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Welcome to the first issue of our new alumni magazine format. My goal is for our alumni and friends to have timely information regarding the UAMS College of Pharmacy. We think that you will enjoy this new format. Each issue will contain a substantive article or two focused on a major issue at the College. The “Golden Age” of student activities is the subject for this important first issue. I think you’ll enjoy learning about the history and achievements of our student organizations. I hope it will bring back fond memories of your student days.

You’ll learn in an article on page 5 that we are planning our inaugural Pharmacy Summer Camp Program at UAMS, June 17-22, 2007. We hope to attract high school students interested in learning more about career pathways in our profession while building our pool of top applicants. Also, we want to focus more on our alumni in the magazine, so you’ll find our new feature Alumni Profiles in each issue. The first is on page 11.

In August, we welcomed 120 new students with a White Coat Ceremony, sponsored by Wal-Mart. This is the largest class in the history of the College. A number of students from pharmacy families and pharmacy backgrounds were among those admitted, and some photos of them are on page 15.

We continue the process of self-study in preparation for a site visit in October 2007 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Many of our constituents will receive survey questions. If you are contacted, please help us with this important process by responding.

Finally, I want to report on the Student Leadership Office project, which was the subject of my annual appeal last year and the phonothon in February. Construction plans are underway, and the facility should be completed in time for students to use it next semester. Donors will be invited to a celebration of the opening so that we can express our thanks to all.

We have much to celebrate at the College, and I hope you join me in sharing an increasing sense of pride in our College. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

A Message from the Dean

Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D.
"The College of Pharmacy is in a golden age of involvement and achievement in student organizations," said Dr. Charles Born, associate dean for student affairs, in a recent interview.

Students may choose from among nine organizations, including the Student National Pharmacists Association (SNPhA), National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (SSHP), and the Student Society of Nuclear Pharmacists (SSNP).

The Academy of Student Pharmacists chapter of APhA (APhA/ASP) still leads in the number of members and breadth of its activities and is considered the "umbrella" organization, according to Born. Most students choose to join ASP, along with one or more others. With membership at 90 percent of the student body, ASP has existed at the College since its founding in 1954. The importance of the organization has waxed and waned, according to Born, but in the last 10 years it has been of greater interest to the students, for they have received more recognition.

He credits the present resurgence to a group of faculty, and particularly to Dr. Karrol Fowlkes ’74, former Associate Dean, and Dr. Eddie Dunn ’79, Associate Professor, who have been enthusiastic proponents of student organizations, the qualities they promote and the opportunities they help create for developing and honing student abilities.

"Student leadership activities help build their confidence and experiences; and involvement at regional and national meetings lets them see that they are as good or better than student leaders from other schools," said Born.

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**Dr. Jennifer Zellers ’04**

"I joined student organizations because it was a great way to learn about the different areas of pharmacy that I was interested in. It also was a great way to network with pharmacists already practicing in those fields."

**Dr. Ashley Paul ’05**

"I enjoyed being a member of SSHP because I was able to take on a leadership role in an organization that was related to the specific areas of pharmacy that I was interested in."
“Because of their involvement in the professional organizations, UAMS students are exposed to a broader world. It helps them learn how national organizations operate and to see that organizations are essential to the profession.” Born says he has been proud of the way our students have interacted with students from across the United States.

He credits the work of Dr. Dunn in recent years with building ASP to a new pinnacle. Our students’ record of continuing leadership, professional and service activities was formally recognized nationally when our UAMS Chapter was named the 2005-2006 National Chapter of the year. Over 40 members of our student body were present in San Francisco for the APhA Annual Meeting at which this award was announced. “I am extremely proud of all of our student organizations. They are reaching out to the community and serving patients more than ever before. Service and leadership are integral to our students’ lives because of these organizations,” said Dean Stephanie Gardner.

Last year, individual UAMS students received the APhA-ASP Student Leadership Award, two APhA Foundation Scholarships and appointments to National APhA-ASP Standing Committees. They also took home the Region 6 Award for Operation Diabetes and the National Award for the Heartburn Awareness Challenge. “The regional and national APhA-ASP awards are very difficult to win,” said Dunn. “Every college of pharmacy in the country wants to win these awards. A school simply cannot compete without the enthusiastic support of its student body, its faculty and its administration.”

“Our APhA-ASP chapter is dedicated to serving the profession of pharmacy and has a vested interest in developing the practical skills and knowledge we need to become the best possible pharmacists,” said Leslie Mooney ’09, 2006-2007 president. “Through the organization students are able to learn about this specialty area of practice and career opportunities.”

This year’s theme is “Promoting the Profession of Pharmacy.” Students have immersed themselves in their goals by holding two media events, an ammonia pinning ceremony and an ammonia program and patient care. The proclamation specifically recognizes students’ record of continuing leadership, professional and service activities while participating in NCPA activities while in school. “This year, the students are promoting the NCPS motto: “Get into politics or get out of pharmacy.” They participate in a legislative health fair and host political speakers such as Congressman Marion Berry. This year they are educating students about the NCPS Political Action Committee. Alumni praise student organizations as helpful in their careers. Dr. Summer Washam ’02, an officer of APhA-ASP and Phi Delta Chi, a member of NCPS and SSHP, said, “I joined student organizations because of the networking opportunities and the ability to impact my future profession as a student. I enjoyed being a regional officer of APhA-ASP because it offered me the opportunity to see the “big picture” regarding pharmacy practice and to anticipate the hurdles and triumphs that were ahead. They taught me the importance of grass roots legislation, the impact of clinical pharmacy practice and gave me the self-confidence to succeed in various leadership positions after pharmacy school.”

There are significant rewards in pharmacy ownership and some of the greatest opportunities for patient care and clinical pharmacy lie in the community setting. Hopefully, the students see some of these opportunities while participating in NCPA activities while in school.”}

**College to begin Pharmacy Camp for High School Students**

Dean Stephanie Gardner has announced the College will launch a Pharmacy Summer Camp Program for high school students June 17-22, on the UAMS Campus.

The camp is for students interested in learning about the profession. They will experience hands-on training in pharmacy practice skills, attend lectures given by faculty and pharmacists, and visit a variety of pharmacy sites. They will be encouraged to consider pharmacy as a career and to apply for pharmacy school in the future. Details will soon be available on the College’s website at www.uams.edu/cop <http://www.uams.edu/cop>.

“The Camp will be a tremendous opportunity to highlight the benefits of our profession to students as they begin to consider their future career choices,” she said. “We think the camp will help strengthen and grow the pool of prospective students, which will benefit the College as well as our profession.”

Students will pay tuition that will include housing in UAMS residence halls. Sponsors are being sought now to help defray costs.
Message from Dr. Sue Frank ’74,
Alumni Association President

Our big news this fall is the re-design of the alumni newsletter to a magazine format. Dean Gardner has led the effort, and we appreciate her interest in providing alumni with a publication we can be proud of. We hope you like the new look and upgraded content.

We had a great Reunion Weekend on October 28 – 29, with more than 100 at our Razorback tailgate party. The class of ’66 had the most alumni representation. The Association also is sponsoring a luncheon before a CE program on November 12 at the AHEC Northwest. Look for information on more alumni related events in conjunction with CE programs and APA District Meetings next fall.

In the last issue I told you that John Vinson ’04 is President-Elect. Now, it’s my pleasure to tell you that Jason Hawkins ’98 has agreed to serve as Vice President. John will be president of the Association in 2007-2008, and Jason will serve in the 2008-2009 year. I am pleased with our officers and think it bodes well for the Association that we have such strong Association leaders. If you want to learn more about the Association and its activities, please go to this link on the UAMS web site: http://www.uams.edu/cop/alumni/.

I am pleased to announce that Ruby Hill recently joined the College as Development and Alumni Relations Assistant. She will be the voice you hear when you call the alumni office. She comes to the College after serving 12 years as administrative assistant at Rutgers University’s Office of Continuing Professional Education, most recently in the Turf (golf course) Management program there. She brings a great deal of energy, enthusiasm and professional skills to the position.

This fall I contacted all the first year students on behalf of the Alumni Association and welcomed them to the College. We also introduced alumni t-shirts, and they have been well received. Look for ordering information in the magazine. Creative pharmacists Byrum Kelly and Jennifer ‘04 Kelly of Hazen ordered them for everyone in their pharmacy to wear on Saturdays. They’re particularly appropriate for Razorback game days. Order information is in the magazine.

An alumni survey is still being planned. So look for that late this year and please respond. We need your feedback to improve our program. Please feel free to e-mail me at sue_frank@merck.com. Thank you!

Gerald J. Glass CE Program is established at Delta AHEC

The inaugural Gerald Glass Memorial Continuing Education program took place on Sunday, November 5, 2006, at the Delta Area Health Education Center in Helena-West Helena. The annual program will memorialize Dr. Gerald J. Glass, a Delta community leader and pharmacist, who served as an early proponent of local Continuing Education for pharmacists. Following the program, a reception was held to celebrate the initial program and to recognize donors.

The continuing education program, “Diabetes Update,” was conducted by Dr. Eric Schneider, BCPS, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, College of Medicine University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Gerald Glass Endowment Fund at the College of Pharmacy was made possible with initial gifts from Clark and Becky Hall and Jane Glass, all of Marvell, and The Helena Health Foundation, which made a gift of $10,000. The goal is $40,000, and a total of $26,000 has been raised so far, according Dr. Jon Wolfe, associate dean at the college. For information about making a gift to the fund, please contact him at 501-686-6498 or wolfejj@uams.edu.

Wal-Mart Pharmacy donates Kirby-Lester Tablet Counters

Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Inc. has donated a pair of Kirby-Lester KL15e Tablet Counters, valued at nearly $11,000. The units will be used as part of practical laboratory exercises in the Pharmacetics Laboratory and in the Dispensing Laboratory taught by Dr. Eddie Dunn, associate professor, and Dr. Melanie Reinhardt, instructor.

L-R Dr. Randy Miller ’80, Pharmacy District Manager for Central Arkansas, and Dr. Kevin Smithpeters, Pharmacy District Managers for Southeast Arkansas, Dr. Eddie Dunn, and Dean Stephanie Gardner, pictured with donated tablet counters.
Speakers Bureau Established

The College of Pharmacy has established a Speakers Bureau to meet the need for pharmacy presentations to community groups. This will raise our visibility at a time when pharmacy issues are frequently in the news. We hope it will also provide information that will attract prospective students, while it showcases our college and faculty. It is a new part of our development efforts.

The Bureau will match experienced faculty members with opportunities to present in various media on behalf of the College. Our speakers can address a wide range of topics in their areas of expertise. These can range from television and radio interviews to presentations at civic clubs, church groups, and similar organizations. Topics in demand generally include new drugs in the market, drugs that are featured in national media, and the profession of pharmacy. In addition, programs could include general information about the College of Pharmacy, admissions and curriculum, and economic topics ranging from the pharmacist shortage to Medicaid drug coverage.

Pharmacists in the state may request help from the Speakers Bureau by contacting the Development and Alumni Affairs Office at 501-686-6497, or by emailing to AnnTurney@uams.edu.
Paul O. Gubbins, Pharm. D., Department of Pharmacy Practice

As the Pharmacy Practice Department grows, our faculty continue to excel nationally. This summer the Department hired Dr. Chenghui Li, M.A., Ph.D. Dr. Li received her degrees in Economics from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and is completing her post-doctoral research at Rutgers University. She will join our faculty in the Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy (PEP) in November. The Department is busy recruiting several additional tenure track positions in PEP, and clinical research, and several jointly funded non-tenure track faculty positions including a Medication Therapy Management Specialist with Wal-Mart Corp, a Primary Care Specialist with the Northwest AHEC in Fayetteville, and a Critical Care Burn Unit Specialist with Arkansas Children’s Hospital. The Department is very excited about these opportunities as they will further enhance our core excellence of teaching and help us continue to provide our students with state-of-the-art practice settings.

This summer and fall Department Faculty disseminated their expertise and research efforts through presentations at the following national meetings:

- The 2006 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA several faculty presented posters including Dr. Ross Vanderbush (Use of an Audience Response System in Continuing Education”), Dr. Nicki Hilliard ’83 (“Nuclear Pharmacy Technician Training Program”) and Drs. Scott Pace ’01 and Mark Helm (“An Evidence-based Approach to Controlling Arkansas Medicaid Drug Costs.”)
- The American College of Apothecaries Meeting, in Palm Beach, FL Dr. Donna West presented a invited lecture titled “Financial planning and management in community pharmacy”
- The 2006 Medicaid Summit Conference, in Park City, UT Dr. Brad Martin presented a two poster titles “Financial Evaluation of the Florida Medicaid Behavioral Pharmacy Management Program (BFMPE)” and “Costs Reductions Attained from an Evidence Based Preferred Drug List Policy on Los Sedating Antihistamines in a Medicaid Population”
- The Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) Annual Meeting, in San Francisco, CA Dr. Holly Maples presented an invited lecture titled “The War on Antimicrobial Resistance: Laying the Groundwork”.
- The Nonprescription Medicines Academy, in Cincinnati, OH Dr. Schwanda Flowers ’99 presented an invited lecture titled “Utilizing Technology to Teach Administration Techniques in a Non-Prescription Medications Advanced Clerkship”
- The 2006 Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, in St. Louis, MO, Dr. Lisa Hutchison ’83 presented a poster “Risk for delirium associated with psychotropic medications in nursing home residents with and without dementia.”

The Faculty continue to seek support for their research efforts. Dr. Mark Helm recently submitted a grant to the Public Health Trust to develop a program to educate clinicians on the costs of off-label prescribing, and in September Dr. Brad Martin received funding from NIH. Since July, faculty have published several manuscripts in professional journals including: Annals of Pharmacotherapy, and the Journal of the Medical Society of Arkansas (Dr. West); American Journal of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy (Drs. Hutchison and West); Pediatrics in Review (Dr. Maples) and the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education (Dr. Gardner).
Alumni News

Dr. Adam Wheeler ’05 has purchased Tanglewood Drugs in Little Rock from Dr. David King ’65.

Dr. Richard Ward ’95 has been named director of the Evidence-Based Prescription Drug (EBRx) Program of the Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services’ Division of Medical Services and the College.

Alumni New Arrivals

Harrison Davis, born to Cheryl ’88 and Jim Bush, November 21, 2005
Kyzer Luke, born to Stacy ’95 and Jeff Hargrove, October 25, 2005
Rebecca Marie, born to Pam ’95 and Michael Rossi, May 12, 2006
Josephine Lynn, born to Lynn ’95 and Michelle ’96 Crouse, July 19, 2006.
Lauren Alexa born to Jody ’97 and Jami Smotherman, September 21, 2006
Della Grace, born to Carrie ’99 and Myron Midholland, January 28, 2005
Landon Wayne, born to Candy ’00 and Eric Summerhill, June 3, 2005
Mallory Rose, born to Jennifer Forse Mayo ’00 and Bert Mayo, December 17, 2005
Heath Andrew, born to Brandy ’00 and Donnie Owen, September 2, 2006
Emilee Faith, born to Carrie ’01 and Brian Simpson, May 6, 2006
Angela Irene, born to Kacey ’02 and Robert Killebrew, July, 28, 2006
Alivia Grace, born to Cassie ’03 and Shawn Lawson, February 21, 2006
Phillip James, born to David ’04 and Rachel Lee, June 21, 2006
Reagan Grace, born to Christopher ’04 and Michelle Webb, born May 16, 2005
Jacqueline “Quin” Renee, born to Jeff ’05 and Tracy Wilson, January 6, 2005
Davis Montgomery, born to Amanda Kay ’05 and Connory Graham, September 3, 2006
Jackson James, born to Holly ’05 and Lyle Hibbs, July 08, 2006

Marriages

Bradley M. Deal ’03 married Sarah Lingo, December 17th 2005

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In Memoriam

Dr. Kile F. Marsh ’52, November 8, 2006
Dr. John L. Murray ’55, March 15, 2006
Dr. Michael P. “Pat” Thomas ’68, July 2, 2006
Dr. Justin Brannon ’05, August 18, 2006

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Dr. Harvey Shehane ’52 pictured with Luther Lewis, director of The Medical Center of South Arkansas and Bobby Beard, the mayor of El Dorado. Shehane was honored for 50 years of continuous service in the Pharmacy Department at The Medical Center, during Harvey Shehane Day, celebrated on August 1. He was honored with a reception and a gift of garden furniture. Ann Turney represented the College of Pharmacy and presented him with a letter from the Dean and the Executive Committee of the College, as well as a framed composite photo of his class.

Alumni News
GIVING AND GIVING BACK

By Dr. Jon Wolfe ’76, Associate Dean for Development and Professional Affairs

I have been thinking about Development of the College. It is a term we use for fund raising, but it is about more than gifts of money. It is about what we give, and about why we give it. It is about our generation of students, faculty and pharmacists have for the future of this profession.

We all will receive many reminders that 2006 is ending, and to consider giving at year’s end. They arrive in part because our income tax structure offers benefits next Spring for gifts this year. They also arrive because the holidays cause us to reflect about what matters to us. That chance for reflection is more important.

Philanthropy is a very personal matter. We all owe debts to the schools that prepared us for careers in pharmacy. Some of that we repay in kind. Some alumni set as a goal to give as much back to their schools as they received in aid when students. Others of you include the College of Pharmacy alongside your tithing plans, prayerfully making this a priority on a par with support of your churches and favorite charities.

There is a broader view. In the last analysis, we always give of ourselves, whether our money or our personal participation. The individual remains the source of every gift. I can tell you that the College of Pharmacy is receiving more in monetary gifts this year. We continue to receive other gifts that cannot be priced. Our Arkansas pharmacists come to campus to present to students in classes and in meetings. Our Arkansas pharmacists—many not graduates from here, but who have made us their school—precept our students. Many serve on our committees, advising and shaping our future.

For our part, the value of giving back lives within the curriculum. It is the unselfish impulse that sends our students to Service Learning projects. Their desire to give prompts them to volunteer for health screenings and for so many other community outreachers. Their recognition as APhA/ASP Chapter of the Year for the United States this year grew from their generosity, not from a wish to win an award. We should all learn from these students.

At the College we are grateful for all the gifts. We work every day to act as good stewards. It is the most practical way that we on campus honor those whose philanthropy supports our work. We need your guidance in giving back to the state and to the profession. I hope that you will contact me when you identify causes where the College of Pharmacy can help you make your giving more meaningful.

New Faculty members are welcomed with an orientation session at the beginning of the semester.

L-R: Dr. Crystal Henderson, Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy Specialist; Dr. Trey Crumby, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice; Dr. Marjan Boerma, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Jason Darden, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice; and Dr. Dao Le, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice.

White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2010

A ceremony was held to welcome the 120 members of the class of 2010 on August 20. Family, friends and faculty were on hand as the students received their White Coats which were provided by the Wal-Mart Pharmacy Division. Welcome remarks and the Student Pledge of Professionalism were given by Leslie Mooney ’09, President of the Academy of Student Pharmacists. Dr. Charles Born recognized the faculty, and Dr. Mark Riley ’76 brought greetings from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. Dr. Dennis Moore ’69 welcomed the class on behalf of the Arkansas Academy of Health-System Pharmacists, and Dean Stephanie Gardner addressed the new students. This meaningful ceremony has become a tradition at the college for the last three years.

Eight members of the Class of ’76 gather in June for a mini-reunion at the Oyster Bar in Little Rock. L-R seated: Dr. Greg Roberts; Dr. Mary Alice Easterling; Dr. Lynn Pride Bentzner; Dr. Nan Stiles; Dr. Mark Riley. Standing, L-R: Dr. Jon Wolfe; Dr. Pam Bernam; Dr. Suzette Bridges.

Lauren Smart ’10, with her mother, Dr. Sandy Camp ’82.

Beth Ponder ’10, with her dad, Dr. Danny Ponder ’73.

Abby Smets ’10, with her parents Dr. Mike Smets ’81 and Dr. Bonnie Johnson ’81.

Brad Williamson ’10, with his mother, Dr. Leah Williamson ’76.
Reunion Weekend
October 28-29.
More than 100 alumni and friends attended the tailgate party, co-sponsored by McKesson, and the Razorback game with University of Louisiana at Monroe. The Razorbacks won 44-10.

Chad Benson, Trent Shipley ’10 Kenna Lewis ’10, and Brandon Quaid ’10.

Dr. Dean Sikes ’87, Dohnae Sikes, Dr. Sue Frank ’74.

Emma and Anna, daughters of Dr. James Sheets ’00.

Dean Stephanie Gardner and Dr. Al Notter ’73.

Dr. Patricia Ingels ’86, Dr. Tom O’Donell ’59


Class of ’66 Reunion at the Tailgate party attendees: Dr. Linda Overman, Dr. Walter Hubbard, Dr. Jerry Jones, Dr. James Dobbs, Dr. Gayle Fowlkes, Dr. Don Woeltje, Dr. Roger Price.

Dr. Teresa Hudson, Dean Stephanie Gardner, Dr. Nicki Hilliard ’81
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