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Two important events, in addition to the move, highlighted our summer. Dr. Kenneth Speranza retired after 36 years of dedicated service to our School, the last three as associate dean. We will all miss Ken's commitment to our students and his ever pleasant smile and wish him all the best in his retirement. Our Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) chapter, which didn't even exist three years ago, won several awards and nearly the national presidency at the group's annual meeting in Florida.

As you might expect, we've had a wonderful start to the new academic year. Our first year students are bright and eager to learn and our returning second and third year students are enjoying all of the amenities that come with their new home. In only its second year, Pharmacy Student Government (PSG) has already emerged as the unifying student organization it was intended to be. Under the leadership of President Katie Myers, PSG lead a successful fundraising effort to provide a donation to the Xavier University College of Pharmacy in New Orleans devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

We are all very proud of this charitable act by our students and our faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who supported their efforts.

Our faculty also received some good news as the year began. Drs. Jose Manautou and Brian Aneskievich received their first ROI funding, the NIH's most prestigious research grant.

Drs. Craig Coleman and Michael White received national attention for their research findings on the benefits of an antihypertensive drug in the treatment of diabetes mellitus.

I have touched on but a few highlights; these pages contain much more, so please read on. We hope you enjoy the new School of Pharmacy newsletter! 📧

What's New With You?

We want to hear from you! Please use this form to tell us about address changes, personal and professional honors, or everyday events that we can use for the Alumni Update column. Mail To: University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy Alumni Association, 69 North Eagleville Road, Unit 3092 ~ Storrs, Connecticut 06269-3092, or e-mail us at: daniel.leone@uconn.edu

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School of Pharmacy News

University of Connecticut Pharmacy/Biology Building Dedication Planned for October 21 ~ 22

Since the construction began in July 2002, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy have eagerly awaited the opening of the new Pharmacy/Biology Building on the Storrs campus. On Friday, October 21, 2005, the building will be dedicated in a ceremony that is part of a gala weekend celebrating the School's 80th

Anniversary. "The Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened its doors in New Haven, Connecticut on October 20, 1925," according to Dean Robert L. McCarthy, Ph.D. "It is fitting that we will dedicate this state-of-the-art facility during our 80th anniversary year."

The dedication events begin with a joint, School of Pharmacy/Department of Biology Symposium with nationally acclaimed speakers. **Dr. Bert Hölldobler**, Foundation Professor of Life Sciences at Arizona State University will present a lecture entitled "Order in Chaos: Communication and Cooperation in Ant Societies." **Dr. Paul Talalay**, John Jacob Abel Distinguished Service Professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will present "Chemoprotection against Neoplastic and Chronic Degenerative Diseases." **Dr. John Daly**, Scientist Emeritus, Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health will discuss "Natural Products: Impact on Biomedical Research." The symposium will begin at 9:00 AM on October 21st in the Chemistry Building, Room A120.



At 2:00 PM, President Philip E. Austin will join Deans Robert L. McCarthy (School of Pharmacy) and Ross MacKinnon (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) for the ribbon cutting and building dedication ceremony. Guided tours of the new building and a reception will follow the ceremony.

The 80th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 22nd begins with a family-friendly open house at the School of Pharmacy from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. School of Pharmacy student organizations will offer tours of the building and organize activities such as face-painting, bubble-making and games. Come join us and bring the kids!

The celebration continues on Saturday afternoon with the UConn homecoming football game versus Rutgers. You can purchase tickets for the game and a special School of Pharmacy tailgate party from our reserved block. Come in the morning for a building tour and then ride the complimentary shuttle bus to Rentschler Field.

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A Message From the Dean

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the first issue of the School of Pharmacy Newsletter! With our move into the new Pharmacy/Biology Building, it seemed like an appropriate time to launch our latest communication vehicle to our alumni and friends. The newsletter will be published semi-annually in the fall and spring and replace our alumni newsletter, which will be incorporated into this new publication. Unlike our annual report that highlights the previous year, the School newsletter will provide more current news and information about our students, faculty, staff, and alumni and upcoming events of interest. We believe when combined with the annual report, experiential education newsletter, and web site (soon to be revised), friends of the School of Pharmacy will be more fully informed about what's happening.

As I write this column, we have been in our new home for nearly four months. I am very grateful for the dedicated efforts and cooperation of our faculty, staff, and graduate students this summer who ensured that we had a very smooth move. Our move in June was expected to take three to four weeks, but because of the commitment of all involved took only two. The building has been everything we hoped for. Both functionally and architecturally impressive, we finally have a facility worthy of the exceptional people who occupy it. I look forward to greeting many of you during Dedication/80th Anniversary Weekend October 21-22. The building dedication on Friday afternoon and the gala on Saturday evening highlight two days of events that will truly be memorable.

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Congratulations SNPhA!

In July 2005, the UConn Chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) attended the organization's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. Our chapter, which didn't exist three years ago, made quite a splash on the national scene! They received several awards, sponsored an alumni luncheon, and in general represented us with great distinction. P3 student, Ketsya Amboise, known here at the School of Pharmacy for her leadership, professionalism, and warm personality, came within a single vote of election as national president! Faculty advisor Dr. Spiro Pavlopoulos accompanied the group and supported their efforts. ☕

Students Participate in Clarion Competition

Dr. Bruce Gould, Associate Dean for Primary Care at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Medical Director at Saint Francis Hospital/University of Connecticut Primary Care Center at the Burgdorf/Fleet Health Center in Hartford, led a team of four students in the Clarion Project Competition at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, on Saturday April 9, 2005. Eric Kuszewski from the School of Pharmacy, Alexandra Krajewski, a nursing student, Rebecca Ranucci, a graduate student enrolled in the MBA program, and Janelle Mallet, a medical student, were selected by their respective deans to represent the University of Connecticut for the first time in this competition. This was also the first time the competition was held nationally. It had previously only been held locally in Minnesota.

The Clarion Project is sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The faculty from the University of Minnesota present a case, describing a fictional but realistic event, to students who perform a root cause analysis and formulate realistic and financially feasible recommendations to prevent another such event from occurring. Students received the case on February 26, 2005 and met several times to discuss and brainstorm interventions on how to address root causes and recommend changes in the system. Participants from the University of Connecticut, University of Tennessee, University of Minnesota, University of Chicago, Dartmouth College, University of Missouri, and University of Wisconsin presented their results to judges on Saturday, April 9, 2005.

According to Dr. Gould, "These students did a miraculous job. They have gained skills they did not have by applying their knowledge to a realistic situation. The UConn faculty should be very proud of the caliber of our students."

The winning team of the competition, University of Missouri received a \$5,000 team scholarship and will also be recognized guests at the national meeting of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in December 2005. Dartmouth College and University of Minnesota, who tied for second place, were each awarded \$3,000 team scholarships. According to Dr. Robert McCarthy, Dean of the UConn School of Pharmacy, "although UConn did not win, we are very proud of the manner in which they represented our University."

Lindsay Brooks, a UConn Doctor of Pharmacy student, was invited to compete

on the Dartmouth College team since she completed her advanced practice pharmacy experience at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. UConn is pleased to have a representative on a team that was awarded second place.

"The Clarion Competition afforded me the opportunity to work with health-care professionals outside the field of pharmacy and to recognize the significance of their roles. Most importantly, by completing this root-cause analysis, I have been provided with the skills necessary to appropriately approach a similar situation in the future," said Brooks.

One of the goals Dr. Gould has for the UConn Medical School, as well as the other UConn schools, is to integrate this type of activity into the present curriculum. The students that participated spoke with faculty regarding their experience and offered advice on how to integrate some of the content of their experience into the curricula of the various schools.

By giving outstanding and bright students the opportunity to apply their practical knowledge to realistic situations, more can be accomplished in medicine. "The Clarion Project can be looked at as a pilot or incubator for innovative ways of teaching critical issues in healthcare delivery. This is the wave of the future," explained Dr. Gould. ☕

Graduate Students Honored

The following graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences have been recognized for their achievements: Sandra Goss was renewed as an AFPE Fellow. Bakul Bhatnagar was one of four students selected to participate in the 2005 AAPS Graduate Student Symposium in Biotechnology to be held on November 8, 2005 at the AAPS Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. (Our student, Harminder Bajaj, received this award last year.) Sagarika Bose was selected to participate in the 2005 AAPS Graduate Student Symposium in Drug Delivery and Pharmaceutical Technology to be held on November 8, 2005 at the AAPS Annual Meeting. (Our student, Banu Zohnik, received this award last year.) ☕

Dr. Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr. Retires After 36 Years of Service

September 1, 2005, the official retirement date for Professor and Associate Dean Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr., Ph.D., marked the end of an era for 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 on August 25, 2005, "My roles as professor and associate dean have been the most gratifying part of my career. I love to teach and savor the opportunity to contribute to the students' knowledge base. Being the associate dean has been a wonderful culmination of my career. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students on a daily basis and being able to help them solve academic and/or personal problems. It is the close relationships I have developed with the students as an associate dean that I will miss the most."

Dr. Speranza noted that the development of the Doctor of Pharmacy program was the most significant event he participated in during his career in pharmacy education. The Pharm.D. has definitely elevated the stature of the pharmacist in the community and in all health care environments. Additionally, he cited his pride in the



Dr. Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr. and his wife, Jeanne, enjoy the celebration.

construction of the new Pharmacy/Biology Building - proof positive that the School of Pharmacy is on the way to being one of the top choices for pharmacy education today.

He credits his academic and professional achievements to the influence of his parents and the sacrifices they made to ensure his education. "They provided me with a strong work ethic and a moral code to live by." Their guideposts were to respect people and treat them fairly. His legacy, he believes, lies in the students he has helped to educate over the years.

Looking ahead, Speranza plans to spend time with his wife, Jeanne, on their sailboat, "Soulmate," relaxing and enjoying a well deserved break. Bon Voyage, Dr. Speranza - we wish you smooth sailing! ☕

Faculty Promotions, Appointments, and Recognition

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce several faculty promotions, appointments, and recognition. We congratulate those who have made beneficial contributions to their profession, the school, and the university community.

Dr. Jeffrey Aeschlimann and Dr. Brian Aneskievich were recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Marla Campbell and Dr. Sean Jeffery were both appointed to the rank of Associate Clinical Professor. Dr. Jeffery was also the recipient of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, Consultant Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Dr. Gerry Gianutsos was appointed by the University Senate to serve on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Drs. Jose Manautou and Brian Aneskievich received their first RO1 funding, the NIH's most prestigious research grant.

Dr. Andrea Hubbard has been selected as a 2005-2006 AACP Leadership Fellow. This program, modeled after several premier leadership programs in higher education, is a year-long experience whose goal is to prepare senior faculty for leadership roles at their home institution.



Dr. Bogner and doctoral candidate, Lauren Aleksunes

Dr. Robin Bogner has been selected the 2005 Lambda Kappa Sigma Fraternity Advisor of the Year. This award is in recognition of Dr. Bogner's "outstanding contributions to the Alpha Beta Chapter [at UConn], the National Fraternity and the profession of pharmacy." Dr. Bogner was honored at the Awards Luncheon held during the Regional Meeting in Lexington, KY. Doctoral candidate, Lauren Aleksunes, Pharm.D. received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award.

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Also that morning, the School of Pharmacy Office of Continuing Education teams with the Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) to offer three hours of continuing education. The program begins with Dean Emeritus of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, Karl Nieforth, Ph.D., presenting "The University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy: An Eighty Year Review" at 9:00 AM. "The Future of Pharmacy Legislation on Your Practice," will be presented at 10:00 AM by Pfizer's Thomas Buckley, R.Ph., M.P.H. At 11:00 AM, Paul G. Pierpaoli will present, "Stewardship: The Profession's Lasting Legacy." The continuing education program is underwritten through the generosity of Pfizer.

The weekend celebration concludes on Saturday evening with the 35th Annual Alumni Awards & Reunion Banquet & 80th Anniversary Gala. Awardees include: Distinguished Alumni Dr. Charles D. Ponte, B.S. '75, Dr. Renee P. Tannenbaum, B.S. '74, and Jeannette Y. Wick, B.S. '79, and Honorary Alumnus, Lydia P. Borysiuk, R.Ph. The classes of '45, '65, '75, '85, '95 as well as the silver and golden anniversary classes '80 and '55 will be recognized. Dancing will follow after the program. For more information on the events, visit the School of Pharmacy website at: www.pharmacy.uconn.edu/ ☕

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Dr. Andrea Hubbard Named Associate Dean

In August 2005, Dean Robert McCarthy announced the appointment of Dr. Andrea Hubbard, Ph.D. as Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Hubbard will fill the position vacated by retiring 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. More recently, she has served as Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee, which was charged by the Dean with reviewing and re-structuring the curriculum of the professional pharmacy program. The leadership and consensus building skills required in this capacity will serve her well in her new role as Associate Dean.

As a college senior, at a time of life when most of her peers were wrapping up their academic pursuits and preparing for a life beyond the ivory tower, Andrea Hubbard took one look through the microscope lens and discovered a world of questions yet to be answered. "When I enrolled in microbiology my senior year, I was captivated by the world beneath the lens and I knew right away that I wanted to learn more." She enrolled in the Microbiology/Immunology graduate program at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences and embarked upon a journey that would lead her to a career of scholarship and teaching and, eventually, to the Office of the Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut.

A look at Dr. Hubbard's activities and accomplishments proves to be a study in contrasts: she has been both teacher and student, both mentor and mentee and even her volunteer work is with both the elderly and children. Early in her career, her mentor, Dr. A. J. Gandolfi, Assistant Dean of Pharmacy Research and Graduate Affairs at the University of Arizona, states that "Andrea was a professional from the moment she joined my laboratory." It became evident immediately that in addition to her research, she was also interested in teaching and collaborating on faculty grants.

Our colleagues in the Pharmacology-Toxicology program at the University of Arizona continue to be impressed with her successes in academia." As a Research Assistant Professor in Dr. Gandolfi's laboratory, Dr. Hubbard was inspired by his work ethic, fairness and integrity, as well as his sense of humor. These special traits are evident in Dr. Hubbard's work today as she serves as a mentor to her graduate and undergraduate students in pharmacology and toxicology. She credits the unique talents and qualities of each of her students with her continued growth as teacher and mentor. "I am most energized by teaching and working with undergraduate and graduate students. The imagination and zeal of my students has been truly inspiring," she says.

In addition to her work with students as mentor and researcher, Dr. Hubbard also finds time to volunteer in the community. For the past ten years, she has served as a judge for the Connecticut Invention Convention, a nonprofit educational organization formed in 1983 and dedicated to promoting critical and creative thinking through an annual competition for school children. As a judge, she is able to connect with the creativity of competing elementary students. At the other end of the spectrum, she has also been a regular volunteer at area nursing homes, which keeps her connected with people who have gained wisdom through a great deal of life experience. These activities help to keep Dr. Hubbard's busy schedule balanced and in perspective. In her spare time, she recharges her creative batteries by gardening – particularly perennial flowers – and re-caning and re-finishing antique chairs.

Over the course of the past year, Dr. Hubbard has acted as Associate Dean Designate. This arrangement has provided her time to spend with outgoing Associate Dean, Dr. Kenneth A. Speranza, Sr., gaining hands-on experience that will provide a smooth transition as she assumes the duties and responsibilities of the Associate Dean's Office. Dr. Speranza recently reflected on his work with Dr. Hubbard. "She is a



Dr. Andrea K. Hubbard
Associate Dean

thoughtful and fair person and 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 new position, which perhaps may be the most important for her future success, is that she has earned the respect of the students, both as a teacher and a concerned faculty member."

As the new academic year begins, Dr. Hubbard looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead. The School of Pharmacy will be facing many critical issues, including addressing admissions standards, accommodating general education requirements, and implementing the new curriculum, in addition to preparing for the re-accreditation process. Dr. Hubbard holds a vision for the future of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy that embraces and accommodates these challenges, while setting the standard for excellence in pharmacy education and research.

Got News?

Are you a School of Pharmacy alumnus, student, faculty, or staff member with a story idea, or just some great news? We'd love to hear from you! Contact us at:

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USP Awards Fellowships NCPA Student Chapter Hosts Entrepreneurship Roundtable

This year, six graduate students were chosen to receive \$20,000 research fellowships from the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Board of Trustees. Upkar Bhardwaj and Atul Saluja from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, and four other students from North Carolina, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Houston were selected to receive these fellowships from a very competitive pool of candidates. This is the third consecutive year that at least one of our students has been so honored, a tribute to our outstanding faculty and the quality of the graduate students they attract.

Pharmacy Student Elected as USG Officer

In April 2005, pharmacy student, Aaron Burton was elected Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Senate for the 2005-2006 academic year. We commend Aaron for his past representation and congratulate him on his achievements.

On April 26, 2005, the School of Pharmacy sponsored an Entrepreneurship Roundtable. The goal of the event was to increase student awareness that ownership of a community pharmacy is a viable career choice and that there are resources available to help them achieve the goal of pharmacy ownership. Additionally, the session was aimed at helping the school develop programs aimed at students and recent graduates to foster pharmacy ownership interests. The noontime forum, moderated by Peter Tyczkowski, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, featured an opening address by Dr. Robert McCarthy, Dean of the school. Participants in the roundtable, utilizing their differing areas of expertise were invited to offer their insight into pharmacy ownership and highlight what resources they have available to help interested students realize their ownership ambitions. Speakers included; Connecticut Pharmacists Association Executive Vice President Margherita Giuliano, Cardinal Health Regional Leader Manager, Joseph Bourque, Karen Hekeler, Pharmacy Service Consultant from Northeast Pharmacy Services Corporation, Michael Piscitelli, Director of Comprehensive Planning and Brenda Burton-Seldon, Deputy Director and Senior Loan Officer for the City of New Haven, former community pharmacy owner Ralph Stanzone, and Robert Wollenberg, owner of Beacon Prescriptions in Bristol, Connecticut.



The session was sponsored by the School's newly formed NCPA chapter, led by President Jill Loser. Following brief presentations by each participant, a lively question and answer period allowed interested students to interact with the expert panel. It is hoped that this event will serve as a springboard to a formal program that would allow students interested in pharmacy ownership to select appropriate elective coursework and be mentored by successful pharmacy entrepreneurs.

Students Chosen as ACCP Spring Forum Poster Competition Finalists

Michael Kardas and Katelin Zaslow, both Doctor of Pharmacy candidates, and Dr. Effie Gillespie, a pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research fellow, were chosen as finalists in the 2005 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Spring Forum poster competition. The students presented their research at the ACCP meeting in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina on April 12th, 2005.

Michael Kardas' project entitled, the "Use of an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) for the prevention of diabetes mellitus" is a meta-analysis of the current body of literature regarding the use of an ACEI inhibitor or ARB and new-onset diabetes. Since previous studies have shown a decreased risk of new-onset diabetes for patients on an ACEI or ARB as a secondary endpoint, Michael chose to investigate 10 trials involving 60, 982 patients to determine if there was a connection. In the end, he resolved that the use of ACEIs or ARBs reduced the risk of developing diabetes mellitus compared with placebo or conventional therapy.

Katelin Zaslow's project, "Echinacea for the prevention and treatment of the common cold: a meta-analysis" explored 25 published trials on echinacea and its role of prevention and treatment of the common cold. Katelin, with the assistance of Dr. Gillespie and Dr. Craig Coleman, conducted research during her clinical rotation at Hartford Hospital in November 2004. Katelin concluded that more research is required to determine if echinacea should be recommended for widespread use.

Dr. Effie Gillespie's project, entitled "The Impact of Aprotinin on the Incidence of Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation," investigated aprotinin's capabilities for reducing the occurrence of atrial fibrillation, a common side effect of open-heart surgery. Dr. Gillespie determined that the utilization of aprotinin did not significantly reduce postoperative atrial fibrillation and that additional studies of aprotinin are needed to confirm or refute these findings. She received the distinction of runner-up in the best student, resident, fellow paper award category during the competition in North Carolina.

President's Message ~ Michael T. Moore '94



Welcome back! It's a new school year in a new building! Even on the periphery, I can feel the excitement; I can only imagine how I would feel being on campus every day. I had the privilege of touring the building recently – and wow! The main lecture hall was nothing like our old room 350. And, lockers and a lounge for students? It makes me proud to have graduated from the school, while at the same time very jealous of the current students. Congratulations to the Dean, the faculty and staff, the alumni, and of course, the students.

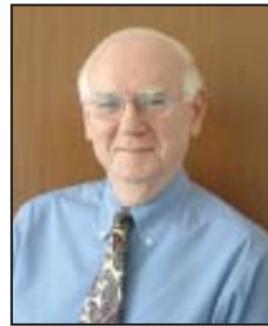
First, I must extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to immediate past president Jennifer Osowiecki. Your shoes are especially difficult to fill; however, I will have the best support in officers Jacqui Murphy (vice president), Ellen Konspore (secretary), and Austin Bebyn (treasurer) - and of course Dan Leone in his continuing capacity as Executive Secretary. Thank you all for your hard work and continuing dedication to this association and to the School of Pharmacy. Thanks also to the members of the Board for their commitment to the association and the school. While all the 'thank-yous' may appear over done, it is all too often that people are not recognized for the energy, time, and/or financial commitment asked for by a volunteer organization. So to all, thank you.

The Pharmacy Alumni Office is now situated in the new Pharmacy/Biology Building located at 69 North Eagleville Road, Unit 3092, Storrs, Connecticut 06269-3092. The phone number remains the same at 860-486-0244 but the fax number has been changed to 860-486-2076. The office is located on the fourth floor with a beautiful view of the imposing Chemistry building and the east campus. It is a pleasure to work in these new surroundings. Please stop in to visit us when you are on campus.

So, what is the purpose of the School of Pharmacy Alumni Association? To paraphrase from the website, (check it out at www.pharmacy.uconn.edu), the purpose of this association is to: promote effective communication between the school and its alumni; promote pharmacy education; promote the pharmacy profession; promote the development of post-graduate educational programs; promote projects to foster professional spirit and the advancement of the school; and promote social activities among alumni. Some of the ways the association meets these criteria include: having established an endowment fund for student scholarship awards, donating \$35,000 to sponsor the Pharmacy Alumni Wall of Fame in the new building, and publishing an annual newsletter.

In addition, the association also sponsors, in conjunction with the school, an annual alumni awards and reunion banquet. This year, the banquet has been postponed from its usual early May date, to coincide with the new building dedication festivities scheduled for October 21 and 22. The annual alumni awards and reunion banquet is scheduled for October 22nd. I encourage alumni to attend the banquet and celebrate with our reunion classes and all alumni, to see old friends and make new ones. I also encourage everyone to attend the building dedication ceremony and reception. While touring the building, take note of the alumni wall of fame, which honors distinguished alumni award recipients.

As always, if you have ideas or wants, or you are interested in participating in association activities, please free to contact me at (860) 657-4083 or farmassist@aol.com, contact Dan at daniel.leone@uconn.edu, or contact any of the officers. Thank you again for your continuing support of the school and the alumni association.



Over the last few months, I have been working with Dean Robert McCarthy, April Isley from the University Events Office, Liz Anderson, the School's Marketing and Communications Director, and School's Development Office on arrangements for the upcoming Gala Celebration marking the dedication of the new building, the 80th anniversary of the school's founding and the 35th anniversary of the Pharmacy Alumni Association's annual awards and reunion banquet. A wonderful weekend has been planned with activities for everyone attending. The weekend is also Homecoming at the University, so the School will have a tailgate tent at Rentschler Field and make tickets available for the game with Rutgers University. If you have never attended an event before at the School, or even if you have, this is the weekend to join us! Your invitation will have a complete description of all the events. Let's make this event the largest and most successful event ever held here at the School.

As soon as the Gala event is over, we will begin work on the 2006 Pharmacy Alumni Awards and Reunion banquet to be held in April of 2006. We will once again be seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards - one for an alumnus/a in academia, one for an alumnus/a in industry, and one for an alumnus/a in the general area of pharmacy practice. The awards are given for outstanding contributions to the profession or the School of Pharmacy. We are also seeking nominations for the Honorary Alumnus Award which is given to a non-alumnus/a who has fulfilled the same criteria. Please send your nominations to me at daniel.leone@uconn.edu or to the address at left.

I continue to seek alumni who would be willing to serve on the association's Board of Directors. It would be nice to have a list available when vacancies occur. Participation requires attendance at 2 meetings a year, (usually held on a Thursday evening at the CPA office in Rocky Hill, Connecticut in April and October,) and at the annual meeting and banquet. Let me know if you are interested.

Finally, I would like to thank all alumni who continue to support the association by payment of annual dues or lifetime membership. I join President Michael Moore in thanking Past President Jennifer Osowiecki for her long service on the board and her contribution and support during her term as President. We will miss her wise counsel at board meetings.

In Memoriam

Irwin L. Honigberg '51 ~ March 2, 2005
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Robert C. Grieb '39 ~ March 30, 2005

Harold N. Dinerstein '41 ~ May 20, 2005

Michael S. D'Andrea '63 ~ July 28, 2005

Thomas H. Doyle '59 ~ September 1, 2005

Lifetime Members

Welcome to the following alumni joining as Lifetime Members in 2005.

Sharon F. Demers, B.S., '80
Robert A. Ernst, B.S., '62, DMD
Capt. Syrena Gatewood, B.S., '79
Elaine M. Hill, B.S., '79
Angela M. Nelson, B.S., '92
Kathleen A. Patrick, B.S., '85
George L. Romer III, B.S., '67
William Saltzgeber, B.S., '99
Lisa Fleury, B.S., '91
Rita McGuire, B.S., '52

Alumni Update

Russell J. Leonard '57 reports that he and Jeanne moved to the Georgia coast 6 years ago, that he works part time in a local pharmacy, and spends the rest of the time enjoying the beautiful coast.

Jeffrey D. Urman M.D. '67 has been reappointed Clinical Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical Center, Physician in Charge at Kaiser Permanente and practices Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. He and his wife of 35 years reside with their 2 sons in Palo Alto, CA.

Peter D. Merchant '70 is relocating from Sacramento, CA to the southern coast of Maine. He retired from the USAF pharmacy in 1970 after 20 years of service and has now retired from Raley's/Bel-Aire Markets Pharmacy in Sacramento, CA. He is returning to family, friends, and his New England roots.

Robert Guynn '80 was awarded the Daniel C. Leone Pharmacist of the Year Award by the Connecticut Pharmacists Association for his efforts in educating and organizing the state's pharmacists to prepare for and take part in disaster relief.

Shari Fine '82 is currently working as a clinical pharmacist doing IV home infusion. She received AZO's National Meritorious Award this summer in Montreal, Canada.

Lisa M. Fleury '91 is the Pharmacy Manager at Osco's Pharmacy in Stratford, CT. She is organizing, with a few colleagues and DPM, a health screening clinic and is serving her second year as Treasurer at the Westport Astronomical Society, Westport CT.

Lucas Cosgrove '95 was recently promoted to a Pharmacy Supervisor for Target. The promotion moved his family to Virginia. He and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Vivianna, on July 30, 2004.

Meghan Wilkosz '03 was awarded the 2005 Pharmacists Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association.

Elected officers at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association were President Elect **Peter Tyczkowski '78** and 2nd Vice President **Kimberly Walter '97**.

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