The University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy has enjoyed almost 60 years of outstanding pharmacy education. Over 57 years, much has changed in pharmaceutical compounding, independent and chain pharmacy management, and pharmaceutical research. The UW School of Pharmacy is proud to have prepared graduates to excel in all areas as professional pharmacists. The school’s program continues to accept 48 pharmacy students annually, but our graduates now earn a Doctorate in Pharmacy (Pharm.D.). Potential pharmacy employers often tell me that UW pharmacy graduates remain superior in competitive terms to other regional pharmacy school graduates because of their willingness to learn on the job, their eagerness to succeed, and their admirable work ethic.

A new building was constructed in 1969 specifically to house the school, but because of leaps in research and pharmacy education, we have begun a major renovation this year that connects the School of Pharmacy building to the former Biochemistry building and expands laboratory research areas. The value of connecting these two spaces is to model an interdisciplinary health professional curriculum that will better prepare for all health sciences students to become a member of a health professional team upon graduation.

Many schools and colleges of pharmacy have created a climate of success because of the generosity of their alumni. UW is no different. Our school of pharmacy offers one of the greatest values in pharmacy education in the country, but your support has never been more critical to the continued success of your alma mater.

Would it surprise you to learn that tuition covers 15% of the cost of educating a UW undergrad? Are you aware that 91% of UW undergrads enjoy some form of financial aid? An education in pharmacy is considerably more complex, and thus has a greater cost attached, than that of a liberal arts undergraduate student.

Join with me, the faculty and staff in making a gift of support to the UW School of Pharmacy this year. If you have never made a gift before, every gift makes a difference and will make you a partner in the school’s future success. I challenge you to judge for yourself the value of your UW education and please respond with a corresponding gift. Private support is utilized to support emergency help for current students, trips to professional conferences for faculty and students, continuing education for Wyoming pharmacists, physical changes to university pharmacy facilities, and donor activities to encourage future private support. If you are considering a Memorial or a Planned Giving program please let me know and I will put you in contact with Field Glover, our College of Health Science Development Officer who has the expertise to assist you in this endeavor.

When you make your gift now or at the time of the Fall College of Health Science telephone solicitation please attach a note, mark your check, or tell the caller to use the following code number for the School of Pharmacy. “NO4PH” Doing so will prevent your gift going somewhere other than where you planned. Making your gift or commitment now will assure you that your name will not appear on future solicitation lists for the School of Pharmacy this year.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all alums that make annual gifts. Your gifts fuel the school’s successes, allow the school to expand its role as a resource to the state, and encourage us to stay ahead of the constantly rising bar of pharmacy education. Whenever you are in Laramie, please come by the School of Pharmacy and let us show you how your gifts are helping your School of Pharmacy. Thank You!
From the Desk of Dean Vandel

In the fall of 1953, I was on the UW campus as a naive and uninformed young freshman pharmacy student. Fifty years latter I am back on the same campus as a naive and uninformed Interim Dean of the School of Pharmacy. Fortunately, I have a very capable staff and faculty who are keeping me out of trouble.

I am now living in Laramie in an apartment and my wife, Joyce, is in Torrington managing the pharmacy. Nothing has really changed, Joyce is home managing the pharmacy while I’m out doing something else. Those of you who have known us over the years will understand and agree.

When Bob Kelley, Dean of the College of Health Science, called and asked me to take the position of Interim Dean I was taken completely by surprise. My first reaction was “but I do not have the academic credentials for the position”. Dean Kelley assured me that my twelve years of experience reviewing colleges and schools of pharmacy for accreditation purposes, my national pharmacy association experience and business experience would serve me well in this position. Consequently, I accepted the position until a successful national search for a Dean could be conducted.

My tenure in this position may last 1-2 years. During this time I have set some goals for the school, for you as alumni and for myself.

UW School of Pharmacy Goals
- Meet or exceed the A.C.P.E accreditation standards on an ongoing basis.
- Support and enhance the capabilities of our very active research faculty.
- Expand the number of Pharmacy Practice faculty so as to be able to develop additional Acute Care and Advanced Community Practice sites.
- Increase class size from 48 to 50.
- Attract additional grants and funding from the Pharmaceutical Industry.

UW School of Pharmacy Alumni Goals
- Develop a Dean’s Alumni Advisory Committee that in addition to advising the Dean will be active in the planning of all School of Pharmacy/Alumni functions.
- Promote Alumni Financial support (see article in this issue).
- Promote the service of Alumni in the education process by accepting Adjunct Faculty positions and using their practice sites for student training.
- Encourage Alumni recruitment of future students.
- Develop a Wyoming Pharmacist Weekend at the University whereby the alumni can attend the WPhA fall meeting, obtain C.E. credits, attend the Tailgate Party and the football game all on one weekend.

Interim Dean’s Goals
- Develop collegiality and understanding between Faculty, Students and Pharmacy Practitioners.
- Develop a faculty and student friendly learning and research environment.

School of Pharmacy Status
This year’s class of 48 P1 students was selected from a pool of 196 qualified students. We observed a higher average GPA and PCAT scores than many of the recently admitted classes. The students have settled into their classes quite well.

Through the efforts of the faculty the School of Pharmacy enjoys over $2,000,000 in research grants. The faculties have been very prolific in their published research papers and many have given presentations at national meetings.

The remodeling of the old Chemistry/Zoology (Biochemistry) building into the new College of Health Science building began in August. This has resulted in a reduction of classrooms so our students are receiving instruction in many locations on campus which has been disruptive but manageable. There is an elevated construction noise level in the building at times but we are able to continue with our work. If any of you would like to have the best “Knot-hole” to observe the construction just stop by my office.
The P1 orientation was held August 28, 2003. This was the second year of this event. The incoming professional students met the faculty, received information to acclimate them to UW, attended a mock Therapeutics course and a discussion of professionalism, and met their advisors. The day was capped with a White Coat Ceremony, attended by family and friends. The new students were coated by our two Division Directors, Dr. Bruce Culver and Dr. Beverly Sullivan and welcomed into the program by Dean Vandel. Next year’s white coat ceremony is August 26, 2004. Alumni are welcome to attend.

The class of 1953 celebrated their 50 year reunion this October. There were 18 graduates that year. Pictured are four 1953 graduates, who represent over 20% of that class and 200 years of pharmacy practice!

On August 29th, 2003, M. Glaucia Teixeira, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics, UW School of Pharmacy, became a United States citizen.

This year’s welcome back picnic for the pharmacy students was sponsored by Walgreens. The picnic was held at Washington Park on September 12, 2003 and was well attended by students and faculty.

Perri Schneider, RPh, Pharmacy Supervisor (UW BS Pharmacy 1996) and Dean Vandel at the welcome back picnic.

Elroy Wirtz, Eldon Simon, Sherry Wright, and Ron Yoxey from the class of 1953.

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