Editorial: My Hero

I am a big fan of bicycle road racing, especially the magnificent Tour de France, and I feel Lance Armstrong is one of greatest athletes of this or any other generation. He has accomplished things in the Tour and in his private life that have been an inspiration to everyone who appreciates not only sports competition but a heroic character. I do not ride competitively, but I have a nice ten-speed bicycle. It is a Raleigh Grand Prix, one of the rare ones made in Enid, Oklahoma, back when Raleigh had a plant there. Lately though, it has been gathering dust on the back porch because my partner cannot ride, and I won't go without her.

My wife and colleague ElGenia discovered a lump during a breast self-exam in November 2001. On Christmas Eve that year, she had a mammogram done and on New Year's Eve, she had a biopsy done. The news was mixed. It was a very small tumor, slow growing, but it was malignant. She had a successful lumpectomy in mid January 2002, followed by intensive weekly radiation treatments throughout the spring. She continued to teach all spring in spite of the severe radiation burns she gradually accumulated. The summer of 2002 was very pleasant. Swimming is her best sport, and the water helped her recover from the radiation, as she taught summer school. Normally a person who had walked four miles a day, a routine we had done since the early 1980s, she could now but bravely make about a fourth of that. Her walking grew progressively worse in the fall, seemingly linked to her chronic arthritis. However, during a CE trip at the end of October, she found the pain too great to continue. Her arthritis doctor, a brilliant diagnostician, ordered some special imaging although everything, including blood work, pointed only to arthritis. To this day, I will never forget that Friday at five o'clock when the Radiologist at Saints came out and said that the reason she could not walk was because she had a fractured right pelvis, and the reason for the fracture, he thought, was metastatic bone cancer. He was right. Her oncologist from the breast cancer episode placed her in Mercy the next Monday, and they began a week of testing and imaging. It was breast cancer metastasis to the bone, all right, and even my untrained eyes could see on X-ray the fracture big enough to drive a truck through. For the first time, she did not return to the classroom. She stayed home that November and December while she journeyed to the City, first for intensive radiation again and then chemotherapy to begin after the first of the year. In January, while preparing for the weekly chemotherapy that was to last all spring 2003, she returned to the classroom. The chemo was rough, but she endured it. As she lost her hair, she laughed and said it was easier to take care of. She never stopped teaching. She arranged her schedule so that she would teach in the morning and rest in the afternoon.

After the chemo ended, she was placed on hormonal therapy for the ever-present cancer and bone builders for the fractured pelvis. She did and continues to do everything from a wheelchair, and we bought a little electric scooter to use between buildings. We became used to the routine of monthly doctor visits and IV's, and the swimming in the summer of 2003 strengthened her. Fall 2003 was busy for all of us because we were down faculty, but ElGenia never let up a bit as she did her part. In the spring of 2004, her right leg was causing her pain that she knew was different. Her arthritis doctor once again came through when he ordered some intensive imaging and tests in May, although her tumor marker said there should not be any cancer activity. There was, of course, activity, this time in her right femur, and as summer school started, she completed a series of radiation treatments. She started summer school 2004 on time and in the classroom. OK, some of you probably have similar stories about yourself or a loved one, and I can tell you that you certainly learn something about bravery, strength of character, and yes, competitive spirit when you witness something like this up close and personal. You learn that there are a lot of things in life that are simply not important, and maybe, in the end, that relationships are the only things that do matter. —And most definitely, you learn who the real heroes are. —wbf
This issue of THE SIG provides an update on a variety of new endeavors that have occurred in the "College of Pharmacy". The primary events included a major reorganization of SWOSU, the remodeling of several pharmaceutical care laboratories, the completion of the NTPD Program, and the recruitment of several new SWOSU faculty for the clinical pharmacy component of the Pharm.D. professional program.

SWOSU has reorganized its academic structure. The previous "Schools" have been renamed as "Colleges" and several schools have been consolidated into one college. SWOSU at Weatherford is now composed of the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Professional & Graduate Studies, and College of Pharmacy. The College of Professional & Graduate Studies will have the School of Business, School of Education, several programs previously in the School of Arts & Sciences, as well as the School of Allied Health Sciences and the School of Nursing. In addition, the Department of Pharmacy Practice has relocated in the area of St. Anthony Hospital and the new telephone number is 405-601-2484.

The initial phase of the remodeling of the CPP Building has been completed. The primary features include a Student Center, which has new computers & wireless access, study areas, and general seating for students. In addition, there are new faculty offices, an updated research laboratory, and remodeled classrooms. During the 2003-2004 academic year, two Pharmaceutical Care laboratories were remodeled. These labs, which have been known for many years as the "Preps Labs", have new fixtures and contemporary technology. The curricular content continues to emphasize traditional modern pharmacy practice in the areas of dispensing and supervision of the dispensing process, compounding, patient counseling, and applications of new technologies. In this issue of THE SIG, information is provided regarding the location to view a film produced by Dr. Benny French, which describes this project. The majority of the classrooms will be remodeled during the Fall 2004 semester, and a historical museum will be constructed. The final phase of the project will include the administrative area. The exact timing for this phase will be dependent on the SWOSU schedule as well as funding and is unknown at this time.

The NTPD or Alternate Pathway Pharm.D. Program, a nontraditional professional doctorate conducted in concert with the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, was completed at the end of the Spring 2004 semester.

During the year 2004, the Pharm.D. class, admitted from a qualified application pool of 623 individuals in the spring, summer, and fall semesters, currently consists of 44 women and 39 men, who had an entrance mean GPA of 3.45, ACT of 25.2, PCAT of 75%, and an average age of 23 years. The application pool for the 2004 year has been significantly more competitive and this appears to be a trend for the next several years. There will be approximately 80 graduates from the Pharm.D. program during 2005. The pass rate on the NAPLEX for graduates of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy continues to be above the national average.

Since the last issue of THE SIG, several new faculty members have joined the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Erin Callen (Pharm.D., SWOSU) is based at St. Anthony Hospital in OKC. Dr. Kristin Harrison (Pharm.D., SWOSU) is based at Integris South Hospital in OKC. Dr. Brian Murray (Pharm.D., SWOSU) will be at the VA Clinic at Fort Sill in Lawton. Dr. Nancy T. Williams (Pharm.D., U. of Michigan) will be at Norman Regional Hospital. Ms. Linda France is a part-time faculty member supervising students at pharmacy practice sites in the Tulsa area. During the next year, the College of Pharmacy will be searching for full-time faculty replacements in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The College of Pharmacy website is available as part of the SWOSU website and provides additional information on most of the topics included in this update. The Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation website is available at http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com/.

As stated in previous updates, the College of Pharmacy has undergone many changes and continues to make many modifications. Although the College of Pharmacy will and must adapt to these alterations, the traditions that have made the SWOSU College of Pharmacy well respected have been retained and are expressed through our faculty, students and alumni.
Pharmaceutics II Lab Redone

Virtually all students who have graduated since 1963 remember the Pharmaceutics Lab at the head of the third floor stairs. Depending on when one graduated, it was the home of labs variously known as Dispensing Lab, Preps III Lab, Pharmaceutics II Lab, or Pharm Care II Lab. The labs housed there were taught by Dr. Keller and James Jones in the 1970s, and by Dr. Reichmann during the 1980-2000s. The lab had remained in essentially the same physical state as when it was first constructed in 1963. Dr. Reichmann supervised the installation of a computer-assisted filling system in the 1980s. However, the lab still had the original cabinetry, phone system, and fixtures. With the renovation of the Chemistry/Pharmacy/Physics building, it was only a matter of time before it would be re-worked. As the Fall, 2003 semester ended, Southwestern staff (headed by Rick Skinner) began the long process. The lab and back office were gutted to the bare walls, ceiling and concrete floor. The existing door to the lab was sealed, and another door became the only entrance. The door to the back office was shifted from the north to the south side of the lab. A wall in the back office was removed, enhancing storage space. Southwestern personnel built cabinetry; student drawers were installed by the company from which they were purchased. The computer system was redesigned with the help of Department Head Michael Deimling, and features flat screen monitors and laser printers. Each student has his/her own computer station. The effect is similar to Dr. Shelly Prince’s recently re-designed lab.

The renovation follows a re-working of the lab’s exercises. Many aspects of the lab continue to feature the successful practices that have made it a model for other dispensing labs across the nation. Dr. Reichmann presided over most of those critical innovations during the 1980s and 1990s. Upon Dr. Reichmann’s retirement in Spring of 2003, Dr. Pray assumed responsibility for the lab. One of his first tasks was to place new medication containers in the lab. Local pharmacists Michael Hunt, Perry Kliewer, Michael Schmitz, and Ryan Woody kindly donated emptied bottles and packages of medications for several months. The lab was re-stocked with these emptied medication containers, many of which were filled using medications from the outdated bottles, donated medications or unused samples. Virtually all of the medications from the current list of the top 200 drugs were placed on the shelves. With the aid of Cara Morton (a senior student), Dr. Pray wrote several hundred new prescriptions featuring medications from the top 200. We tested the new format during Summer and Fall of 2003. We require students to fill prescriptions in an accelerated manner, a technique pioneered by Dr. Reichmann. The intent was always to allow them to gradually build upon skills learned in earlier lab sessions. They began with an introductory lab in which they fill six prescriptions. By the tenth lab, they fill 24 prescriptions. Some have built-in errors and omissions. By the end of the semester, they will have filled 154 prescriptions and created five compounds. The goal remains the same as it was during Dr. Reichmann’s tenure: speed with accuracy.

Students were also required to serve in two locations. Each spent time at Wal-Mart in front of the counter to counsel patients about nonprescription products. It was an excellent chance to help patients, while having the security of the pharmacist for referral of difficult questions. Pharmacists heard several patients comment about how much they enjoyed having an informed person to render assistance with minor health care conditions. Students also served in the local Agape Free Clinic. As the volunteer Director of Pharmacy for the clinic, Dr. Pray arranged a time for each student to fill prescriptions. By the time they are enrolled in Pharmaceutics II lab, some students have not yet spoken to patients or filled prescriptions. These exercises allow them to build their confidence in relatively non-threatening environments and under the supervision of the pharmacists at Wal-Mart and Agape.

As the new lab is initiated, other practices may be possible. Dr. Pray has explored the possibility of phone-to-phone calling, allowing students to call each other for “readings.” At some time, it may be possible to incorporate some aspects of on-line insurance adjudication to allow students to become familiar with this maddening aspect of practice.
Alumni News

Most of this news was captured from the Alumni News column located in the Alumni Foundation web site. Support the Alumni Foundation web site by sending in your alumni news.

Remember, Rekindle, Reconnect.
Neal W. Elsten (64) of Tucson, Arizona, inquires about a class reunion for the Southwestern Pharmacy Class of 1964. For more information on Southwestern College of Pharmacy Reunions and Receptions, go to the Alumni Foundation web site.

Wanda Elaine Blythe Lust (92), of Omaha, Nebraska is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Creighton University. Dr. Lust (Pharm.D.) has been selected to join a Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT), a group of highly trained veterinarians, vet technicians and pharmacists which assists local veterinarians in case of a catastrophic emergency. Lust is only the second pharmacist in the nation to join a VMAT team.

Teddy Lee Basye (82), of Sweetwater, TX is co-owner of The Medicine Place, Inc. in Sweetwater and Colorado City, Texas.

Kristin Klein (97) of Ann Arbor, MI is now a clinical assistant professor and clinical pharmacist in pediatric infectious disease at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and Health System.

Ann Elizabeth Roach (01) lives in Amarillo TX and has accepted the appointment of Assistant Professor in Pharmacy Practice at Texas Tech University HSC College of Pharmacy in Amarillo, TX and will practice in family medicine and geriatrics.

Ryan Todd Skinner (01), Oklahoma City, OK, writes hello to the great faculty at the College of Pharmacy, especially Dr. Long and all the Brothers of Kappa Psi.

Larry Stiger (64) of Covington, LA writes he is happy to see things going well for the College of Pharmacy and the Apothecary and appreciates the opportunity to correspond using the website. Larry extends a warm welcome to any who may visit New Orleans and mentions there is a wonderful pharmacy museum in the French Quarter.

Alumni Rebecca Ann Cook Alexander (92), Barney Benner (88), Laura Jane Kifer Duncan (86), Dianna Lynn Isbell Gilliam (96), Deanna Lynn Mills Helvey (99), Kent Allen Helvey (99), James Grant Hill (00), Vanessa Ann Hinton Hill (00), W. Phillip Honn (80), Rhonda Ann Payne Shephard (77), Sawaya Murree Coram Smith (97), and Nancy Coslow Waugh (81) have completed requirements for the Non-Traditional Pharm.D. degree this summer at Southwestern.

Greg Adams (94) was named the 2003 Oklahoma Distinguished Young Pharmacist. Adams has been employed at Salisbury Pharmacy in Clinton for 11 years. The Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year award is presented annually to a pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions in state pharmacy association activities, community affairs and in professional practice.

Southwestern College of Pharmacy graduates Robert J. Reynolds (53), Donald F. Scott (52), Jim B. Spears (53), Louis M. Street (53), and Thomas E. Vogel (52) were awarded Gold Certificates by the Oklahoma Board of Pharmacy. The certificates were awarded in recognition of their 50 years of service as registered pharmacists.

Luain Marie Krug Packard (91), R.Ph., CDE, is a clinical pharmacist and diabetes educator for United Supermarkets Pharmacy in Amarillo, Texas. In addition to diabetes patient education, she also offers cholesterol screenings, blood pressure monitoring, immunizations, A1C, PSA, and ALT readings. She and her husband Neil have been married for 12 years and have 3 year old twin daughters, Aubrey and Emily, in addition to Neil’s children: Crystal (20), Cara (18), and Neil (16).

Rusty (Herbert) L. Pendley (80) of Cedar Park, Texas works at the North Austin Medical Center.

Cindy Lee Haffer Dye (03) is now married and lives in Tempe, Arizona.

Bob Dishman (59) of Lawton, Oklahoma received the 2003 OPhA Bowl of Hygeia Award, considered one of the most prestigious awards presented within the pharmacy profession.

Dorothy Gourley (67) of Ardmore, Oklahoma was the 2003-2004 President for the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association.

Charles Don Rice (65) of Altus, Oklahoma has sold his pharmacy in Altus and is retiring to Hollister, Missouri (near Branson).

Jerry Meece (74), R.Ph., FACA, CDE was recently installed as 2nd Vice President on the Executive Committee of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, whose headquarters is in Chicago, Illinois. He was also been selected as a featured speaker for the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni “Welcome Home” Distinguished Speaker Continuing Education Series. His presentation, “An Update on Diagnosis and Treatment Concepts for the Pharmacist in Diabetes Care,” was Sunday, October 26 in Weatherford, in conjunction with Southwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming activities.

Steve Pray (72) recently authored another textbook, “History of Nonprescription Product Regulation” and is currently working on “A Pocket Guide to Nonprescription Products”. Dr. Pray was also been selected as a featured speaker for the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni “Welcome Home” Distinguished Speaker Continuing Education Series. His presentation, “The History of Nonprescription Products,” was Sunday, October 26 in Weatherford, in conjunction with Southwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming activities.
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Machell Lynn Hamilton Gassett (95) - Last name in pharmacy school was Ray. Now has 4 children, 2 during school and 2 after: Jessa 9 yrs, Jayden 8 yrs, Jack 2 yrs, and Joelle 4 months. Lives in Mustang, Oklahoma.

Jane (75) and Rickey (76) Ireland of Blackwell, Oklahoma attended the Homecoming Pharmacy Alumni Reception. Jane is the pharmacy manager at Wal-Mart in Ponca City and consults at the Blackwell hospital, and Rick is the pharmacy manager at Wal-Mart in Blackwell.

Alumni Attend Homecoming CE Seminar – Alumni attending the Weatherford Continuing Education Seminar on Sunday, October 26, 2003, included: Shadd Atchley (95), Tulsa, OK; David Barnett (74), Woodward, OK; Mike Bugher (67), Elk City, OK; John Carter (54), Sentinel, OK; Walter Clark (77), Stillwater, OK; Deborah Cottle (01), Carl Junction, MO; Jerry Dennis (77), Waynoka, OK; Phillip Edelblute (72), Chickasha, OK; Joseph Epperson II (76), Chickasha, OK; Kenneth Grummer (78), Woodward, OK; Robert Harp (74), Hennessey, OK; Stan Johnson (78), Woodward, OK; Jason Lemons (97), Marietta, OK; Linda (70) & James (70) Lynch, Lawton, OK; Sara Marquis (76), Weatherford, OK; Vicki McCoy (00), Wichita Falls, TX; Roger Kirk Noakes (66), Elk City, OK; Charles O’Neil (71), Cheyenne, OK; Kathryn Orr (03), Weatherford, OK; Sally Perkey (77), Hobart, OK; Brad Pickett (93), Altus, OK; Diane Roach (76), Blair, OK; Marsha Sauer (79), Weatherford, OK; Louis Street (53), Altus, OK; Nolen Williams (50), Wewoka, OK; William Young (74), Gore, OK.

Southwestern Pharmacy graduates Kent Abbott (78), Hydro, Oklahoma; Jalee Abbott (77), Hydro, Oklahoma; April Wight (02), Hydro, Oklahoma; Charlene Flint Kaiser (95), Jenks, Oklahoma; Darcy Tinsley King (95), Lee’s Summit, Missouri; and Garrett Huxall (79), Broken Arrow, Oklahoma were spotted by fellow alum and faculty member Nina Morris (75) at the ASCP Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas in November.

Kent Abbott, Jalee Abbott, and April Wight are with PharmCare of Hydro, a nursing home pharmacy services.

Charlene Kaiser is a representative for Wyeth in the Tulsa area.

Darcy King just completed requirements for a Pharm.D. degree in August, 2003, from University of Kansas and lives in Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

Alumni Stephen Anderson, (89) Perry, OK; Jason Lance Baird,(97), Oklahoma City, OK; Shannie Anne Frisbie,(98) Edmond, OK; Deanna Lynn Mills Helvey, (99) Temple, TX; James Grant Hill,(00) Oklahoma City, OK; Steven Jerry Pryanor, (81) Pittsburg, KS; Julia Jane Dickerson Rauch,(80) Lubbock, TX; Polly Gretchen Robinson, (99) Tulsa, OK; Angela Sue Collins Rose,(97) Enid, OK; Brenda Lee Taylor, (89) Afton, OK; and Teri Ann Butler Young (81) Lubbock, TX have completed requirements for the Non-Traditional Pharm.D. degree this Fall (2003) at Southwestern.

Alumni joining the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association in 2003 as Lifetime Members are: Melinda Griffin (89), Fort Worth, TX; Brent Bushnell (00), Tulsa, OK; Jarrod M. Link (91), Sanger, TX; Richard J. McCormack (93), Snyder, OK; Mark G. Corrales (93), Lawton, OK; Paula Veach (87), Chickasha, OK; Alison Voelter Turner (96)Carrollton, TX; Debbi Hernandez (79), Stillwater, OK; Kasey Kinder Badgett (98), Weatherford, OK; Kathy Jo Smith Rocco (93), Ramsay, MT; Jessica S. Webster (03), Warner, OK; Crystal McEntire (03), Sweetwater, OK; Jarrod McGill (92), Olton, TX; Charles M. Hall (55), Lubbock, TX; Gary Lookebill (63), Muldrow, OK; Mollye H. Compton (88), Ryan, OK; John L. David (83), Midland, TX; David Kendall (68), Skiatook, OK; T. Wade Irby (96), Lynnwood, WA; L. Kirk Irby (85), Artesia, NM; Saundra Kay Woody Mouse (68), Elk City, OK; Lonnie Alan Donaldson (64), Amarillo, TX; Paul Black (99), Wichita Falls, TX; Gary E. Kauk (66), Liberal, KS; Linda Gail Wood Shepard (03), Flint, TX; R. Kirk Noakes (67), Elk City, OK; Lawrence D. Hoover, III (82), Amarillo, TX; Milton Ray Smith (89), ClearLake, SD; Melissa Ann Jay-Sowards (88&03), Garland, TX; Monte Phipps (76),
 Alumni Association members for 2004
This list represents the members of the Alumni Association through August 2004. If you see a mistake or feel your name should be included, please let us know.

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Russell Scott Atkinson 1976  
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Jennifer Wyand Barnett 1996  
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Carole Baxter 1977  
John Bee 1965  
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Fred Bentley 1970  
Patricia Lynn Bergau 1996  
Conn Berkenbile 1972  
Sharon Berkenbile 1970  
Mary Ann Hunt Berry 1955  
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McGuier Blackburn 1998  
Tom Bolerjack 1968  
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Lugene Jones 1977  
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Janet (Bridges) Huntley 1996  
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Susie (Wenk) Hooker 1990  
Ralph Hodges 1971  
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New Faculty

Kristin Harrison is a new faculty member, serving at Integris Southwest Medical Center. Dr. Harrison graduated from Southwestern in 2002. She then completed a primary care residency at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) in June 2003. She belongs to ACCP, OSHP, OSHP and Kappa Epsilon. Her teaching responsibilities will include internal medicine and cardiology.

Erin Callen is a new SWOSU pharmacy practice faculty member at Saint Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. She received her Pharm.D. from SWOSU in 2001 and completed a pharmacy practice residency at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in 2002. She went on to finish an infectious diseases residency at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oklahoma City in July 2003. Currently, she is an active member of the Family Practice Residency Program at Saint Anthony Hospital, making daily rounds with the medicine team and providing pharmaceutical education to both physicians and

Our own Dr. Shelly Prince was awarded the Pharmacist’s Mutual Outstanding Young Pharmacist of the Year Award by Mr. Terry Potter at the OPhA Convention this past summer. The youthful Dr. Prince has already written a calculations textbook, is a regular columnist in a national compounding journal, and was recognized last year as one the outstanding Kappa Epsilon sponsors in the entire nation. —Not too bad for such a young and bright professor, says The Sig.

Dr. David Ralph took the remaining “School of Pharmacy” seal lapel pins and constructed this mortar and pestle design. It will reside in the new College of Pharmacy museum.

Use Your Alumni Foundation Web Site

www.southwesternpharmacy.com

The Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation web site continues to grow and expand its services. For all Southwestern alumni, this site is the best way to keep up with the College (hey, we are not a school anymore), the faculty, and best of all, all your classmates. Managed by Associate Dean David Ralph, the site has all the latest information that every alumnus needs. There are sections on Continuing Education offerings from Southwestern, and you do have the ability to order online. By The Way, the address for the site is http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com. Another popular section is Faculty News. You can keep up with those denizens of the classroom and find out who the new faces are as well as what happened to the old guard. Patti makes sure there is a lot of local school news as well. If you have a child, friend, or former employee attending the College, this is the section where you might see their picture. For instance, we recently posted the Summer 2004 and Fall 2004 class photos on the site.

For most alumni, the most important and some say, most entertaining section is Alumni News. With our ability to update the news monthly, we give you the latest of what your classmates are up to. Here is where we can use your help. We need all our alumni to submit news concerning what they are doing: job/position changes, promotions, moving, kids, store openings, awards, special moments—well, just about anything pertaining to you and your life.
FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Publications
Shelly Prince published her textbook, “Pharmaceutical Calculations: The Pharmacist’s Handbook,” co-authored with legendary pharmacy writer Dr. Howard Ansel... Steve Pray continued his monthly column in U.S. Pharmacist, with the assistance of his co-author, Pharm.D. candidate Joshua Pray... Dr. Bergman continues his regular column in Community Pharmacist... Virgil Van Dusen published “Schedule II Medications” in U.S. Pharmacist with former student Dr. Allan Spies (now a faculty member at the Univ. of Mississippi)... Barry Gales and Randall Sharp co-authored “Short-course Oral Antiviral Treatment for Recurrent Genital Herpes” in the Annals of Pharmacotherapy... Erin Callen and Dennis Thompson published “Soluble or Insoluble Prussian Blue for Radioesium and Thallium Poisoning?” in the Annals of Pharmacotherapy... Dennis Thompson co-authored “Final Report of the 2002-2003 Bylaws and Policy Development Committee” in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education... Steve Pray published his book “A History of Nonprescription Product Regulations”... Chelsea Church co-authored “Nonestrogen Treatment Modalities for Vasomotor Symptoms Associated with Menopause” in the Annals of Pharmacotherapy... Randall Sharp co-authored “Guide to Antibiotic Usage in Renal Insufficiency, 4th Edition” for the Oklahoma Medical Institute... Shelly Prince continues her bimonthly calculations column in the International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding... Virgil Van Dusen and Dr. Spies published “Professional Apology: Dilemma or Opportunity?” in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education... Dennis Thompson and Carrie Marvin published “Geography of Pharmacy Practice Literature in the U.S. (1996-2001)” in the journal Pharmacy Education... Virgil Van Dusen and Dr. Spies published “HIPAA: Understanding the Security Requirements” in U.S. Pharmacist... Randall Sharp published “Use of Nesiritide for Heart Failure Due to Right Ventricular Dysfunction” in Pharmacotherapy... Steve Pray published “Pediculicide Resistance in Head Lice: A Survey” in Hospital Pharmacy... Virgil Van Dusen published “The Compliance Liaison: Preventive Medicine for the Pharmacy Department” in U.S. Pharmacist... Steve Pray published his yearly co-authored column “New OTC Drugs and Devices” in the 2002-2004 issues of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association... Council for Pharmacy Education 10th Conference on Continuing Pharmaceutical Education in Seattle... Erin Callen attended the ASHP Midyear Meeting in New Orleans... Dean Bergman attended the District 6 NABP/AACP meeting in New Orleans... Steve Pray attended a meeting of the Council for the Study of Heat-Responsive Pain in Chicago... Ben Welch attended a Schizophrenia Update at Metro Tech... Shelly Prince attended the Kappa Epsilon National Meeting in Kansas City... Erin Callen attended the ACCP meeting in Palm Springs... Ben Welch attended the 2003 Province VII Regional Kappa Psi meeting in St Louis at the Immediate Past President... Shelly Prince attended the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Students on Pharmacy Midyear Regional Meeting in Austin... Steve Pray attended the 3rd Annual APhA Self-Care Institute in Chicago... Shelly Prince attended the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting in Seattle... Ben Welch attended the “Rx for Change” smoking cessation workshop in San Francisco...

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Steve Pray presented “Alternative Lice and Scabies Treatment and Prevention Measures” at the invitation of the Environmental Protection Agency to a meeting of the Lindane Task Force of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation meeting in Anchorage, Alaska... Ben Welch was a panel member on the topic “Ask the Doc” at the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council Annual Meeting in Midwest City... Virgil Van Dusen presented “Correlation Between Pharmacists’ Job Satisfaction as Compared to Workload/Compensation in Oklahoma” at the University of Central Oklahoma Research Day for Regional Universities... Barry Gales presented “Prescription Writing” and “Adult Nutritional Support” to physicians at the Great Plains Family Practice Program... Dennis Thompson and Carrie Marvin presented “Geography of Pharmacy Practice”

Literature in the U.S. (1996-2001)” at the AACP Annual Meeting in Minneapolis... Kristin Harrison has given several presentations on anticoagulation management and on diabetes-related topics... Randall Sharp presented “Arachidonic Acid Pharmacology and Therapeutic Implications” to osteopathic residents... Ben Welch presented a one-hour workshop on Internet Communications at the Kappa Psi Convention in San Diego... Virgil Van Dusen presented “Pharmacy Law: Errors, Apologies, and Avoiding Tort Claims” and “Under the Microscope of the DEA: Handling the Inspector” at a meeting of the U.S. Public Health Service in Phoenix... Dennis Thompson and Nina Morris presented “Citation Analysis of Lyman Award Winning Papers (1968-1997)” at the AACP Annual Meeting in Minneapolis... Randall Sharp presented “A Review of Pulmonary Drugs,” “Treatment of Acute and Chronic Complications of Alcoholism,” and “Treatment of Shock and Review of Vasopressor Agents” to physicians, medical students, residents and interns at St. Anthony Hospital... Steve Pray presented “Recent Developments in the Treatment of Constipation” and “Recent Developments in Sports Medicine” at the 150th Annual APhA Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans...

Research
Erin Callen is researching “Risk Factors for the Acquisition of Torulopsis glabrata in the SICU... Dennis Thompson is researching “Publication Rates of Basic Science Pharmacy Faculty” using the Science Citation Index...

Meetings
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Miscellaneous

Mark Gales was recertified as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist...Ben Welch reviewed an article for the Journal of the American Pharmacist’s Association...Shelly Prince presented puppet shows on drug and alcohol abuse at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Health Fair...Steve Pray was a volunteer pharmacist for three days in the Methodist Clinic in Rio Bravo, Mexico...Barry Gales serves as a volunteer pharmacist at the Olivet Free Clinic...Patti Harper serves as a volunteer in the food pantry at Agape Free Clinic...Erin Callen and Mark Gales serve as reviewers for the Annals of Pharmacotherapy...Dennis Thompson was appointed Chair, Drug Information Panel for the Annals of Pharmacotherapy...Mark Gales was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Annals of Pharmacotherapy: Panel on Hypertension...Steve Pray’s biography was published in the “Profiles in Excellence” series in the Journal of Pharmacy Teaching...Ben Welch planned and co-hosted the 2004 Province VII regional meeting in Dallas, sponsored by the Southwestern Graduate Chapter of Kappa Psi...Shelly Prince participated in the Relay for Life...Virgil Van Dusen presented “Status of Soccer in Weatherford” at a Kiwanas Club Meeting...Steve Pray was qualified as an expert on Nonprescription Drug Products by the Superior Court of New Jersey prior to giving testimony in the case of Kronfeld vs. Novartis...Barry Gales serves as a Roundtable Discussion leader at the INTEGRIS Health Career Day...Dennis Thompson serves as Assistant Editor for Drugdex...Shelly Prince sang in the Weatherford Community Choir under the direction of tenor Skip Klingman...Mark Gales was selected as the 2004 Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists Pharmacist of the Year; he just completed a 2-year term as Secretary of OSHP...Steve Pray was selected to Who’s Who in the World, Who’s Who in America, and Who’s Who in Science and Engineering...Virgil Van Dusen served as Grounds Keeper and as a member of the Medical Conversion Committee for the Pregnancy Care Center of Western Oklahoma...Barry Gales was honored with the 2002-2003 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Great Plains Family Practice Residency Program...Steve Pray has been interviewed by the Baltimore Times, dr.koop.com, Pharmacy Today, the Wall Street Journal, and the Pharmacy Journal of Australia...Dennis Thompson serves as an abstract reviewer for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy...Shelly Prince sang in the choir for the Mission OKC Billy Graham Crusade...Virgil Van Dusen served as President of the Weatherford Soccer Club, and also as the Girls Under 12 Soccer Team Manager...Barry Gales was a manuscript reviewer for The Annals of Pharmacotherapy...Dennis Thompson serves on the Bylaws and Policy Committee for AACP...Steve Pray continues to review manuscripts for The Pharmacist’s Letter and Prescriber's Letter and for U.S. Pharmacist...Shelly Prince was a sponsor for Kidz Kamp at Cedar Hills Youth Camp...Barry Gales was a member of The Annals of Pharmacotherapy editorial board on the Family Medicine Panel...Shelly Prince served as puppet ministry director, youth director, pianist, and children’s class teacher at Broadway Heights Baptist Church...Steve Pray participated in the National Association for Mental Illness’ Walk for Mental Illness in Oklahoma City...Barry Gales served as a member of the Residency Advisor Committee and as a preceptor for the Ambulatory Care Rotation at INTEGRIS Baptist...Dennis Thompson was appointed to the USP Information Development and Dissemination Expert Committee...Shelly Prince reviewed “Nursing Initiatives: Dosage Calc-Challenger” for Lippincott Williams & Wilkins of Baltimore...Steve Pray received a 20-year pin, plaque and certificate for his part-time work for Wal-Mart...Shelly Prince was elected Grand Council Secretary for Kappa Epsilon for 2003-2005...Steve Pray has served as an external Promotion and/or Tenure Review Committee member for nonprescription products faculty members from Wisconsin, Florida, Howard University, Arkansas, Colorado and South Carolina...Barry and Mark Gales were co-recipients of the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the Great Plains Family Practice Residency Program run jointly by INTEGRIS and Deaconess Hospitals...
KE Trashes Faculty In Annual Basketball Game

In a game filled with dramatic confrontation of age and experience versus youth, drive, and determination, the KE ladies overwhelmed a cold-shooting faculty at the annual KE Vs Faculty Benefit Basketball game by a score of 55 KE to 50 Faculty. The red and white girls of KE came ready to play, drilling the basket on a regular basis from beyond the three-point line. The faculty rallied briefly before the end of the first half, but they were beaten back in the second half by a tenacious KE defense. One of the key faculty players from last year, Erin Callan, was out with motherhood, her first. Coach Bergman says the faculty will return in force in ’05, having successfully recruited some younger faculty.

Contributors to the Alumni Foundation for 2003

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Keith Reichmann Retires!

Keith Reichmann has been a beloved faculty member at Southwestern since 1973. However, students seldom got to know the fascinating story about how he got to our campus. He was enrolled in the optometry school at the University of Southern California when the Berlin Wall went up in 1961. President Kennedy initially wished to pursue a stringent policy, and the military looked at recalling former soldiers who knew German. It turns out that Keith had scored the top marks on the German examination in the entire 6th Army when he was in Basic Training before Optometry School. As a result, he was recalled to active duty in intelligence. Kennedy later decided not to press the Russians on the Berlin Wall, and Keith was reassigned to VietNam. He was loaded on the ship (his luggage had already been sent) when the military pulled the intelligence operatives from the ship and sent them to Texas. From there, he served in intelligence, speaking directly with Saigon about targets. He is one of the few VietNam veterans who never left the states.

He was discharged in August of 1962, but was unable to return to California because of pressing family concerns (one baby, and another on the way), even though they had held his spot open. His brother had just finished pharmacy school at the University of Utah, and Keith decided to follow that career path instead. He is fond of telling students that he never got an “A” in any undergraduate Pharmaceutics course (all “B’s”, although he achieved all “A’s” as a graduate student. While he was a senior undergraduate student, a faculty member at Utah died suddenly. The Dean asked if any of the students already had a degree. It turns out Keith had an earlier degree, and was hired as a faculty member his senior year. He taught Pharmaceutics Lectures and Labs and Pharmacognosy. Based on his teaching performance, the faculty persuaded him to attend graduate school, and he was accepted at the University of Colorado. He finished his Ph.D. in 1973. His dissertation research was in the area of non-aqueous emulsions. He developed and patented a formula that is still used in a popular cosmetic product. He also taught part-time for four years while he was in Colorado.

He had accepted a position at Hoffman/LaRoche upon his graduation, but former dean Walter Dickinson spoke to him about the many advantages of coming to Weatherford. Keith had served at Fort Sill, so he was familiar with western Oklahoma. He arrived in town in Fall of 1973 to find a college (we were still Southwestern State College then) with an enrollment of >5500, and pharmacy class sizes of 155-160. He has taught Dispensing II Lectures and Labs, History of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutics I and II, Dispensing I, and taught Surgical Appliances since 1979. He published a paper on the Symbols of Pharmacy, and was a consultant for Max Factor for many years. Among his professional interests are osteoporosis, fitting surgical appliances, ostomies, non-aqueous emulsions, and pharmaceutical compounding. The hand lotion he developed has been a popular moisturizer among faculty, staff, students, and visitors for over 15 years.

He sponsored Kappa Epsilon for fourteen years, the College Republicans for 3-4 years, and the Latter Day Saints Student Association for 10 years. He has also had a busy record as a volunteer for various causes. He was associated with the Boy Scouts for 44 years in 3-4 different states. His record was so distinguished that he was awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award the Boy Scout Council can give for service.

He has worked for Rotary for many years, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary’s highest award for community service. He has been an American Cancer Society volunteer for 25-30 years and is an 8 gallon blood donor. He was Santa Claus for over 35 years at churches, school, Kappa Epsilon parties, and for faculty members’ children. My own children looked forward to visits from the “real” Santa to their own front room in 1986-1988 when they were 3-7 years old.

Keith’s wife Lu was hired in the nursing program in 1976. She founded the program and was a faculty member there until her retirement in 2000. Keith and Lu plan to travel through the Midwest and West for several months. Keith will fish far more than he has been able to until now, and will write a family history. He will read and watch videos. He enjoys photography, trains, and World War II history, and collects stamps, mainly first-class U.S. commemoratives.

Keith and Lu have three children: Sheila is a pharmacy graduate (married to a pharmacist), and is working at Kroger in Dallas. Doug is a computer expert, employed by Safeway in San Jose, California. Suzy is a C.P.A. in Purcell. Their grandchildren are their pride and joy: Hannah (6), Logan (5), Erin (3), and Jillian (2) (ages are as of May, 2004).

Keith says forcefully that we have the best student body he has ever seen, and that he will put our faculty up against any pharmacy school faculty in the nation.

Dr. Keith Reichmann, upon the occasion of the reception honoring his retirement. See the above article for details.

These Texas-based alums had a great time at the Southwestern College of Pharmacy alumni reception at the annual TPA convention in Dallas this past summer. They are: (l-r) Jeff, , and LaWanda Henry, Class of ’84, Sherry and Brian Gaskill, Class of ’83.
Old Dispensing Laboratory Reborn

Thanks to hard work by Associate Dean David Ralph, and Drs Virgil VanDusen, Shelly Prince, and Steve Pray, the old dispensing lab or “Preps III” lab to many alums has been redesigned and reopened for business. The new facility features state-of-the-art computer, telephone, and sound system. In addition, there are two computer stations solely devoted to online database searching. Every student working in the lab has his/her own computer station. While accurate dispensing with speed is still emphasized, counseling on each prescription is a lab mandate.

You can view a movie of the remodeling procedure by going to the Movie Page at Dr. B French’s website at: http://faculty.swosu.edu/benny.french/pages/movie.html. Click on the “Pharm Care 2 Lab Remodeled” link. This is a QuickTime movie, and if you do not have the QuickTime movie player on your computer, you can download a free version through the indicated link at the top of the Movie Page.

Pharm Care 1 Laboratory Remodeled

Pharm Care 1 lab, known to older alumni as the Preps 1 or compounding lab has been totally remodeled to a state-of-the-art facility. The drug inventory has been modernized, and a new computer network was installed on top of the dramatic “Southwestern blue” cabinets. Dr. Shelly Prince, assisted by Dean David Bergman and Associate Dean David Ralph, oversaw the process. The new laboratory opened for business January 2004. Pharm Care 2 lab still features a great deal of hands-on compounding taught by Dr. Prince, one of the nation’s leading compounding experts and regular columnist in of the prominent compounding journals. More patient counseling is included as part of the laboratory.

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Van Dusen Selected for National Academic Leadership Fellows Program

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) has selected Virgil Van Dusen, R.Ph., J.D., Professor of Pharmacy Administration in the College of Pharmacy, to participate in the charter class of the Academic Leadership Fellows Program.

The yearlong faculty development program in health professions education is to develop the nation’s most promising pharmacy faculty in becoming future leaders in pharmaceutical and higher education. Supported in part by a grant from Pfizer, the Fellows program was developed in response to the needs of AACP membership.

“Academic pharmacy has been fortunate in that leaders have risen from our colleges and schools throughout our history to address and solve the many challenges facing academic pharmacy,” said Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., AACP executive vice president. “We see these challenges continuing and increasing in intensity, necessitating more proactive leadership and effective management throughout the academy.”

Dr. Van Dusen received a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Southwestern and a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa. His pharmacy practice experience includes work in hospital and retail pharmacy. He has also been actively engaged in the practice of law.

Dr. Van Dusen began with Southwestern in 1989 as a clinical pharmacy instructor and moved to the pharmaceutical sciences division in 1994.

As a professor he teaches pharmacy law, professional ethics and serves as an instructor in the pharmaceutical care laboratories. He has authored over 20 professional journal articles and has given more than 75 invited presentations.

Dr. Van Dusen currently serves Southwestern as the chair of the Intellectual Property committee. In the College of Pharmacy he is a member of the awards and curriculum committees. His involvement in the community includes service on the Board of Education as well as president of the Weatherford Soccer Club.

Students Selected for Prestigious Posts in National Organizations

Two College of Pharmacy students were selected to fill posts in national organizations. Ginger A. Raley was notified by The National Community Pharmacists Association of her selection as a member of the 2003-2004 NCPA Student Regional Council (SRC). Her charge is to provide the Student Affairs Department of NCPA with leadership in developing new NCPA chapters and also to help existing NCPA chapters thrive.

Jan Granados was asked to serve the American Society of Health—System Pharmacists through her selection as a student member of the Council on Organizational Affairs. She was commissioned to participate in ASHP’s Legislative Day activities, which gave an insightful look into ASHP programs to provide information for federal lawmakers.

Both students were leaders of their student organizations prior to their selection for these offices. Their recognition by these prestigious organizations demonstrates the value of student involvement in our professional organizations.

Dr. Virgil VanDusen

Caption: New Doctors of Pharmacy from the spring 2004 hooding ceremony: (l-r): Jerry Smith, Tom Hobza, David Pittman, Julia Rauch, and Teri Young.

Buoyed by a new tidal wave of student involvement, SWPhA membership is at a modern era high. For the names, wait for the Spring 2005 issue of The Apothecary.
In Memoriam

Mary Louanna Fifer Bishop (1968)
Dale Gunnels (1950)
Bill Dwain Stinson (58)

Kathleen Bookout (91). LCDR David Bates of the PHS/IHS at the Tsaile Health Center in Tsaile, AZ informed us that LCDR Kathleen Bookout died in a tragic vehicle accident in December 2002.

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Lyle Dean Hawkins (60)
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