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Students Make a Difference in People's Lives

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Mission accomplished: the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education has re-accredited our professional degree program. The site visit team was especially complimentary of the quality of our students, the collegiality of the faculty, and the exceptional practitioners they met at clerkship sites. Thank you again to all who assisted in the development of the self-study report or participated in the site visit. Your contributions were invaluable.

While we are extremely proud of our past accomplishments, we are even more excited about the future. Thanks to the generosity of Bill Boyce, the college has acquired two simulation mannequins (SAM) on which students can practice heart, lung, and GI tract examinations. With the aid of computer technology, normal and abnormal heart, lung, and bowel sounds can be heard by placing a stethoscope in the anatomically correct position on SAM. The response by the students has been overwhelmingly positive. You are invited to come to campus and experience this for yourself.

After a year of contract negotiation, the college has successfully launched the EMPOWER diabetes management program in the Eugene/Springfield area under the leadership of Dale Kraemer, Terri Bianco, Lee Strandberg, and Judi Low. The college provided twenty pharmacists with complimentary access to an online diabetes certification program followed by a two-day workshop in Eugene. The pharmacists are being paid by the employers' claims processors to educate and manage diabetic patients during monthly appointments. The employers are waiving the patient's co-pays on their diabetic medications and reimbursing the pharmacists for the difference. Our goal is to expand this model to other diseases and offer it to the rest of Oregon and beyond.

By this coming summer, we anticipate having several new faculty members in place to enhance our curriculum, strengthen our research, and broaden our outreach to stimulate innovative practice. In less than a year, the

faculty and staff in Portland will be in their new offices on the OHSU riverfront campus. The third-year professional students will be the beneficiaries of a modern classroom, several small group learning conference rooms, and a state-of-the-art patient care laboratory. These enhancements allow us to modestly increase class size.

Expansion comes with a cost. State funding is inadequate to keep up with escalating employee health benefits or even modest salary increases, let alone allow for hiring new faculty. For this reason, the differential tuition for pharmacy students will substantially increase over the next several years, with the proviso that a greater portion of these funds come directly to the college. To partially offset the burden on students, we have set a goal to double the amount of financial aid awarded each year. Important steps toward reaching that goal have been achieved by gifts from Jerome Wells ('91) and new scholarships endowed by William "Frosty" ('68) and Vicki Comer and Randy ('00) and Cindi Rasmussen. Special recognition goes to three outstanding alumni of the class of 1963 and their wives who provided important lead gifts to the College and the University's Capital Campaign: Steve and Jan Oliva, Darrel and Helen Purkerson, and Steve and Jane Roath.

We are continuing in our tradition of "meet the dean" gatherings for alumni and friends. Please see page 12 for details.

Sincerely,

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Dean and Professor
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On the cover: Pre-pharmacy student Brandon Thoreson giving a pair of shoes to a young boy on a visit to Thailand last summer (See page 7)

Student Outreach

Extracurricular professional activities a win-win for students and community

Involvement in student and professional organizations gives students opportunities to prepare for practice while providing significant service to the community. A large percentage of pharmacy students become active in community outreach activities as they progress toward their doctor of pharmacy degree.

“Our hope is that students will continue to be participants in community outreach once they begin their professional careers,”

said Deanna Moretz, director of advanced experiential programs

at the OHSU campus in Portland. During community outreach events, students have the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned in the classroom setting to real life situations.

Operation Diabetes

Through the American Pharmacy Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), students can choose to participate in several different patient care committees. The most active and visible of these at OSU during the 2004-05 academic year was Operation Diabetes.



P4 student, Zach McCall, conducting patient counseling at the Pacific Retirement Center's Brown Bag event located in King City, Oregon

“It’s a win-win situation for students and seniors alike.”

—Deanna Moretz

During Operation Diabetes screening events, students consult with community members to teach them how to manage diabetes symptoms, including lifestyle changes that can minimize their risk of developing the disease. Through screening, students can identify people who may be pre-diabetic and refer them to their physician for diagnosis and follow-up.

Twenty-five Operation Diabetes screening events were held by OSU students in 2004–05. During these events, 802 community members

were screened and an additional 1,443 were educated by more than one hundred student pharmacists. The OSU

chapter was recognized by APhA-ASP in 2005 with a regional award to acknowledge the students’ commitment to patient care activities centered around Operation Diabetes. Last year’s committee chairs were Nick Crozier and Martin Wong.

Brown Bag Initiative

In the past three years, students have held 14 Brown Bag events in cooperation with the OSU Extension Service in Washington County. The Extension Service’s “Strategies for Using Medicines Wisely” is a comprehensive educational program with follow-up designed to assist medication users—especially older adults—and their caregivers. The program is intended to enhance the safe use of medications by raising awareness of good practices and potential mismanagement issues among patients, family caregivers, and healthcare professionals.

Brown Bag events are so called because senior citizens are invited to put all their prescription and over-the-counter medications in a bag and bring them to the event.

The APhA-ASP, in conjunction with the Pharmacy Services Support Center (PSSC) of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$2,000 to the OSU APhA-ASP chapter.

The award will enable the chapter to implement their proposed Northeast Health Center Medication Compliance Project to help the elderly and patients with chronic diseases increase their medication compliance. Student pharmacists will provide blister packing, consultation, and ongoing support for patients on multiple medications and complex regimens.

Martha Kuhn wrote the award application based upon a project she completed in her second year of pharmacy school with Jill Garlisch, Sharon Chin and Kim Tamura.

P2 student Mia Ha was elected to serve as an APhA-ASP member-at-large at the 2005 conference last April. Her duties include serving as an alternate to the house of delegates and as regional membership coordinator. She will also promote education programs to chapters, communicate with various chapters at each college to make sure they are facilitating patient care programs, and manage the regional newsletter.

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Student Outreach

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P3 student Laurel Hasen handing out materials to the community during Pharmacy Day at Oregon Health and Science University

P3 to Help Set APhA-ASP Policy

P3 Mike Fahey has been selected by the APhA-ASP National Executive Committee to represent APhA-ASP on the Policy Standing Committee. In addition, the National Executive Officers offered Fahey the position of vice-chair of the committee. Fahey credits his mentors and peers for helping him to move into this leadership position.

“Without the constant support and encouragement from OSU advisors, faculty, staff, EC leaders, and current and past APhA leaders from OSU, I would not be where I am today” he said in a note to faculty members. “Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the remainder of this year and the next as I strive to best represent OSU and our nation’s student pharmacists on the policy committee.”

“We get to help a lot of patients.”

—Moon Yoo

Pharmacy students meet individually with the seniors to consult with them about the medications they are taking. Students provide general information, alert them about drug interactions, answer patient-specific questions, and so forth.

“Brown Bag events give students an opportunity to practice their counseling skills and to realize the value that pharmacists can bring to patients,” said Moretz. It’s a win-win situation for students and seniors alike. “Students come back to class so excited about the personal interactions they have during these sessions. Since they have as much time as they want, they can take 30 to 60 minutes with each person to provide an individualized consultation. And the seniors are so thankful.”

Drug Awareness Education

The Student Committee on Drug Awareness Education (SCODAE) was chaired in 2004–05 by Nora Bower and Marie Dorsey. SCODAE seeks to educate adolescents in middle school and high school about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and introduce the concept of addiction as a disease. Several pharmacy students visited classrooms in Corvallis last year.

Related to this activity, four students attended the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies sponsored by APhA. The school addresses the disease of chemical dependency including identification, intervention strategies, treatment modalities, and relapse prevention. In addition, it focuses on the pharmacology and pathophysiology of addiction, chemical dependency among healthcare professionals, drug diversion, and ethics.

Hypertension Screenings

The newest student pharmacist service committee was organized in 2004–05 to raise community awareness about hypertension. Hypertension screenings are frequently held in conjunction with Operation Diabetes events to make it more convenient for community members. Screenings are usually held

at a community pharmacy, although last year the committee conducted a screening at Sunflower House in Corvallis, a homeless shelter run by Community Outreach.

Students conducted 12 screenings last year and will typically screen about 25 people during a three-hour session.

“We get to help a lot of patients,” said Moon Yoo, this year’s committee co-coordinator. “We explain to people what hypertension is, what it means to have a high blood pressure reading, how to control their blood pressure, and how to live a healthy lifestyle.”

Yoo and Jessie Chan, co-coordinator, joined the committee last year and said they have enjoyed and benefited from their participation. “It helps me get more comfortable talking with the patients, and more confident in measuring blood pressure correctly,” said Chan.

Phi Delta Chi Fundraiser

Some student outreach activities are meant simply to provide service to the community. Phi Delta Chi, the professional pharmacy fraternity composed of pharmacy students, pre-pharmacy students, and faculty raised \$2,600 during their Adopt-a-Family fundraiser last year. The money was used to support two needy families through the Old Mill Center’s Adopt-a-Family project.

Phi Delta Chi members raised the funds by “canning.” “We went around to tailgaters before the football games carrying collection boxes decorated as presents, and asked for donations,” said Robin Traver, Phi Delta Chi president.

In addition to the money raised, pharmacy students and faculty also donated Christmas gifts. “I was really touched that so many people donated money and gifts for this project,” said Traver. “It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together!” ♦

Helping Students Succeed

Accreditation review gives college high marks for collegiality, accessibility, and supportiveness

Reports from students and the accreditation review committee indicate that the College of Pharmacy has evolved into a kinder, gentler place to study.

“The accreditation report indicates that there are strong relationships between students and faculty, including a strong sense of collegiality,” said Gary DeLander, associate dean for academic affairs.

DeLander says that developing these strong relationships begins with the admissions process. “If you want students who will have a good experience in the program and will make important contributions to healthcare, you really have to pay attention to the people you’re admitting,” he said. Admitting the right applicants means paying attention to their communication skills in addition to their academic ability.

Once students are admitted, the college strives for a “hands-on” advising procedure. The advising department was restructured last year to spread the responsibility among a larger number of faculty members.

Pre-pharmacy student Lauren Gaulke appreciates the care and attention she received from her advisor when she developed unexpected health problems. Gaulke had applied for early admission and was scheduled to begin the professional program in fall term 2006. Before school started in fall 2004, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had major surgery. She was concerned that taking a term off would compromise her ability to be ready to enter the program in 2006.

Gaulke contacted Angela Austin Haney, the college’s head advisor, right away. “She

“It’s a very professional and supportive atmosphere.”

—Brian Zacher

reassured me that it would not affect my early admission,” said Gaulke. “There are strict requirements for early admission, but this obviously wasn’t a typical situation.”

But Haney’s help didn’t end there. She also assisted Gaulke with housing and financial aid. “She helped me figure out how I could keep the same dorm room and all the financial aid details that go along with not showing up for school. She took care of a lot of details for me,” said Gaulke. Gaulke took four credits online while recuperating and attended summer classes, and she is now caught up and back on track to enter the professional program as planned. She says she feels very supported by the college.

“My parents always comment on how personalized the college is,” she said. “It has sort of a small college atmosphere, even though it’s within a big university. They really are available when you need them.”

P1 and National Guardsman Brian Zacher had a similarly positive experience with his admissions process. After graduating from OSU with a pre-pharmacy degree, he applied for admission to the professional pharmacy



P1 students Steve Evans, Mercy Chipman, and Charisa Flaherty visit during P1 Orientation

program for winter 2003. He was quickly accepted. However, that summer the war in Iraq started and Zacher was called into active duty. He called his advisor to say he wanted to defer his entrance for a year, and was told there would be no problem with it. In actuality, he ended up serving as a platoon sergeant in East Baghdad for 18 months, and consequently missed two school years.

“I was kind of nervous about the second year because I knew how competitive admission was,” said Zacher. “I was pretty sure I’d have a slot, but I didn’t know if I’d have to fight for it. There was no fight at all—they brought me back in, no problem. It’s just been a great process.” Zacher is the recipient of the Comer Family Scholarship, which is intended to encourage students affiliated with the military to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Zacher has been particularly impressed with the collegiality of the college’s faculty.

“There seems to be an understanding that, yes, they’re the instructors and we’re the students, but at the same time there’s a

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Annual White Coat Ceremony Welcomes Students

First-year professional pharmacists-in-training took great pride in accepting their honorary white coats at the 2005 White Coat Ceremony that was co-sponsored by Fred Meyer and Providence Health System. The annual ceremony recognizes the exceptional achievement it took to gain admission to the program and marks their entry into the profession.

After donning their new coats, the incoming students took the College of Pharmacy's Pledge of Professionalism. Alumni Rick Sahli from Providence Health System and Linda Howrey from Fred Meyer offered advice and words of wisdom to the incoming class. Family, friends, and the entering class of 2009 enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner and great conversation after the ceremony. ♦



P1 pharmacists-in-training Tara Schmidt, Kate Stelly-Dupuis, Wiyanna Kramer and C'Rel McAllister posing for a picture after the Fall 2005 White Coat Ceremony

Career Days Matches Students and Employers

On November 15 and 16, 2005, representatives from 31 pharmacy companies and nonprofit organizations participated in the annual Career Days at the Memorial Union Ballroom in Corvallis.

On the first day of the event, students took the opportunity to speak with the representatives about career opportunities, aspects of the practice, and the pharmacy field in general. Many students also took advantage of the Career Services booth to get advice on how to build a resumé and hone their interview skills.

The following day, P1 and P2 students interviewed with companies for internship opportunities.

Career Days is sponsored by the College of Pharmacy in cooperation with the Pharmacy Student Executive Council. Vendor participation fees support student activities such as travel to conferences and other professional development opportunities.

On February 16, 2006, P4 students had the opportunity to interview with potential employers at the Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. ♦



Pharmacy student talking with a potential employer at the Fall 2005 Career Days held on the OSU Campus

Students

OHSU Pharmacy Day



Cynthia Hankins and Keely Damon educating the public during Pharmacy Day at OHSU

The OSU College of Pharmacy took over the Mark O. Hatfield foyer at OHSU on Thursday, October 20, putting up orange and black decorations and pharmacy paraphernalia to represent Pharmacy Month. P3 students Cyndi Hankins, Keeley Damon, Martin Wong, Brian Vu, Katie Welch, Garret Woodman, and Laurel Hansen welcomed interested passers-by with smiles and pharmacy career information.

Thanks to the limitless help of Deanna Moretz, the booth contained a poster of the College of Pharmacy's past and present activities, countless pharmacy goodies, and a PowerPoint presentation about the college. Many people visited the booth, brimming with news about themselves and family members.

Pharmacy Day provides an excellent opportunity for the OSU College of Pharmacy to gain visibility at OHSU and helps to connect the wide array of OHSU healthcare professionals with future pharmacists. ♦

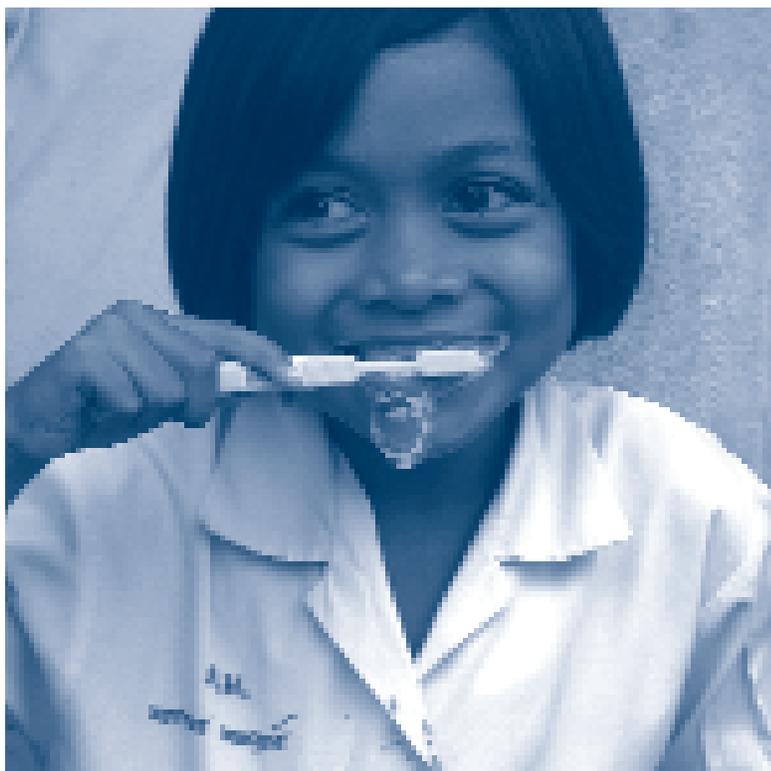
Student and Family Help Tsunami Victims

When pre-pharmacy student Brandon Thoreson and eleven of his family members had a chance to go to Thailand for a wedding in August 2005, they didn't go empty-handed. Instead, they took toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, school supplies, clothes, shoes, candy, and money to help the victims of the devastating tsunami that occurred December 26, 2004.

"We heard they were in need of medical supplies, especially dental, so we decided it would be great if we could try to help out," said Thoreson. Brandon went around to dentist offices in Bend, Oregon, to solicit donations of dental hygiene supplies, but he and his family donated everything else they took with them.

While staying in Phuket, they learned that one of the hardest hit areas was 40 kilometers north in the popular tourist area of Khao Lak, so they decided to go there. "It was almost a ghost town," said Thoreson. They visited a school for orphans and gave out the supplies they had brought with them.

"They were so grateful for what we did," said Thoreson, who is applying for the PharmD program beginning fall term 2006. "I didn't expect it to be so intrinsically rewarding." ♦



Donated dental hygiene supplies brighten a young girl's smile

Faculty & Staff

Grants & contracts

Theresa Filtz received \$213,322 from the Public Health Service Pharmacology Division for a project titled *PHS determinants of phospholipase*.

Ann Hamer, Dean Haxby, Dan Hartung, and **Luke Middleton** are co-investigators/colaborators on a \$133,649 grant awarded by the NIMH to the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The project is entitled "Building the Foundation for Evidence-Based Practices in Oregon." Principal investigator: David Pollack, MD.

Kerry McPhail received \$105,000 on a \$810,091 grant from the Smithsonian Institute for a project titled *SI drug discovery in Panama*.

Robert Malouf received \$88,294 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for research with the NOAA Sea Grant research program.

Xihou Yin received \$30,073 on a \$1,006,342 grant from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon Fund for a project titled *MRF biosynthetic gene cluster*.

Mark Zabriskie received \$239,962 from the Public Health Service Pharmacology Division for a project titled *PHS biosynthesis anti-TB peptides*. ♦

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Announcement

Ann Hamer is now board certified in psychopharmacotherapy by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. Hamer is a clinical pharmacy specialist for Medicaid programs in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. She specializes in mental health drug use research, management, and provider education for the Oregon Health Plan. She is involved with coordinating a number of programs between the Office of Medical Assistance Programs and the Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services. ♦

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Alumni & Friends



Janne Huynh and Troy Classen dancing at the Apothecary Ball

Guests Enjoy First Annual Apothecary Ball

On February 11, 2005, the pharmacy community gathered to enjoy the First Annual Apothecary Ball at McMenamins historic Crystal Ballroom in Portland.

One hundred and sixty guests delighted in chamber music by Musica Dulce and waltz and swing lessons by OSU dance instructor Barbara Platt. Welcome and acknowledgement speeches were given by Larry Cartier and Dean Wayne Kradjan.

Sixty-seven donated items were sold through a silent auction, which raised \$2800. Twenty percent of the proceeds went to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, and 80 percent toward the professional development of OSU pharmacy students.

Guests also enjoyed a surprise beta fish giveaway.

The students of Oregon State University's College of Pharmacy want to thank everyone involved, including participants, donors, and volunteers. Everyone is looking forward to continuing this new tradition next year! ♦



Roger Clark and his prized beta fish



P2 students enjoying the evening



College of Pharmacy students taking a break from their studies to enjoy the Apothecary Ball

Coming Home to Pharmacy



Enthusiastic College of Pharmacy alumni and Beaver supporters gathered to reconnect at the 6th Annual Homecoming Reunion at the College of Pharmacy on October 29, 2005. Antique pharmacy equipment and orange and black decorations were on display in the hallways to greet visitors.

The College of Pharmacy had the pleasure of welcoming George Palmer, who graduated in 1934 and now lives in Springfield, Oregon. In addition to George, alumni from 1956 and other years through 2001 attended the festivities.

The event began with a brunch and a gathering in room 305, where Dean Wayne

Kradjan officially welcomed alumni and held raffle drawings for College of Pharmacy Beaver gear. A student panel told their personal stories and talked about the experiences that led them to pharmacy school. The panel consisted of P1s Brian Zacher, Claire Evangelista, and Christina Andrade, and P2s Linda Wiley and Annie Nguyen. ♦



Next time you're in the Pharmacy building, don't forget to look up your old class photo!

1934 graduate George Palmer with his wife and daughter at Homecoming



College alumni enjoying Homecoming 2005



College of Pharmacy alumni showing their Beaver spirit!

Meet the Dean

Alumni invited to host gatherings



Dean Wayne Kradjan thoroughly enjoys getting to know practitioners and alumni as he travels for conferences. Several alumni have created wonderful opportunities for him to do so in the past year. Last summer Robin Richardson ('84), chair of the College of Pharmacy Advisory Council, treated the dean and others to a gourmet barbeque dinner at his home. In early January, the dean attended a small gathering of alumni in Berkeley, California, that was arranged by Frosty Comer and Sara White of the class of 1968. Similar receptions were

held in Redding, California, on March 18, hosted by Rich and Betty Cancilla ('66) and on March 19 in the San Francisco Bay Area during the APhA meeting.

If you would like to host a small reception in your home or at a nearby restaurant in your area, please contact Megan Hoffart, director of alumni and student relations, at 541-737-4015 or megan.hoffart@oregon-state.edu. It is a great opportunity for the dean to learn more about your experiences at OSU and share the great things that are happening at the college. ♦



Mark R. McCall

Nov. 5, 1950 - Feb. 7, 2006

Mark R. McCall, PhD, PharmD ('05), died February 7, 2006, after a relatively short but intense battle with lymphoma. Mark obtained a PhD from Washington State University in 1986 and embarked on a career in biomedical research. He was known for his research at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories and later at the Linus Pauling Institute. He transitioned into pharmacy, completing a PharmD degree from OSU in 2006.

Mark is survived by his sons Andrew and Matthew and his wife Susan of Tualatin, and numerous other family members. His kind and gentle manner and his wonderful sense of humor were valued by all who knew him. He had a great appreciation for beauty and nature, and loved to travel. His life was treasured and he will be deeply missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Estuary Boathouse Fund, T. Gary Rogers Rowing Center, University of California at Berkeley, 2999 Glascocock Street, Oakland, CA 94601.

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Benefactors Honored at the Vineyard

The Willamette Valley Vineyard had a full house the evening of October 5, 2005, as College of Pharmacy students and benefactors gathered for the annual Benefactors Reception. Surrounded by vineyards outside and faux grapes inside, scholarship recipients were able to meet the people who made their scholarships possible. Other College of Pharmacy donors were also present for the reception.

The evening began with the sun setting on the vineyards, making the balcony a great place for students and benefactors to meet. Inside, attendees enjoyed making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones.

A highlight of the evening was the attendance of Dennis and Arlene Ting, who flew in from Hawaii to meet their scholarship recipient, P3 student Jennifer Ng. The Tings are benefactors for the Pamela Ting Endowed Memorial Scholarship. ♦



Three scholarship recipients with (left to right) Carolyn Wilkens, Susan Poole, and Sheila Goodwin of the OSU Women's Giving Circle

We are grateful to the OSU Women's Giving Circle for their generous grant to support students participating in rural clerkships experiences.

Alumni Notes

1950s

Ned Fischer ('50) retired from self-employment with Fischer's Pharmacy in Portland, Oregon, and now lives in Vancouver, Washington, with his wife Dorothy. Ned is a member of Kappa Psi and has been in Golden Mortar and the Oregon State Pharmacy Association for 50 years. He has been president Portland Retail Druggists Association in Portland and president of the Southwest Pharmacist Association.

Marion Bradshaw Steinbach ('50) describes herself as "Owner, RPh and Janitor" of the Banks Pharmacy ("Smallest Pharmacy in the USA") in Banks, Oregon. Marion and her

deceased husband Howard (RPh-OSU 1951) opened the pharmacy 20 years ago in Banks, which is a small rural community. We worked elsewhere as the business grew and we were able to work in Banks only. Marion says, "I call myself the 'last happy pharmacist' since I don't deal with the frustrations of PBM life, but my retirement deadline looms always closer and I do hope to find new owners for the pharmacy, which serves a huge rural area." Marion and Howard raised three children.

Robert Goodwin ('51) and his wife Elaine live in Newberg, Oregon. Robert is retired, having sold his last store in 1974. After his

pharmacy career, he graduated from Northwestern School of Law (Lewis & Clark College) in 1977. He practiced law and served as Chief Tribal Judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde community of Oregon until 1998. Since retiring, he has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in the U.S., Honduras, and New Zealand, with Northwest Medical Teams in Mexico, and Global Volunteers in Romania. Robert jokes, "Every month or so, Harlan Wold, Ed Venini, and I travel to the Olive Garden for soup, salad and two glasses of house wine, and a check on pulses and alertness. So far we all pass." Harlan and Ed also graduated in 1951.

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Robert ('51) and Elaine Goodwin model their 1925 White Model 15 Express Delivery Truck

Keith Carpenter ('51) died May 28, 2005. His wife wrote a short note saying that Keith enjoyed his years as a pharmacist.

James B. Low ('54) is retired and living in Silver Spring, Maryland. He lost his wife of 47 years, Dorothy, to death in October 1998. During his pharmacy career, James worked at the VA Medical Centers in Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; and Washington, DC. He is affiliated with the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Samuel C. Johnson ('58) passed away. [No details were given. Ed.]

Nancy Ragan Gardiner ('59) worked as a pharmacist in California, Georgia, New York, and Oregon during her career, but says she finished 40 years in pharmacy at Bi-Mart in Florence, Oregon. She says she especially enjoyed hospital pharmacy. Her husband of 42 years, H. Milton, is a retired Presbyterian minister and suffers now from Parkinson's disease. "So I am his caregiver 24/7," says Nancy. Their son Peter was born in 1967. The couple still lives in Florence, where Nancy enjoys collecting beads from around the world, including Indian trade beads. Her advice to the younger generation is: "Enjoy your career. When you look back it seems such a short time."

1960s

Dorothy James Rodegerdts ('68) is retired from her position as hospital pharmacist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon. She and her husband Mike raised four children: Chris, Dayton, Gretchen, and Justin.

Douglas James ('68) passed away October 4, 2005, after contracting a bacterial infection that proceeded to bacteremia. Doug owned and operated Cave Pharmacy in Cave Junction, Oregon, for many years. He worked there until 10 days before his death. His brother wrote: "He was loved and appreciated beyond measure by his family and many friends, acquaintances, and customers in his home town area of Phoenix, Oregon, as well as the Cave Junction community he loved so well. He was a man of unmatched generosity and unselfish compassion."

1970s

Donna J. Claar Lau ('70) works as a staff pharmacist at WalMart #2301 in North Bend, Oregon. She recently retired to PRN basis. She and her husband Randall raised a son Michael, who also graduated from OSU, and they were recently blessed with a new grandson. Donna enjoys sailing, skiing, and traveling.

Evelyn Elliott (Crockett) ('72) lives in Bakersfield, California, and is the director of pharmacy at Kern Medical Center, which is a teaching hospital owned by Kern County. She just started a pharmacy residency program and set the hospital up as an externship site for OSU students. She is the pharmacy leader for Kern County in emergency preparedness and is a FEMA pharmacist. She is active in the American and California Societies of Health-System Pharmacists and other professional organizations. She and her husband Frank raised four children, and they recently became grandparents again.

Bruce Matthias ('77) is president of The In Group, Inc., an information systems consulting business for hospitals. He lives

in Bakersfield, California, with his wife Carolyn. Their daughter Alison is a pharmacy student at University of the Pacific and their son Ashton is a business student at San Diego State University. In his spare time, Bruce enjoys going to the beach.

1980s

Dan Peterson ('81) is a clinical pharmacist at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, California. Until mid-2004, he worked at Providence Medical Center in Portland, Oregon. He is active in the American and California Societies of Health-System Pharmacists. He and his wife Ann and their six-year-old twins live in San Diego, California. Dan enjoys golf and motorcycles. He says, "Hello to my old friends and colleagues in Portland. I've missed you!"

Pat Person ('83) lives in Bakersfield, California, with his wife Regina. They have two children. Pat is active in the California Pharmacy Association and the Pharmacy Foundation of California. Baseball, golf, movies, and music keep him entertained in his spare time.

1990s

Mannfred Yanson ('91) completed his PsyD degree and PhD degree in psychology and has a waiting list psychotherapy practice in Orange County, California. He is putting his MBA degree to good use as a business consultant and teaches psychopharmacology, neurology, and geriatric psychotherapy to master and doctoral level psychology students. "My pharmacy education has been invaluable," says Dr. Yanson, a registered pharmacist in Oregon and California.

Naoko Kumagi ('98) works for the University of Toyama in Japan as a lab assistant.

2000s

Gary Blackburn ('05) lives in Hermiston, Oregon, and is a pharmacist at Bi-Mart there.

Mark McCall ('05) died on February 7, 2006. Please see his obituary on page 12. ♦



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Helping Students Succeed

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recognition that pretty soon we'll be colleagues," he said. "So it feels like they're really mentors. It's a very professional and supportive atmosphere."

Zacher is a good example of the type of student who enters the college these days in that, at age 29, he has a lot of life experience behind him.

"Our faculty has really worked hard to understand the changes in our student population that have taken place over the last couple decades," said DeLander. "They are self-directed or have clear goals as to what they hope to accomplish with their pharmacy degree. Our faculty has tried to adapt to the level of focus and different perspectives these students bring to the program. Inasmuch as we can, we work toward a collegial kind of relationship rather than the hierarchical relationship that was the norm historically."

Another effort the faculty makes to help students succeed is a comprehensive P1 orientation program that emphasizes teamwork. "We really work with the students from day one to create a spirit of collaboration among the students," said DeLander. "We tell them that to get into the college of pharmacy they had to demonstrate individual success and the ability to distinguish themselves from other applicants, but now that they're in the college it becomes their collective responsibility to take care of each other—both academically and personally."

At the P1 orientation, current students talk to the incoming class about the program and the ways they have been successful in handling the high volume of rigorous material. Follow-up orientations are held for P2s and P3s.

Diversity is a university-wide concern, and the college has a committee specifically focused on diversity issues.

In addition, the college is currently focusing an effort toward early intervention. "We've been trying to identify students who are having difficulty early enough to make an attempt to intervene," said DeLander. "We try to determine whether there are non-academic issues that are making it difficult for them to succeed or whether there are academic issues we can help them with to give them a different perspective or a different method of study."

Although life circumstances can sometimes cause students to take more than four years to complete the pharmacy program, the success rate for pharmacy student graduation at OSU averages between 90 and 95 percent. ♦

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