

Making History

A committee of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association voted, in 1920, to recommend that a College of Pharmacy be opened either independently or in conjunction with one of the large universities in the state of Connecticut. A state commission accepted the CPA recommendation, and on June 3, 1921, Gov. Marcus Holcomb signed the bill that chartered the Connecticut College of Pharmacy. The institution eventually opened its doors on October 20, 1925.

The School of Pharmacy celebrates two anniversaries this year: its 65th year with the University and the 80th anniversary of its founding. As we take a look at the past, we remember that we have come so far thanks to those who laid the path. We cannot possibly know where we are headed until we have considered where we've been.



Overcoming Obstacles

“Starting in 1925 with a 2-year course, we switched only 2 years later, in 1927...to a 3-year program; and, in 1932, in the depression years, to the 4-year course which remained in effect for nearly 30 years. These moves brought not only tremendous changes in our curriculum; but serious financial problems as well because of the great falling off in attendance. We had no endowment and were entirely dependent on student fees. Our first 4-year graduating class consisted of only 16 members. Yet, let it be said, to the credit of our faculty that, although it was necessary for us to take a voluntary cut in salary in order to continue operation, our scholastic standards throughout that period were always maintained.”
-Dean Henry S. Johnson (1965)

“...Our first 4-year graduating class consisted of only sixteen members.”

1931



Ann Petry, formerly Anna Houston Lane, graduated in June of 1931 with the degree of Ph.G. from the 3-year program. She had been following in historical footsteps with the first black woman pharmacist in Connecticut, Anna L. James, as an aunt. Petry earned a name for herself as the first black woman to graduate from the Connecticut College of Pharmacy.



In 1960, on-site construction began for the nation's first Pharmacy Research Institute, the same year that the five-year baccalaureate program was initiated.



1960

1951

The first Master of Science Degree in the Pharmaceutical Sciences was awarded in 1951, and the first Doctor of Philosophy in 1953.



1953



1925:
2-YEAR COURSE, 3 DAYS A WEEK, 90 STUDENTS, ONE CLASS

FALL 1926:
TWO CLASSES

JUNE 1927:
THE 1ST GRADUATING CLASS

JUNE 1928:
THE 2ND GRADUATING CLASS, AN END TO THE 2-YEAR COURSE

JUNE 1929:
NO GRADUATING CLASS

JUNE 1930:
THE 1ST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE 3-YEAR COURSE

FALL 1932:
THE 4-YEAR COURSE IS PUT INTO ACTION WITH THE ENTERING CLASS

JUNE 1934:
THE FINAL GRADUATING CLASS OF THE 3-YEAR COURSE

JUNE 1935:
NO GRADUATING CLASS, GAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE AACP

1936:
THE 1ST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE 4-YEAR COURSE

1996

In 1996, the Board approved an entry level Pharm.D. Degree, which received sufficient University resources to permit the first upper division class to be admitted in 1997. For the fourth time in the School's history there was no graduating class in 2000, the final baccalaureate class having completed their studies in 1999.

1925



The Connecticut College of Pharmacy opened on October 20, 1925, under the leadership of its first dean, Dr. Gustavus Eliot. Initially, the College offered a 2-year course leading to the degree of Ph.G., which was later extended to 3 years in 1927 and to a 4-year program in 1932.

Pictured is the fourth graduating Class of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy. At the center of this 1931 snapshot, in the second row, Anna Houston Lane is visible. Miss Lane was the first black female graduate of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy.



1930



The Pharmacy
Laboratory

Pictured is the Connecticut College of Pharmacy's entering Class of 1927, attending their first class. The students of 1927 numbered 85.

1935



Pictured is the final graduating class ('41) of the College of Pharmacy. By May 1941, the General Assembly had approved a bill for the transfer of all assets of the College to the University of Connecticut and authorized the University to develop a course in pharmacy. On Sept. 16, the first pharmacy classes affiliated with the University began in New Haven.

1940



1945



In 1942, the Federal government asked the University to accelerate the training of engineers and to operate the School of Pharmacy on a twelve month basis. Pictured, are the faculty of the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy outside its New Haven facility in 1948. At far right in the first row, is Harold G. Hewitt, dean of the college from 1947 to 1970.

In 1951, pharmacy moved to a new building on the Storrs campus, later named in honor of Dean Hewitt. It was designated a School in 1954. Pictured are Deans Emeritus Henry S. Johnson and Arthur E. Schwarting, Mrs. Harold G. Hewitt and Dean Karl A. Nieforth at the building's dedication in 1981.



Room · Three · Hundred
Fif · t · y

Pictured are the speakers of a 1950 Rho Chi initiation including: (left to right) Henry S. Johnson, secretary; Thomas Robinson, speaker; Sherman Gershman, president; William Kelleher, vice-president; and Nicholas Fenney, treasurer.

A group of the graduating School of Pharmacy seniors of 1957 are pictured here relaxing on campus.

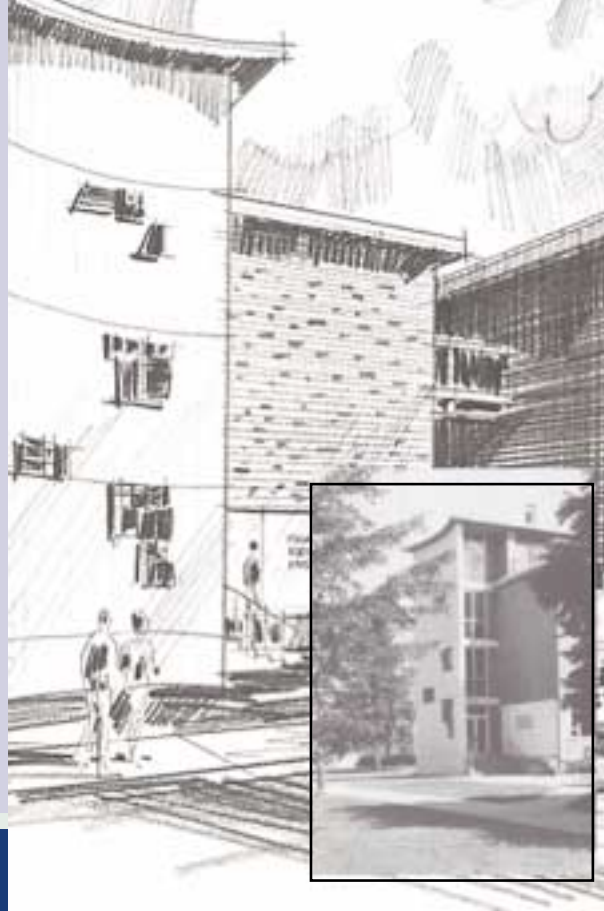


1960

1956

1955

1965



A second wing of the Harold G. Hewitt Pharmacy Building was completed in the early sixties. Pictured are the sketches for the planned design of the new wing. Inset is the actual resulting structure of the Hewitt Pharmacy Research Institute addition initiative.

Perhaps in the spirit of a little student hijinx, pictured is a piece of Pharmacy machinery of uncertain origin nocturnally placed on faculty and administrator lawns in the mid seventies, seen here at the home of Dean Karl A. Nieforth.



1975



Class of Nineteen Seventy-Eight

In 1976, enrollment ceilings were placed on Pharmacy, along with other university departments, because of limited funds from the Legislature. Pictured are 1976 faculty members at the Lambda Kappa Sigma Faculty Reception (Back Row From Left: Lindstrom, Cohen, Kelleher, Chen, Nightingale, Hite; Front Row From Left: Nieforth, Gould, Bernardi, Palmer, DiCapua, Stratford).



1970



Pictured are the *Medicine Men*, members of the 1978 School of Pharmacy student intramural hockey team, nicknamed "Adhesive Tape."

1980

1985



Following a tradition begun by Dean Harold G. Hewitt and Dean Heber Youngken, Jr. of the University of Rhode Island, Dean Louis A. Luzzi presents the suppository trophy to Dean Karl A. Nieforth in recognition of Connecticut Football's loss to R.I. The back of the trophy reads, "The loser gets it in the end."



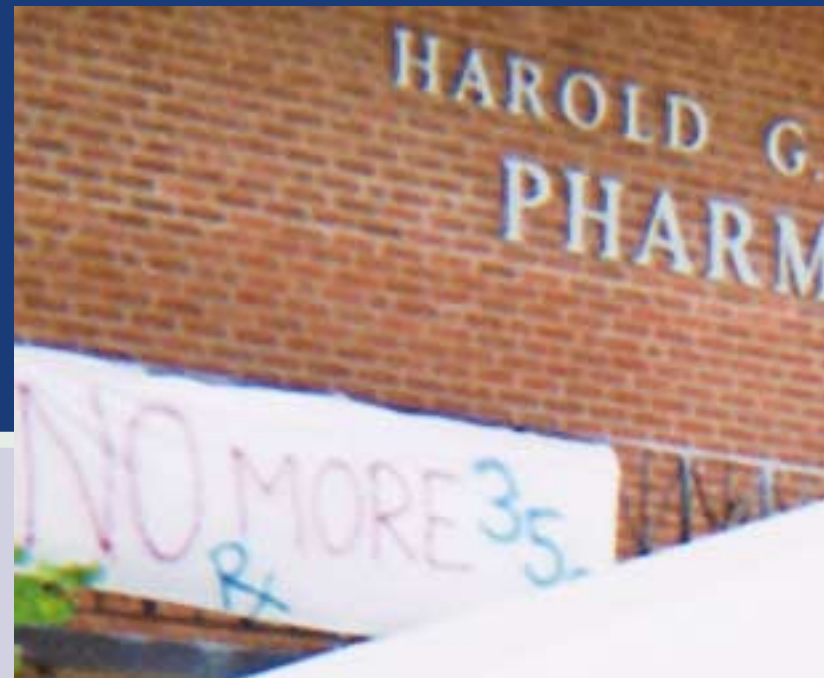
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T h r e e H u n d r e d F i f t y

Pictured is a group of pharmacy students enjoying themselves while competing in a shopping cart race.

1990



In 1994, Dean Gerald prepared Pharmacy for the millennium by reorganizing it into two departments, Pharmaceutical Sciences & Pharmacy Practice. Pictured is Jon Folstad of pharmacy practice, in 2001, answering viewers' questions for the "Ask the Pharmacist" segment of NBC 30 CT News Today.



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T h r e e H u n d r e d F i f t y

On May 5, 2001, the School of Pharmacy broke ground for a new facility on the Storrs Campus. Construction began on the facility in 2002, under the watchful eye of then Interim Dean Robert L. McCarthy, and the building was completed in June 2005 (McCarthy was later named Dean in October of 2003). In that same year, 2001, the University awarded the first Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degrees.

1995



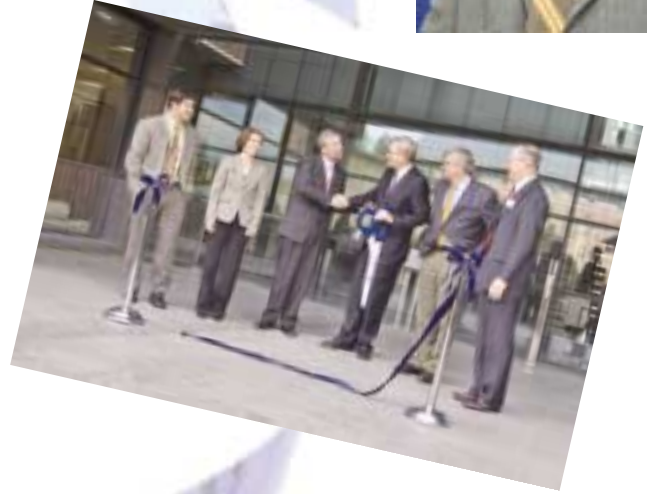
2000



Building Dedication



Dean's Reception



Ribbon Cutting



80th Anniversary Gala

20
30
40
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30
20



UConn vs. Rutgers Jailgate Party



The Future of Pharmacy



In the swing of things...

Pharmacy "Ph"estivities



“The history of this School is the people who have served in it, and those who have been served by it, and therein rests its future.” -Karl A. Nieforth, Professor and Dean Emeritus

On October 21, 2005, the new Pharmacy/Biology building was dedicated. The new building ties the School of Pharmacy, the Department of Physiology and Neurobiology, and the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology together in a \$94.6 million, 220,000 square foot building.

Dean Gustavus Eliot

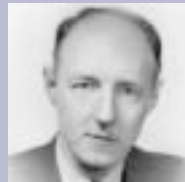
October 20, 1925 - Summer 1928



Dean Henry S. Johnson

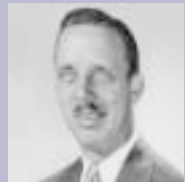
Acting Dean: Summer 1928 - 1930

Dean: 1930 - July 30, 1947



Dean Harold G. Hewitt

Dean: July 1, 1947 - December 31, 1969



Dean Arthur E. Schwarting

Dean: January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1980



Interim Dean William J. Kelleher

Acting Dean: January 1, 1981 - April 30, 1981



Dean Karl A. Nieforth

Dean: May 1, 1981 - December 8, 1993



Dean Michael C. Gerald

Dean: December 9, 1993 - June 30, 2002



Dean Robert L. McCarthy

Acting Dean: July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Dean: July 1, 2003 - Present



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