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[Clockwise from top left]: The Connecticut College of Pharmacy Building in New Haven, CT; plans for the School of Pharmacy in Storrs, CT; the dedication of the Hewitt Building; the Pharmacy-Biology Building dedicated in October 2005; alumni admiring the 80th anniversary timeline; crowds at the dedication of the Hewitt Building; and [top left inset] the ribbon cutting at the dedication of the Pharmacy-Biology Building.

## On the Back Cover:

The School of Pharmacy welcomed Pfizer employees, many of whom were UConn alums at the installation of the Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology. Dr. Michael J. Pikal celebrates his installation with Provost Peter J. Nicholls.

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**“The Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors on October 20, 1925 in New Haven, Connecticut. It was fitting that the state-of-the-art Pharmacy-Biology Building was dedicated on October 21, 2005, nearly 80 years to the day.” ~ Dr. Robert L. McCarthy, Dean**

#### Dr. Robert L. McCarthy, Dean

Dear Friends:

The 2005-2006 academic year will long be remembered as one of the most exciting and momentous in the school's history. We celebrated the school's 80th Anniversary, dedicated the new Pharmacy-Biology Building, installed our first endowed chair and announced the establishment of a second. The achievements of our students garnered national awards and our faculty and staff have moved the school forward toward our goals. Let me briefly share with you some highlights.

Dr. Kenneth A. Speranza retired after 36 years as a beloved member of the School of Pharmacy family. His contributions to his students and colleagues over the years have been immeasurable. We will miss his counsel and his ever-present, warm smile. To sailor Ken, we wish him favorable winds! Dr. Andrea Hubbard had the opportunity to work with Ken for nearly a year affording a smooth transition to the position of associate dean. Our students are in very capable hands.

School of Pharmacy alumna, Dr. Marie Smith, has returned to her alma mater as head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Smith joins us after a successful career that has included academic appointments at Rutgers, Virginia Commonwealth, and Tennessee, a stint at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, and more than a decade at ASHP. Dr. Smith's expertise is in e-health and we look forward to having her bring this expertise to our school. We are most grateful for the stewardship provided by Associate Professor Dennis

Chapron in his role as interim department head.

This year we welcomed new faculty, 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 collaborated on exceptionally successful research in the area of structural biology. Their addition completes, for the time being, the re-building of our medicinal chemistry group following the retirements of 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 this young, talented, and energetic group!

Dr. Michael Pikal, Professor of Pharmaceutics in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named the first Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology following an

extensive national search. Dr. Pikal is an internationally recognized teacher and scholar, who has been referred to as the “King of Freeze Drying Technology.” Dr. Pikal's appointment was made possible due to a \$2 million gift last year establishing the chair in recognition of the school's commitment to the area of pharmaceutical technology.

President Philip Austin, Boehringer Ingelheim Vice President Peter Farina and I announced the establishment of the Boehringer Ingelheim Chair in Mechanistic Toxicology. This \$1.25 million gift enables us to bring to Storrs a premier teacher and researcher in the vitally important area of mechanistic toxicology. We are very grateful to BI for this generous gift, the latest in a number of grants and gifts that includes support for research and pre- and post-doctoral fellowships and the naming of the school's Dosage Forms Laboratory.

The Connecticut Pharmacy Leadership Group, representing Connecticut pharmacy organizations and the UConn School of Pharmacy, participated in a Pharmacy Summit co-sponsored by the chairs of the House and Senate Public Health Committees. The luncheon meeting, several years in planning, included an overview of the school's pharmacy

curriculum and exemplars of practice from across Connecticut pharmacy. The day was a big success with 70-80 legislators and staff members stopping by during a busy day for the legislature. We believe that this was an excellent first step toward educating legislators about the preparation of pharmacy students and the contributions pharmacists are making to care for and improve the health of patients.

The school's faculty and staff met for a day-long strategic planning retreat. The goal for the day was to re-visit the school's current strategic plan adopted in January 2003. Faculty and staff were divided into four working groups focusing on professional education, graduate education and research, faculty/staff development, physical environment, diversity, advancement, and administration. 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 school faculty will begin to teach the pre-pharmacy anatomy and physiology courses in the new curriculum beginning in the fall of 2007. This wonderful, new interprofessional collaboration was made possible through the work of Dr. Bruce Koeppen, from the School of Medicine, and Drs. Andrea Hubbard and Sean Jeffery from the School of Pharmacy.

Our Study Abroad Committee is beginning to make progress toward our goal of providing our students and faculty with international educational and research opportunities. This included hosting two French students from the University of Rennes. A visit to the Beijing Medical College is being planned for spring 2007.

After a year-long review, and with substantial input from faculty and the School of Pharmacy Advisory Board, the Admissions Committee submitted a revised admissions policy for our professional program, which was approved by the faculty. Key changes include the elimination of guaranteed admission and the incorporation of a required, on-site 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 chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), which represents the many minority pharmacists across the nation, and is dedicated to the care of underserved populations, is a strong voice on our campus and nationally. The highlight of their activities this year was

Unity Week, a five-day period celebrating diversity in the health professions. SNPhA also played an integral role in the school's newly formed Diversity Committee, with several members serving on the committee, and one member (Ketsya Amboise) serving as co-chair with staff member Karen Logan. The committee completed a preliminary diversity plan and is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive, multi-year plan.

One of the many wonderful moments during dedication weekend was the presentation of a check for nearly \$7000 to American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Executive 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 Government President Katie Myers, Student National Pharmaceutical Association Chapter President Ketsya Amboise, and Dr. Lauren Schlesselman for leading this wonderful effort.

Under the direction of Educational Outreach Coordinator Peter Tyczkowski, more than 80 School of

Pharmacy students, working under a grant from the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), assisted over 23,000 ConnPACE patients in selecting the most appropriate Medicare Part D prescription drug plan (PDP) for them based on their chronic medications. The students were awarded second place in a recognition program sponsored by the National Association of State Pharmacy Executives that acknowledged pharmacy students for their work assisting patients with the new Medicare drug benefit.

In summary, the school's 80th year was a time 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 we are preparing our students to be leaders in the profession. I invite you all to visit our new facility, take part in our continuing education programs, join us at our alumni events, and become involved for you are truly part of the School of Pharmacy's past, present, and future.

With warm regards,

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

# Past, Present, & Future...

In October of 2005, the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut celebrated the 80th anniversary of the founding of the school during the festivities surrounding the dedication of the new Pharmacy-Biology Building. The long journey towards establishing a school of pharmacy in Connecticut began in 1920, at the recommendation of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association. CPA was formed in 1876 for the purpose of elevating the standards of the profession of pharmacy and to merit the confidence of the

under the leadership of its first dean, Dr. Gustavus Eliot. Initially the college offered a two-year course leading to the degree of Ph.G.

Dr. Eliot served as dean until the summer of 1928 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 to survive many of the same challenges the country faced in the 1930s, including financial instability. Additionally, it had become

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**“If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.” ~ Sir Isaac Newton**

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public. From its inception the organization held the goal of establishing a college of pharmacy as both necessary and desirable. At the urging of CPA, Governor Marcus Holcomb signed a bill approving the charter of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy; the issue gained urgency when the Connecticut legislature passed a law making a college education a condition of entering the profession of pharmacy. On October 20, 1925, the Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors in New Haven,

apparent that the college would need to adopt a four-year course requirement which was rapidly becoming the national standard in pharmacy education. In March 1932, the Board of Trustees adopted this requirement which resulted in a sharp decrease in enrollment along with a corresponding loss in student fees. Consequently, the faculty voted to take a 10% cut in salary to ease the college's financial burden.

Later in the decade many members of the student body

were drafted for service in World War II. With enrollment at an all time low and the consequent drop in income from tuition and fees, it was decided to approach University of Connecticut President Albert Jorgensen to see if he was interested in adding the College of Pharmacy as one of the schools at the university. President Jorgensen was interested, and at a meeting of UConn's Board of Trustees presented a request from Curtis Gladding, president of the pharmacy college's board, requesting that the Connecticut College of Pharmacy be absorbed by the university. UConn trustees instructed Jorgensen to appoint a faculty committee to study the request.

The committee's report was favorable and in May 1941, the General Assembly approved a bill that accepted the transfer of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy to the University of Connecticut and authorized the university to develop and implement a course in pharmacy. It was decided that the college would continue operating for a while at the New Haven location at 150 York Street. In his annual report in 1942, the dean urged the Board of Trustees to seek funding for a building for the School of Pharmacy on the Storrs campus.

Additionally, the dean continued to seek funds to endow a professorship.

The transition from an independent school to incorporation into the University of Connecticut and the subsequent physical move to the Storrs campus marked a major milestone for the school. The school's viability was no longer quite so precarious and the leadership could begin to focus on other efforts. During the post World War II era, Harold Hewitt was selected by University of Connecticut President Jorgensen to serve as the third dean when Dr. Johnson resigned. Dean Hewitt inherited a fledgling program with major challenges. The hallmark of his tenure as dean was marked by his keen interest in the growth and prosperity of the School of Pharmacy.

At the same time that Dean Hewitt assumed leadership of the school, enrollment increased dramatically due to the influx of returning veterans and a general population that was ready to resume their pre-war professional pursuits. Under Dean Hewitt, the college enjoyed a period of growth marked by an increase in the number of faculty and in the range of faculty expertise. His goals included developing a graduate program and relocating the school to the Storrs campus, in addition to seeking the funds for the construction of

additional classroom space and laboratory facilities.

Chief among his goals was the relocation of the school. This was no small project as the idea was not particularly popular. In addition to his attempts at funding the construction of a new building, Dean Hewitt had to become part statesman, building consensus among politicians, legislators, students, faculty and alumni. He reasoned that the potential for intellectual growth for students would be enhanced through a wide selection of courses and activities available on campus. Concurrently, he argued that the faculty would benefit from association and interactions with faculty from other disciplines. Finally, he stressed that a quality graduate program could develop only in the multidisciplinary environment of a university campus.

Eventually, over the course of the next twenty-plus years, Dean Hewitt achieved his goals with regards to the school. He carefully built the faculty into a highly qualified group of scientists whose teaching ensured an excellent undergraduate program, while providing the nucleus of a strong graduate education and research program. Curriculum development was a perennial issue during his tenure and he oversaw the inauguration of the five-year baccalaureate program. Student organizations flourished

Many thanks to Dr. Karl A. Nieforth for his contributions to this article.

during this time including the Rho Chi Society, Mortar and Pestle Society, Lambda Kappa Sigma, and a student branch of the American Pharmacists Association – all were active organizations; many are still in existence today.

When Dean Hewitt retired in 1970, Dr. Arthur Schwarting, professor of pharmacognosy, accepted the cloak of leadership of the school as the fourth dean. An internationally recognized leader in the transformation of the field of pharmacognosy from a plant-based discipline to a science based on the chemistry of natural products, Schwarting faced many of the same challenges as his predecessor. He continued to lobby for funding to upgrade facilities; he further strengthened the graduate program by adding programs in biopharmaceutics and toxicology. This focus on graduate education led to a nationally recognized research program. During his tenure, the curriculum was reorganized and revised to provide the opportunity for appropriate pre-clinical educational experience.

Following a brief interim deanship served by Dr. William J. Kelleher, professor of pharmacognosy, the fifth dean, Dr. Karl A. Nieforth, assumed leadership of the school. Nieforth increased outreach activities of the school in an effort to broaden community

support. He continued to support the development of high caliber graduate programs with the development of an interdisciplinary program in Biochemical Toxicology and a federally funded Toxicology Training Program, in addition to a state supported Drug Design Program, run in collaboration with the UConn Health Center and Yale University. During this period, the school received significant funding due to the efforts of faculty such as Dr. Alexandros Makriyannis and Dr. Philip Rosenberg. Additional faculty members were added in immunology and toxicology, solidifying the school as a national center of excellence in this field. Finally, as is the case throughout the history of the school, Dean Nieforth continued to work to remodel and update the facilities, as well as entering into discussions about construction of a new building.

Dr. Michael C. Gerald served as the sixth dean of pharmacy as he undertook the positioning of the school for entry into the 21st century. Administratively, he reorganized the school into two departments, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy Practice, allowing each department a certain degree of autonomy in administrative matters. As the university began to prepare for the UConn 2000 building program, Dr. Gerald provided oversight of the construction plans. When the Department of Higher Education approved an

entry level Pharm.D. Program, Dr. Gerald guided the requisite expansion of the curriculum. Finally, he enhanced the fund-raising activity within the school and managed to acquire a development officer.

In July 2002, Dr. Robert L. McCarthy was named interim dean of the School of Pharmacy, and the following year he was officially appointed dean. The hallmark of his deanship continues to be a single guiding vision: to return the UConn School of Pharmacy to its former national ranking as a top ten school of pharmacy. To that end, his tenure as dean has been marked by considerable accomplishments, not the least of which was to oversee the completion of the new Pharmacy-Biology Building and the ensuing move in June of 2005. He has convened an Advisory Board of industry and academic leaders who provide input regarding the school's initiatives. Under McCarthy's leadership, the school has written a detailed strategic plan which is used as a guidepost for assessment. The faculty have undertaken a complete revision of the professional program curriculum to reflect the changing face of pharmacy in the 21st century. Faculty and students continue to gain national recognition and honors as the school moves forward in time. Finally, because of his



Pharmacy Student Government President Kathryn Myers addresses over 300 people in attendance at the dedication of the Pharmacy-Biology Building in October 2005.

ability to engender trust and support, the school's endowment is at an all time high, enabling McCarthy to provide support for student and faculty activities.

From the opening of its doors in 1925 until the move into the new Pharmacy-Biology Building in 2005, the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy has aspired to the highest

traditions of scholarship and professional practice. Those long ago members of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association would be proud to see what has become of their vision for a school of pharmacy. As we move into the 21st century, the spirit of those pioneers will continue to set the standard of excellence that is the signature of a premier school of pharmacy in today's world.

# The First Endowed Chairs in School of Pharmacy History

The School of Pharmacy's 80th anniversary year was also a year of firsts — the school's first endowed chair was installed and a new chair in mechanistic toxicology (possibly 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 for the post and was installed as the chair in October

2006. The investiture ceremony, which marked a milestone in School of Pharmacy history, was one of the first events held in the new Pharmacy-Biology Building. Pfizer officials had the opportunity to tour the building and its laboratory facilities.

"Pfizer's strategic decision to promote this field of research at the University of Connecticut is of enormous national significance, as it will allow the School of Pharmacy to meet increasing industry demands for highly-qualified workers in pharmaceutical technology," Pikal said. Tim Hagen, vice president of Pfizer Science and Technology is extremely pleased with the University's selection of Dr. Pikal 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 \$1.25 million gift from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, 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 attract a nationally recognized researcher who has made significant contributions to the field of mechanistic toxicology - the study of the processes and mechanisms underlying the toxicity of chemicals.

According to Dr. Peter Farina, senior vice president of development, Boehringer Ingelheim selected UConn's School of Pharmacy as the recipient for its investment in the field of mechanistic toxicology because of the strong national reputation of its toxicology program and also because of existing collaborations between the company's scientists and faculty and students in the school. "Boehringer Ingelheim's investment in UConn and in the field of mechanistic toxicology will help to accelerate the next round of medical breakthroughs and ultimately lower the cost of life-saving medications. This partnership between the state's flagship public research university and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. positions the state of Connecticut at the forefront of this dynamic and rapidly developing field," said Farina.



[Left] Dr. Peter Farina holds a copy of the UConn "Advance" announcing the establishment of the Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Endowed Chair in Mechanistic Toxicology. [Above] Doctoral candidate, Sumit Luthra, extols the virtues of working in the lab of Dr. Michael J. Pikal, Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology, during the installation ceremony.

# Growing a Climate of Cultural Inclusion

In the spring of 2006, the dean convened a standing Diversity Committee, populated by faculty, staff, and students and co-chaired by a staff person and a student. The sole purpose of this committee was to create a one-year diversity plan, as directed by Provost Peter J. Nicholls. Although limited to a one-year actionable document, this plan laid the groundwork for the committee to begin to craft a long-term plan to infuse cultural awareness across all facets of the school's educational, professional, and social activities beginning in the fall of 2006.

Although the creation of a formal diversity plan is new to the school, over the course of the last few years, the School of Pharmacy has appropriately focused on issues of cultural competency and diversity. The establishment of this Diversity Plan is a natural outgrowth of current ongoing activities of the School of Pharmacy faculty, staff, and students who participate in our learning community.

In 2006, the faculty and staff of the school engaged in a one-day planning retreat to review and revise the school's strategic plan. The updated plan that came out of the retreat includes entire sections devoted to

diversity. In addition to the school's ongoing planning efforts relative to diversity, our faculty, staff, and students have engaged in an increasing number of activities specifically designed to promote an increased awareness of cultural competence. Key faculty members have attended the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy 2006 Interim Meeting entitled "Cultural Competence: Closing Gaps and Expanding Access."

The school has nurtured the growth of the UConn chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), an educational service association of students who are concerned about pharmacy and healthcare-related issues, and the poor minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions. The University of Connecticut chapter has become very active and has garnered national recognition for its activities.

The school also hosted its first Unity Week sponsored by SNPhA. A wide variety of activities were held during this celebration including an art show, a panel discussion entitled "The Importance of Diversity in Health Care," a workshop on conversational Spanish for healthcare professionals, and a

movie night. These programs were so popular and successful that SNPhA has pledged to make this an annual event.

For the past several years, the school has assumed a leadership role in a project called the New Haven Partnership with the goal of increasing the number of under-represented students who chose pharmacy and healthcare as a profession. The school provides programming in Storrs and in New Haven for high school students of under-represented populations. SNPhA members serve as mentors to these high school students and Walgreen's is involved as a corporate sponsor, offering part time jobs and potential college scholarships.

Considered in total, these activities all contribute to a growing climate of cultural inclusion in the School of Pharmacy. As future health care professionals, it is imperative that pharmacy students come to



fully appreciate varying perspectives and cultural considerations among their future patients and co-workers. This can be achieved through formal education, as well as in regular interactions with a diverse array of colleagues, teachers and mentors. This Diversity Plan is an important step in our journey toward building a culturally competent community of learners committed to the elimination of disparities based on differences of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, disabilities, and socio-economic status.

## Diversity Committee

The School of Pharmacy's first Diversity Committee:

Ketsya Amboise, Co-Chair  
Karen Logan, Co-Chair

Chinenye Anyanwu  
Charles Caley  
Neil Fachinetti  
Phil Hritcko  
Leslie Lebel  
Andrea Hubbard  
Malgorzata Michalowska  
Priya Patel  
Jennifer Scholle  
Teresa Ucher  
Zika Uyanwune  
Andy Zhang

Pheeby the Frog who graces the lobby of the Pharmacy-Biology Building was treated to a Frog-Warming during Unity Week celebrations. The art show was an ideal time to officially welcome Pheeby who was named for Pharmacy and EEB [Ecology and Evolutionary Biology] by EEB graduate student Chris Martine.

## 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 spoke about his 36-year career at the University of Connecticut at a reception and dinner held in his honor. "My roles as professor and associate dean have been most gratifying. I love to teach and I savor the opportunity to contribute to students' knowledge base. Being 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 Doctor of Pharmacy program as one of the most significant achievements during his tenure. He also cited

great pride in the completion of the new Pharmacy-Biology Building — proof positive, he says, that the School of Pharmacy is one of the top choices for pharmacy education on a national level.

As Dr. Speranza closed his remarks, he thanked his colleagues, friends, and most of all his wife, Jeanne, for all the support and encouragement over the years. His plans include relaxing with Jeanne on their sailboat, "Soulmate." Bon Voyage, Dr. Speranza — we wish you smooth sailing!

### Dr. Andrea Hubbard Named Associate Dean

Dean Robert L. McCarthy announced the appointment of Andrea K. Hubbard, Ph.D. as associate dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Hubbard filled the position vacated by retired Associate Dean Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr. An accomplished teacher and researcher, Dr. Hubbard has published numerous articles and book chapters in the area of toxicology and immunology. As Co-chair of the school's Curriculum Committee, she was instrumental in guiding the review and restructuring of the professional pharmacy program curriculum as well as leading a review of the pharmacy prerequisites.

Dr. Hubbard acted as associate dean designate, working collaboratively with retiring Associate Dean Speranza. This arrangement provided her with hands-on experience which served her well as she transitioned into her new duties and responsibilities. Reflecting on his collaboration with Dr. Hubbard, Associate Dean Speranza said, "She is a thoughtful and fair person who holds the students' interests as her paramount focus. At the same time, she has a strong sense of the requirements of the academic program and the need to ensure that our students meet the academic and professional rigor necessary to earn the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. An additional strength which Andrea brings to her position, and maybe the most important to her future success — is that she has earned the respect of the students, both as a teacher and as a concerned faculty member."

[Above Left] Dr. Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr. is ready to set sail from his retirement party.

## Alumni Awardees

In April 2006, the School of Pharmacy Alumni Association presented Distinguished Alumni Awards to three alumni — Dr. Charles E. Inturrisi, representing academia, Joseph D. Palo, representing industry, and John Parisi, representing pharmacy practice. Honorary Pharmacy Alumni Association membership was awarded to Timothy Hagen, Ph.D. for his outstanding contributions to the school and the profession.



### Dr. Charles E. Inturrisi Academia

Charles E. Inturrisi earned his B.S. Pharm degree in 1962 from the UConn School of Pharmacy, his M.S. degree in 1965, and his Ph.D. degree in pharmacology in 1967 from Tulane University. He is a well known expert in pain alleviation. Dr. Inturrisi is a professor of pharmacology, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, professor, Program in Pharmacology and professor, Program in Neuroscience, Weill Graduate School of Medical

Sciences of Cornell University. He also is a visiting investigator, Pain and Palliative Care Services, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and an adjunct at the Rockefeller University. He has been awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Teacher-Scientist Award 1974-75 and 1975-76, named Litchfield Lecturer, 1981-82, Nuffield Department of Anaesthetics, University of Oxford, England and received the John J. Bonica Lectureship Award (Eastern Pain Association) 1994. Dr. Inturrisi has served on several federal government advisory committees and has been an ad-hoc scientific reviewer and member of the editorial board of many scientific journals. His research is centered on the alleviation of pain and he has received two patents as a result of his work.



### Joseph D. Palo Industry

Joseph D. Palo earned his B.S. Pharm. degree from the school in 1973 and an M.B.A. from the

university in 1980. Pharmacist Palo began his career with the Eli Lilly Co. in 1973 holding 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 IBM. Prior to joining IBM Business Consulting Services, he was president of HLS Clinical Systems, and also president of Health Learning Systems, the largest producer of accredited continuing medical education in the U.S.A. At HLS, he was a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and WPP Global Healthcare Taskforce for world wide communications integration. At IBM, he worked with pharmaceutical manufacturers to develop business plans, strategic plans, and market assessments for current products and emerging technologies. He has made presentations to many conferences in the United States and throughout the world. He is a member of the Board of the American Heart Association, a member of the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists and the American Pharmacists Association.



### John Parisi Pharmacy Practice

John Parisi R.Ph., C.D.E. earned his B.S. Pharm. degree from the school in 1971. From August 1972 to 2006, he was the president of Ivery and Dudley Health Services of Winsted, Connecticut, a community pharmacy that provides a myriad of health related services. He is a past president of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, a member of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of Connecticut, and a pharmacy consultant at Foothills VNA Hospice. Pharmacist Parisi holds memberships in several professional associations including the CPA, APhA, NCPA, the American and Connecticut Association of Diabetes Educators, and the American Pain Society. He has been accredited as a Certified Diabetes Educator and a Certified Smoking Cessation Specialist by the University of Pittsburgh; and as a Certified Asthma Educator by NIPPCO.

Pharmacist Parisi has received many awards during his career, including the 1997 CPA Pharmacist of the Year, 2000 Drug Topics Pharmacists of the Year, 2001 DuPont Innovative Practice Award, 2001 NCPA Pharmacy Leadership Award and 2005 APhA One to One National Award. In 2003, his diabetes program received American Diabetes Association recognition.



### Dr. Timothy A. Hagen Honorary Pharmacy Alumni Member

Timothy A. Hagen was named an honorary alumnus and presented with a life membership in the Pharmacy Alumni Association. Dr. Hagen earned his B.S. Pharm., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan and joined Pfizer, Inc. in 1979. While in Michigan, he practiced as a community and hospital pharmacist. In 1991, Dr. Hagen was appointed department head

of Pharmaceutical and Research Development and in 2002, became chair of the Worldwide Pharmaceutical R&R Line Council. He is currently vice president of science and technology within Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Groton/New London Laboratories. He is a member of the School of Pharmacy Advisory Board and has worked to build strong relationships between Pfizer and the school through support of undergraduate and graduate programs. Working closely with Dean Robert L. McCarthy and Dr. Michael Pikal, Dr. Hagen guided the efforts within Pfizer to establish the Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology at the school.

## News to Share

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Jeanette and Peter Scianna at the Homecoming Game Tailgate Party.

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Christopher M. Miller '83 '96 and  
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Atul Saluja, President UConn Student Chapter AAPS

In keeping up with its tradition, the UConn AAPS student chapter completed yet another successful and productive year. Under the guidance of faculty advisor Dr. D. S. Kalonia and with the active participation of committee and student members, the chapter continued its efforts towards the fulfillment of its mission of increasing student participation in the activities of the AAPS at the local and national levels.

Chapter members participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> AAPS-Pharmaceuticals and Drug Delivery web conference on "Solid-State Characterization of Pharmaceuticals (Part II: Industrial Applications.)" The chapter also sponsored the travel of graduate students to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NERDG (Northeast Regional Discussion Group) meeting held in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

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The student chapter organized various discussion sessions with invited speakers including Dr. Eric Munson, Associate Professor, University of Kansas and Dr. Bruce Kerwin, Sr. Principal Scientist, Amgen. Interview sessions were arranged for representatives from Pfizer, Inc. (Dr. Jaymin C. Shah and Dr. Jim Jiao). The interviewees were invited from multiple departments of UConn including pharmaceuticals, chemistry, chemical engineering, polymer sciences, and engineering. In working towards the improvement of interviewing skills of students, the chapter invited Kelley Troccoli, recruiter/generalist in the Human Resources Group of Boehringer-Ingelheim in Ridgefield, Connecticut to conduct mock interviews for senior graduate students where active feedback was provided to the students.

Various speakers were invited by the student chapter to speak on multiple subjects in the field of pharmaceuticals. Dr. Marc Descamps, University of Lille, France spoke on amorphization of pharmaceuticals by milling and desolvation. Dr. Marcel Utz, associate professor in physics at the University of Connecticut

presented a seminar on nuclear magnetic resonance characterization of solids. Dr. Yin-Chao Tseng, senior principal scientist, Drug Discovery and Support, Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. presented a talk on coordination between drug discovery & preformulation-formulation departments in screening of compounds and overall product development. All these seminars were followed by a discussion with graduate students.

The chapter also actively participated in welcoming distinguished guests from Pfizer, Inc. and University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy during the investiture ceremony of Dr. Michael J. Pikal as Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology and in organizing and co-sponsoring the welcome luncheon for new graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

Towards the end of the 2005-2006 year, the UConn AAPS student chapter had thirty active student members and four new graduate students joined the AAPS.



Alison Smith, President UConn Chapter APhA-ASP

The University of Connecticut ASP chapter strived to make positive changes for the 2005-2006 academic year. In October 2005, National Pharmacists Month was promoted using medication vials to distribute information and sweets to the general public. Last year's efforts with Operation Immunization were expanded when the group promoted flu prevention by distributing tissues, hand sanitizer, and a bag including information on flu clinics and the avian flu. This information was distributed at the on-campus flu clinic and a local Brooks Pharmacy.

The chapter collaborated with the Connecticut Pharmacists Association for an educational Medicare Part D night. Information was presented in layman's terms and a panel composed of a representative

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from the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services, a lawyer, and a pharmacist were available to answer questions. Our School of Pharmacy celebrated its eightieth anniversary in October as well. Dedication weekend events were the same weekend as our Midyear Regional Meeting in Buffalo, New York. Ten students attended the MRM, which was planned by Region One Coordinator Aaron Burton [P2]. Students who stayed on campus for the dedication weekend volunteered at the ASP booth.

Our students presented information on Heartburn Awareness to a lamaze class at a nearby hospital and we continued our Operation Diabetes function by offering blood glucose testing to patients at a nearby Rite Aid Pharmacy. We expanded last year's blood pressure screening by offering it at two home basketball games. Students took blood pressures of people attending the game prior to the start and through halftime at a men's and women's game. Our professionalism committee planned our second Professionalism Ceremony, where first year professional students recited an oath that they wrote themselves.

Our chapter patient counseling competition took place in

February 2006 and we continued with our annual UConn School of Pharmacy fleece sales and our fall and spring book sales drive. Our biggest fund-raiser was our annual Student-Faculty Auction where we generated a record breaking \$4400, allowing thirty-nine students to attend the 2006 annual meeting in San Francisco. Two students were able to attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies in June 2006 and in July two students were also able to attend the Summer Leadership Institute in Washington, DC.

Clay English and Kim Gilligan traveled with ASP advisor Dr. José Manautou to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pan-American Regional Symposium (PARS) in Quito, Ecuador from May 26-30. They were part of a small group of students from the U.S. and Ecuador at this relatively new conference. We would like to help with the planning of upcoming PARS and work more on IPSF activities such as patient care projects and a student exchange. The 2005-2006 school year was very exciting and we hope to carry our enthusiasm ahead to build upon our accomplishments within the university and the community.





## Pharmacy Student Government

### Kathryn Myers, President Pharmacy Student Government

The 2005-2006 academic year was an exciting one for the Pharmacy Student Government (PSG.) PSG was able to showcase its three main roles: social, professional, and philanthropic. The year began with a weekend celebrating the dedication of our new building during which PSG organized a children's carnival featuring pharmacy student organizations, games, crafts, and science experiments. Also within our social role, PSG held its Student-Faculty Formal in conjunction with the Alumni Association's Awards Banquet. It was a night of food, fun, and dancing!

PSG also created a student-faculty open forum during the spring semester, fulfilling its professional role. The open forum acted as a venue for students and faculty to discuss concerns, offer constructive criticisms and to compliment each other in a constructive manner. The forum achieved its

goal and the PSG mission to open the lines of communication between students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Our greatest accomplishment throughout the 2005-2006 academic year was the fulfillment of our role as a philanthropic organization. We accomplished this by pulling together the pharmacy student community to raise over \$7,000 for hurricane Katrina victims at the Xavier School of Pharmacy in Louisiana. The money was raised through direct donation as well as through a comedy show highlighting the talents of faculty member, Dr. C. Michael White. As a result of our hard work, we received an award for courageous service from ASHP. PSG undoubtedly achieved its goals for the 2005-2006 school year and looks forward to even bigger and better things in the near future!



## Alpha Zeta Omega - Nu Chapter

### Jennifer Drapeau, President AZO - Nu Chapter

During the fall, AZO (Alpha Zeta Omega) sold School of Pharmacy sweatshirts, sweatpants, and t-shirts as a fund-raiser. We also participated in the School of Pharmacy's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Dedication weekend by playing board games with the alumni/faculty's children. Many AZO alumni attended the event and they loved seeing how the fraternity was doing. Our fellow AZO brothers from Rutgers University also attended dedication weekend and it was nice to finally meet some of them.

During the spring, AZO raised money for Relay for Life by holding several bake sales. Funds raised from the bake sales as well as private donations totaled hundreds of dollars for

cancer research. Relay for Life was held April 7-9<sup>th</sup> and AZO participated at UConn by walking at all hours of the night!!! This was a great success and we plan to participate in Relay for Life each year. Every year AZO also plays in the famous Oozeball tournament. Oozeball is the mud volleyball game that is run by the UConn Alumni Association during Spring Weekend. This past year our team made it to the second round. Unfortunately, we forfeited the second game because we had to go study for an exam.



## Lambda Kappa Sigma - Alpha Beta Chapter

### Jennifer Morrone, President LKS - Alpha Beta Chapter

The year brought many activities involving the School of Pharmacy, the UConn and Mansfield communities, and the nation itself. At the beginning of the semester we set up booths at both the Involvement Fair for interested pharmacy students, and at the Health Fair to educate the student population on migraines. We also participated in the dedication weekend where we provided a table for the children to decorate cookies. Our Yankee Candle Fund-raiser was successful again, and we also sold School of Pharmacy sweatshirts, t-shirts, and mugs in our annual "overstock" sale in the atrium. We donated \$750 for Hurricane Katrina Relief to Xavier's School of Pharmacy, and many of the sisters donated some of their time to volunteering at the Mansfield Rehab Center playing Bingo with the residents. We also co-sponsored a social event with the other pharmacy fraternities.

We sold School of Pharmacy tote bags and initiated two alumni members into Lambda Kappa Sigma. We once again volunteered at the Mansfield Rehab Center, and held a very successful social event with Kappa Psi, our brother fraternity. We inducted another fourteen girls into our chapter, making us bigger and better than ever. Thirteen of our sisters also traveled to Las Vegas for the LKS Biennial Convention, and had an unforgettable experience.



## 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) here at UConn for the Xavier School of Pharmacy following Hurricane Katrina. Nu Chapter promoted and celebrated the School of Pharmacy's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We participated in numerous events including open houses, commemorative celebrations, student tours, and the fall gala. We proudly initiated two new brothers to the Kappa Psi family.

Kappa Psi was fortunate enough to be able to send eight brothers to the APhA convention in San Francisco. Kappa Psi also sent representation to the spring Province I meeting in Boston this year. It was Kappa Psi's first meeting in several years. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with fellow northeast chapters, and are looking forward to more active participation in the future.

Kappa Psi capped off the 2006 spring semester by initiating four new members. We were extremely proud this summer when our brother Clay English was one of two students selected to represent UConn at the International Pharmaceutical Student Federation meeting in Equador. Clay had a lot of fun and brought a lot of great information back to his fellow Kappa Psi brothers.

Kappa Psi is currently working on fund-raising, but we are looking forward to sharing our brand new school of pharmacy with Province I as we are hosting the spring meeting for 2007. As always we are also looking forward to the opportunity to accept many more new members.



## American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

### Kim Gilligan, President ASCP Student Chapter

While America's fastest growing population may be the elderly, students are the fastest growing members of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. ASCP began offering free e-student memberships in October 2005. Since then, students at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy have taken advantage of the benefits of becoming an ASCP member. Eight students attended Senior Care Pharmacy 2005 in Boston, Massachusetts. This was the first year that programming was offered to students. We were able to attend a networking social and presentations by ASCP President Robert Miller and ASCP CEO John Feather to further our knowledge of the numerous opportunities available within long term care.

In February 2006, Kim Gilligan was elected the first president of CT-ASCP's Student Chapter.

Student members attended the monthly CT-ASCP Board of Directors meetings and planned fund-raisers. Nordstrom's sponsored a "What Not To Wear" night which was a huge success with over fifty students, faculty, and staff attending.

The Senior Symposium kicked off with nine students present. The student chapter was eager to help out, whether it was stuffing seven hundred bags, monitoring rooms, introducing the speakers, or recruiting new members. We were able to raise \$1100 through donations and our t-shirt sales.

Our first year as a student chapter was exciting and we will carry our enthusiasm forward. Our goals include recruiting more students and further educating future pharmacists about the importance of caring for our growing senior population. None of this would have been possible if it was not for the encouragement and assistance of our advisor, Dr. Sean Jeffery. With everyone's support we will continue to grow as a chapter towards a promising future in long term care.



Pictures:  
 [Above] School of Pharmacy Pharm.D., M.S., and Ph.D. graduates at the May 2006 Commencement Brunch & Hooding Ceremony. Pharm.D. Class of 2006 Valedictorian, Rachel Galvan, receives a School of Pharmacy pin from her father. [Right] Dennis Chapron, Teacher of the Year 2006, inspires the class with his remarks. [Far Right] Poev Touch, Edith Owusu, Dennis Boateng, and Abraham Kuruvilla prepare to march into Gampel Pavilion to receive their Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy Studies.

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## New Faculty



**Dr. Amy C. Anderson**

Amy Anderson, Ph.D., joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in January as associate professor of medicinal chemistry. During a postdoctoral fellowship at UCSF 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 list of most harmful to public health: anthrax and two water-borne protozoa that affect water quality. Following her postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Anderson moved to Dartmouth College where she continued research as assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Anderson chose 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. Lee**

Jennifer Lee, Pharm.D., a 2004 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, has joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice as assistant clinical professor. She lectures at the school and practices at the VA Connecticut Health Care System, Women's Health Center in West Haven, Connecticut. As a preceptor, students participating in Dr. Lee's rotations will gain experience in designing, implementing and monitoring therapeutic care plans for patients at the pharmacy clinic. Additionally, Dr. Lee has plans to open a new rotation site in Ambulatory Care at the Women's Health Center. Currently, there are no rotations being offered in women's health and the addition of this opportunity will broaden the students' knowledge base.



**Dr. Marie A. Smith**

Marie Smith, Pharm.D., joined the faculty as clinical professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. As an exceptional educator and innovative leader, she brings a wealth of academic and business experience to her position, along with energy, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to enhancing the appropriate use of medications in society. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (BS with honors) and Medical College of Virginia (Pharm.D.) Schools of Pharmacy. She is also a graduate of the ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency Program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. In addition, she completed postgraduate work in global leadership executive education at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) and INSEAD (France) and a one-year fellowship in Change Management at Johns Hopkins University.



**Dr. Dennis L. Wright**

Dennis L. Wright, Ph.D. has joined the faculty of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences as an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences in 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 developing methods to build large compound arrays from complex natural products which will be used to actually prepare the array.

## New Staff



**Francis "Skip" Copeland**

Francis "Skip" Copeland has joined the staff as building services manager. Having coordinated the school's move into the new Pharmacy-Biology Building, his familiarity with the building and its occupants proves to be an asset in his day-to-day responsibilities. As primary liaison for building occupants to report problems and resolve facility matters, Skip is at home whether dealing with building infrastructure, machinery, furniture or security.



**Anne-Margaret Gaffney**

Anne-Margaret Gaffney has joined the staff of the School of Pharmacy as the associate director of development. As the director of the Annual Fund at the University of Connecticut Foundation, Ms. Gaffney was a natural choice for this demanding and important position. Her background includes experience on the fund-raising staff of Massachusetts Lt. Governor Healey. Ms. Gaffney holds a baccalaureate degree from Harvard University.

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**Pharmacoeconomics**

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## 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 in 1965 by creating Medicare Part D. One focus of this historic change is increasing the affordability of medications for people with Medicare, a population largely consisting of the elderly lacking coverage for prescription medications. Although Medicare Part D is a government program, it relies heavily on the competition generated from business organizations offering a variety of drug plans with different features.

The controversy surrounding this plan revolves around its implementation. While open enrollment was scheduled to begin November 15, 2005, many of the interpretive guidelines and implementation mechanisms were still under development late into the fall of 2005. The number of plans offered (44 in Connecticut) and the differences between the plans further added to the complexity of the situation, confusing not only Medicare participants, but healthcare professionals as well.

Recognizing the significance of Medicare and the magnitude of the swift and historic changes

being made, the School of Pharmacy, under the direction of Peter Tyczkowski, made it a priority to prepare their students by developing the understanding and knowledge of Medicare Part D, using CMS, professional associations, advocacy agencies, and resources from the pharmacy industry. Faculty and students also attended a conference sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association for additional preparation.

Having gained a solid base of knowledge, the school then considered initiatives to assist people in making informed choices regarding Medicare Part D Drug Plan (PDP.) The goals were to facilitate Medicare enrollment by a combination of consumer education and assistance with identification of plans that (a) match well with existing medication regimens, (b) offer a good trade-off between benefits and premiums, and (c) have minimum need for prior authorizations or other plan management tools that could be potentially difficult for people with Medicare to navigate.

In December, the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) approached the School of Pharmacy. Then Deputy Commissioner for DSS, Michael Starkowski, is a big fan of UConn. It was only natural that he thought of involving

UConn's School of Pharmacy with the Medicare project. The 172 pharmacy students assisted over 23,000 patients by using the Medicare plan finder tools and selected three appropriate Medicare PDPs for each patient. They helped identify three suitable PDPs for each CONNPACE (Connecticut's State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program — SPAP) full subsidy member with between three and six active maintenance medications. DSS required student work to be sampled for quality purposes. Using information gathered by the students, DSS would then inform CONNPACE recipients of the three plans that would be a "good fit" for their medication needs.

In February, DSS expressed gratitude and pleasure with the work performed by students on the first 4,000 plus patient records and assigned 16,705 more patients for Medicare PDP recommendation. This was followed by a request for an additional 3,000 plus student PDP recommendations in April.

The students captured the attention of the various media outlets as a result of their accomplishments. They won second place for the NCSPA prize (National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations-NASPA) and the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award

Partnership, CQIA, Innovation Silver prize. Within the university community, Peter Tyczkowski was awarded the University of Connecticut Outreach 2006, Professional Staff Research Based Public Service Award. The students also received national attention by receiving official recognition from the chair of Congressional Health Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. The DSS gave written praise to President Philip Austin of the University of Connecticut and students received payment for professional services, sharing in over \$100,000.

The Medicare student outreach project was a valuable experience for everyone involved. It not only helped inform Medicare recipients about the Part D Drug Plan, but was also a great experience for students to work as consulting pharmacists. In addition, the Medicare initiative project provided an opportunity for the school to fulfill its outreach mission by providing this valuable service to the citizens of Connecticut.

[Above Left] Students use the Hait Family Computer Lab to conduct research related to Medicare Part D.

## Reaching Out to Those in Need - Helping the Victims of the Hurricane

The devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the fall of 2005 stunned Americans from coast to coast. The true nature of the American spirit shone through as volunteers mobilized and donations began to pour in to the American Red Cross and other relief agencies. On campus, donation boxes were placed in dorms, on buses and in the Co-op in an effort to help the victims of the disaster in New Orleans.

Students in the School of Pharmacy met to discuss how they might help those in need. They empathized with the pharmacy students at Xavier University and decided that they would like to reach out directly to those students in an effort to help them. UConn Pharmacy students were moved by the hardships the Xavier students faced — in addition to losing all their belongings and their housing, the Xavier students had to put their education on hold while the university tried to recover enough to re-open.

Pharmacy Student Government (PSG), under the guidance of Dr. Lauren Schlesselman, collected donations from faculty, staff and students. Their initial goal was to raise \$2000, but due to the overwhelming response, PSG raised the goal to

**The ASHP Mid Year Meeting in early December is always a popular place for pharmacy colleagues and students to network and learn about career opportunities. Every year School of Pharmacy students conduct fund raisers to help defray the cost of attending this meeting, while the school puts together a reception for attendees, alumni and friends. This year, in addition to the 40 students who were able to attend, there were special guests present. The dean of the Xavier University School of Pharmacy, along with a group of his students visited the University of Connecticut reception to say "Thanks!" in person for the generosity of the UConn donation. All present agreed, to paraphrase Humphrey Bogart, "This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."**

\$5000. Progress was tracked on a "thermometer" graph which was placed prominently in the Morosko Student Lounge. As the word got out about the students' fund-raising efforts, donations began to pour in from preceptors and pharmacists from across Connecticut and the rest of New England.

Energized by their early success, the students began to brainstorm the possibility of having a school-wide event which might raise even more funds. They came up with the idea of a comedy show and quickly enlisted the aid of Associate Professor Dr. C. Michael White who agreed to

perform a bit of stand up comedy. Donations were accepted as entrance fees and over 150 people attended two shows, which generated an additional \$600.

On October 21, 2005, prior to the Building Dedication, the students presented a check for nearly \$7000 to Dr. Lucinda Maine of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), who accepted for the National Pharmaceutical Association Foundation. The students' contributions will help Xavier students return to their studies and rebuild their lives post-Katrina.

## Study Abroad



Morgane Teffaine and Melina Jaffre from the University of Rennes in France.

French Pharmacy students Morgane Teffaine and Melina Jaffre had a dream of spending one of their rotations in the United States, but there were no study abroad programs at their school - the University of Rennes. Not ones to be intimidated by the odds, Morgane and Melina began a journey that eventually led them to Storrs, Connecticut. They contacted over 40 different pharmacy schools in the United States in an attempt to find a program that would allow them to complete rotations through their program. Their persistence paid off when Director of Experiential Education Dr. Phil Hritcko recognized the possibility of a future partnership between the University of Rennes and the University of Connecticut.

The key to the entire rotation was placing them in an appropriate setting, said Hritcko, who not only coordinated the students' rotation assignments, but also arranged for their living accommodations with two other UConn Pharmacy students living in Middletown, Connecticut. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the pharmacy team at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Without their cooperation and assistance, we would never have been able to provide a meaningful experience for the French students." Lisa Stump and her staff pitched in

and put together rotations in seven different areas, including cardiology, intensive care, and drug information.

When asked about the differences between their homeland and their host country, Morgane and Melina admitted to being a bit surprised by the amount of interaction pharmacists have with patients in America and they were impressed with the amount of responsibility American pharmacists have. Both students described how the people they met went out of their way to make the experience a positive one; from the pharmacists at Yale-New Haven Hospital, to Dr. Hritcko and the UConn students everyone went out of their way to make them feel at home in Connecticut.

Building on the success of their visit, the School of Pharmacy hopes to be able to place some UConn pharmacy students at the University of Rennes in the near future and study abroad relationships are being pursued in both Spain and China.