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The University declared a “snow recess” and cancelled classes due to the 17 inches of snow fall and 35 miles per hour winds on February 13. Naturally, we grabbed our camera and headed outside for some photos. Dean Svensson poses in front of the Pharmacy Building, all the while saying, “Hurry up! It’s still cold!”

Perhaps the most exciting event to take place since my last letter to you is the announcement of a $25 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. At the end of my first week as Dean, an opportunity arose to submit a proposal to the Endowment. Working with the office of the President and the Provost, we submitted a proposal that has the potential to transform the School and have a major impact on pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sciences. You can read more about this opportunity in this issue.

During my arrival on campus this past fall, I hit the ground running with numerous activities, and I haven’t slowed down yet. Throughout this issue of The Purdue Pharmacist, you will find highlights from various alumni receptions hosted throughout the country and how students are making a difference in organizations on campus. And although Purdue didn’t leave Orlando with a victory, we were excited for the opportunity to attend a bowl game this year.

In the last issue, I mentioned several improvements being made to our facility. You’ll be pleased to read more about the CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory and the Hook Drug Foundation Student Lounge in this current issue. Sincere gratitude is extended to all of the donors who made these projects a reality, and I invite each of you to take the time to explore these wonderful new spaces during your next visit to campus.

I am also pleased to share with you news about our faculty. You will have the opportunity to learn about the NIH grant funding procedure from our faculty who serve on study sections, and we are proud of our own Dr. Kinam Park who was recently named the Showalter Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

The School is pleased to honor our alumni for their significant achievements to the profession of pharmacy. Please help me congratulate our 2006 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, the Career Achievement Award, and the Friend of Pharmacy Award found on pages 12-16. We were also honored to have Dr. Janet Woodcock, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Chief Operating Officer of the FDA, speak as our Tyler Distinguished Lecturer in February.

I look forward to the many exciting activities happening this spring and summer. This year will mark my first Commencement ceremonies at Purdue, and I wish all of our students much success as they complete their studies at the School and prepare for future endeavors. I continue to look forward to meeting many more of you at various venues throughout the country and on campus, particularly the BoileRx Golf Classic on May 17. Be sure to check out the Pharmacy Events Calendar on page 33 to find out how you can continue to engage with Purdue.

Hail from Purdue. Go Boilers!

Craig K. Svensson
Dean

You can read more about Dean Craig Svensson on page 8 of this issue of The Purdue Pharmacist.

On the Cover: Purdue President Martin C. Jischke, from right, talks with Butler President Bobby Fong and N. Clay Robbins, President of Lilly Endowment. Butler and Purdue Universities on December 13 jointly announced $50 million in gifts from the endowment to promote pharmacy education, outreach and research. (Photo by David Umberger, Purdue News Service)
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THE LILLY ENDOWMENT announced on December 13, 2006, at the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance in Indianapolis that it is awarding $25 million to both Purdue’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Butler’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to support ongoing and new efforts that build on each university’s distinctive and considerable strengths, says N. Clay Robbins, Lilly Endowment President. “Indiana is fortunate to have these two excellent universities that can help lead us all to a healthier future.”

These grants mark the largest in Butler’s history and Purdue’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences history. But Purdue doesn’t plan to stop at that in order to meet its goals; the School proposes to raise an additional $10 million in private funds to assure success.

“This grant was in response to a proposal submitted to support a number of new initiatives that represent a major opportunity for the School to increase its impact within the state of Indiana and nationwide,” said Dean Svensson. “Optimal success of these initiatives necessitate the enhancement of our physical facilities. Hence, we have proposed raising additional funds to meet this objective.”

Butler plans to build a Health Education Center which will house the College’s Healthy Horizons Lab and Drug Information Center. Healthy Horizons, a program that promotes health literacy and wellness to all Butler employees, was launched in 2004. Funds will also support community-based postdoctoral pharmacy residency programs that focus on public health, as well as new opportunities for students to spend time at experiential sites in areas that are medically underserved. Purdue plans to develop community pharmacy-based models to better utilize pharmacists for early detection and management of adverse drug reactions. In order for the School to build upon its established strengths in cancer drug discovery and industrial pharmacy, it will also collaborate with several other research centers on campus, as well as The Chao Center for Industrial Pharmacy and Contract Manufacturing located in Purdue Research Park. Both universities will use a portion of the funds to continue to recruit and retain exceptional faculty for their programs.

“The Lilly Endowment grants to both Purdue and Butler will not only impact the schools, but ultimately will impact the community,” comments Dean Svensson. “With the rapid change that is going on in pharmacy practice, we believe that these grants will enable us to actually begin the process of further transformation of pharmacy practice to improve the health of people in Indiana and beyond.”

The following Purdue Pharmacy Vision will give you greater detail about the strategic planning for the School and how the Lilly Endowment grant will enable us to reach our goals. The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences extends its sincerest gratitude to the Lilly Endowment for this unprecedented grant which will allow us to advance in the understanding, development, improvement, and implementation of the pharmaceutical care and sciences.

Please visit http://news.uns.purdue.edu/UNS/html3month/2006/061213PharmLilly.html to read more about this exciting news.
Purdue Pharmacy Vision

The vision of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is to be the preeminent school of pharmacy in North America. We will build on the strengths of the School and Purdue University to launch specific initiatives that will enable us to be recognized as the pharmacy program with the highest impact on health care. These initiatives will be developed within the triad of Purdue’s mission as a research intensive, land-grant university.

Discovery

Three research initiatives will be launched: First, the School will partner with the Regenstrief Center for Health Care Engineering and the Industrial Engineering program at Purdue to create a unique research agenda focused on a systems engineering model for drug distribution and administration from the point of medication production to administration to the patient. The first arm of this initiative will focus on developing systems of distribution and administration that minimize medication errors.

The second arm will merge Purdue’s strengths in Industrial Pharmacy and Engineering, as well as the technological resources at Purdue’s Discovery Park, to address the growing global problem of counterfeit drugs. We believe this latter problem must be addressed within the context of a systems approach that addresses drug distribution from the point of production to the patient.

We will also launch an initiative designed to develop integrated, predictive models for pharmaceutical processing. This initiative, building on the resources of the Purdue Center for Pharmaceutical Processing Research and the Engineering Research Center, will aim to reduce the time from discovery to full scale production for pharmaceutical products.

An additional initiative will focus on merging the School’s strengths in industrial pharmacy and cancer drug discovery to develop a nanomedicine program focused on targeted delivery of therapies for the treatment of cancer. This initiative will leverage the resources in the Purdue Cancer Center, the Birck Nanotechnology Center, the Oncological Sciences Center, and the School of Biomedical Engineering; as well as the companion animal disease model program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Learning

We will develop innovative practice models to take advantage of the high accessibility of community pharmacists to provide early detection of adverse drug reactions and outpatient interventions. These practice models will create sites to train a new generation of community pharmacists to recognize and manage adverse drug events, with the goal of reducing the estimated 700,000 annual emergency room visits related to adverse drug reactions that occur in the U.S.

Engagement

We will create pharmacy school-based teams of specialists that can respond to significant medication error events in Indiana health care institutions to perform a systems analysis of the event and provide specific system-based recommendations to prevent recurrences. It is anticipated that student engagement in this initiative will provide a valuable training model for a new generation of pharmacists. Once established, we will seek to transfer this model nationwide.

By accomplishing this vision, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will improve the utilization of the most widely accessible health care professionals (pharmacists), impact health care delivery in the State of Indiana and nationwide, develop new therapeutic approaches for the treatment of cancer, promote economic development through new technology, and establish its place as the premier school of pharmacy in the nation. The unique alliance with Discovery Park, the Regenstrief Center for Health Care Engineering, and the Purdue Health Care Technical Assistance Program will create a one-of-a-kind educational, research, and engagement agenda for training pharmacists for the 21st century.
October of 2006 was an extremely exciting time for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Two dedications were held to celebrate the many improvements happening to the Heine Pharmacy Building.

The following pages take you on the journey of the new CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory and the Hook Drug Foundation Student Lounge. We are pleased to offer these remarkable spaces to our students, and the projects would not have been made possible without the generous donations from our valued alumni and friends. Please help us thank the following individuals for their leadership gifts used to improve our facility which will ultimately enrich the education and social well-being of our students during their time on campus: Bob and Sondra Brown; Dick and Susan Brychell; Jim and JeanAnne Chaney; the Estate of Allen and Hester Wolfe Collins; CVS/pharmacy; Jeffrey and Cheryl Green; the Hook Drug Foundation; Tom and Karen Jeppson; Kroger Company; Pharma-Card, Inc.; the Pharmacy Classes of 2004 and 2005; the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society; Marvin and Melanie Richardson; the Estate of William and Janet Strang; Walgreens Company; and Bernie and Judy Williams. We invite each of you to explore these new spaces during your next visit to campus.

The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has been delighted to bring you news about the progress of the renovations to the Practice Laboratory over the past year, and it is our pleasure to announce the completion of this outstanding project. With fast-forward videos of the renovations playing on the TV monitors throughout the lab and standing room only, the CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory was proudly dedicated on October 26, 2006.

Demolition to the outdated laboratory began during the spring of 2006, and construction took place throughout the summer in order for it to be functional by the beginning of the fall semester. The original laboratory, designed and built prior to the implementation of the PharmD program, was unable to provide the optimal learning environment for our students. The new space totals 1,968 square feet—almost twice the size of the original laboratory—and offers cutting-edge technology to suit the needs of our students.

“With the addition of the new CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, Purdue’s stellar pharmacy program continues to address and anticipate the needs of students, their future employers, and future patients,” issued Purdue President Martin Jischke. “Purdue students will have access to the best resources available to practice and master their skills before entering the work force.”

The $825,000 renovations for such a remarkable facility would not have been possible without the generous support from our donors. The new laboratory is named in recognition of CVS Corporation’s $300,000 gift—the largest single contribution to the project. “By providing the top students in the nation with the best resources available, we will produce outstanding pharmacists to be a part of our health-care future,” remarks Hanley Wheeler, Senior Vice President of Central Operations for CVS/pharmacy. “Purdue shares the same vision as CVS does,” adds Papatya Tankut, Vice President of Professional Services for CVS/pharmacy. “We’re really proud to have been able to contribute to such a good cause.”

The School also wishes to thank Kroger Company, Pharma-Card, Inc., and Walgreens Company, as well as...
Bob (BS 1951) and Sondra Brown, Dick (BS 1973) and Susan Brychell, Jim and JeanAnne (BS 1961) Chaney, Tom (BS 1977, Management) and Karen (BS 1978) Jeppson, Marvin (BS 1980) and Melanie Richardson, and Bernie and Judy (both BS 1966) Williams for their significant support to this project.

"The new practice lab offers top-of-the-line educational technology, access to high-quality equipment, and a flexibility that provides a greater capacity to teach the latest techniques found in pharmacy practice," says Dean Craig Svensson.

Video technology such as mounted cameras throughout the lab have been incorporated so that instructors can demonstrate clinical skills while being transmitted onto a large screen at the front of the classroom for easy viewing by each student. "Now everyone has the best view," says Kim Plake, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. "Students can also replay the demonstration as many times as they need because it is recorded and saved on the network."

Students can also watch recordings of themselves in the practice setting. Communication is an essential element of pharmacy practice, and Professor Plake comments that it has become a growing responsibility that pharmacists be able to counsel patients with confidence and empathy. Not only does the new lab provide the technology necessary for students to review their performance, it facilitates real-life counseling by bringing actual patients into the lab. Six adjacent, private areas allow professional role-play, group case studies, and patient consultation.

This new lab has it all, and the students are excited to have the opportunity to experience all it has to offer. "As students, we spend so much time learning about the science of pharmacy in the classroom. However, there is an art to practicing pharmacy," says Laura Smith, fourth professional year student.

"The CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory will enable students to more fully develop skills necessary to practice this art, ultimately leading to improved patient care."

To learn more about the CVS Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, you can read the Purdue News Service article from October 26, 2006, at http://news.uns.purdue.edu/html3month/2006/061026CelebrateLab.html.
The Hook Drug Foundation Student Lounge

For many years, the Student Lounge in the Heine Pharmacy Building has hosted countless weary students: students seeking a few minutes of rest between classes; students hurrying through microwaved lunches; students downing countless cans of caffeinated beverages as they read and reread notes before that all-important final.

The lounge received minor renovations in its 35 year history. Its layout was not conducive to group study or interaction, and the worn furniture needed replacing. Renovations, which began in May, 2006, included the removal of several walls and partitions and created a configuration more beneficial for student interaction and socializing.

By the time classes began this past fall, the newly-renovated Hook Drug Foundation Student Lounge greeted students returning for the new semester. One room now houses a gathering area complete with a kitchenette and television, while the other has computer stations and two small conference rooms where students can meet for group study sessions. The new spaces total 974 square feet, and the cost of the renovations totaled $175,000. A dedication ceremony of this new space was proudly held on October 25, 2006.

The Hook Drug Foundation’s leadership gift for the renovation of the lounge helped make this project possible, and on behalf of the students who will be able to enjoy this fine setting, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical extends its sincere gratitude. Hook’s stores were a common feature of the Indiana landscape for nearly a century. At its height, the chain operated over 350 drug stores. Now, the Foundation’s focus is primarily on pharmacy education and history.

“It is important for students to have a place to gather outside of the classroom,” said Mark Varnau (BS 1956), a board member of Hook Drug Foundation. “There must be an inviting space for students to discuss what they have learned, share ideas, and just relax. Learning begins in the classroom but continues throughout students’ entire educational experience. We wanted to support the strong pharmacy program at Purdue by enhancing the gathering place for students. We also want to continue the strong connection between the Hook family name and Purdue.”

Mark also commented that August “Bud” Hook was a 1929 graduate of Purdue’s School of Pharmacy, as was his daughter, Ann Voliva (BS 1958), granddaughter, Cathy Caperton Arwood (BS 1987), and grandson, John Voliva (BS 1999).

The School also wishes to thank the following donors for their generous contributions to the project: Bob (BS 1951) and Sondra Brown, Jim and JeanAnne (BS 1961) Chaney, Jeffrey (BS 1979) and Cheryl (BS 1970) Green, the Estate of Allen and Hester Wolfe Collins (Parents of Carolyn Collins, BS 1970), the Estate of William and Janet (BS 1938) Strang, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Classes of 2004 and 2005, and the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

During the dedication, donors were able to take to the podium to say a few words. Carolyn Collins was extremely appreciative to be able to speak on
behalf of her late parents. “My parents were proud of me for becoming a Boilermaker and working to receive the fine education that I did,” comments Collins. “I’m proud of them for their generous natures. My parents had faith that their final monetary gift to this School would have a beneficial outcome.”

Bill Strang (BS 1967, ECE), the son of William and Janet Strang, also spoke on behalf of his family at the dedication. “This addition recognizes the need of this group of students to interact in their own space without the need to journey to another building between classes, thereby making better use of their time,” he said. “The layout of this facility provides both for the social as well as the learning or study environments that are needed in our pressure-filled world.” While sharing that he believed the lounge to be a positive addition to the School, he extended his personal thanks to the Hook Drug Foundation not only for helping make this new facility possible, but for helping him call his mother when he became lost and wandered into their store when he was just ten years old.

Dean Svensson jokingly commented during his opening remarks about the new lounge, “You may not believe this, but students cannot study all of the time! Students definitely benefit from having a space dedicated to allow them to relax, but such a space can also provide an informal environment for the exchange of ideas. “Education happens not only in the classroom, but also in other places, such as laboratories, libraries, and yes, in student lounges,” says Katy Trinkley, Rho Chi President and third professional year student. “Student interaction allows for the free flow of ideas and often stimulates critical thinking as a result. Thus, even a student lounge can become a vital part of a student’s educational experience.”

Mark Triboletti, also a third professional year student, agrees. “The lounge is a place for students to commiserate, communicate, and collaborate with each other, developing lifelong friendships, and fostering the lasting community that helps make us one of the best pharmacy schools in the world.”

On behalf of the students, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences extends much thanks to the Hook Drug Foundation and all the other donors for their generous support of this new space that students will surely enjoy now and for years to come.
“Purdue’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is one of the top-ranked programs in the nation,” says Dean Svensson. “The School’s alumni and former faculty members make up about one-quarter of the nation’s deans of pharmacy, as well as many other leadership positions in pharmacy. I am excited about the opportunity to work with faculty and staff to bring the programs of the College to the next level of preeminence.”

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Craig pursued his prepharmacy and undergraduate training at the University of Maryland. He received his PharmD degree from the University of Maryland in 1981 and his PhD in Pharmaceutics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1984. After a postdoctoral fellowship in pharmacokinetics at the University at Buffalo, he joined the faculty at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, as an Assistant Professor, where he rose to the rank of Professor and Associate Chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. In August of 2003, he became the Lyle and Sharon Bighley Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Head of the Division of Pharmaceutics in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Iowa. He received Teacher of the Year Awards at both Wayne State University and the University of Iowa, and was awarded the Career Development Chair Award and gave the convocation address for the class of 2006 at Wayne State University.

Craig has served as a member or chair of numerous grant review panels for the National Institutes of Health and currently serves on the Xenobiotic and Nutrient Disposition and Action Study Section for the NIH. He is also the recipient of the James A. Shannon Director’s Award given by the NIH. He is a recipient of the American Federation for Clinical Research Meritorious Research Award, and in October, 2006, he was named a Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, of which he currently serves as the Associate Editor for the AAPS Journal. Craig is a regular reviewer for numerous scientific journals, including the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Drug Metabolism and Disposition, and the Journal of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and the Rho Chi Honor Society.

Craig’s research interests have primarily focused on understanding the mechanism of idiosyncratic drug reactions, with a particular emphasis on cutaneous drug reactions. His laboratory has examined the role of altered metabolism in AIDS patients as a predisposing factor for these reactions in this highly susceptible population. His laboratory has also examined the role of metabolic and immunologic events in the skin in precipitating the cutaneous drug reactions observed with sulfonamide antimicrobial agents. With his administrative responsibilities as Dean, however, he is no longer directing a research program.

In addition to his experience as a faculty member, researcher, and administrator, Craig has worked in a community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, and served as a hospital-based clinical pharmacokinetics consultant. He has also worked as a poison information specialist. During his time at the University of Maryland, he served as Chair of the Student Committee on Drug Abuse Education.

If credentials alone don’t impress you, meeting in him person certainly will. You’re first greeted by kind eyes, followed by a pleasant demeanor. Spend a little time with him, and you’ll soon find out that not only is he passionate about being the best dean he can possibly be, he also has a great sense of humor.
Oh, and he is madly in love with his wife, Sue. Still giddy after almost 23 years of marriage, the two can’t say enough good things about each other.

Sue, who grew up in Buffalo, met Craig at a church singles group while he was doing his graduate work, and as she puts it, “He was the best catch in the whole group!” The couple have a twenty-year-old son, Eric, who moved with them to West Lafayette. They also have a son, Bob, who is married to Melisa and has three children in Michigan, and a daughter, Kate, who is married to Josh in Ohio.

To see how Craig navigates his way through the Pharmacy Building since his arrival in October, you’d expect he’s been here much longer. He seems to have just stepped right in as if he’s been here all along, but as he explains, “Well, that’s because I’ve got a great support team that guides me.”

When asked what led him down the path of deanship, he comments he considered becoming a dean after his colleagues over the years had told him that he had the right type of vision, personality, perspective, and leadership skills that would succeed. It was that feedback that led him to potentially think about becoming a dean. When he received a call from the search committee at Purdue, it seemed like the right thing to do, and he talked and prayed about it at great length with his family and colleagues.

He has always had a great deal of respect for Purdue, and he knew it was highly ranked and was a strong program. “He’s always had a deep regard for this institution,” comments wife Sue. Even their daughter became excited when she learned he was being considered for the position she since knew how much he had admired the University over the years.

“If I was going to be a dean somewhere, it was going to be at a strong research university,” says Dean Svensson. “A place that had the momentum to move forward—particularly in the changing environment of state universities over the last 10-15 years—and was positioned to be able to excel in that changing environment. Purdue seems to have this. There seems to be a culture here that’s consistent with the changes that universities have to undergo if they are going to really excel in the 21st century.”

It’s no secret that state funding has diminished through the years, and if universities want to advance, they have to look at other sources. He continues, “There’s a lot of excitement on campus, what I would call the entrepreneurial spirit, and if state universities are going to move forward, I think that’s critical. There’s a history of this entrepreneurial approach, both within the School itself and within the University.”

He understands that Purdue has taken the attitude that we must take our destiny into our own hands and not wait for the state to bail us out.

Overall, it’s clear that Craig and Sue are excited to become part of the Purdue family. They jointly comment, “you can just tell that everyone likes their job, and we just love the culture here. It’s fun to be around people who enjoy what they’re doing.”

On February 8, Sue Svensson, photographed with son Eric, and the faculty and staff of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences held a surprise 50th birthday party for Dean Svensson in the lobby of the Pharmacy Building.
THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY and Pharmaceutical Sciences gratefully acknowledges Hamid Abbaspour (BS 1985) for his $20,000 gift to establish the Dr. Aziz Endowment Fund in honor of his eldest brother, Aziz Abbaspour, who he considers his first mentor.

Aziz completed a post-doctoral fellowship in medicinal chemistry at Purdue under the direction of Dr. Mark Cushman. At the age of 41, he died in the prime of his life. But Hamid explains that Aziz left this world with the “mandate to search for the answers to the causes and prevention of cancer.” According to Hamid, his brother was the image of a perfect human being: “precise, cheerful, witty, kind, thoughtful, patient, and active.” It’s only fitting that Hamid name an endowment in his brother’s honor.

Hamid says that his motivation to give back to Purdue was his way of saying thank you. “As many other Purdue Pharmacy Alumni, I had my share of success due to the fact that I received excellent education from the University, especially from many of the professors who inspired me to be the best as I could be.”

The endowment fund will support an annual award known as the “Dr. Aziz Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award” in order to recognize a faculty member. Dr. Eric Barker, Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, will be the first recipient of this award presented at the University Honors Convocation on April 15, 2007. In addition to this annual award, the fund may also support the “Dr. Aziz Preceptor of the Year Award” to recognize preceptors who guide and mentor PharmD students during their experiential rotations, and the “Dr. Aziz Experiential Learning Award” to recognize a faculty, staff member, or volunteer who has contributed significantly to Experiential Learning.

When asked why it was important to him for the fund to support a teaching award, he explains,

“Professors play an important role in the development of many future pharmacists. They are the role model, mentor, supervisor, and advisor. This award is a way for all of us students to say thank you.”
A NEW LECTURE was presented in PHPR 100 on October 18, 2006. Approximately 475 pre-pharmacy students are enrolled in this pharmacy orientation course, thus providing the perfect venue to address the topic of cultural differences.

The lecture entitled “Developing Cultural Self-Awareness” was developed by course coordinator Jane Krause, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and Jackie Jimerson, Director of Multicultural Programs. The goal of the lecture was to develop cultural awareness and increase students’ knowledge of cultural competence by: 1) defining culture, 2) explaining the importance of self-assessment in achieving cultural awareness, and 3) describing how culture can impact interactions with others.

The two arranged for Dean Craig Svensson and Provost Sally Mason to address the students with opening remarks, and then a student panel made up of four PharmD students led a discussion about the content addressed in the film “A World of Difference; Expanding Your Cultural Awareness” shown in class. All class participants were responsible for completing a student self-reflection assignment at the end of the lecture.

Feedback about the lecture was solicited, and over 100 handwritten comments were received—overall very positive and constructive. Many comments praised the student panel for discussing the topic with such honesty about their personal experiences and how it offered a peer’s perspective on culture. Among some of the other comments were:

- I am an international student, and this lecture was (exactly) about what I have experienced for a few years. I’ve met many students having different nationalities and cultures—they just have different ways of expressing themselves. This lecture was interesting for me.
- Very good lecture. Cultural awareness is vital to leadership roles like pharmacy. Leaders do not let differences get in the way of succeeding.
- I learned more about how other cultures live, how they are different, and how we have to learn to strengthen ourselves and the community.

- Good information. Provost Mason did a wonderful job. She left me feeling like maybe I should be more aware of how I act toward others and how I react to them.

“I believe the lecture was very successful and beneficial for the pre-pharmacy students, and it was a pleasure working with everyone,” comments Krause. Following the course completion, Provost Mason was presented with a “Thank You Memory Book” which highlighted the lecture. “The community at Purdue is made up of many nationalities, and it is extremely important for our students to understand how to interact with one another and respect our differences,” says Mason. “The more we can learn to work together, the better we will all succeed. I was very pleased to be invited to speak about this topic.”

Keynote speaker Provost Mason is presented with a “Thank You Memory Book” by student panelists Michael Rodriguez and Brenda McLaurine
The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences honored several distinguished alumni and friends at an awards event on November 10. Stanley Beck (BS 1955), John Derr (BS 1958), Gerald Migliaccio (MS 1979), and Thomas Zioncheck (PhD 1988) received the Distinguished Pharmacy Alumni Award. Don Newman (BS 1947) was honored with the Career Achievement Award, and the Friend of Pharmacy Award was presented to Joyce Collins. Congratulations to these individuals for their outstanding achievements in professional and scientific endeavors.
Stan Beck is a native of Lebanon, Indiana. He received his BS in Pharmacy from Purdue University in 1955. During his years at Purdue, Stan was an active member of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club representing the University at numerous venues. He also was a member of Rho Chi, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Kappa Psi, and Sigma Pi. Stan gained a taste of the pharmaceutical industry by working part-time for Lafayette Pharmacal while a student at Purdue.

Following graduation in 1955, Stan accepted a research pharmacist position with Abbott Laboratories—the only research position open in the country at that time. Dr. Glen Sperandio recommended Stan for the job. During his 41 year tenure at Abbott Laboratories, Stan was involved with various aspects of the company, both in research and marketing. In addition to receiving a patent for an improved heparin injection, he was involved with formulations for Hytrin, Abbokinase, Cylert, Erythromycin, and Vi-Daylin. He was selected as the first candidate in a new Executive Training Program which Abbott implemented in 1957, where he experienced all major areas of manufacturing, packaging, production planning, marketing, and field sales.

After completing the program, he became the Manager of Sales Promotion and later the Vice President for Marketing where he managed many new products for Abbott. In the last few years before he retired, he served as Director of Global Reimbursement which was the only position of its kind in the industry. He had to correlate reimbursement regulations as they pertained to diagnostic equipment. He served not only Abbott but advised many other companies, as well.

During a portion of his time with Abbott, Stan also worked part-time at several local pharmacies. He went to night school for six years at the University of Chicago, receiving his MBA in 1965. Stan and his wife, Charlotte, enjoyed golf, boating, watching their son at racing events, and family trips to their cabin in Northern Illinois.

Upon his retirement, Stan and Charlotte returned home to Lebanon. Stan’s impetus to return to Lebanon was predicated through a desire to give back to a community loved by both him and his wife. The Becks have spearheaded programs to help redevelop the downtown area by rehabilitating a major Lebanon business building, and opened a downtown deli-restaurant. They are major contributors to Witham Hospital and a new community center, and develop and manage a “Keep Lebanon Beautiful” program.

The Becks are members of the Rolls Royce Owners Club and often take short trips with their friends in the club. They also enjoy spending time with their three children, Jeffrey, Nicole, and Cheryl, as well as their two granddaughters, Sarah and Jennifer.
John Derr grew up in Evanston, Illinois, where his pharmacist father owned a community pharmacy for over thirty years. John received his BS in Pharmacy from Purdue University in 1958. While attending Purdue, he sang in the Purdue Glee Club where he was a Purdue Sir and the tenor in a specialty quartette. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and later served on the National Leadership Committee. Upon graduation, he worked in various Chicago area pharmacies before attending the Naval Officers Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1959. He ultimately served five years of active duty on Destroyers and 26 additional years as a Naval Officer, including five summers working for the Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs in The Pentagon. Among his service medals and ribbons is the Meritorious Metal for recognition of his Naval Service which included special pharmacy projects for the DOD.

In 1963, John joined Squibb Corporation as a pharmaceutical representative in Beverly Hills, California. In 1966, he was promoted to Squibb headquarters in New York as the first Squibb marketing trainee. He rapidly advanced in marketing, eventually becoming the U.S. Director of Strategic Planning and Product Development in 1972. As Director of Hospital Marketing, he led the team that converted Orahesive to Stomahesive and introduced the first broad line of unit dose packaging (Unimatic), as well as a full line of nuclear medicine and blood products, and Prolixin Enanthate.

In 1974, he accepted the position of VP Marketing for Worldwide Diagnostics at Searle, which was later sold to Siemens Medical Systems, where he became a Vice President as well as Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound U.S. Division Manager. In 1980, he joined the hospital corporation National Medical Enterprises (NME) as the Senior VP of International Marketing and President of the NME supply company Medicalia.

In the 1980s, he was a key executive in starting a successful public clinical chemistry company (IRIS), then a marketing database company (Westlake Group), and a ceramic implant division of Kyocera (Kinamed). In the 1990s, he joined Metalaser Technologies as CEO and later formed Innovative Health Concepts which opened the first national chain of laser dermatology clinics. He later joined J.B. Laughrey, Inc., as Chief Operations Officer and worked with the pharmacy DUR corporation, Medi-Span, in Indianapolis. In 1998, he helped to form Shared Healthcare Systems, a software developer of enterprise applications for nursing homes.

In 2002, John was asked by the President/CEO of the American Health Care Association (AHCA), representing over 10,000 Long-term care (LTC) facilities, to serve as Director of the Strategic Action Group and then Executive Vice President of Operations. He became active in President Bush’s 2004 Executive Directive which introduced the electronic health record. He was asked by Secretary Thompson to coordinate the LTC sector and worked with ex-Speaker Newt Gingrich as the chairperson of his Center for Health Transformation, Long Term Living Workgroup.

He is currently working with the Regenstrief Institute to introduce LTC facilities into the Indianapolis Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO). John regularly speaks on LTC information technology and chronic care and wellness management. He participated in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) quality indicator and pharmaceutical Part D programs. In January of 2006, he returned to his home in Anacortes, Washington, to operate the Foundation for the Advancement of Care for the Elderly (FACE). The foundation has a primary focus of bringing quality of care and quality of life to the elderly and disabled through programs of working with researchers and academics to bring technology and knowledge to the elderly patient.

John has been married to Ohio University graduate Polly Pease Derr for 43 years. They have two daughters, Deborah and Jennifer, both graduates of California Lutheran University. Deborah is a licensed Chiropractor living in Arizona. Jennifer, after a career in communications, is a wife and mother of two sons who are hoping to attend Purdue. John has maintained close ties to Purdue, serving on the Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council, participating in the Purdue Old Masters program, serving as President of the Los Angeles Purdue Club, and was elected the Western Region Director of the Purdue Alumni Association. John also has used his healthcare experience to write and publish an international pharmaceutical espionage novel, _Devil Tree_, a story about a pharmaceutical formula developed from the bark of the Alstonia Spectabilis tree (Devil Tree) that is a cure for Alzheimer’s.

Gerald Migliaccio was born and raised in Rhode Island. Taking part in a high school explorer program at Ciba-Geigy, he was able to catch a glimpse of the job opportunities industry allows. This exposure convinced him a career dealing with pharmaceuticals should be a part of his future. Embarking on this career path, he began college at Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and received a BA in Chemistry in 1977. The following semester, he started graduate studies at Purdue University and obtained a MS in Medicinal Chemistry in 1979.
After graduation, Gerald assumed a position as Staff Chemist with Pfizer, Inc., in Terre Haute, Indiana. His primary duty involved quality control and modernizing chromatographic analysis. A year later, he transferred to a Development Chemist position at the antibiotic manufacturing facility in Groton, Connecticut. His principal responsibilities were overseeing process development, improvement, and troubleshooting. In 1983, he was named the Section Leader of Quality Assurance for active pharmaceutical ingredients produced at the Groton, CT facility and managed GMP procedure development, deviation investigation, audits, and product release activities. Relocating to New York City in 1987, he took over as the Director of Process Control for the Chemical Division, supervising overall GMP, safety, and environmental compliance for the facilities that manufactured specialty chemicals and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

In 1989, Gerald was promoted to a position in the U.S. Pharmaceutical Division as the Manager of Technical Services where he managed all technical aspects of new product launching at a time when Pfizer was rapidly launching some of their most successful drugs including Norvasc™, Diflucan™, Zoloft™, Zithromax™, and Cardura™. In 1991, following an expansion of duties to include new product planning and packaging services, he was named Director of Production Services.

Following Pfizer’s globalization of manufacturing in 1997, Gerald was appointed to Director for Manufacturing Operations. In this role, he oversaw manufacturing in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and Canada. Two years later, he was appointed to Vice President of Global Quality Operations. In 2005, he accepted the added responsibility of Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS) and currently is responsible for Quality and EHS operations at all Pfizer sites around the world.

He has served as a member of the PhRMA Quality Technical Group since 1999, through which he chaired a GMP Task Force to work with the FDA on aspects of the 21st Century Drug Product Quality Initiative in 2001. In 2004, he was nominated to serve as the PhRMA industry representative to the FDA’s Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Sciences. He was named as the Chairman of the ISPE International Leadership Forum in 2004 and appointed Rapporteur for International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) Q10, a harmonized guideline on the Pharmaceutical Quality System. In 2005, he received the ISPE’s Professional Achievement Award.

Gerald’s wife Karen, whom he met in organic chemistry at Purdue, received her BS in Chemistry from Notre Dame College of Ohio and her MS in Analytical Chemistry at Purdue. She is currently the Senior Director of Quality Assurance for Pfizer Research and Development’s Pharmaceutical Sciences Group. The couple are mutually passionate about sail boating and power boating and try and spend as much time as possible on the water.

Thomas Zioncheck was born in Binghamton, New York, and grew up in the Hudson River Valley, 90 miles north of New York City. He earned a BS in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Oneonta with High Honors in 1984. He received his PhD in Biochemistry from Purdue University in 1988. The focus of his doctoral work was on the characterization of protein kinases in lymphocytes with the goal of understanding their role in cellular proliferation and differentiation. This work led to the discovery of a novel family of enzymes (SYK and ZAP-70 kinases) that were subsequently shown to be integral players in cell signaling and cancer biology.

Following his graduate work in 1988, he was selected as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Genentech, Inc., and was later hired in 1991 as Development Scientist where he went on to hold positions of increasing responsibility. While at Genentech, he also had the honor of serving as the Development Project Team Leader for three different drug development programs. In this capacity, he had responsibility for leading a cross-functional project team in setting the strategic direction for programs transitioning from preclinical development into early clinical trials.

During his tenure at Genentech, Thomas has made scientific contributions to many FDA regulatory filings including investigational new drug applications (INDs) and biological licensing agreements (BLAs) for novel cardiovascular, autoimmune, and cancer therapies. He has published over 30 scientific papers, has six issued patents, and has received 16 corporate recognition awards for significant contributions to Genentech’s accomplishments.

Thomas’s commitment and contribution to the pharmaceutical sciences are further demonstrated by his role in various organizations, including the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS). In 2001, he was elected Chair for the Biotech Section, and he served as co-chair for the first National AAPS Biotechnology meeting. In 2002, he was appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, University of the Pacific, in Stockton, California. Here he is able to bring real world experiences to classrooms in an effort to strengthen the pharmacy programs and student curriculum.

In March, 2005, he made a career change and joined the Business Development Group at Genentech. He currently serves as Associate Director for in-licensing new therapeutics, technology, and intellectual property. He enjoys applying his scientific background and drug-development expertise in sourcing and evaluation of new strategic opportunities for Genentech.

Thomas’ wife of 12 years, Kim, is a graduate of the University of California at Davis. Their twin sons, Andrew and Zachary, keep them very happy and busy. Together they enjoy traveling, camping, skiing, and spending as much time as possible in the great outdoors.
Don Newman was born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised in the South Bend area as the son of a pharmacist. Don enrolled in the School of Pharmacy at Purdue University in 1941 where he participated on the football and track teams, setting a pole vault record in 1942. In 1943, Don joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-17 Bomber Pilot Instructor in Columbus, Ohio. While in Columbus, he met and married Columbus native, Mary Louise. After two quarters at The Ohio State University and the birth of their first of two girls, Don and Mary returned to West Lafayette to finish his pharmacy degree. After graduation, Don returned to the family drug store in South Bend and eight years later opened Newman’s Pharmacy in Mishawaka, Indiana.

In 1957, Don purchased a Howard DGA 15-P airplane, and in 1959 he co-founded the Mishawaka Pilots Club and became the club’s director. Very active in the community, Don ran for and was elected to a seat on the Penn-Harris-Madison School Board. This sparked his interest in politics and in 1973 was appointed to the position of Director of the Washington Office of the Governor of Indiana.

After months of flying from his job in Washington to South Bend, Don sold the pharmacy and moved to Washington D.C. to concentrate on politics. In the role of Director of the Washington Office of the Governor, Don lobbied Congress, agencies, the White House, and was even involved with the Supreme Court. In 1979, following a long series of night classes, he received a law degree from Georgetown University.

In 1985, under the Reagan administration, he was appointed to the position of Under Secretary to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. His duties included Chief Operating Officer and Liaison to the Secretary of Health, the President, and Congress. Through his many meetings in the Oval Office, Don formed a relationship with the then Vice President George Bush. In 1990, President Bush appointed him to the position of U.S. Minister to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). During his tenure at the ICAO, he served as an expert witness before House Aviation Subcommittee investigations and also played an instrumental part in banning smoking on international flights. At the conclusion of his term at ICAO in 1994, he joined the Washington D.C. law firm of Barrett and Schuler as Counselor. Soon thereafter, he accepted a position as a staff pharmacist and administrative officer with Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The diverse accomplishments of Don have been recognized by many respected organizations. His list of awards includes the IPA Bowl of Hygia Award, APhA’s Hubert Humphrey Award, the NARD Dargavel Medal, Honorary doctorates from both Purdue and Long Island University, and the Outstanding Pharmacist/Lawyer Award by the American Pharmacy Law Association.

In 1997, Don retired to Bellair, Florida, where he and his wife, Ginger, contribute their time and energies as volunteers each Thursday at the Clearwater Free Clinic. He has two daughters, Barbara—a pharmacist and graduate of Purdue, and Kathryn. He has four grandchildren, Mollie, Katie, Matthew, and Brittany.

Joyce Collins received her BS in Pharmacy from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1965. During her education in St. Louis, she worked in a small independent pharmacy. Following graduation, she moved to Indianapolis where she worked for a short period of time as a hospital pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital before returning to community pharmacy practice with Hook Drugs. She practiced at several locations as a pharmacy manager before being promoted to the corporate office in the Third Party Department. Later, she was asked to join the Human Resource Department where her duties included the training and development of field and corporate managers.

Hook-SupeRx was acquired by Revco in 1994 and Joyce assumed the position of Pharmacy Supervisor for northern Indiana and Michigan stores. In addition to supervising stores, she assisted with the transition from Hook’s to Revco. After the transition was completed, she continued her role of pharmacy supervisor for Revco in Indianapolis in which she was responsible for total pharmacy operations for 40 stores.

In 1997, when Revco was acquired by CVS/pharmacy, she was appointed as Manager of Professional and College Relations, the position she held until retiring in January, 2007. In this position, she has been responsible for staffing stores in Indiana, Illinois, Arizona, Nevada, Kentucky, Missouri, and Kansas. In addition to staffing, she is responsible for the development and implementation of the program for undergraduate students, the establishment of rotation sites, preceptor development, and the establishment of professional partnerships with the colleges of pharmacy in her market area. She currently serves on Dean’s Advisory Boards for the Purdue University School of Pharmacy, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, and The Chicago State University College of Pharmacy.

Joyce’s husband, Lance, a graduate of Temple University, is also a pharmacist. She has one daughter, Kathy, and three stepsons, Paul, Steven, and Doug. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, tennis, reading, gourmet cooking, and spending time with her newest grandson, Ethan.
THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY and Pharmaceutical Sciences was pleased to present Dr. Janet Woodcock as the Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lecturer on February 8-9, 2007. The Tyler Distinguished Lectures Series was established to honor Dean Varro E. Tyler for his 20 years of dedication to the School and his impact on the profession when he was promoted to Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1986. The two lectures presented were titled “Current Direction in Drug Regulation” and “Advancing the Science of Pharmaceutical Quality.”

Dr. Woodcock recently assumed the position of Chief Medical Officer of the Food and Drug Administration. Prior to this appointment, she was the Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Chief Operating Officer for the FDA where she was responsible for overseeing Agency operations and crosscutting regulatory and scientific processes. She had close interactions with diverse constituencies, including the clinical and scientific communities, members of Congress and the Administration, national media, patient and consumer advocacy groups, the international drug regulatory community, the regulated industry, and representatives of the Federal and State agencies. She frequently appeared in or was quoted by the national media and has testified repeatedly before Congress.

She has led many cross-Agency initiatives while at FDA. She introduced the concept of pharmaceutical risk management in 2000 as a new approach to drug safety. She has led the “Pharmaceutical Quality for the 21st Century Initiative” since 2002. This effort, to modernize pharmaceutical manufacturing and its regulation through the application of modern science and quality management techniques, has been highly successful in meeting its objectives. She has spearheaded an initiative on pharmacoconomics that has led to unprecedented agency-industry interactions on pharmacoconomics use in drug development. Over the last 18 months, she has been leading FDA’s “Critical Path” Initiative, which is designed to improve the scientific basis for medical product development.

Dr. Woodcock was director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) from 1994-2005. During this period, review times for new and generic drugs were cut in half, while the standards for quality, safety, and effectiveness were improved. She also oversaw initiatives to automate submission and review of applications and adverse event reports. Now nearing completion, these initiatives will allow the Center to make much more drug information publicly available. Under her leadership, CDER’s regulatory decision-making was made more open and transparent to the public. Changes included publishing CDER’s regulatory procedures and policies, developing over 100 technical “guidances” that describe regulatory standards, providing an unprecedented degree of participation of consumer and patient representatives in FDA processes, and creating an extensive Center web site which includes drug reviews and consumer information.

Prior to joining CDER, Dr. Woodcock was director of the Office of Therapeutics Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). There, she oversaw approval of the first biotechnology-based treatments for multiple sclerosis and cystic fibrosis. She also served as Acting Deputy Director of CBER for several years.

She has earned numerous FDA awards including six Commissioner’s Special Citations. She also received a Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award, the Nathan Davis Award from the American Medical Association (1999), the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership from American University (2000), the Public Health Leadership Award (2004) from the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), the VIDA Award from The National Alliance for Hispanic Health (2005), the Leadership Award in Personalized Medicine from the Personalized Medicine Coalition, three HHS Secretary’s Distinguished Service Awards, and the HHS Asian-Pacific Network achievement award (2001). Dr. Woodcock received her undergraduate degree from Bucknell University and her MD from Northwestern University Medical School (1977). She has held teaching appointments at Pennsylvania State University and the University of California at San Francisco. She lives in Maryland with her husband and is the mother of two daughters.
Some of our very best and brightest students are simultaneously pursuing their PharmD and a Masters in Industrial Administration at the Krannert School. We are looking for rotation and summer internship positions for these students that will provide them meaningful business experience in a Pharmacy-oriented environment. Summer internships can start as soon as this summer; rotation opportunities will be needed beginning May of 2008.

This is a new program, and we need your help in defining the sort of career “destinations” that await these extremely capable young people. Areas might include accounting, marketing, finance, strategic planning, or interface roles between clinical and administrative functions. If interested, please contact Dr. Matthew Murawski, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, at (765) 494-1470 or murawski@pharmacy.purdue.edu.
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For those of you who have ever submitted a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), you know that funding is highly competitive, but do you really know exactly what goes on behind the scenes? Who are the people who decide which proposals get funded? How long does the process take, and does it seem fair? Follow along as we take a peek inside the grant funding process through the eyes of our professors who know first hand what it takes to write a winning proposal.
Serving on a study section is a high honor and gives us an intimate connection with the grants process at NIH," says Marc Loudon, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs. Among the pharmacy faculty who have recently served on an NIH Study Section are: Drs. Don Bergstrom, Rick Borch, Mark Cushman, Jo Davis- son, Bob Geahlen, Rich Gibbs, Marietta Harrison, Marc Loudon, Kinam Park, Carol Post, and Dean Craig Svensson.

The Peer Review Process
The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is responsible for reviewing all NIH grant applications. The CSR needs over 18,000 expert reviewers in order to process nearly 80,000 applications every year. Each NIH grant application is assigned three reviewers (primary and secondary reviewers and a reader) whose responsibility it is to read the application in depth before a study section meets and supply a written critique and score that is available to all reviewers of that application prior to the meeting. A study section is comprised of 20-30 scientists who review grant applications.

For most study sections, reviewers are asked at the beginning of the meeting to identify the applications they consider to scientifically rank in the bottom half of the applicant pool. All reviewers and study section members must agree that the application ranks in the bottom half for it to be officially labeled as Not Scored, which means that the application will no longer be discussed and the application will not be funded. “The rationale for this system is to allow time for open discussion by the entire study section of only the most meritorious applications and not spend valuable discussion time on applications that are not competitive,” says Harrison. Once the applications that will not be scored have been identified and agreed on by all members, discussion of the remaining applications begins.

Dr. Geahlen comments that in the last meeting he attended, the session began by reviewing an outstanding proposal and then comparing it to one that was definitely going to miss the payline to establish in reviewers’ minds the two ends of the scale.

It is important to note that anytime a grant proposal is up for review from Purdue, our faculty serving on that study section must leave the room due to conflict of interest. When reviewing each application, the reviewers announce their initial scores. Then the primary reviewer summarizes the nature of the grant and critiques its strengths and weaknesses by commenting on the following components: significance, approach (methodology), innovation, investigator, and environment [resources available at the institution]. The secondary reviewer adds any information that he or she feels has been left out and may agree or disagree with the primary reviewer. Next, the reader briefly makes a statement of his or her view of the proposal. The study section as a whole then can ask questions of the reviewers. Dr. Geahlen comments that this process can go quickly if all three reviewers have similar opinions of a proposal, but can take quite a while if there is disagreement. Once the discussion concludes, the three reviewers restate their scores, noting changes if necessary.

In the end, all panel members vote anonymously on each application, and the score sheets are turned in to the Scientific Review Administrator. The final outcome of voting is not disclosed to the panel, but rather the funded applications are announced by the NIH staff some time following the meeting. And just how competitive is the process of getting a proposal funded? "Extremely," says Harrison. “Currently, only six to seven of every 100 applications will be funded. This is an unusual time, though, and generally the number is approximately 20 of every 100 applications.”

The faculty unanimously agree that the process is extremely time-consuming, but spending so much time is necessary to do the job properly. On average, participants meet three times per year in Washington, D.C. There are charter members who serve four-year terms and ad-hoc members who are asked to review for one panel meeting. During each session, each member reviews anywhere from 10-15 grant applications, each requiring approximately 5-10 hours to review. Dr. Geahlen points out, however, that being a reader on
a proposal is less time consuming since there is no need to write a critique.

"It probably varies from faculty member to faculty member, but it takes me about a month of non-stop work to prepare for one study section meeting since I feel that I really have to be on top of each proposal in order to judge it fairly," says Cushman. "Putting anything less than all that I have into judging these proposals would be morally wrong."

### Analyzing the System

So does the system work? Is it fair? According to Dr. Post, she believes the current funding level is so low that the peer review system doesn’t operate well. "The number of really excellent and worthy applications is larger than the number that will be funded. Thus, there is a huge backlog now of good applications. With this backlog, there is chaos in the review process as reviewers are not as objective as they are otherwise." She concludes that the peer-review system is the best review system, but no review system is perfect. Dr. Cushman feels that the process doesn’t always seem fair because different people simply judge proposals differently. "Sometimes it appears that the difference between getting funded and not getting funded boils down to luck as well as persistence."

"It has been my experience that the reviewers, by and large, take their responsibilities very seriously and try hard to be fair," says Dr. Geahlen. "Unfortunately, there is often very little that separates a funded proposal from one that just misses the funding cut-off. If more proposals could be funded, the process would be much more pleasant."

Despite differences of opinions and the lack of funding available, Dr. Harrison says the system is extraordinarily fair. "The fact that the study section process has endured for all these years indicates that the scientific community as a whole thinks it works reasonably well," she says.

### Faculty Incentives and School Advantages

If the pay—a mere $200/day per diem for the meetings—is not attractive, and it requires such an incredible amount of time, why do faculty agree to serve on study sections? Some say it is out of a sense of obligation since we are funded by the system. Some say it looks good on their biographical sketches and can sometimes be a plus when their own proposals are being reviewed. Mostly, faculty agree that it is important to give back to the scientific community, and that the system would not function properly without competent reviewers. "Scientific research in this country is peer reviewed at all stages, and obviously the better the reviewers, the better the science," comments Post. "Sitting on a study section panel is a responsibility we 'owe' to the system."

Not only do faculty see the importance of serving, they agree that there are advantages to serving. "You understand the dynamics behind how a study section works, what approaches work, and what approaches don’t work," says Harrison. "You become aware of the quality of research that is expected and gain insights into the best way to present your ideas." Dr. Geahlen agrees that by serving as a reviewer, you are better able to construct your grant in a manner that makes it readable to the reviewer. "It is helpful to get an idea of what makes an excellent grant application and what separates a funded proposal from an unfunded proposal."

"Science is continually changing," says Bergstrom, "and serving on a study section gives me a chance to find out where areas are evolving and keeps me on the forefront of science."

The School also benefits from having faculty members serve on NIH study sections. Most faculty comment that visibility and recognition in the scientific community are extremely important to a university. Serving on a study section gives your home institute that visibility and the opportunity to network with other scientists, explains Dr. Harrison. "There is an element of prestige in being asked to serve on a study section. One metric of how prestigious your faculty is is reflected in the number of faculty members serving on study sections," she says.

"The Graduate Education and Research enterprise in the United States is the envy of the world. No enterprise like this could be so successful without financial resources," comments Dr. Loudon. "The peer review system, in which excellence of the research and track record of the investigator are the primary criteria for funding, has proven to be a viable and reasonably objective way of distributing resources in what is typically a resource-limited climate. As a taxpayer, I feel very confident that this system overall is getting a remarkable 'bang for the buck.' We are very proud of the service our School faculty have provided in helping this system to work as it does. They obviously understand that the benefits they derive from this system carry an obligation to sustain and improve it."

"Like any human endeavor, the system isn’t perfect. For example, it has been criticized for not adequately supporting high-risk research or not supporting younger researchers. However, both NIH and NSF have addressed these issues with special programs. I often muse about what would happen if other areas of congressional appropriation were freed from the selective influence of lobbyists and were subjected to the rigors of an objective review in which all appropriations had to be carefully justified and all sides had an equal place in the debate."
Teaching Students About the NIH Grant Process

Professor Don Bergstrom participates in an extremely popular course that teaches graduate students about grant writing. “The goal of the course is to teach students how to write an NIH style grant proposal,” he says. “During the course, we talk about the mechanics of a grant proposal, and we have various professors talk about their own experiences and give different perspectives to the process.” Students must then write a proposal and serve on a mock study section.

Pharmacy faculty who have participated in the course include Drs. Bob Geahlen, Marc Loudon, Dave Nichols, and Carol Post. Since each of them has served on NIH study sections, they are able to speak first-hand about how grants are reviewed.

“There is also a session on ethics where we discuss that there are many ways that people can be dishonest in science, be it plagiarism or fake results. We talk about these pitfalls and how to avoid them during the course,” comments Bergstrom.

The students are graded on three assignments during the course. First, students are divided into several teams of three and have 10 days to write a three-page proposal which combines all of their own research, thus teaching the students how to work together and forcing them to combine ideas. Next, students write a 15-page NIH style grant proposal. They are provided with all of the necessary background information on how to construct a grant and have the opportunity to review examples. Two weeks prior to the end of the semester, they turn in their proposals. The final assignment begins with Dr. Bergstrom assigning each student to a study section with specific roles (as primary and secondary reviewer, and as reader), and the students then have ten days to review their three proposals. It is, however, strongly advised that the students read all of the proposals in their study section (8-12 proposals total). Since only primary and secondary reviewers are required to provide written critiques, each student thus is responsible for two written critiques and must be prepared to discuss a third (as the reader) during the study section. The process mimics the NIH process exactly. There are four sessions which consist of these themes: Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Biochemistry and Structural Biology, Cell Signaling, and Molecular Pharmacology. The last Saturday of the semester, the course holds a study section which lasts the entire day with two sections meeting simultaneously in the morning and afternoon with lunch provided. The reviewers present their critiques and the group discusses each proposal, spending roughly 3-4 hours for each section. “By listening and participating, the students learn a great deal about what they should and shouldn’t include in a proposal,” says Bergstrom.

This course, now titled MCMP 625, began well before 1989 when Dr. Bergstrom arrived at Purdue. The content of the course has changed since then and now involves more structure and more involvement by the faculty. Once a temporary course, the University has approved it as a formal course now offered in both the fall and spring semesters. It is capped at 40 students, and typically there are 35-40 students enrolled each semester, including students outside of pharmacy.

Dr. Bergstrom comments that he once had a former student return from a job interview explaining how she was offered the position because she already had the most experience in writing grant proposals. That student clearly benefited from having participated in this grant writing course.
Karen Hudmon joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice as Associate Professor in Indianapolis. Her research focuses on tobacco prevention and cessation, program evaluation, pharmacoepidemiology, and poison control. She received her BS in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in 1986 and her MS in Pharmacy Care Systems from Auburn University in 1991. She went on to earn her DrPH in Health Behavior and Health Education in 1995 from The University of Texas School of Public Health. At The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, she completed a NCI Predoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Epidemiology (1992-1995) and a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Division of Cancer Prevention (1995-1997).

Yaman Kaakeh joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice as Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. She received her PharmD from Purdue University in 2005 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center in 2006. Her clinical practice focuses primarily in the areas of internal medicine and surgery, and involves didactic and experiential education for Doctor of Pharmacy students. Her major clinical practice areas of interest include the appropriate use of cardiovascular medications, anti-infectives, and the provision of nutrition support. She is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, American Pharmacists Association, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Professor Emeritus of Pharmacognosy Jerry McLaughlin was named the recipient of the 2007 American Society of Pharmacognosy’s Varro Tyler Prize for Research on Botanicals.

Jennifer Morris joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice as Assistant Clinical Professor. She is practicing in pediatric critical care at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. She received her PharmD in 2003 from the University of Kentucky. At the University of Illinois at Chicago, she completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency (2004), a Pediatric Specialty Residency (2005), and a Fellowship in Clinical Pediatric Pharmacy Research (2006). Her research focuses mainly on pediatrics, pediatric pharmacotherapy, and outcomes associated with pharmaceutical care of pediatric patients.

Jim Tisdale, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, was elected as Chair-Elect, Clinical Sciences Section, Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

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Kinam Park
Named Showalter Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering

KINAM’S INITIAL REACTION to being named was quite a surprise, and he admits feeling somewhat guilty. “I have been enjoying working with my graduate students on various research projects, collaborating with colleagues in different departments, and having fun teaching undergraduate students,” he explains. “When you are getting rewarded for the job you love to do, that makes you feel guilty to some extent.” Receiving such an honor makes him realize that his decision to take the job at Purdue 20 years ago was a very good one. “I could not have been where I am now if I were at a different university. Students at Purdue have been really talented and dedicated, and my collaborators extremely supportive. I thank each and every one of them.” He adds that this recognition is extended to all of them.

Kinam earned his BS in Pharmacy in 1975 from Seoul National University and his PhD in Pharmaceutics in 1983 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he also undertook post-doctoral studies in Chemical Engineering. He began his career at Purdue in 1986 and was promoted to full Professor of Pharmaceutics in the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy in 1994. He has held a joint appointment in the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering since 1998.

When asked what he enjoys most about working with the faculty for both Pharmacy and Biomedical Engineering, his answer is straight to the point: People. “Faculty members at both departments are not only very smart and dedicated to their work, but also a lot of fun to work with,” he says. “The two departments complement each other very well, and the great working relationship between the Heads of the two departments has made everything easy.”

“Kinam Park is a truly outstanding professor and very deserving of this position,” says Steve Byrn, Head of the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy. “He is one of the top experts in drug delivery in the nation and is past president of the Controlled Release Society. As a colleague, he is great. It is always pleasing to see that nice guys like Kinam can finish first and receive recognition like this.”

Dean Craig Svensson agrees. “Dr. Park is an outstanding scientist with a strong international reputation,” he says. “Having had the privilege of working with him on panels at the National Institutes of Health prior to my coming to Purdue, I can attest to the high esteem with which he is held by colleagues across the country. He is the type of faculty member upon which Purdue’s reputation as an outstanding institution is built. And to top it all off, he is a very humorous fellow!”

Kinam comments that his teaching at Purdue has been a tremendous help in formulating his research areas and generating new research ideas, as he had to study hard to know all details on the subjects that he was teaching. The Showalter Professorship allows him to develop new teaching materials and research topics since it brings flexibility in his time. “My main objective now is to establish Purdue as the center of new drug delivery technologies based on nanofabrication and micromanufacturing,” says Park. “Current drug delivery systems, no matter how advanced they are, are remnants of old formulations that existed before the current nanotechnology revolution. There is a great future in drug delivery if we truly incorporate the emerging nanofabrication technology.” Kinam is working with many faculty members at Pharmacy, Biomedical Engineering, and Birck Nanotechnology Center to bring this into reality. “Purdue is at a very unique position for this activity because of exceptionally talented faculty members and graduate students, as well as unlimited supports from the University.”

In addition to his teaching and research, Kinam has published 230 papers and book chapters, and presented 170 abstracts at national and international meetings. He has also given more than 150 invited lectures throughout the world. He has co-authored and co-edited six books in the area of controlled drug delivery and edited special journal issues in protein and cell-repellent surfaces and in the area of hydrogels. Kinam is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Controlled Release and a member of the editorial boards of fifteen journals. He has received numerous awards and honors including the NIH New Investigator Research Award in 1986 and the Founders Award from the Controlled Release Society in 2004. He currently serves as a member of the NIH Bioengineering, Technology, and Surgical Sciences study section.

The School expresses its congratulations to Dr. Kinam Park on his outstanding honor of being named the Showalter Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
It is impossible to overstate either the importance of the experiential component of our students’ education, the value of the individuals who make the program work, or the cooperation of the practice site where the experience takes place. With thanks, we present a listing of the sites and preceptors that were the backbone of the May 2006-April 2007 Experiential program.

Clerkship Sites and Preceptors for the May 2006 – April 2007 Experiential Program
Pharmacy Practice clerkship students with Prof. Bruce Carlstedt (Purdue – PHPR, Indianapolis, IN)
Clerkship students Christy Key (L) and Tabitha Eldridge (R) assist a patient (Mathes Diabetes Center, New Albany, IN)
Family Healthcare Pharmacy
Julia Borgmann
Hailey Bowman

Kenmore Healthcare
Wendi LeMasters

Munster, IN
Community Hospital
Mike DiNatale
Tia Parker
Terry Rudy

Fairmeadows Pharmacy, Inc.
Timothy Rener

New Albany, IN
Floyd County Memorial Hospital
Danny Alexander

The Family Health Center of
Floyd Co.
Deanna Wright

Kroger Pharmacy #L396
R. Edward Riggle
Dane Reder

Mathes Diabetes Center
Christy Nash

Mathes Pharmacy
Gene Kochert

VA
Shirley Sappenfeld

Walgreens #4122
Michael Jôbe

New Castle, IN
Cardinal Healthcare Pharmacy
Bruce Henshaw

Noblesville, IN
Riverview Hospital
Ann Reina

Olympia Field, IL
St. James Hospital
Joeslynn Matthews

Peoria, IL
OSF St. Francis Medical Center
Ruth Avelino
Andy Gordon
Julie Kasap
Ed Rainville
Sandy Salverson

Portage, IN
CVS #6911
Dennis Fields
Tom Tsaigris

North Shore Health Center
Kamaljeet Ginn
Janice Wilson

Richmond, IN
Richmond Apothecary
David Rokosz

Reid Hospital and Health Care Services
Bradley Hester
Jenny Menke
April Scott

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
King Khalid University Hospital
Randa Jaroudi

Rockville, MD
FDA
Ilisa Bernstein

Sells, AZ
Indian Health Service Hospital
Daniel Boyle

Seymour, IN
Schneck Medical Center
Justin Brown

Shelbyville, IN
Major Hospital
Tricia Luttel

Silver Spring, MD
FDA
Diane Smith

South Bend, IN
Mar-Main Pharmacy
Jan Bopp
Connie Chalko
Ann Ziegert

Memorial Hospital
Michelle Moore

St. Joseph’s Family Practice Center
Ed Sheridan

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Danniel Cline
Lisa Ribble
Anthony Patterson

South Holland, IL
South Suburban College
Jan Keresztes

Sullivan, IN
Milburn Pharmacy
Edward Walker

Sullivan County Community Hospital
Kurtis Hauger
James Murray

St. Joseph, MI
Lakeland Regional Health System
Pete Paruch

St. John, IN
Walgreens
Ryan Myers

Terre Haute, IN
Cardinal Nuclear Pharmacy
Ryan Bonono
St. Ann Clinic
Angela Boyd
Randy Stevens
James Turner
Barbara Wilson

Regional Hospital
Kimberli Burgner
Foster Propst

Union Hospital
Dan Cleveland
Jolene Toloday
Kristi Williams

U.S. Penitentiary
Tim Bowman

Valparaiso, IN
CVS #6915
Douglas Dick

Hilltop Health Center
Mary Beth Witcher

In Touch Pharmaceuticals
Krista Massa
Marica Palmer
Rick Rondinelli

Porter Memorial Hospital
Jeffrey Chin

Walgreens
Collette Snyder

Vincennes, IN
Duersterberg Drug Co., Inc.
Clifton Cleveland
Polly Halter
Stephanie Sievers
Good Samaritan Hospital
Mark Shields
Tracy Gay

Northside Pharmacy
Janine Byrd

Washington, IN
Williams Bros. Health Care Pharmacy
Mark Williams

West Lafayette, IN
The Chao Center
Craig Davis
Scott Thatcher
David Ewbank

CVS Drugs #6678
Mark Buntin

Family PharmCare
Chad Shedron

Indiana State Veterans Home
Jeff Cote

Marsh Pharmacy #7027
Randal Carie
Susan Moore

Kroger Pharmacy #824
Connie Clawson

Purdue - IPPH
Mark Green
Steve Piepenbrink
Kara Weatherman

Purdue - PHPR
Judy Chen
Patricia Darbishire
Cindi Koh-Knox
Jane Krause
Matt Murawski
Gail Newton
Kim Plake
Steven Scott
Brian Shepler

Purdue - MCMP
Val Watts

PU Student Health Center
Rod Flanary

Walgreens Pharmacy #6456
Gloria Torres

West Peoria, IL
Walgreens #9508
Robert Terry

Williamsport, IN
St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital
April Hegg

Christy Nash presents
Brook Sipe (L) with the Preceptor Excellence Award at the Fort Wayne Reception on November 15, 2006.

Seen in the background from L to R are other nominees Stephen Saharian, Gregg Russell, and Sarah Williamson

Brian Shepler and Christy Nash present
Edward Walker (BS 1993) with the Preceptor Excellence Award at the Indianapolis Reception on November 14, 2006
Marjie Biel, Jane DeJong, and Heather Sell are the recipients of the 2006 Robert K. Chalmers Award for Distinguished Service to Experiential Programs. This award, presented at the Graduation Banquet held on April 28, 2006, recognizes those who demonstrate continued support of experiential learning at Purdue University.

Marjie, Jane, and Heather each serve as Regional Faculty Coordinators (RFCs). The Office of Experiential Learning has 13 RFCs who are responsible for overseeing a specific geographic region of the state, and it is the RFCs, along with the clerkship directors, who are responsible for revising, augmenting, clarifying, and implementing policies for the betterment of the clerkship program. All but these three women are full time or co-funded faculty members within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In addition to their full time pharmacy positions, these women have graciously volunteered to serve as RFCs for Purdue.

Marjie received her PharmD from Purdue University in 2002. She is the Pharmacy Manager for Fagen Pharmacy in Hobart, Indiana. Jane graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, in 1990 with a BS in Pharmacy. She currently works part-time relief for Meijer, Inc., in South Bend, Indiana. She also administers and edits the ‘Ask the Pharmacist’ website for Meijer, Inc. Heather received her BS in Pharmacy (1997) and PharmD (1998) from Purdue University and became board certified in Pharmacotherapy in 2002. She is the Director of Clinical Consulting Broadlane, a group purchasing organization based in Dallas, Texas.

This award is in memory of Dr. Bob Chalmers (1937-2000), whose vision, passion, and dedication greatly enhanced experiential education. The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences considers itself fortunate to have alumni who continue to share his vision and lead others by example. Congratulations, Marjie, Jane, and Heather!
Greetings,

The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences had a wonderful fall full of activities, events, and receptions for our alumni. We have visited with alumni from New Jersey to Anaheim! These are such important opportunities to reconnect with our alumni. We look forward to the continuation of these events around the country and here on campus. We are exceedingly proud of our alumni and our students, and these receptions and events create the opportunity to update our alumni on the programs, students, and research here in the School. We look forward to seeing you at events in the future!

Hail, Purdue!

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**INDIANAPOLIS RECEPTION – NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

Ron [BS 1981] and April [BA 1982, Liberal Arts] Rosich of Carmel, Indiana, hosted the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences alumni and friends reception in their home on November 14. Over fifty alumni, friends, and preceptors attended the reception. During the reception, Brian Shepler and Christy Nash recognized Indianapolis area preceptors for the outstanding work they do for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Five individuals were nominated for the Preceptor Excellence Award. Christopher Fausel, Brian Wolfe, Barbara Nurczyk, Louis Winterheimer, and Edward Walker were the nominees, with Edward Walker receiving the 2006 Preceptor Excellence Award (also see page 30).

**FORT WAYNE RECEPTION – NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

The Fort Wayne Alumni, Friends, and Preceptors reception was held on November 15 at the Lutheran Hospital. Mike Sievers [BS 1979] and his staff were wonderful hosts. Forty alumni and friends welcomed Dean Craig Svensson to Purdue as well as celebrated the nominees for the Preceptor Excellence Award. Sarah Williamson, Stephen Saharian, Christine Itt, Gregg Russell, and Brook Sipe were all nominated for the Preceptor Award for their outstanding mentoring of Pharmacy students. Brooke Sipe was named the 2006 Preceptor Excellence Award Winner for the Fort Wayne Area (also see page 30).
NEW JERSEY RECEPTION
NOVEMBER 28, 2006
On November 28, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences held an alumni reception at Schering-Plough. Over thirty alumni and friends were on hand to meet Dean Craig Svensson. Alex Kelly (BS 1989) and his staff did an outstanding job with the reception.

ASHP RECEPTION – DECEMBER 3, 2006
On December 3 at the Embassy Suites South in Anaheim, California, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences held an Alumni and Friends reception at ASHP mid-year meetings. Two hundred plus pharmacy students, alumni, and friends from across the U.S. attended.

PNHS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS BRUNCH
DECEMBER 29, 2006
On December 29, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences alumni met in Orlando, Florida, for a wonderful brunch at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Alumni and friends of the College met to celebrate Purdue’s bowl appearance. Several faculty and staff were on hand to greet alumni and their families. The forty alumni enjoyed hearing a College update from Dean Craig Svensson. Footballs autographed by Coach Joe Tiller were given as door prizes to several lucky alumni.

2007 PHARMACY EVENTS CALENDAR

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A current calendar is available online at http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/events.php.

Happy future Boilermakers

Cheryl Blanford (BS 1991), Bob Gibson (BS 1969), and Jeff Hirsch (BS 1984) win door prizes
SNPhA Fashion Show

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) held a Fall Fashion Show on the evening of October 26th, 2006. The fashion show’s theme was “A Professionalism Commitment.” Students modeled and participated in mock interviews, in which they were critiqued on their dress and responses to interview questions.

Pharmacy Days

Pharmacy Days, held in November, 2006, is a highly focused series of events for Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students and employers. The event is organized by students with assistance from the Office of Student Services. The Career Fair is open to pre-Pharmacy, pre-BSPS, BSPS, and Pharmacy students, allowing them to access employment information for internships, residencies, full-time positions, and career exploration. The Career Fair is followed by two days of interviewing for summer and full-time opportunities. Pharmacy Days would not be possible without the generous support from our sponsors: Columbus Regional Hospital; Community Pharmacies of Indiana; CVS/pharmacy; Deaconess Health System; GlaxoSmithKline; Indiana Pharmacists Alliance; Kroger Pharmacy; Mayo Clinic; Meijer Pharmacy; Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; UPPI; Walgreen Company; and WB. More information about Pharmacy Days can be found at http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/oss/PharmacyDays.php.
Katie Behr, a fourth-year professional PharmD student, has much to be thankful for as she anticipates graduation in May, 2007. Katie was selected to speak at a luncheon hosted this past October by the Women of Purdue...Advancing the Spirit of Giving. The Women of Purdue began in 2003 as a subcommittee of The Campaign for Purdue Steering Committee to encourage women’s leadership in philanthropy to Purdue. Katie spoke about her undergraduate research opportunities and how Purdue has allowed her to discover her passions.

She began by explaining the four major areas that have enhanced her college experience: music, academics, volunteerism, and research. She is a proud performer in the Purdueettes, she feels fortunate to study pharmacy under world-renowned professors, and she was honored to be tapped to serve the community and university through Mortar Board Senior Honor Society. Yet the experience she feels has impacted her life the most has been her undergraduate research experience with the Purdue Cancer Center.

Katie is the recipient of a research fellowship funded by the U.S. Army through Purdue’s School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and School of Veterinary Medicine. Her area of research focused on breast cancer, particularly how the tumors reacted to different drugs. She was able to take the active, working metabolite of the popular anti-breast cancer drug tamoxifen, and under the instruction of Dr. Ross Weatherman, was allowed to, in layman’s terms, “play around with it.” She spent one summer adding different molecules to the basic structure of tamoxifen to create what she hoped to be a more efficacious product. She even created a few drugs that had never been previously produced. The next summer, she took those compounds, as well as other popular anti-cancer agents, and tested them in actual breast tumor cells. She says it was amazing to see which drugs worked the best, or how concentrated one drug needed to be to show any effect.

Katie comments that the most rewarding part about being involved in the research was the knowledge that she had a hand in moving one step closer to a cure for cancer. She attributes her grandfather as her inspiration to pursue cancer research after seeing him valiantly fight the disease. “My grandfather was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer and at that time was given six months to live,” she says. “During those first six months and throughout his treatment, many new therapies and different drug combinations were discovered by researchers working in labs like our own Cancer Center. Although he ultimately lost his battle in May of 2006, those treatments extended his life and improved its quality for six years. I am so thankful that the Cancer Center had the resources to allow undergraduate students such as myself to participate in cutting-edge research. Without generous funding from grants, scholarships, and donations, my passion to aid Purdue scientists in finding a cure for cancer might not have been realized.”

To learn more about the Women of Purdue and how you can find opportunities to support your passion, please visit http://www.purdue.edu/udo/programs_activities/women_of_purdue.shtml.

Katie Behr poses in the back of Mount Vernon, George Washington’s mansion, while on rotation in Washington D.C.
Students Attend ASHP’s Policy Week

John Hertig, 3rd professional year student, and Laura Smith, 4th professional year student, attended the American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP) Policy Week in Bethesda, Maryland, during September 18-21, 2006. John served on the Council on Pharmacy Practice and Laura served on the Council for Educational Affairs and Workforce Development. The students spent the week developing policy for ASHP to help determine the vision and direction for the organization.

The students also had the opportunity to meet with senators and congressmen to lobby for issues coming before Congress that deal with health-system pharmacy. John comments that although he continues to enjoy many aspects of his continued service, Legislative Day was his most memorable experience. “Through this opportunity, I was able to speak with my elected officials about the policy and initiatives most important to pharmacists nationwide,” says Hertig. “My love for public service and desire to improve health-system practice made this experience one in a lifetime.” He continues that through his work with ASHP, he has been able to offer a student perspective to a section of the organization that deals directly with important pharmacy practice issues. “I have been fortunate enough to network with the top practitioners in our field, developing a strong sense of professional commitment and ambition for moving pharmacy forward.”

Kappa Epsilon Educates about SAD

Kappa Epsilon members passed out candy and flyers for awareness of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) throughout the offices in the Pharmacy Building in December, 2006. “Kappa Epsilon is a professional fraternity involved in academic socialization and community service. We enjoy having a great time helping our community and spreading holiday cheer,” says KE student representative Danielle Sheese.

Some symptoms of winter SAD include fatigue, increased need for sleep, decreased levels of energy, increase in appetite and weight gain, difficulty concentrating, and an increased desire to be alone. Between 4 and 6 percent of the U.S. population suffers from SAD, while 10 to 20 percent may suffer from a milder form of winter blues. Research has shown that light therapy is an effective treatment for SAD, while antidepressants are also sometimes used. Other possible remedies can include increasing your exposure to daylight, eating a well-balanced diet with sufficient amounts of vitamins and minerals, exercising regularly, and staying active in a social circle. Professional counseling might also be needed during the winter months.
Old Masters Program Connects Pharmacy Alumna with Students

Purdue’s annual Old Masters Program was held on November 5-7, 2006, and three pharmacy students had the opportunity to connect with one of our very own alumni selected for the event, Anne Herrold (BS 1973).

Throughout her 25 year career with Eli Lilly and Company, Anne has worked on the “ground floor” in research, manufacturing, and marketing. She has been responsible for the manufacturing and marketing of several products, including the development of an antimicrobial testing program for Arden cosmetics, several patented cosmetics (Visible Difference, Millennium), and the SPF system. As a manufacturing auditor, she qualified clinical trial packagers in the U.S. for Lilly studies, then used best practices to develop the procedures for a new onsite clinical trial facility. As the Medical Information Administrator for Prozac in Customer Services, she answered questions posed by both health care professionals and patients, utilizing her knowledge in medicine, marketing, and customer service to eventually develop training and databases for callcenter pharmacists and medical liaisons across therapeutic areas. Anne has received numerous awards for her work, including Quality Advocate Awards, Quality-Speed Manufacturing Award, Director’s Council 2007, various leadership awards, and has given numerous professional presentations. Her husband is a Purdue graduate and retired public School Superintendent. Their daughter is pursuing a PhD in neuroscience and their son, a medical degree.

Anne’s itinerary during the Old Masters Program included visiting classrooms and residence units and attending informal breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners. She also spoke at graduate and undergraduate classes on campus and met with pharmacy students during a reception. Her visit was facilitated by several student hosts and hostesses, referred to as “Ho-Hos.” Anne comments, “During the Old Masters Program, the Ho-Hos provided me invaluable insights while shepherding me around campus to share experiences in classrooms, sorority houses, and receptions.”

To become a Ho-Ho for the Old Master program, students first submit an essay questionnaire and are then chosen to interview. Once selected, they attend weekly meetings six weeks prior to the Old Master’s arrival. The Ho-Hos assigned to Anne were Amanda Brothers (Selling and Sales Management, Sophomore), Meghan Castillo (Selling and Sales Management, Senior), Brian King (Pharmacy, 3rd professional year), Kyle Sloan (Pharmacy, 3rd professional year), and Jessica Winger (Pharmacy, 2nd professional year). Jessica comments that being a Ho-Ho was an amazing experience, and she enjoyed working with Anne. “It was wonderful to meet all ten of the Old Masters,” says Winger. “Each Old Master has achieved amazing accomplishments throughout his or her career, and it was wonderful to work one-on-one with some of the top leaders who have graduated from Purdue.”

The Ho-Hos were responsible for advertising the program and displaying an informational poster about Anne for an all-campus reception. They also sent a care package to Anne prior to her arrival containing a scrap book filled with their personal profile pages and photographs depicting the evolution of the pharmacy building since her time as a student at Purdue. They included a prescription bottle of M&Ms, a Purdue Pharmacy business card holder, and a weekly pill holder with a personal note in each day she would be on campus. “An enduring friendship formed with the three pharmacy students who mailed a ‘Welcome Back to Purdue’ scrapbook in advance with pictures of the pharmacy lab ‘then’ and ‘now’ followed by an onsite tour,” says Herrold. “With such talented young people as these in leadership positions, I was afforded an opportunity to inspire the Purdue community. Thanks so much for highlighting the pharmacy student Ho-Hos. My Old Master experience was truly enriched by their support!”

The Old Masters Program began in 1950 when university officials, student leaders, and business representatives decided to invite ten successful individuals to campus each year to share their ideas and experiences with the student body, and such success was defined as “honesty, personal integrity, and a good philosophy.” Each Old Master possesses a desire to share philosophies and experiences with Purdue students, whether or not they are Purdue graduates. For more information about the program, please visit http://www.purdue.edu/oldmasters/index.htm.
Donald Shaevel (BS 1948) writes that he’s lived in Palm Springs, CA, for 40 wonderful years and owned Don’s Pharmacy for 30 years (1967-1997). He enjoys retirement, but still fills in for his friends at the pharmacy when needed. He also keeps busy with the Kiwanis Club and other various activities. He’s been married 54 years and has two children and four grandchildren. He has fond memories of Purdue, which include John Bothel, Dean Glenn Jenkins, C.O. Lee, and Dr. Cwalina, as well as his years in the Marching Band with “good old leader Elliot.”

Ronald Burkhart (BS 1967) married Rosa Patterson on November 21, 2006, on the beach in Maui, HI, while attending the Gamma Pi Holiday Alumni Band Trip.

Christine (Lauraitis) Cavinder (BS 1968) (cavinder@ix.netcom.com) was recently promoted to Pharmacy Manager, having been assistant manager for three years at the University of Georgia Health Center. She took over for Lois (Dann) Kotzan (BS 1969), who just retired.

Karen (Sutton) Hutchinson (BS 1966) retired in 2006 as President of KLH Enterprises. She resides on Hilton Head Island, SC, with her husband, Richard, of nearly 40 years of marriage. Together they have 3 children and are expecting their 12th grandchild.

Steven Leslie (BS 1969, MS 1972, PhD 1974) was appointed Provost at the University of Texas at Austin in January, 2007. Steven, who first arrived at the university in 1974, has been Dean of the College of Pharmacy since 1998, and is the Bauerle Centennial Professor and holds the James T. Doluisio Chair.

Konrad Seifert (BS 1961) writes that he sold his business, Seifert Drug Corporation in Elkhart, IN, in March of 2006 and is enjoying retirement.

Victor Yanchick (PhD 1968) has been elected the 2007-2008 president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). He is Dean at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy.

Kevin Davis (BS 1978) shares that he is pleased his oldest son, Kyle, is continuing the Purdue family tradition; he is a sophomore in the School of Technology. His son, Kristopher, is a senior in high school looking to pursue a career in pharmacy—hopefully at Purdue. Daughter Kelcie, an 8th grade student, is naturally still undecided on her career plans. Kevin writes that he would be interested in hearing from his former classmates at kdavis@psci.net.

Larry Gajderowicz (BS 1972) and his wife, Joan, write that after their home was completely destroyed by the tornadoes that swept through southern Indiana on November 6, 2005, they have rebuilt from scratch and moved into their new home on the same site. “We are thrilled to be back, to be starting over,” says Larry. “We are genuinely grateful for all the prayers and kind wishes that we received from friends and classmates throughout our ordeal. Thank you all, and Hail Purdue!”

Daniel Davis (BS 1980) shares that he resides in North Carolina on beautiful Lake Norman with his wife, Mary Lynn, and two daughters Natalie and Jill. He owns two lighting businesses in North Carolina.

Mary (Mahoney) Gortat (PharmD 1975) writes that her business, Doctors Pharmacy, has moved to a new location with all of the same services. You can check out the larger, sunny space at 2727 Highway Avenue Highland, IN.

Kathy Woo (BS 1975) shares news that she passed the board certification test in oncology. She currently lives in San Diego, CA, and works as a clinical pharmacist for Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. Her husband, David, received a PhD in Bionucleonics at Purdue and is currently a strategic planner/senior director for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in NYC.

James Woods (BS 1974) was recognized by the St. Joseph County Pharmacy Association (SJCPA) for his anti-prescription drug crime efforts and contributions to the SJCPA Pharmacy Crime Watch. He was presented a framed Certificate of Recognition for his actions at a dinner held in March. SJCPA also made an annual scholarship donation to Purdue in memory of slain pharmacist Tracey Holvoet (BS 1989) during a 1999 pharmacy armed robbery.

Daniel Davis (BS 1980) writes that after 18 years of working in retail pharmacy (from a staff pharmacist to regional pharmacy supervisor with CVS), he decided it was time for a change and 9 years ago took a position as a clinical consultant pharmacist with PCS, which eventually became part of Caremark. After 8 years in that position, he took on a more challenging position as Advisor in Program Development for Disease Management. That required a move to Caremark’s offices in Northbrook, IL, near Chicago. His wife, Janet (Morman) (BS 1980), who had worked as a consultant pharmacist in long-term care for the past 10 years in retail pharmacy, also took a position with Caremark in the Northbrook office in Utilization Review, as did their son, Mark, as an account manager. The family enjoys their new jobs with Caremark and being closer to Purdue.
Charles Goodall (BS 1984) has been promoted from Director to Divisional Vice President of Pharmacy Technology Services at Walgreens. He joined the company in 1983 as a pharmacy intern. He also earned a master’s degree in information technology from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL in 2001.

On October 7, 2006, Renee Kidwell (BS 1983) married Nick Popovich (Professor Emeritus, Department of Pharmacy Practice) in Lake Forest, IL. Renee was attended by two classmates, Jane (Leathers) McCurdy and Kathy (Schierholz) Marcotte. Nick was attended by his three sons, Stanley, Gabriel, and Matthew. In addition, several classmates of Renee attended the wedding. They were Thomas and Lisa (Woener) Wood, Nancy (Gephart) Chapman, Paulette (Kaptur) Pauley, and Dave McLeland.

Jill (Lewis) McCampbell (BS 1985) writes that the family moved back to Beaumont, TX, in June, 2006. She returned to work part-time at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont in order to be around for her two teen sons.

David Testerman (BS 1984) (afctco@sbcglobal.net) serves as part of a leadership team that opened a free healthcare clinic in January, 2007, at Shepherd Community on the eastside of Indianapolis. He serves as vice-chairman and board member for the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. GSN consists of 62 different charitable organizations that provide care for people in the local community, including food pantries, women’s and children’s shelters, medical and prescription care, dental care, and life skill training.

Judith Jacobi Mowry (BS 1979) To Lead the Society of Critical Care Medicine

In February of 2007, Judi began a two-year term as the Treasurer of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the largest multiprofessional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care. Beginning in 2010, she will serve as President. This will mark the first time a pharmacist has served as president since the organization originated in 1970. She has been a member of SCCM since 1985 and was a founding member of the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section established in 1989.

Judi is currently part of the multi-professional ICU team as a Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist for the Adult Critical Care and NeuroCritical Care Units at Methodist Hospital, a division of Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. In that role, she provides care to a variety of critically ill patients in addition to participating in multiprofessional education and quality improvement. She also holds an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Butler University College of Pharmacy in Indianapolis and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In October, 2006, she received the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Clinical Practice Award. Other honors include the SCCM Presidential Citation, the Indiana Hospital Pharmacist of the Year Award, and the Purdue Preceptor of the Year Award. She also was named a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Judi received her BS in Pharmacy in 1979 from Purdue, a PharmD in 1981 from the University of Minnesota, and completed a Critical Care Pharmacy residency at The Ohio State University in 1982.

While the presidency of SCCM is still several years in the future, Judi reflects that her appointment is much more than personal recognition; it serves as affirmation of the essential role of the critical care pharmacist in the care of complex patients and their unique contributions as members of the multi-professional ICU team. “We have the ability to provide some amazing treatments for our patients, but at the same time must be good stewards of our resources,” says Jacobi. “Pharmacists have successfully demonstrated that ability. Unfortunately, there are inadequate numbers of pharmacists trained for this complex environment, just as there are inadequate numbers of nurses and physicians. SCCM, along with other organizations, will continue to focus significant resources on critical care manpower issues.”

Despite these activities, Judi retains a passion for bedside patient care and will continue to juggle a growing list of organizational responsibilities to maintain this priority and still spend some quality time with her husband Jim Mowry, PharmD, DABAT, FAAPT who is serving as President of the American Board of Applied Toxicology in addition to his position as Manager of the Indiana Poison Center.
Tami served as a Pfizer Global Health Fellow and was assigned to India for three months, returning to the U.S. in September, 2006. While in India, she worked with the pharmacy department at the Christian Medical College (CMC) Hospital in Vellore to expand clinical pharmacy services, establish an ongoing continuing education program for the hospital’s pharmacists as well as provide them with several continuing education programs, and train pharmacists to conduct pharmacoeconomic and drug utilization reviews.

In addition to the above responsibilities, Tami worked with the CMC senior pharmacists to sponsor a state-wide workshop for area pharmacists. She says that pharmacists in India don’t have a lot of opportunity to attend educational programs, and it had been four years since the last CMC-sponsored pharmacy workshop. “The attendees—over 200 pharmacists—were very generous with expressing their appreciation and thanks to CMC for providing this educational program to them.”

While in India, she visited several orphanages and a leprosy hospital and assisted at a tsunami medical camp and other village health camps. She, along with three CMC pharmacists, several physicians, nurses, and a few ministers visited outlying villages on a monthly basis to provide health education, perform wellness checks, dispense medications, and attend to the spiritual needs of the villagers. Many of the women received a lesson on basic hygiene and cleanliness, and the adolescents and teenagers were cautioned about the different modes of HIV transmission. “It’s quite impressive to see how devoted the CMC staff is in reaching out to outlying areas to ensure that everyone has access to medical care,” comments Tami.

Tami is currently a Clinical Education Manager for Pfizer, Inc., in Indianapolis. She serves in the Managed Markets division and works with managed care organizations and government health plans within the state. Pfizer employees maintain their positions within the company while carrying out their fellowships, and all expenses associated with their assignments are funded. Fellows train and support the local professionals for up to six months, and she is among over 120 fellows who have been deployed to date.

“I’d like to take this time to thank Pfizer for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to serve in India for three months,” says Tami. “I cannot even begin to describe the personal and professional satisfaction I gained by participating in the Global Health Fellowship Program. The people in India were so kind and so appreciative, and they were truly some of the most polite, gracious, and respectful people that I’ve ever met. I hope to return to India some day to visit the many friends I made!”

Tami Evans with the CMC
Director of Pharmacy

Tamara (Small) Evans
(BS 1986, PharmD 1987)
Pfizer Global Health Fellow in India

Tami Evans with the CMC
Director of Pharmacy

1990-1999

Thomas and Carrie (Peters) Decker (BS 1996) (deckertom@comcast.net) announce the birth of their third child, Thorin Scott, on November 29, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21” long. He joins big sisters Emily (8) and Katie (5).

John (BS 1998) and Karey (Schucker) Elpers (PharmD 2000) announce that their second child, Elise Jacqueline, was born November 17, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs and was 19” long. Both Elise and big sister Anna are doing great.

Carolyn Galloway (BS 1999) married Gregory Perra on September 23, 2006, in Mackinaw City, MI, on the grounds of the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. Following the wedding weekend, the couple took an 11 day trip to London, England, including a 1 day trip to Paris, France.

Jerry and Wendy (Goeckel) Hege (BS 1997) celebrated the birth of their first child, Hayden Stewart, on July 12, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and was 21” long.

Sharon Heims (BS 1991) (spedigo1@wowway.com) married Michael Pedigo on July 1, 2006. The couple lives in the Chicago area.

Leah (Von Restorff) Hoehn (BS 1997) (leah_hoehn@yahoo.com) and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, daughter Ava Elizabeth, on October 22, 2006. The family lives in Kansas City where Leah is currently staying home with Ava.

Scott (BS 1995, MS 1998, PhD 2002) and Christie Hostetler (PharmD 1998) share that their family traveled to China in August, 2006, to adopt their 1 1/2-year-old daughter, Ruthie Mei. She joins Jacob (9) and Eli (7).

Michael Johnson (BS 1998) married Danielle Bailey in 2005. He has been a pharmacy manager for Walgreens for five different pharmacies in Indiana and Arizona, and has moved back to Indiana where he was promoted to Pharmacy Business Analyst in the Pharmacy Technology Services at Corporate Walgreens in Deerfield, IL.
Moved?  
Started a new job?  
Retired?  
Just Married?  
Had a baby?

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Wendy (Dorfman) Kerth (BS 1999) (rxchick99@sbcglobal.net) and husband, Randall, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jordana Lynn, on January 30, 2006.

Stacy (Ricard) Lawler (BS 1998) writes that the family moved back to Indiana for her husband Chris’ (BS 1997, Chemical Engineering) new job as an engineer with Pfizer, and they are happy to be in Boiler country again. Also, they welcomed their third child, Megan Olivia, in June, 2006. She joins her siblings Abby (5) and Drew (3).

Jennifer Long (PharmD 1995) (sekerej@ccf.org) married Mikkael Sekeres on September 30, 2006. She writes that after years of waiting for the right guy, she finally found him while writing the curriculum for a new medical school, the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. She was also named the “Woman Pharmacist of the Year” by the Ohio Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Casey (Graf) Mast (cmast@indy.rr.com) (PharmD 1998) and husband, Doug, are excited to announce the birth of their second child, Audrey Marin, on September 25, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs 11 oz and was 20 3/4” long. Big brother Carter (3) is fond of little sister and has adjusted well to the family expansion. Casey started a leave of absence from Eli Lilly in January, 2007, so that she could spend more time with the children.

Jeffrey and Kristiana (Mork) Roberts (both BS 1991) (jarkdr@dcwi.com) both have new jobs to report. Jeff took the position of Chief Pharmacist at Community Pharmacy in Logansport Memorial Hospital, and Kristi returned to full-time work after 9 1/2 years of part-time as Pharmacist in Charge at CVS-Market Square in Lafayette, IN.

Walter Setmeyer (BS 1999) has been promoted to Tulsa North district pharmacy supervisor for Walgreens. He joined the company in 1998 as a pharmacy intern and was most recently a pharmacy manager in Houston.
Paul and Dana (Fitzwater) Shoemaker (both BS 1995) (pdshoemaker@insightbb.com) proudly announce the birth of their son, Eli Copeland, born on Christmas Day, 2006. He joins sister Kendall (7), and brothers Evan (5) and Lucas (3).

Gina (Tran) Thai (PharmD 2003) and her husband, Tam (BS 1998, Electrical Engineering), welcomed a new addition to their family on February 26, 2007. Allison Vy weighed 5 lbs 10 oz and was 18 1/2” long. She joins big brother Alexander Bao (2).

Amelia Yackus (PharmD 1999) (amyrx99@hotmail.com) began a new job with the VA Medical Center in September, 2006. She also married Christopher Holloway (BA 1997, History) on September 30, 2006, and enjoyed a fabulous honeymoon in Prague and Vienna.

2000-Present

Julie Carl (BS 2001, PharmD 2002) (juliecarl22@hotmail.com) and Daniel Schnur (BS 2001) were married on December 16, 2006, in Columbus, IN. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

In the Indiana Pharmacist, the Official Journal of the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance [Fourth Quarter, Volume 87, No. 4, 2006], several of our alumni were honored with awards. It is the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences’ pleasure to share the names of those individuals who were recognized for their dedication to the profession of pharmacy.

Ralph Anderson (BS 1956) and Jerry Walker (BS 1956)
50 years of service to the profession

Max Barnhart (BS 1987), Jack Klee (BS 1962), Jeremy Thain (BS 1986)
2007 Alliance Board Members

Bonnie Brown (BS 1979, PharmD 1981)
IPA President-Elect

Mark Brown (4th prof. year PharmD student)
2006 Outstanding Student of the Year Award

Tom Fite (BS 1990)
2007 IPA President and NCPA Leadership Award

Bill Malloy (BS 1976)
2006 Glenn Sperandio Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award

Jacquelyn Cloonen (PharmD 2004) married Brandon Vondrak, an Air Wisconsin Pilot, on November 4, 2006, in L’Eraile, IL.

Michael Hudson, II (PharmD 2005) and his wife, Amanda, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Brayden Michael, born October 3, 2006.

Joshua and Sarah (Teal) Hull (both BS 2003) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Madalyn, on March 16, 2007.
Professor Emeritus Robert V. Evanson passed away on April 7, 2007, at the age of 86. During his tenure at Purdue, he was a faculty member in the School of Pharmacy from 1948 to 1986. He attained the rank of Professor of Pharmacy Administration in 1963. He led the department from 1966 to 1972, and was Associate Head of Pharmacy Practice from 1982 until his retirement in 1986.

Born November 3, 1920, in Hammond, Indiana, he received his bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy in 1947 and master’s degree in Industrial Pharmacy in 1949, both from Purdue University. The Pharmacy Administration program is the oldest in the nation, with the first doctorate degree in the discipline earned by Dr. Evanson in 1953. Since then, Purdue has granted almost 50 doctorate degrees in Pharmacy Administration. He will best be remembered as “The Father of Pharmacy Administration.”

Dr. Evanson’s affiliation with several professional organizations included the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was the recipient of the Lederle Faculty Award in 1964 and the NARD Award for Faculty Excellence in 1985. The AACP presented him with the Distinguished Educator Award in 1982 and also honored him for the 50th anniversary of the first doctoral degree in the discipline earned by Dr. Evanson in 1953. Since then, Purdue has granted almost 50 doctorate degrees in Pharmacy Administration. He will best be remembered as “The Father of Pharmacy Administration.”

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Dr. Evanson was active in the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, serving as emcee and president. He was named Barbershopper of the Year in 1990 and 1994. He was active in the Federated Church of West Lafayette and AARP. He was also a veteran, serving with the Army in the 98th Division in Pearl Harbor and Japan, and played in the division’s band.

Married for nearly 58 years, Dr. Evanson was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Wolber, in 2005. He is survived by his daughters, Yvonne Nash of West Lafayette and Karen Ivanson (husband Darryl) of Springville, Indiana. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Paul Nash of Seattle; Steven Nash (fiancé Teresa Dobbs) of Aurora, Illinois; Alyssa Ivanson of Fort Wayne; and Brian Ivanson of Springville. Memorials may be made to the Barbershop Harmony Society, PO Box 291, Lafayette, IN 47902.
In Memoriam

Dr. Adelbert M. Knevel (PhD 1957)
Professor Emeritus
Medicinal Chemistry

Dr. Adelbert M. Knevel was born in St. Joseph, MN, in 1922. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman in the Pacific Theatre. While in the Navy, he participated in “Operation Crossroads” (1946), the first Peace-Time Atom Bomb Tests which were conducted by the United States near the Bikini Atoll.

Following his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1948, he attended St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, for one year. He then transferred to North Dakota State University (NDSU) where he received a BS degree in Pharmacy (1952) and an MS degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry (1953). He joined the Pharmacy faculty at NDSU for one year where he began graduate studies for the PhD degree. In 1954, he left NDSU to continue his graduate work at Purdue University where he studied under Dean Glenn Jenkins. He received the PhD degree in Medicinal Chemistry in 1957, and was retained on the Pharmacy faculty by Dean Jenkins in the area of Analytical Medicinal Chemistry.

In 1969, Dean Varro Tyler appointed Professor Knevel as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, a position which he held until he retired from this administrative post in 1987. Prior to his retirement in 1991 from the pharmacy faculty, Dr. Knevel was actively engaged in teaching and research in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy.

During his tenure as associate dean, Dr. Knevel maintained the high standards of excellence for graduate programs first set by Dean Jenkins and was instrumental in promoting the graduate student research awards program.

Dr. Knevel is survived by his wife, Lillian Zent, whom he married in 1950, along with their five children: Kenneth Knevel (wife Toby Burroughs) of New Orleans, Laurie Compton (husband James) of Indianapolis, Christi Clore and Robert Knevel, both of Lafayette, and Lisa Westall (husband Brian) of Romney. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Kelsey Clore and Blaire Westall. Memorials can be made to Purdue University (please note in the Memo “Jenkins-Knevel Scholarship Fund”) and send to Linda Yelton, Development Office, Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 575 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN, 47907.
Dr. Roger P. Maickel, 73, of Lafayette, IN, died on Tuesday, December 26, 2006. The Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, as well as all of his colleagues in the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, are deeply saddened by his death. Dr. Maickel was a dear friend, colleague, mentor, and former Department Head.

Born September 8, 1933, in Floral Park, Long Island, NY, he was the son of the late Philip V. and Margaret M. Rose Maickel. He had lived in Washington, D.C., and Bloomington, IN, before moving to Lafayette, IN. He graduated from Chaminade High School, received his bachelor’s degree in 1954 at Manhattan College, and his master’s degree in 1957 and doctorate in 1960 from Georgetown University.

Dr. Maickel worked for the National Institutes of Health as a research scientist from 1956-1965, was professor of pharmacology in the medical sciences program at Indiana University from 1965-1977, was department head of pharmacology and toxicology at Purdue University from 1977-1983, returning as professor at Purdue to continue his research from 1983-1999. He became professor emeritus of pharmacology and toxicology in 1999.

Dr. Maickel received the National Institutes of Health Research Development Award 1969-1974, and NASA Life Scientist Award 1972-1975, was a guest lecturer for the DEA—U.S. Department of Justice for 15 years, served on the U.S. Product Safety Commission 1979-1981, was a consultant to the FDA from 1987-1990, served 10 years as a member of the Indiana Controlled Substances Advisory Committee, and co-authored numerous scientific papers and contributed to numerous text books.

He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Center, Catholic Academy of Sciences USA, Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, American Institute of Chemist, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psycho-pharmacologicum, American Council on Science and Health, Royal Society of Chemistry, Purdue University President’s Council, Purdue Reamer Club, and John Purdue Club. Dr. Maickel was accepted into the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in 1970 and was a Fellow Emeritus at the time of his death.

He enjoyed golf, trains, reading, travel, gardening, photography, and college athletics. Many of his colleagues enjoyed the “fruits of his labors” each summer as he often shared his varieties of hot peppers and tomatoes.

He married Lois Pivonka on September 8, 1956, in Ellinwood, KS, and she survives. In addition to his wife are two daughters, Nancy Maickel Ward (husband: Michael) of Lebanon, IN, and Carolyn Maickel Anderson of Gurnee, IL. Six grandchildren, Matthew, Brian, and Julie Ward, and Molly, Erik, and Clark Anderson, also survive. Memorials can be made to the Purdue Foundation (please note in the Memo “Maickel Memorial Fund”) and send to Linda Yelton, Development Office, Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 575 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN, 47907.

Submitted by Drs. Eric Barker and Val Watts, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
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Save the date!
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