In 1996 the UW Board of Trustees approved a plan to renovate and add on to the existing Biochemistry Building to create a permanent home for the College of Health Sciences. The new College of Health Sciences Center will include the existing Biochemistry and Pharmacy Buildings, a connector between the two buildings, a large addition on the east side of the Biochemistry Building, and a smaller addition to the west side of the Pharmacy Building. The construction will begin in summer 2003 and is scheduled for completion by the start of classes 2005.

The UW College of Health Sciences enrolls some 1,500 students in health education and pre-professional programs. Presently the academic programs and administrative offices are scattered in 10 different locations across campus. The new College of Health Sciences Center is designed to unite everyone under one roof so that students from different disciplines can learn and train side-by-side. “In today’s world, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other health professionals need to know how to work together to provide the best care for each patient,” says Robert O. Kelley, Dean of the UW College of Health Sciences.

The School of Pharmacy will gain a state-of-the-art classroom in the addition to the west side of the Pharmacy Building, along with a gathering space outside that lecture room, several offices, and most importantly the use of the entire Center with other College programs, including a larger classroom and an atrium gathering spot, both in the building’s east addition. The multidisciplinary clinical skills laboratory, which will be in the existing Biochemistry building, will allow for interaction among students and with standardized patients for all the programs within the College.

Part of the basement or ground floor area of the existing Pharmacy Building will become the clinic area for the Division of Communication Disorders. Current lecture room 6, the west end of the ground floor, and the student gathering area will become part of the Division of Communication Disorders. The room 5 lecture space will be reconfigured and re-sized with plans to have it upgraded as a lecture room. Classes have already been moved from rooms 5 and 6 for fall 2003. In the future, the School and College are planning to apply for federal grants that would be targeted to upgrade our research laboratories and animal-care facility. For the next two years students, faculty, and staff will be amid the noise and excitement, anticipating what is to come.

On March 5th, 2003 the center received funding through an outright appropriation by the Wyoming State Legislature and subsequent approval by Governor Freudenthal. Funding will come primarily from the legislative appropriation, but private donations play a pivotal role in creating a competitive, 21st century educational facility. Gifts from Roy and Fay Whitney and from the Griffin Foundation have provided a corpus for architectural and engineering plans. However, for the College of Health Sciences to achieve its goal of building a truly outstanding facility, additional support is needed. If you donate annually to the university, please consider allocating your gift to the Health Sciences Renovation Fund (account number 0000-11683). Every gift, no matter the size, will help us to reach the potential of this new facility.
Dr. Richard Penna, former executive vice president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and past member of the APhA staff, is enjoying his well-deserved retirement in Virginia. Dr. Penna recently spoke at the 2003 American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) meeting in New Orleans about the future of pharmacy practice and the academy — the schools and colleges that educate tomorrow’s pharmacists. I will paraphrase his thought-provoking comments here.

Pharmacy must attend to a contemporary view of competence and quality assurance. To do so, we must ask ourselves what is competence? Is competence knowing something or doing something? What do we want to achieve? Is knowledge a proxy for performance? For example, are NAPLEX results performance results? The answer is no. Dr. Penna believes the academy should lead this contemporary competency process for pharmacy practice and practitioners.

According to Penna, pharmacy needs to approach practitioner education from a perspective that goes beyond continuing education (CE) and certificate programs. Pharmacists now performing primarily dispensing functions will need to learn new skills. There needs to be training programs more rigorous than CE and certificates. The academy needs to study the pros and cons of distance learning as major components for pharmacy programs.

The academy can also help pharmacy to be perceived as a caring profession. Are we teaching and embarking upon collaborative therapy? Are some faculty and practitioners stuck in clinical pharmacy rather than moving toward pharmaceutical care? Since pharmaceutical care is not completely knowledge-based, it is important that the pharmacy academy identify caring people for its incoming P1 classes. How is that done during the student recruitment and admission process?

Finally, compensation for care should be commonplace. Where are the best models? Where do pharmacy practice faculty get compensated for care?

Dr. Penna made the audience think, evidenced by the conversations spilling out into the hallway. I hope his thoughts do the same for you and spark lively discussions. Continual debate and critique about these and other pharmacy issues are necessary for the profession to progress toward positive change.

My thanks to all of you who attended the School’s successful receptions at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ meeting in Atlanta and at APhA in New Orleans.

Total number of Wyoming licensed pharmacists: 971
Total number of Wyoming licensed pharmacists with in-state addresses: 463
Total number of UW pharmacy graduates with Wyoming licenses: 687
Total number of UW pharmacy graduates with Wyoming licenses and in-state addresses: 344

71% of the Wyoming licensed pharmacists are UW School of Pharmacy graduates.
74% of the Wyoming licensed pharmacists with in-state addresses are UW School of Pharmacy graduates.

Source: WY Board of Pharmacy (March 2003)
CVS Donates New Software System

The UW School of Pharmacy thanks CVS for providing the Pharmacy Education Management System, a software program that allows pharmacy students completing their clinical rotations to evaluate their experiences online. The system allows students to find the best site for their clinical rotation while helping instructors and preceptors to identify students who may need extra help with selecting or completing their assignments.

University of Wyoming pharmacy students Hoa Pham of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Kristen Gorski of Laramie log on to the Pharmacy Education Management System with guidance from Kristen Binaso, manager of professional and college relations for CVS Pharmacy. (UW Photo)

Loren Thompson, Assistant Lecturer and Professional Experience Coordinator, and Paul Ranelli, Dean, School of Pharmacy, present Kristen Binaso with a certificate of appreciation for CVS’s outstanding support and donation of the Pharmacy Education Management System. (UW Photo)

Wyoming Medical Center
Casper, Wyoming

Wyoming Medical Center, offering more than 40 inpatient and outpatient specialties, provides comprehensive heart, neuroscience, and oncology services. Wyoming Medical Center continues to grow and boasts the region’s most modern emergency department, intensive care unit, operating rooms, cardiac cath labs, and telemetry unit. Infectious disease management is also a strength of this institution. Each year, 12-18 fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy Students spend three to six months at Wyoming Medical Center participating in advanced professional experiences at this state-of-the-art facility.

Dr. Christie Graham will oversee the advanced professional experiences at Wyoming Medical Center starting in the coming academic year. Dr. Graham received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of New Mexico and is completing a specialty residency in infectious diseases before joining the faculty in July. We are very excited about having Dr. Graham as part of our faculty. Her expertise in infectious diseases is a valuable addition to our faculty and curriculum.

Alumni Update

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Carol Kobulnicky, Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, won the 2003 APhA’s Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science Postgraduate Best Paper Award for Economic, Social and Administrative Sciences. She presented her winning paper “Side Effect Monitoring by Patients with Cancer: A Test to Impact Patient Participation in Decision-Making” at the 2003 APhA Annual meeting in New Orleans on March 30th.

Paul Ranelli, Dean, School of Pharmacy, was presented with an Alumni Award from his alma mater, University of Rhode Island, on April 1, 2003, during the annual APhA meeting in New Orleans, LA. The award is in recognition of his leadership and dedicated service to Pharmacy.

M. Glaucia Teixeira, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics, was nominated by students to receive recognition for being one of UW’s top academic advisors.

Many School of Pharmacy alumni already know Bobbie Cesko. She has been with the school for over 20 years! On April 1, 2003, Bobbie was presented a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of 20 years of employment. Bobbie is also the liaison to the College of Health Sciences for the “Common Race for the Cure” and she has participated in that race for the last 6 years. The School of Pharmacy congratulates Bobbie and thanks her for the excellent service she has provided to the school!

The Drug Information Center is back to full-time operation as of May 19th. It was effectively closed since February while I was on maternity leave. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this time and thank you to everyone who sent cards, email, and other good wishes.

As a reminder, the Drug Information Center answers pharmacy-related questions from medical professionals around Wyoming and UW alumni. The Drug Information Center exists to make your job as a pharmacist easier. The Drug Information Center can answer questions related to dosing, compatibility, drug utilization, adverse effects, tablet identification and toxicities, among other topics. We especially like hearing from our pharmacy alumni, even if your work has taken you far from Wyoming.

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Student Scholarships and Awards

The School of Pharmacy 2003 Annual Scholarship and Awards Reception was held on May 16, 2003 in the Student Union Family Room. Pharmacy students received awards detailing their accomplishments in the past year. The School of Pharmacy awarded $35,450 in scholarships. Visit the pharmacy website at www.uwyo.edu/pharmacy for a listing of award and scholarship recipients.

In Remembrance

Ronald R. Winger
1948 – 2003

Ronald R. Winger, RPh, graduated from the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy in 1978. He was a member and an officer in the WPhA, and he was awarded the 2003 WPhA Pharmacist of the Year Award posthumously.

Ronald was born in Syracuse, Kansas, in 1948. He lived in Kansas until his high school graduation and then moved to Denver, Colorado. He served in the army in Vietnam and then enrolled in the University of Wyoming in 1970.

Ronald was an active member of his community. He was a captain of the Basin Fire Department, served with the South Big Horn County Search and Rescue Department, and served on the Basin Chamber of Commerce and city of Basin Planning Board.

His widow, Mary H. Winger, would like to solicit memorial gifts in her husband’s memory for the Ron Winger Memorial Pharmacy Student Discretionary Fund. Those who would like to donate should contact the School of Pharmacy.

Lindsey Lee Reinhart
1977 - 2003

Dr. Lindsey Lee Reinhart, 25, of Arvada, Colorado, died January 31, 2003, at her home. She was born June 3, 1977, in Rock Springs, the daughter of William Keith and Louise Kalassinsky Reinhart.

Reinhart attended schools in Rock Springs and graduated from Rock Springs High School with the class of 1995. She then attended the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy, graduating in 2001 with a Pharm.D. She was employed as a pharmacist for Safeway Pharmacy in Broomfield, Colorado. Her interests were snowboarding, the outdoors, biking, running, backpacking, and athletics, especially soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a volunteer for the Denver Rescue Mission.

Pictured is the Rho Chi Honorary: front, l to r, Davette Reinholtz, Jennifer Boyd, Mark Debolt; back, l to r, Kristina Ballinger, Jason Roylance, Melissa Stahlecker, Jaime Bobinmyer-Hornecker.
Upcoming Events

**August 28**
P1 / Fall 2003 Entering Class Orientation

**August 30**
Please join us for the Annual School of Pharmacy Tailgate. We will meet in Tailgate Park two hours before the kickoff between Wyoming and Montana State.

**October 17 & 18**
CE, Homecoming, Parade, and Reception. Make hotel reservations early if you are planning to stay overnight in Laramie.

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