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Senior Awards for the Class of 2008 are ready for presentation at the annual Commencement Day Brunch at Hocding Ceremony.

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1/22 White Coat Ceremony
Lewis B. Rome Building
January 2008

80th anniversary timeline; crowds at the dedication of the Hewitt Building; the Pharmacy-Biology Building in New Haven, CT; plans for the School of Pharmacy in the Pharmacy-Biology Building; and [top left inset] the ribbon cutting at the dedication of Lewis B. Rome Ballroom.

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Faculty members Brian Amsden-Kiekkak, David Grant, and Ben Bahr.

Philadelphia 25

Kim Gilligan, Andrea Hubbard, Kaitlin Hurd, Sean Jeffery, Wanda Joy, Beth Krane, Leslie LeBel, Daniel Leone, Karen Logan, Giancarlo

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Dear Friends:

The Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors on October 20, 1825 in New Haven, Connecticut. It was fitting that the state-of-the-art Dean and Professor Building was dedicated on October 21, 2005, nearly 80 years to the day. ~ Dr. Robert L. McCarthy, Dean

This year we welcomed a new facility, Drs. Amy Anderson and Dennis Wright, who joined us as associate professors of medicinal chemistry. Both Amy and Dennis come to us from Dartmouth College, where they have worked productively and successfully in research in the area of medicinal chemistry. Their addition completes, for the time being, the re-building of our medicinal chemistry group. As is the case with several senior members of the faculty. In addition, Dr. Jennifer Lee, a 2004 alumna, has joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice as an assistant clinical professor. Dr. Lee will be practicing at the Connecticut VA. We are very excited about the opportunities in front of us to become an even more energetic group.

Dr. Michael Pillai, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named the first recipient of the endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology following an extensive national search. Dr. Pillai is a widely recognized teacher and scholar, who also brings to the College the "King of Freebie Drying Technology." This appointment was made possible due to a $3 million gift last year establishing the "freebie fund" for recognition of the school's contributions to the field of pharmaceutical technology.

President Philip Austin, Board of Trustees President Peter Farina and I announced the creation of the Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Endowed Chair in Medicinal Chemistry.

This $15 million gift will allow us to hire a premier teacher and researcher in medicinal chemistry, an area of important marketplace to pharmaceutical research. We are very grateful to BI for this generous gift. These funds will provide stipends and grants that includes support for research and post-doctoral fellows.

The school's faculty and staff met for a day-long strategic planning retreat. The day was to re-visit the school's current strategic plan, develop plans for the future. Faculty and staff were divided into working groups focusing on professional development, research and faculty/staff engagement, student affairs, environment, diversity, administration and finance. The draft plan was reviewed by the school's Advisory Board and later adopted by the faculty.

The Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy entered into an agreement whereby medical students from the University of Connecticut would be able to take classes in the new college's physiology courses in the new pharmacy curriculum beginning in the fall of 2006. This wonderful, new interprofessional collaboration was made possible through the work of Dr. Bruce Koeppen, Chair of the School of Medicine, Dr. Robert Logan, Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Dr. Andrea Hubbard, Vice President for the School of Pharmacy.

After a year-long review, and with substantial input from faculty and students, the Pharmacy Advisory Board, the Admissions Committee, and the Department of Health and Public Health submitted a revised admissions policy for our professional program, which was approved by the faculty. Key changes include: the expansion of our pre-professional program, the re-organization of a required, on-line interview. It is our belief that such changes will help to ensure continued matriculation of the best students.

The school continued to make important strides this past year in celebrating a culture of diversity. The school's diversity plan and is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive, multi-year plan.

One of many wonderful moments during dedication weekend was the presentation of a check for nearly $7000 to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Office of Diversity and the Association Foundation. Vice President Lucinda Maine, who accepted on behalf of the National Pharmaceutical Association Foundation and Xavier University College of Pharmacy. The students raised the money from donations from their colleagues, faculty, staff, and alumni and from a comedy show fund-raiser given by Dr. Michael White. Special thanks to Pharmacy Student Chapter President Katie Myers, Student National Pharmaceutical Association President Amanda Otto, and Dr. Lucine Nersisian for making this wonderful effort.

The Connecticut Pharmacy History Conference, held in March, featured a keynote presentation by The American Drugstore: A History.

You are part of a wonderful community of faculty, students, and alumni and from a comedy show fund-raiser given by Dr. Michael White. Special thanks to Pharmacy Student Chapter President Katie Myers, Student National Pharmaceutical Association President Amanda Otto, and Dr. Lucine Nersisian for making this wonderful effort.

In summary, the school's 80th anniversary was a year for reflection, celebration, and preparation for the future. As I reflect on our transition from the Connecticut College of Pharmacy to the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, I know that the students preparing our students to be leaders in the profession. I invite you all to visit our new facility, take part in our continuous education programs, join us at our alumni events, and become involved (for you truly part of the School of Pharmacy's past, present, and future). With warm regards,

Dr. Robert L. McCarthy, Ph.D. and Dean and Professor

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Connecticut legislature passed a charter of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy in 1821 when President Jorgensen proposed the establishment of a college of pharmacy in the United States. The college struggled for many years to find favorable financial conditions, including financial instability. Additionally, it had become desirable to add a building for the School of Pharmacy as one of the educational programs of the university. At the urging of CPA, Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors in New Haven, under the leadership of its first dean, Dr. Harold H. Erskine. Initially, the college offered a two-year course, but it grew in its breadth to the degree of B.S.H.

Dr. Erskine served as dean until the building of 1920 when Professor Henry S. Johnson assumed the duties. At the time, he was the youngest dean of any school of pharmacy in the United States. The college struggled for many of the same challenges faced by the institution, including financial instability. Additionally, it had become evident that the college needed a building for the School of Pharmacy, which resulted in a faculty request to seek funding for the construction of such a facility.

At the same time that Dean Jorgensen assumed leadership of the school, enrollment increased dramatically due to the influx of returning veterans and a general increase in the generation of a new generation. In March 1930, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution directing that the Connecticut College of Pharmacy to the University of Connecticut and authorize the college to develop and implement a course in pharmacy. It was decided that the college would develop for a period of time, providing the nucleus of a curriculum to work to remodel and update the School of Pharmacy. To that end, his tenure as dean has been marked by considerable accomplishments, not the least of which is the university’s ranking today.

Many thanks to Dr. Karl A. Nieforth for his contributions to this article. Dr. Nieforth has aspired to the highest level of professionalism and discipline for all professionals in pharmacy and has aspired to the highest level of professionalism and discipline for all professionals in pharmacy.

From the opening of its doors in 1925 until the move into the new Pharmacy-Biology Building in 2005, the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy has aspired to the highest level of professionalism and discipline for all professionals in pharmacy. To that end, his tenure as dean has been marked by considerable accomplishments, not the least of which is the university’s ranking today. Finally, because of his ability to engage the trust and support of the school’s students to the highest level at all time, high level pharmacist graduates can be provided with a high level of professional practice. Those long-ago members of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association would be proud to address over 300 people in attendance at the dedication of the Pharmacy-Biology Building in October 2005.

Public. From inception the organization held the goal of establishing a college of pharmacy as a necessity and desirable. At the urging of CPA, Governor Marcus Halbrook signed a bill approving the establishment of the College of Pharmacy, the issue having been a matter of concern to the legislature for some time. Connecticut legislature passed a bill establishing the College of Pharmacy as a condition of the profession of pharmacy. On October 6, 1920, the Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors in New Haven,
The first endowed chairs in School of Pharmacy History

The School of Pharmacy’s 80th anniversary year was a year of firsts—the school’s first endowed chair was installed and a new chair in mechanistic toxicology (previously the first of its kind in the nation) was announced.

In June 2004, Pfizer Global Research and Development donated $2 million to the School of Pharmacy to create the Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology. The gift is the largest single donation the School of Pharmacy has received and it is the only such endowment Pfizer has made to a pharmacy school in the United States. After a year-long, international search, Professor Michael J. Pikal was selected as the first chair. “All one has to do is look at his productivity and publication record to see that he is at the top of his field nationwide.”

In February 2006, following on the heels of the historic installation, the School of Pharmacy announced a $125 million gift from Boehringer Ingelheim Inc. to establish an endowed chair in mechanistic toxicology, believed to be the first such chair in the nation.

The gift allows the school to launch a national search for a researcher who has made significant contributions in the field of mechanistic toxicology—studying the site of the progeny of toxicological mechanisms underlying the toxicity of chemicals.

According to Dr. Peter Farina, senior vice president for research and development, Boehringer Ingelheim said the School of Pharmacy is the perfect setting in the field of mechanistic toxicology because of the strong national reputation of its toxicity program and also because of existing collaborations between the company’s scientists and faculty and students in the school because of the school’s focus on mechanistic toxicology program and also because of existing collaborations between the company’s scientists and students in the school.

In the spring of 2006, the dean convened a standing Diversity Committee, co-chaired by a staff person and a faculty member. The committee was charged with developing a one-year diversity plan, as directed by Provost Peter J. Nicholls. Although limited to a one-year commitment, this plan laid the groundwork for annual striving aimed at crafting a long-term plan in support of the school’s educational, professional, and social goals for the fall of 2006.

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A Fond Farewell and a Hearty Congratulations

The retirement of Professor and Associate Dean Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr. marked the end of an era at the School of Pharmacy. The pharmacy icon spent his 36-year career at the University of Connecticut at a reception and dinner held in his honor. “It is not often that a professor and associate dean have the opportunity to come back to the place where they were first hired and to see the opportunity to contribute to the students’ knowledge base. Being an associate dean has been a wonderful culmination to my career. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students on a daily basis and being able to help them solve problems – academic or personal.”

As he looked back over his career, Speranza noted the development of the School of Pharmacy program as one of the most significant achievements during his tenure. He also cited great pride in the completion of the University of Connecticut Health Building – proof positive, he says, that the School of Pharmacy is one of the university’s priorities and a top-notch pharmacy education on a national level.

As Dr. Speranza closed his remarks, he thanked his colleagues, friends, and most of all his wife, Jeannie, for all the support and help they have given him over the years. His plans include relaxing with Jeannie on their sailboat, traveling the world, and, of course, being able to help the students who holds the interests at her peripheral focus. At the same time, he has a strong sense of the requirements of the academic program and the need to ensure that our students meet the academic and professional rigors necessary to earn the Pharm.D. degree. An additional strength which Andrés brings to his position, and which is important to his future success is that he is a teacher and as a concerned faculty member.”

Alumni Awardees

In April 2006, the School of Pharmacy Alumni Association presented with its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards to three alumni – Dr. Charles E. Inturrisi, representing academia, Joseph D. Palo, representing pharmacy practice, and Timothy A. Hagen, representing industry. For his outstanding contributions to the school and the profession.

Dr. Charles E. Inturrisi

Dr. Charles E. Inturrisi earned his B.S. Pharm degree in 1962 from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. He is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the School of Pharmacy, New York University, and is also the Director of the Institute for Drug Delivery Science. Dr. Inturrisi is a professor in the School of Pharmacy and has written numerous articles and book chapters in the area of toxicology and immunology. In the fall of 2005, he was named associate dean of the School’s Curriculum Committee, and chair of the committee in the planning and review of the requirements for the professional and postgraduate programs. He has also written 11 clinical research articles, 19 peer-reviewed articles, and 7 book chapters in the field of immunology.

Dr. Joseph D. Palo

Joseph D. Palo earned his B.S. Pharm degree from the University of Connecticut in 1974 and an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven in 1980. Pharmacist Palo began his career in 1974 with Bristol-Myers Squibb, and has held numerous sales and marketing positions over seven years. In 1980, he became account supervisor at Medcom Communications. Prior to his retirement, he led the Consulting Pharmaceutical Strategy Practice in the United States for Pfizer. Prior to joining Pfizer Health Services, he was a member of the Board of Directors of HealthCare International, and a professional instructor with Pfizer Health Services. Dr. Inturrisi has served on several federal government advisory panels and has been an ad-hoc scientific reviewer for the editorial board of many scientific journals. His research is centered on the alleviation of pain and has received two patents as a result of his work.

Dr. Timothy A. Hagen

Dr. Timothy A. Hagen received a B.S. Pharm degree from the University of Connecticut in 1973 and an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven in 1976. Pharmacist Hagen has held numerous management positions in the pharmaceutical industry. The year 2006 was marked by several awards for Dr. Hagen. In April 2006, he was named recipient of the Lifesaving Recognition Award by the PDA Foundation. He was also named to the board of directors of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and was named a fellow of the American Diabetes Association. In addition, Dr. Hagen was named a fellow of the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and an honorary fellow of the North American Society for Pneumology.

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John Parisi

Pharmacy Practice

John Parisi R.Ph., C.D.E. earned his B.S. Pharm degree from the University of Connecticut in 1973. In August 1973 to 1976, he was on federal public service Canada, and was an ad-hoc scientific reviewer for the editorial board of many scientific journals. His research is centered on the alleviation of pain and has received two patents as a result of his work.

Timothy A. Hagen was named an honorary alumna and presented with a membership in the Pharmacy Alumni Association. He was named an honorary fellow of the North American Society for Pneumology. Dr. Hagen has been awarded the Andrew M. Litchfield Lectureship Award (Eastern Pharmacist Alumni Association) in 1997. He was named a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and was named a fellow of the American Diabetes Association.

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We gratefully acknowledge the alumni, corporations, foundations, friends, and parents who gave gifts to the School of Pharmacy between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. The School continues to make great progress and we thank these continued contributors for providing very important resources to the students and faculty.

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- Nancy S. Blois ‘67 ‘71
- David W. Blois ‘67 ‘71 ‘75
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- Andrea A. McCollum
- William R. O’Brien 70 ‘75
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- Jennifer L. Cooper
- Stephen D. and Ealas C. Cohen
- Kenneth H. and Dorothy Connor ‘78 and Cathy C. ‘78 ‘81
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- Global Impact
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- Eric A. Ruch
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Ralph Steckore enjoys himself during the 2006 Alumni Awards Gala.

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Janice B. ’76 Marcham
Frank D. Manfredi ’55
Joyce S. Lyman ’92
Russell J. ’57 and Jeanne M. Leonard
Kenneth Y. Lee ’99 ’02
Victoria J. Lambert ’00 ’02
Yong C. Kwon ’95
Richard L. Kubarek ’74
Gregory B. Kratz ’97 ’03

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Henry ’67 and Janice ’66 Rosen
Nicholas A. ’83 and Linda Romano
Jennie A. Rickert ’46
Valarie J. Raymond ’76
Timothy A. Rancourt ’70 and Matthew G. Quinn ’66
Stephen M. Progodich ’79 and Mark R. Pontbriand ’71
Charles ’82 and Laurie ’82 Piwonski
Roger G. Pinsonneault ’82
Frank A. ’62 ’68 and Mary E. Petitti
Marion R. Perry
Barbara A. Payne ’79
John ’85 and Denise ’86 Paradis
Charles ’93 and Michelle ’94 Page
Janet T. Owens ’66
Donald W. Muirhead ’61 and Timothy and Gloria L. Morrill
Jennifer M. Moffa ’94
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Robert J. Miller ’60 and Christopher M. Miller ’83 ’96 and Alison E. Melton
Gregory G. Melton ’01 ’03 and Thomas L. Mehmet ’78
Marc ’74 and Anna Summerfield
Peter A. Strong ’75
Peter B. Skonieczny ’57
William H. Silta ’81
David ’84 and Diana ’85 Seaver
Cecilia M. Schreiner ’81
Harold Schoen ’62
Daniel L. ’82 and Pamella L. Ross
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Robert D. ’77 and Francine ’76 Wilhelm
Dorothy ’78 and Linda ’77 W.twig
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J. Patrick and Patrice ’53 Powers
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Michael G. Quaife
Timothy A. ’70 and Jennifer ’69 Anthony
Kellie M. Randall ’71
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Jeannette ’69 and Richard ’68 Bock
Frank ’74 and Bonnie ’73 Rotger
Joel ’72 and Nancy ’71 Latimer
Sharon ’75 and John ’74 Adams
Richard A. ’69 and Beverly ’68 Ackley
Karl ’79 and Margaret ’78 Bottger
Robert J. ’68 and Joanna ’67 Rosich
Nicholas ’61 and John ’58 Rodes
Harry ’69 and Janice ’68 Brown
Yvonne ’61 and Ann Marie ’60 Rabitto
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Brian ’71 and Cheryl ’68 Kouri

Ayal Saluja, President, University of Connecticut Students Association

A University President is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut. University President is the chief executive officer of the University of Connecticut.

The University of Connecticut’s mission is to provide a world-class education to its students, to advance knowledge through research and creative activity, and to serve the public through outreach and engagement.

The University of Connecticut is a public research university located in Storrs, Connecticut. It is the largest public university in Connecticut and the fourth-largest public university in the United States by enrollment.

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More Student News

Pharmacy Student Government

Jennifer Drapo, President 
Aisha Zeta O mega – Nu Chapter

The 2005-2006 academic year was an exciting one for the Pharmacy Student Government (PSG). PSG worked to showcase the numerous roles our pharmacy students may take on, as well as their dedication to the health of the community.

Our greatest accomplishment throughout the 2005-2006 academic year was the fundraising effort by pulling together the pharmacy students from the University of Connecticut, Rutgers University, and the University of Massachusetts to raise over $7,000 for hurricane Katrina victims at the Xavier University of Louisiana. Our fellow AZO brothers from the University of Massachusetts also provided a table for the children of the Mansfield communities, and the Mango Tree. We donated $750 to the Mansfield Care Pharmacy 2005 in Boston, Massachusetts. This was the first year that programming was offered to students at the University of Connecticut, offering free e-student memberships in October 2005. Students were able to attend a networking event with ASCP President Robert Miller and ASCP CEO John Feather to further our knowledge of the professional role of a pharmacist. Though we were not able to attend a networking event with fellow northeast chapters, we were able to attend the Spring Meeting for 2007. We look forward to sharing our experiences and support we will continue to offer to our students.

Jennifer Harrow, President 
Lambda Kappa Sigma - Alpha Beta Chapter

The year brought many activities involving the School of Pharmacy's Student Government. One of the highlights of the year was the Angela C. Keating Lecture, the annual talk on health and well-being. At the beginning of the academic year, we held our annual meeting of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association during Autumn Weekend. This year was an extremely exciting one because we had to go study for exams. Relay for Life was held April 7-9th and AZO participated in the event. We also participated in the School of Pharmacy's 80th Anniversary Celebration and Dedication Day, selecting Lavinia, the model of pharmacy student organizations, to help raise funds for the University of Connecticut. We were able to raise $1,000 to the fund raising efforts of the Pharmacy Student Government (PSG) for the University of Connecticut. We also participated in the Students for Social Responsibility in Pharmacy (SSRP) conference and attended the 2006 ASCP Regional Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. We also participated in the 2006 ASCP Regional Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut.

Kappa Psi - Nu Chapter

Giancarlo Maranzano, President 
Kappa Psi - Nu Chapter

The year was a busy one for Kappa Psi. We were proud to start the year off by donating $1,000 to the fund raising efforts of the Pharmacy Student Government (PSG) for the University of Connecticut. We were extremely proud this summer when our chapter was chosen to represent UConn at the International Pharmaceutical Student Federation meeting in Montreal, Canada. We were able to attend a networking event with ASPN President Robert Miller and ASCP CEO John Feather to further our knowledge of the professional role of a pharmacist. Though we were not able to attend a networking event with fellow northeast chapters, we were able to attend the Spring Meeting for 2007. We look forward to sharing our experiences and support we will continue to offer to our students.

Kappa Psi capped off the 2006 spring semester by initiating four new members. We were extremely proud this summer when our chapter was chosen to represent UConn at the International Pharmaceutical Student Federation meeting in Montreal, Canada. We were able to attend a networking event with ASPN President Robert Miller and ASCP CEO John Feather to further our knowledge of the professional role of a pharmacist. Though we were not able to attend a networking event with fellow northeast chapters, we were able to attend the Spring Meeting for 2007. We look forward to sharing our experiences and support we will continue to offer to our students.
Teacher of the Year 2006, inspires the class with his remarks. Pharm.D. Class of 2006 Valedictorian, Rachel Galvan, receives a
Dr. Amy C. Anderson

Amy Anderson, Ph.D., joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in January as associate professor of medicinal chemistry. During her 15-year career in academia, she began investigating structure-based drug design. It was here that Dr. Anderson developed an interest in researching pathogenic organisms. Her focus has mainly dealt with three pathogenic organisms that recently have been on the government’s “dangerous to public health: anthrax and two complex natural products which affect water quality. Following her postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Anderson moved to Dartmouth where she continued research as assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Anderson changed the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy because the research is more medically related. She is eager to work with a “group of colleagues who have similar interests and who look to improve drugs in different ways.”

Dr. Jennifer J. White

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Dr. Dennis L. Wright

Dr. Dennis L. Wright, Ph.D. has joined the faculty of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences as an associate professor of medicinal chemistry. In addition to his role as professor, Dr. Wright is researching the development of lead compounds for the pharmaceutical industry based on the use of natural products. His academic group is dedicated to developing new methods to build large compound arrays from complex natural products which will be used to actually prepare the drug.

Francis "Skip" Copeland

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Dr. Amy C. Anderson, Ph.D., joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in January as associate professor of medicinal chemistry. During her 15-year career in academia, she began investigating structure-based drug design. It was here that Dr. Anderson developed an interest in researching pathogenic organisms. Her focus has mainly dealt with three pathogenic organisms that recently have been on the government’s “dangerous to public health: anthrax and two complex natural products which affect water quality. Following her postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Anderson moved to Dartmouth where she continued research as assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Anderson changed the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy because the research is more medically related. She is eager to work with a “group of colleagues who have similar interests and who look to improve drugs in different ways.”

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In the early 90’s Dr. Schwarting, working collaboratively with colleagues at the University of Cincinnati, identified the sedative properties of the following chemicals were of interest to the U.S. Army for potential use as an incapacitation agent. In addition to his research activities, Dr. Schwarting’s service as a consultant to the Department of Defense, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute is a testament to his recognition of his scientific expertise.

SCHWARTING was an outstanding teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His intellect, patience and expertise were shared with a dedicated teacher-scientist scholar who mentored many highly successful former graduate students for professor for graduate students over a period of three decades.
Students Lauded for Work with Medicare Part D

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 brought about the largest changes to Medicare since its inception. The creation of Medicare Part D, one of the largest changes to Medicare, has brought about numerous concerns and challenges. The implementation of this plan revolves around its complexity and the magnitude of professionals as well as participants, but healthcare workers have been lauded for their work with Medicare Part D.

One of the developments late into the fall of 2005 was scheduled to be a significant milestone in the process, as enrollment was to begin. This plan was to be communicated to beneficiaries through a combination of comprehensive education, and assistance with identification of plans that (a) match well with each CONNPACE participant’s needs. Using the CONNPACE website, participants were to be supplied with quality assurance information, which was to be provided to beneficiaries. Using the CONNPACE website, participants were to be supplied with quality assurance information, which was to be provided to beneficiaries.

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UConn’s School of Pharmacy with the Medicare project. The UConn pharmacy students assisted over 30,000 patients by using the plan to find drug plans and select three different plans for each patient. They helped identify three suitable PDPs for each CONNPACE participant. (Connecticut’s State Pharmacists Association Program – SPAF) full subsidy members with three and six active maintenance members, the plan required student work to be sampled for quality assurance. Using this information, the CONNPACE recommendations for the three plans that would be a “good fit” for their medication needs.

The controversy surrounding the plan revolves around its implementation. The plan was scheduled to be implemented as of January 1, 2006. Many of the interpretive guidelines and implementation mechanisms were still under development late into the fall of 2005. The number of plans offered, financial considerations, and the differences between the plans further added to the complexity of the plan. As a result, not only Medicare pharmacy students were involved, but healthcare workers from business organizations offering pharmacy services were involved as well.

Recognizing the significance of the plan, the UConn pharmacy students were among the first to develop understanding and knowledge of Medicare Part D. The focus of this historic change is increasing the affordability of medications for people with Medicare, a population largely consisting of elderly lacking coverage for prescription drugs. Although Medicare Part D is a government program, it relies heavily on the cooperation and assistance of pharmacy professionals as well as students.

The School of Pharmacy, under the direction of Peter Teichman, made student priority to prepare their students by developing knowledge and understanding of pharmacy professionals roles to assist Medicare Part D, professionalism, and resources from the pharmacy industry. Faculty and students were supported by the American College of Clinical Pharmacists for additional preparation.

Having gained a solid base of knowledge, the school initiated a series of initiatives to assist people in making informed choices regarding Medicare Part D Drug Plan (PDP). The goals were to educate pharmacy students about the plan enrollment by a combination of comprehensive counseling and assistance with identification of plans that will best meet their existing medication regimen, to inform students of the plan, and to assist them in making their decision.

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The Medicare prescription drug program, covered by Medicare Part D, is designed to provide a meaningful experience for everyone who is enrolled in Medicare Part D. The prescription drug benefit will be coordinated with Medicare's standard health insurance benefits, which are funded by the Medicare program itself. The prescription drug benefit is designed to help Medicare beneficiaries pay for their prescription drugs. The law passed by Congress in 2003 established Medicare's prescription drug benefit. The benefit is voluntary, and beneficiaries have the choice of enrolling or opting out of the benefit.

Beginning in 2006, beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part D will receive prescription drug coverage. Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in a plan offered by a private drug plan. They will have access to a wide range of prescription drugs, and the cost of their drugs will be reduced. Medicare beneficiaries who enroll in a prescription drug plan will generally pay a monthly premium and a deductible, and will be responsible for a co-payment for each prescription drug they fill.

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