grant Fund will be for deserving students in the College of Pharmacy.

"This wonderful gift is a great compliment and statement of support by one of our loyal pharmacy graduates to the future of the College of Pharmacy," said Patti Harper, pharmacy alumni and development officer. "The donation is a vote of confidence for the continued advancement of pharmacy education for SWOSU pharmacy students."

Hodge said the family gave the gift because SWOSU is a great university and that many family members are alumni, including his mother.

Hodge is currently chairman of Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corporation, the successor company to Maxor Drug, which he purchased in 1966. At the time of

purchase, Maxor Drug was a single retail pharmacy in downtown Amarillo. Under Hodge's leadership, Maxor has evolved into a nationwide provider of integrated pharmacy services.

He has been active in Amarillo civic activities, serving two terms as Mayor of Amarillo and two terms as city councilman on the Amarillo City Commission. He has served as president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, vice chairman of the Texas Department of Corrections and chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

In addition to his various business and civic activities, Hodge operates the High Card Ranch in Donley County (TX), which is devoted to the preservation of Texas Longhorn cattle and the ranching traditions of the old West.



He and wife Margaret have four children: Jerry Heath Hodge, Ryan Hodge, Sunny Hodge-Campbell and Angela Serio. They also have five grandchildren.

The Hodge gift is part of Southwestern's College of Pharmacy campaign, designed to address funding priorities vital to the future of the College of Pharmacy.

Calendar of Events

September 16-17
CE Seminar
Tulsa

September 30
Parent's Day

October 15-22
CE Travel Seminar
Caribbean Cruise

October 19-22
Fall Break

October 28
SWOSU Homecoming
Pharmacy Open House
50-Year Recognition Ceremony

November 11-12
CE Seminar
Oklahoma City

November 22-26
Thanksgiving Break

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Fifty-Year Graduates Honored

The Southwestern College of Pharmacy honored 50-year pharmacy graduates with a recognition ceremony on Sept. 24, in conjunction with SWOSU Homecoming.

Attending were: Virginia Milliner ('47), Weatherford; Lowell M. Irby ('55), Artesia, NM; D.M. Sokolosky ('55), Owasso; Derrel Andrus ('54), Lawton; Harlene Chastka ('55), Muskogee, OK. William G. Bernhardt ('48), Midwest City; Don Turner ('55), Fairland; Donald Scott ('52), Tulsa; Don Barker ('54), Edmond; James Brandenburg ('54), Tulsa; and Ralph Magill ('50), Weatherford.



Patti Harper, alumni and development officer for the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, welcomed all the alumni and friends to the program. Associate Dean Dr. David Ralph read the names of the honored guests, and Dean Dr. David Bergman presented each honoree with gifts before giving the closing remarks.

The event was sponsored by the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association. The 2006 recognition ceremony for the Class of 1956 is scheduled for October 28, SWOSU Homecoming weekend.



Ortega Retires after Thirty Dedicated Years

Dr. Gustavo R. (Gus) Ortega received his B.S. in Pharmacy as well as his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Ortega joined the faculty in the College of Pharmacy at SWOSU in 1975. During his 30-year tenure on the faculty, Dr. Ortega developed several courses in medicinal chemistry and taught courses throughout the medicinal chemistry sequence, including biomedicinal chemistry and their

related laboratories. Dr. Ortega chaired several committees within the College of Pharmacy and was the chair of the SWOSU Library Committee. Dr. Ortega was a faculty senate member for many years and was the College of Pharmacy representative to the SWOSU General Education Committee. In addition, Dr. Ortega served as a pre-pharmacy student advisor as well as Phi Delta Chi Alpha Omega chapter advisor for many years.

Bergman Publishes 300th Article

Dr. David Bergman, dean of the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University since 1988, recently wrote an article for the latest edition of *Community Pharmacist*. This was Bergman's 300th article that has been published in various pharmaceutical professional journals.

Morris Helps with Katrina Relief Effort

Nina Morris, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, assisted with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Here is an account of the first few days of her trip.



Cory Wilton and Nina Morris

Our Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corp (OKMRC) contingent left OKC Saturday morning and spent all day traveling; first to DFW then on to Houston. We were federalized at the Convention Ctr. at Houston, which at that time was in the process of shutting down as a shelter. It was an impressive operation—very professional, very well organized. The displaced persons who ended up there were very lucky. From Houston we traveled by bus to Alexandria, LA, where 17 of our members were to work at a Special Needs Shelter established in the local YMCA facility. The bus then drove the remaining 11 of our team to Baton Rouge to the Port Allen area. We are assigned to bunk at Camp Port Allen, a few hundred feet from the Mississippi River and the port area. It is hot, humid, and covered in fire ants. We are billeted in what looks like a huge circus tent full of cots. It is a coed tent (!!!) Feels sort of weird, but at least the men and women are on different sides of the tent. We have hot showers that are inside railroad container type cars. Unfortunately, there is no other running water so our toilet facilities are port-a-potties. We are assigned to work in a Special Needs Shelter located on the LSU campus in the Maddox field house. The facility and pharmacy there are air-conditioned—yippee! Here we have real toilets that flush and internet access! Pharmacy has finally achieved the popularity that we all crave.

Mainly, the patients that currently remain in this facility are nursing home type patients. We anticipate that this facility will close in a few days, at which time our team will be moved to another station. We don't know yet what that will be, but told that it may be with the roving immunization teams or down to New

Orleans to help open one of the hospitals that has been closed. Our Baton Rouge team consists of two physicians—an endocrinologist and a pediatrician; eight nurses; and one pharmacist—that's me. Our team members are a great bunch. You might be interested to know that SWOSU is well represented with the OKMRC since the other pharmacist with our group is a graduate—Jim Lucke from Okeene. In addition, when I got to the clinic this morning, another of our grads, Cory Wilton was here. Cory is an IHS employee from Claremore, OK. It turns out that Cory has been the pharmacist in charge of the entire area operations since a couple of days after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast.

Sorry to leave everyone in the lurch with my rapid departure. We get 24 hours advance notice. I could have refused since we are, after all, volunteers, but I just couldn't say no. I'm really glad to be here. In spite of everything you might hear/see on the news, there are some good things going on. So many people have worked their hearts out to try to do the right things. The State Board of Pharmacy of LA has jumped through hoops to help all the different clinics and groups provide medical and pharmacy care for the many displaced persons.

Dennis Thompson, Associate Dean, was the winner of the Wrestling Hall of Fame All-Star Classic Trivia Challenge. He beat out 325 entries to win *The History of Collegiate Wrestling*.

Shelly Prince was promoted to professor from associate professor.

H.F. Timmons, former Southwestern College of Pharmacy Dean, was reappointed to Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board by Gov. Brad Henry.

Chelsea Church was promoted to associate professor and received tenure.

New Faculty:

Rahmat M. Talukder, R.Ph., Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutics). Dr. Talukder received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from St. Johns University. He then received his Ph.D. from Temple University. Dr. Talukder teaches biopharmaceutics and other courses in the pharmaceutics sequence.

Brian D. Murray ('04) of Fletcher, is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice for Southwestern College of Pharmacy. He is the Clinical Pharmacist at the Fort Sill-Lawton VA Ambulatory Care Clinic, currently managing Coumadin therapy. Dr. Murray received his Pharm.D. from Southwestern College of Pharmacy in 2004.

Nancy T. Williams, R.Ph., Pharm.D., is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at SWOSU and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Norman Regional Hospital. Williams received her Pharm.D. from

the University of Michigan. Dr. Williams precepts pharmacy students in an adult medicine rotation at Norman Regional Hospital. She also teaches in two team-taught courses: Concepts of Pharmacotherapy and Pharmaceutical Care Lab V. Additionally, she is faculty co-sponsor for the student chapter of ASHP.

Additional New Faculty:

Terri Whittington Elliott ('97) of McAlester and **Dana Walker Strawn** ('89) of Lawton. Both are Instructors in the Pharmacy Practice Department for Southwestern College of Pharmacy.

New Staff:

Anita Fischer is the new secretary at the Southwestern College of Pharmacy. Anita and her husband, Kevin, have five children: Carissa, Kaisa, Kaleb, Jennifer, and Jonathan. Her hobbies and special interests are reading and keeping up with her kid's sports.

Donor Spotlight John Lassiter

John Lassiter of Del City has pledged \$10,000 to the Southwestern Pharmacy Foundation in Weatherford as part of the College of Pharmacy's FOCUS fundraising campaign.

Lassiter, a 1963 graduate of SWOSU, is owner of Lassiter Drug, a specialty compounding pharmacy where pharmacists meet unique physician and patient needs. Lassiter's wife, Shirley, is a retired principal from Moore Public Schools. Their daughter, Shonda, is a 1999 graduate of SWOSU and is pharmacy manager at Lassiter Drug.

The former state representative is a past president of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Association and a past president and board member of the



Oklahoma Board of Pharmacy. He is also a member of the Oklahoma County Pharmacists Association and the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Lassiter worked as a pharmacist after graduation until 1967 when he was drafted and assigned to Irwin Army Hospital at Fort Riley, Kan., where he served until his discharge in 1969. Shortly after, he opened the doors of Lassiter Drug, which remained in the same location until 2004 when the store moved to its current state-of-the-art facility in Del City. Lassiter continues to participate in the SWOSU pharmacy practice program.

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean David Bergman said Lassiter's gift is very important for the enrichment of students in the pharmacy professional program at SWOSU.

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy is focusing on three areas during the current FOCUS campaign, including scholarships, academic enrichment, and endowments for the future.

Class Notes

Keith Clark's ('79) daughter, Courtney, a senior at Eula High School in Texas signed a scholarship offer to play softball for Abilene Christian University.

Melodee Vines Ezzell ('80) retired from Merck and Co., Inc., after 23 years. She married David Ezzell on Aug. 27, 2005, and moved back to her hometown of Perryton, TX. She and David live with her daughter, Sheridan, 7, and David's three sons.

Erika Conkling Evans ('98) and her husband Bryan, of Oklahoma City would like to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Dale "JD" Evans. He joins twin sisters, Emma and Elle, 2.

Kimberly Maywald Foster ('02) and her husband Scott of Houston, Tex., would like to announce the birth of their second daughter Rachel Elyssa Foster.

Larry D. Gudgel ('80) is presently serving as Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force in England.

Nathan Kopper ('01) started working with KV Pharmaceuticals in St. Louis, MO, as a drug information specialist in their Medical Communications Department. He formerly worked in Muncie, Ind. at a hospital.

Elaine Lust ('92) was deployed to Hurricane Katrina for two weeks serving as the pharmacist to VMAT (Veterinary Medical Assistance Team). Lust and her teammates set up the largest veterinary field hospital and pharmacy in the history of VMAT to care for 3,000+ animal patients at a make-shift shelter in Gonzales, LA. The animals were rescued from New Orleans and

surrounding areas. Lust is assistant professor in the Pharmacy Practice Department at Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

Ginger Raley Pino ('05) married Jonathon Pino on Nov. 19, 2005.

Kelly G. Pratt ('82) of Littlefield, Tex., recently won a leadership award from Leader Drug Stores and, as part of the award, designated Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be given in Pratt's name.

Marcia McSparrin Seals ('75) of Edmond, who has worked as a pharmacist and science teacher, has put her passion for helping young people to make sound food choices into a practical booklet titled "NutriMotion."

Larry Segars ('86) has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Pharmacology, College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. This spring, he is also completing the dissertation requirements for a doctorate in pharmacoepidemiology from the School of Public Health, University of North Texas Health Science Center-Fort Worth, Tex. This past fall he was made a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Richard Wheeler ('84, '03) of Oklahoma City, has been named one of Mercy Health Center's 25 Pillars of Mercy—an award that reflects the compassionate care Mercy Foundress Catherine McCauley exemplified almost 200 years ago.

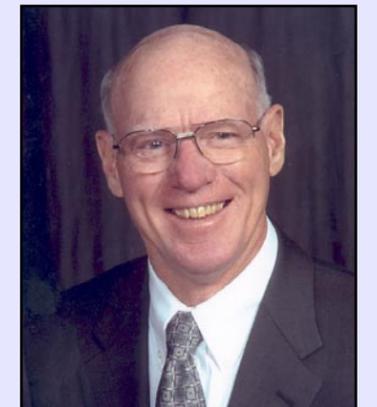
10-Year Class Reunion at Southwestern Homecoming '05



Pictured: (front from left) Kristi Tran Craven, Oklahoma City; Alan Spies, Birmingham, AL; and Amy Anderson Carothers, Guthrie; (back from left) Laura Phillips Stewart, Edmond; Kim Folks, Miami; Mitra Salehi Deimling, Weatherford; and E. Carol Johnson, Edmond. Not pictured are Greg Adams, Clinton; Tim and Cindy Butler Gardner, Marshfield, MO; and Roy Lee Mason, Flint, TX.

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admitted to Southwestern's prestigious pharmacy school as an incoming freshman. Harris completed the rigorous program in just four years and then graduated Summa Cum Laude.



Even with the combination of football and pharmacy, Harris found time to be active in band, serve as freshman class vice-president, sophomore and junior class president and senior class salutatorian. He was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, Who's Who Among American Students and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity where he was named TKE of the Year. Upon his 1957 graduation, Harris began a lengthy career as a pharmacist where he spent nearly 40 years as the owner and manager of Harris Pharmacy in Maysville, OK.

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