Pharmacy career fair boon to students, employers

Three years ago, Lisa Wolter attended NDSU’s very first College of Pharmacy Career Fair. Her aim was to meet working professionals, gather information about career opportunities and find out more about the profession.

“I asked questions about things like residencies and different career paths I could take: hospital, retail, clinic. After all,” she said, “I am going to be doing this for the rest of my life. I need to know as much as I can.”

This fall, Wolter – now a P3 (third year of the professional program) – came to the career fair with a different goal: getting a job. She arrived armed with resumes and left with an offer from Medcenter One Health Systems in Bismarck.

“I had already been interviewed by Osco, Walgreens and Thrifty White when they made visits to the school,” Wolter said. “Medcenter One was the one I was most interested in because I like the hospital atmosphere and I knew I wanted to stay in the state.”

Nearly 50 exhibitors, representing retail pharmacy chains, manufacturers and local and regional healthcare facilities, participated in the 2003 Pharmacy Career Fair Sept. 25 in the Fargodome. The estimated 450 attendees included pharmacy and nursing students seeking information, internships and jobs, as well as prospective pharmacy students, parents and adults interested in career changes. Faculty, staff and students from the college, as well as university admissions and financial aid departments, also were available to answer questions.

While the career fair isn’t set up for job interviews (the college’s professional recruiting coordinator arranges them throughout the year) sometimes the chemistry is right and interviews become spontaneous.

Tom Simmer, BS ’75, director of pharmacy at Medcenter One, made three job offers during the career fair and all three were accepted. He began casting his nets during North Dakota Pharmacy Opportunities Night, held – for the first time – in conjunction with the Career Fair. “I think it was an excellent idea,” Simmer said, because it gives P3 students who want to remain in the state a heads up on employment opportunities before out-of-state companies come calling.
Ray Clary, who will graduate this spring, had just listened to the formal North Dakota Opportunities Night presentations when he overheard Simmer say, “Who wants a job in Bismarck?” Clary introduced himself and Simmer set up an interview during the career fair.

“The next day we discussed everything,” Clary said, “and I took the job right then. It didn’t take much. I liked what he had to say. Now I don’t have to worry about finding a job. It whittled one more thing off the list of things I have to do.”

Although it’s only in its third year, NDSU’s Pharmacy Career Fair has become one of Dee Johnson’s favorite events of its kind. Johnson is the national manager for professional and college relations for CVS, one of the largest retail pharmacy chains in the United States. The two things she appreciates most about NDSU’s fair are the level of participation and the caliber of the job candidates.

“The College of Pharmacy fair is always well attended, which makes it worthwhile,” Johnson said, plus she finds NDSU students are all professional and well prepared. She also likes their attitude. “Some students are aware there is a shortage of pharmacists in the country and they come across as, ‘What’s in it for me?’ NDSU students aren’t like that. They are more down to earth. They are the people who will be loyal to a company. It’s one of my favorite schools. I just wish we had more stores up there.”

CVS has 4,200 stores, most of them east of the Mississippi, but will expand into Minneapolis next year. “Last year we hired one of our first recent NDSU grads. This year we expect to hire quite a few,” Johnson said. And NDSU will be able to supply more graduates, as in the past eight years enrollment in pharmacy and nursing has more than doubled. Current enrollment in undergraduate and graduate programs is 1,156.

One draw for students is that after the fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., exhibitors and participants adjourn to the second floor of the Fargodome for a reception and scholarship presentation. Donors present the awards; student recipients are invited to bring guests. This year 128 students received 140 scholarships valued at $133,000.

Johnson awarded five $1,000 scholarships on behalf of CVS. Tom Simmer presented Medcenter One Health System’s first full-ride scholarship to a third-year student who interned at Medcenter One this past summer. “It’s a win-win situation,” Simmer said, adding that Medcenter One has likely started a precedent by awarding the scholarship to someone the staff has gotten to know, observe and would like to employ.

The fair itself generated more than $11,000 for the dean’s endowed scholarship fund. Exhibitors pay fees to participate in the fair. Any funds remaining after expenses go toward scholarships. “That is one of the goals of hosting the career fair,” said Cynthia Hanson, director of pharmacy advancement.

With three hires and one scholarship recipient headed his way, Simmer said, “This year’s career fair couldn’t have been any more successful.” That likely goes double for all the students who found jobs, internships and learned more about pharmacy at the Fargodome.

For more information or to be placed on the exhibitor mailing list for the 2004 NDSU Pharmacy Career Fair, contact Hanson at (701) 231-6461 or e-mail her at cynthia.hanson@ndsu.nodak.edu. (For more on the scholarship event, see Hanson’s "Building Together" column.)

Catherine Jelsing
A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Charles D. Peterson

It has been a little more than a year since we moved into our new building addition and newly remodeled Sudro Hall. It is a beautiful facility that is helping us to achieve our overall mission as a college of pharmacy. The students, faculty and staff are excited about the physical structure changes and are making the most of using the new space. And it couldn't have come at a better time.

Our college is experiencing unprecedented growth across all departments:

- In 1995, our total college enrollment (pharmacy, nursing and graduate programs) was approximately 650 students. This fall semester, the college had 1,156 students enrolled in its pre-professional and professional programs in nursing and pharmacy. This is an increase of 204 students from last year's fall enrollment of 952.
- The college currently admits 50 students per year in the nursing professional program and 85 students per year in the pharmacy professional program. We have increased the number of students admitted to our pharmacy professional program from 60 to 85 students per year and from 25 to 50 students per year for our nursing professional program.
- Our graduate student numbers have increased from five to 42 students (pharmaceutical sciences and nursing) since 1995.
- Our applications are up as well. For the 2003 fall semester, the college processed 202 applications for the pharmacy professional program, compared to 76 applications in 2000.

We are attempting to meet the everyday challenges of managing this significant growth. The college employs 60 employees, including 12 staff and 48 full-time and part-time faculty (23 in pharmacy practice, 13 in pharmaceutical sciences and 12 in nursing). Our college's student/faculty ratio is 28/1, compared to the university's departments of science and math or arts, humanities and social sciences, which have student/faculty ratios of 15/1.

Currently, the college receives $1.7 million in state appropriations for its pharmacy program compared to an average of $5.3 million for other schools of pharmacy nationally. Approximately 65 percent of students in the pharmacy professional program are women.

Degrees currently offered by the college include doctor of pharmacy, bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences; and bachelor's and master's in nursing. The college also offers a combined Pharm.D./MBA degree program and a combined Pharm.D./Ph.D. degree option.

In addition, based on a recent survey conducted by South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy comparing the cost of tuition and fees for all four years of the pharmacy professional program for regional pharmacy schools, NDSU students pay a total of $28,028 for the four-year professional program. That's compared to an average total of $41,733 for eight other peer institutions in our region. NDSU was the lowest in tuition and fees for all pharmacy schools within our region. It is nice to know that NDSU is still one of the best values in the country for students receiving a pharmacy education.

I thought you might be interested in an update on the latest statistics of our college. All in all, you can see that NDSU's College of Pharmacy remains a national leader in being one of the best in quality, best in value, and most productive pharmacy schools in the nation.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter. If you have comments, stories to share or suggestions for future issues, please let us know. For more information about our college, its people and our programs, visit our Web site at www.ndsu.edu/pharmacy.

APhA 2004 Annual Meeting set

The American Pharmaceutical Association's Annual Meeting is planned for March 26 to 30 in Seattle.

Join college representatives and fellow alumni for the Dakota Territory Breakfast on Sunday, March 18 from 8 - 9 a.m. at the Washington State Convention Center, Room 203.
For this issue, we will focus on women in the College of Pharmacy over the past 100 years. As you can see by the graph below, the number has fluctuated significantly in the last century. You also will note that the upward trend of female graduates began in 1955. Today, about 65 percent of NDSU’s pharmacy graduates are women.

The lowest percentages of women occurred in the earliest years of the program. In fact, there were 12 years when there were no female students. This probably reflects some of the activity of women not working outside the home or women choosing more traditional vocations such as teaching or nursing.

The highest percentages of female graduates took place somewhat sporadically. Noticeable peaks occur in 1920 (62.5 percent), 1945 (80 percent) and 1991 (70.9 percent). Both 1920 and 1945 were post-war years, signaling the influx of women into non-traditional vocations when much of the young male population went to war. The drop in the early to mid-’90s is linked to the college’s transition to a Pharm.D. program, resulting in far fewer graduates for several years.

Another point of interest is that in 18 of these years, the number of women graduates exceeded 50 percent of the class. So, taking a look at the numbers is rather interesting!

Jerry Lester, BS ’56, sent the following memory:

“‘Snuffy’ Sudro befriended me as a transfer student from sunny California. He personally tutored me and convinced me of my abilities to succeed in life. God bless you, dean.”

Your memories are important to us.
To share an anecdote or reminiscence for “A Look Back,” send it to:

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**Alumna: Pharmacy has grown much more female-friendly**

You've come a long way, Peggy.

In a career that spans a half-century, Margaret “Peggy” Cline has seen many changes regarding the role of women in pharmacy. So has Susan Mahoney-Weber, another NDSU graduate. The old misconceptions – like the belief a woman can't run a pharmacy or will get married and leave an employer in the lurch – have become as rare as the drug store soda fountain.

Today, Cline, BS ’53, lives in Marshall, Minn., and still works as a relief pharmacist one day a week in Tracy, Minn.

Back when she was Peggy Ford, she opted to pursue the then-male-dominated field because she’d worked at a retail pharmacy in her hometown of Casselton, N.D., in high school. Her dad also had graduated in pharmacy from NDSU in the early 1900s, although his own father's illness forced him to take over the family farm.

When Cline entered college, just 10 to 15 percent of the pharmacy classes were female. “We had a couple of instructors and a few male students who did not favor women in the field,” she recalled.

Cline remembered that it also could be difficult for a female pharmacist to land her first job. Back then, most pharmacies were small, independent businesses, and their owners wanted to hire young men who could take over their stores someday.

Employers also feared female pharmacists would start having babies, thus leaving them without help. In fact, when Cline took a job at a clinic in the early ’60s, she was terminated – as all female pharmacists there were – after her fifth month of pregnancy.

Fortunately, Cline found work at the former St. Luke's Hospital (now MeritCare) in Fargo. Not only did she work up until her due date, her baby was delivered for free.

Cline is glad to see how things have changed for her female successors. “The field is so much more receptive to women at the present time,” she said.

Susan Mahoney-Weber earned her Pharm.D. in 1999, when the majority of graduates were female. Still, Mahoney-Weber, an older-than-average student, has seen a few changes since graduating from high school in 1982.

Back then, Mahoney-Weber’s science teacher encouraged her to pursue something science-related, like medical school. He never mentioned pharmacy. “I think it was because it was a male-dominated workplace at that time,” she said.

Mahoney-Weber took a different path. Although she started out in pre-med, she wound up graduating with an English major and biology and chemistry minor, then worked as a bookkeeper.

When she decided to return to school, Mahoney-Weber still wanted to pursue something in science. Pharmacy seemed especially appealing. “I thought of what I’d seen in the pharmacy: The pharmacist out in the aisle, helping patients, and the accessibility that patients have to pharmacists,” she said.

She has worked at Osco Drug in Fargo since graduation. Today, Mahoney-Weber thinks more guidance counselors are steering female students toward pharmacy, with its excellent pay, flexibility and many career options. A woman can choose to work part time – and afford the child-care while doing so.

“It was one of the hardest things I ever did,” she said, “but it was one of the best things I ever did.”

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**Seminar to touch on variety of topics**

“Potpourri of Pharmacy Practice Tips” is the theme of the College of Pharmacy annual mid-winter seminar to be held Feb. 7 and 8 at the Ramada Inn, Bismarck. Registration deadline is Feb. 1.

The general program, targeted at all pharmacy professionals, will include such topics as fibromyalgia, prescription and over-the-counter weight-loss drugs, substances that are abused and misused, a new drug update and an OSHA update.

A session targeted at pharmacists who serve or who would like to serve as preceptors for pharmacy students will be held the morning of Feb. 7.

American Council on Pharmaceutical Education and continuing education credit will be awarded. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/pharmacy/alumni or call Tara Schmitz at (701) 231-6733.
**FACULTY NEWS**

**New faculty in 2003-04**

**Jonathan Sheng** is an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences. He teaches in the pharmacodynamic course series and is establishing an active research program in pharmaceutical/medicinal chemistry within the college. He earned his doctorate in toxicology from the Department of Environmental Health and Toxicology at the State University of New York, Albany. He also completed post-doctoral training in medicinal chemistry at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. His research interests are the structure-function analysis of biotransformation-related enzymes.

**David Scott** is an associate professor of pharmacy practice. His duties include being director of the North Dakota Institute for Pharmaceutical Care, participating as co-project investigator in the state telepharmacy project; and teaching pharmacy administration courses to students in the professional program. He earned his doctorate from the Social and Administration Pharmacy Program, University of Minnesota. He came to NDSU from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. His research interests include the development and assessment of clinical pharmacy services in community health centers.

**Dr. Marina Ioudina** is a half-time assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences. She teaches the pathophysiology course series for fall and spring semesters and is a collaborating researcher in one of the college's established pharmaceutical sciences research laboratories. Ioudina earned her M.D. degree from the Pediatrics Medical Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1983. She earned her doctorate in physiology from the Department of Biomedical Science at Iowa State University in Ames, where she was a post-doctoral research assistant and assistant adjunct professor prior to joining the faculty at NDSU. Her research interests are in the intracellular mechanisms of Alzheimer’s disease and its prevention.

**Wanda Kearney** is director of experiential programs and a lecturer in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Her duties include coordinating all student scheduling for clinical rotation assignments in the fourth professional year of the program, teaching pharmacy practice course work and participating in assessment of student learning for the college. She earned her bachelor's in pharmacy from NDSU. She came to NDSU from Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Ill., where she held positions as director of training and development, manager of primary care/speciality representative services and manager of managed care operations and training.

**Mark Dewey** is a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice. His duties include establishing an active clinical practice at Lake Region Health Care Corp., in Fergus Falls, Minn., where he provides patient-care services and precepts pharmacy students on clinical rotations for the university. He also teaches pharmacotherapy of disease in the third year of the professional program. Dewey earned his Pharm.D. degree from NDSU. He previously worked in Bemidji, Minn., where he was pharmacist-in-charge of Progressive Health Care and staff pharmacist at Iverson Corner Drug.

**Ann Rathke** is coordinator of the North Dakota Telepharmacy Project. She assists the project director with the preparation, implementation and assessment of the federal telepharmacy grant activities. Those duties include assisting in the day-to-day management and coordination of the project; providing assistance to the sites in setting up telepharmacy services; acting as a communication link between NDSU and the telepharmacy sites; assisting the co-project investigator in project assessment; and assisting in writing progress reports and grant renewals. Rathke earned her master’s from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and her master of education degree from NDSU in 1999. She previously was membership developer at the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation in Bismarck, N.D.

**Janet Krom** is an administrative secretary for pharmaceutical sciences. She came to the college from her previous position as administrative secretary for the Multicultural Student Services Office at NDSU.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Professor emeritus keeps in touch with NDSU

Shoukry Khalil has lived and taught around the world, yet some of his happiest times were in Fargo.

Khalil, who now lives in Sonoma, Calif., retired in 1994 as a professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences at NDSU. But his connections to the university, where he taught for 26 years, remain strong.

His former students send Khalil Christmas cards and visit him when they're vacationing in California. And every year, he makes a trip to Fargo, where he visits the campus and runs into a lot of familiar faces. That's not hard: Many pharmacists at local hospitals and drug stores are his former students.

“You asked if I have children,” Khalil said. “I have thousands of children, including all my graduate and undergraduate students.”

It’s little wonder Khalil is so committed to keeping in touch, as students were always his main focus. As a department chair, “my philosophy was to spend more time with undergraduates and graduate students, rather than to answer memos and dictate,” he said.

A native of Egypt, Khalil came to the United States in 1962 to do post-doctoral work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He would later return to Egypt to teach.

When the War of 1967 erupted, hostility surfaced against Khalil, an associate professor at Cairo University, and his American wife, Melba. The Khalils returned to the United States, where Khalil had found a position at NDSU.

During his career, Khalil taught overseas several times, including a sabbatical at Khartoum, Sudan, and another at Ibadan University in Nigeria. “Being from the Middle East,” he said, “I always longed to go back and share my knowledge.”

While he benefited from such experiences, Khalil always preferred the time spent in his NDSU laboratory, working with students.

In 1974, the College of Pharmacy made Khalil director of the college’s lab at the VA Medical Center in Fargo. In order to enlarge, the lab expanded its focus to research for pharmaceutical companies.

After a while, Khalil also started a commercial research lab in Sudro Hall. Despite its location, the facility was self-supporting. It also became a training ground for undergrad and graduate students. By the time Khalil retired, the lab had six or seven full-time employees, numerous student employees and clients from across the country. Unfortunately, the laboratory closed after Khalil’s retirement.

Melba died in 1993 and Khalil retired a year later, although he continued to work as a consultant. He still does some consulting – mainly by phone or by fax.

Nowadays, Khalil is comfortably appointed in wine country, where he lives in a 55-plus community, and enjoys “the best food in the whole country.”

And, while he retains his ties to NDSU, he doesn’t plan to move back soon. “A life sentence is 25 years,” he joked. “I put in 26.”

Tammy Swift

Pharmacy faculty achievements

Don Miller, professor and chair of pharmacy practice, supervised a study, “Reliability of Saliva Hormone Tests,” that was published in the November-December issue of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association. The article was co-written by students Jolena Hagen and Nicolette Gott. The students, along with Miller, sent replicate samples of saliva to two laboratories specializing in analysis of saliva hormone levels to guide compounding pharmacists. They found the results were unreliable in both laboratories.

Miller also published four on-line modules on “Pharmacotherapy for Musculoskeletal Disorders” in Geriatric Pharmacy Review.com (www.geriatricpharmacyreview.com) by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. The modules covered osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout and foot problems.

In July, Miller presented a poster on “The Use of an Open-Book Exam in a Pharmacotherapy Class” at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting in Minneapolis. He also presented a poster on “Longitudinal Assessment of Critical Thinking in Pharmacy Classes” at the Reflecting on Teaching Colloquium in September at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.
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The Millers are regulars on the Fargo Theatre stage, swinging to big-band music in the annual “Silent Movie Night” show. And more than a few pharmacy students, preparing their wedding waltzes, have taken lessons from the Millers. Miller, however, can think of only one time when his hobby truly crossed into his professional life, and that’s when he and Joan performed in an American Association of College of Pharmacy convention talent show.

With all modesty, Miller said, “We did very well.”

Catherine Jelsing
John S. Wold, BS ’66, (above) shows off a mackerel he caught while fishing off Marco Island in southwest Florida. Wold is a retired vice president from Eli Lilly and Co., where he contributed to the development of several cephalosporin antibiotics and Prozac. He now is a trustee of the NDSU Development Foundation and a volunteer for the Florida Marine Research Institute Red Tide Monitoring Program. He divides his time between Marco Island and Indianapolis. Wold is preparing to take the exam to become a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain. “I figure that if I could pass Bill Shelver’s medicinal chemistry class, I should be able to pass the Coast Guard test,” he said.

Howard Anderson, BS ’68, was appointed to the executive committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy during the organization’s meeting in May. The NABP is an international professional organization that represents the 50 state boards of pharmacy. Anderson is executive director of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy.

Larry Ellingson, BS ’69, was named the first honorary member of the Diabetes Practice Group/American Dietetic Association during the ADA’s annual meeting in San Antonio. Ellingson was honored for his support and involvement in building the organization in the United States and for his contributions to diabetes care nationally and internationally. Ellingson is a retired executive from Eli Lilly and Co., and currently chair of the board elect of the American Diabetes Association.

Lida Etemad, PharmD ’00, received best poster award in the new investigator category at the 2003 meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. After graduation, Etemad did a two-year fellowship with Pharmacia Corp., and Wellpoint Pharmacy Management in Los Angeles. She earned a master’s from the University of Southern California in 2002 before taking a position as research scientist at Ingenix, Inc., Eden Prairie, Minn.

Bill Grosz, BS ’51, DSc ’90, received a distinguished service award from the North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, during the college’s Homecoming Sept. 29-Oct. 4. Grosz was recognized for his support and promotion of the school’s pharmacy technician program and for working as an instructor at NDSCS for 14 years.

Clyde Oberlander, BS ’53, worked as a pharmacist, full and part time, until 1967. During that period, he served in the U.S. Army for two years at Ft. Belvoir, Va., where one of the prescriptions he filled was for a grandchild of President Eisenhower. In 1966, he began working for the FDA’s Surgical and Dental Drug Products Division, approving drugs as a pharmacologist for 25 years. After his 1991 retirement, Oberlander became president of his own publishing company, Bio-Alpha, Inc., and published his wife’s early childhood developmental parenting resource, “Slow and Steady Get Me Ready.” It became a world-wide reference standard for parents, as it has been published in Japan, Romania, Korea, China, Indonesia, India and Malaysia. It will soon be published in Arabic and in Australia and New Zealand. Today, the Oberlanders reside 20 miles west of Washington, D.C.

Tony Welder, BS ’61, received several accolades this year for his contributions to pharmacy. He was recently installed as the president-elect of the National Community Pharmacists Association. He also was awarded the Napoleon (N.D.) High School Alumnus of the Year this summer, and was chosen as the Small Business Person of the Year by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce. Welder runs the Bismarck-based Dakota Pharmacy, which employs 18 people and features a compounding laboratory. He also serves on the executive committee and is treasurer of both the National Home Association and the national Pace Alliance pharmacy-buying group.

Suzanne (Zimmermann) Winter, PharmD ’03, is a pharmacist at Pamida Pharmacy, Glenwood, Minn. After marrying in July 2003, she and her husband live in Alexandria, Minn. “The (pharmacy) faculty and staff were always so friendly and helpful,” Winter remembers. “Thanks for everything.”

Rodney Zimmerman, BS ’53, retired from a 22-year Air Force career in 1974. Zimmerman, who also holds a master’s in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota, was a hospital administrator in Dallas until he began working in mail-order pharmacy in 1990. Zimmerman said he’s “now retired for good.” He lives in Plano, Texas.
Student groups stay productive and busy

An organization, as they say, is nothing without its people. The following student professional organizations have enjoyed an eventful year, thanks to the support of their members.

Kappa Psi
- Has completed its brick project – a new wall engraved with the names and messages of alumni and active brothers.
- Had five new pledges for fall semester. Also sponsored a slip-and-slide event, scavenger hunt and barbecue.
- Held its annual fall retreat in Minnesota in October.
- Held its annual golf tournament, which was a great success. The event took place in September and was jointly sponsored by Relay for Life.

Kappa Epsilon
- Held an induction ceremony for new members Oct. 26, followed by a pumpkin-carving party.
- In line with KE’s national cause of breast cancer awareness, the group’s new initiates distributed information on self-checks for cancer to the campus residence halls.
- Distributed pink ribbons to all pharmacy classes in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Collected Yoplait yogurt lids, which will be turned in to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Made plans to host the regional KE retreat in the spring.
- Sponsored health insurance coverage for a local child without insurance.

National Community Pharmacists Association
- Continued its mission of outreach, in an attempt to give anyone interested in community pharmacy a chance to hear about NCPA’s benefits, which include contact with local and national independent pharmacists, social events and community service.
- Has added many new members, 15 of whom were able to attend the group’s national convention in Seattle.
- Collected and donated toys to MeritCare Children’s Hospital, then toured the facility.
- Planned an upcoming fundraiser for Hospice.

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International
- Is new to the NDSU campus. Its purpose is to unite and strengthen Christian pharmacy students, faculty and staff.
- Holds weekly devotional/prayer meetings.
- Also meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the student lounge to alternate a Bible study and activity.
- Plans to host speakers on various topics.
- If interested in joining, contact Ole Olson at (701) 866-8653 or Phil Breker at (701) 371-7227.

Academy of Students of Pharmacy
- Welcomed a new adviser, Wanda Kearney, who also is the college’s new director for experiential programs.
- Sent several members to the mid-year regional meeting in Des Moines to discuss and vote upon legislative proposals from pharmacy schools in the region.
- Held social events such as tailgating for the Homecoming football game and the annual Apothecary Olympics. All classes competed for Krispy Kreme doughnuts, with the P3s winning. Congratulations!
- Sold T-shirts as a fundraiser.
- Decorated Christmas trees at Innovis Health, Fargo, for the annual Festival of Trees as a community-service event. The trees were then given to the needy.

Phi Lambda Sigma
- Welcomed a new adviser, Tara Schmitz, who also is director of pharmacy continuing education.
- Initiated seven new members for fall semester, then held an evening out to eat and socialize.
- Sponsored a Salvation Army angel tree in the student lounge at Sudro Hall. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to select an angel from the tree and spread some holiday cheer with needy children and families.

Opportunities Night attendance up

Timing is everything. This year North Dakota Pharmacy Opportunities Night was held in the NDSU Alumni Center on Sept. 24, the night before the College of Pharmacy Career Fair and scholarship program. Student turnout was the best in several years, said Galen Jordre, executive vice president of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association.

More than 50 students in their third and fourth years of the professional program attended the event designed to expose them to employment opportunities in the state. Presentations featured 15 pharmacists, as well as college and pharmacy representatives, many of whom shared personal experiences and extolled the value of practicing in North Dakota, Jordre said.

Among the speakers was Tony Welder, R.Ph., Bismarck, chair of the National Community Pharmacists Association. Howard C. Anderson Jr., R.Ph., executive director of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy, discussed advantages of being licensed in the state and summarized recent practice advances. Sharing employment opportunities were representatives of St. Alexius Health System, Bismarck; Langdon Community Drug; MeritCare Health System, Fargo; Thrifty White Drug; Altru Health System; and Medcenter One, Bismarck.
Approximately 350 students, their families and friends and student scholarship donors gathered Sept. 25 for the college's Annual Scholarship Recognition Program at the Fargodome. Warm thanks to all who celebrated with us. A special thank you to all the generous scholarship sponsors who made it such a success by providing 128 scholarship awards for this current year.

Through the support of alumni and friends of the college, scholarship awards have increased from $38,000 in 1996-97 to $133,000 in 2003-04. About 80 percent of scholarship contributions come from corporate sources and 20 percent from private support.

The college has established scholarships as a high priority in its fund-raising efforts to meet the increasing financial needs of our students. Investing in student scholarships is an investment in developing the country's future pharmacists and leaders.

As you reflect on the years you've spent in the pharmacy field, it is my hope you'll make a special gift this year, above and beyond your normal gift, and help a pharmacy student succeed in his/her chosen path.

Here are three ways you can help a pharmacy student for the 2004-2005 school year:

1. Provide a $1,000 named scholarship (in your business name, family name or in memory or honor of a loved one or faculty member).
2. Build your own named scholarship endowment fund with an initial gift of $5,000.
3. Build the dean's scholarship endowment fund with a gift of any size.

If you would like further information about providing a student scholarship or would like to arrange a visit to the college, I can be reached by phone at (701) 231-6461, by e-mail at Cynthia.Hanson@ndsu.nodak.edu, or by mail at NDSU College of Pharmacy, 123 Sudro Hall, Fargo, ND 58105-5055.

I wish you a joyous and prosperous new year!

Cynthia Hanson
Director of Pharmacy Advancement

Scholarships reward both students and donors

The late Phil Haakenson would never take money for his woodwork.

The popular former dean produced all sorts of creations - train sets, clocks, a menagerie of rocking horses - but always insisted on giving them away.

Finally, he found a good enough reason for selling his work: scholarships for pharmacy students. With that, he and wife Eldora began tucking woodwork profits into a scholarship fund.

He also donated his handiwork - up to $2,000 worth a year - to the APhA-ASP's annual fund-raising auction. Proceeds from the auction go toward student scholarships.

After his death in 2000, the Haakenson family made sure the fund in his name lived on. "He loved his profession," said Eldora, who still lives in Fargo. "He always said, 'I never went to work; I went to do the things I loved to do.' Phil wanted it so the students would love the profession of pharmacy, just like he did."

That philosophy - that other students should also be able to enjoy a successful, rewarding career - is expressed often by scholarship donors. So is talk of "giving back" to the college that prepared them for their profession.

"I really wanted to give back to the university financially," said Richard Chernugal, a 1970 graduate and owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Bemidji, Minn. "The other reason is I think that for students, one of the roadblocks to getting their education in an efficient fashion is finances."

Bob Kellogg, BS '63, MS '75, is director of pharmacy at Immanuel-St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato, Minn. He and his brother Joe, BS '67, wanted to honor their fraternity, Kappa Psi, by giving a scholarship in their name. Their mission was to reward Kappa Psi students who showed acceptable academic success and also were active in on-campus activities. "We feel current community involvement will carry over in later life to similar involvement in students' future communities and provide for excellence in future pharmacy practice," Bob said.

Those on the receiving end of the scholarships - the students - often find the financial help comes when most needed.

As P4s, both Jessica Havelka and Matthew Webb are in the thick of rotations. Webb, an intern at the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Center in Robbinsdale, Minn., received the James Carlson PRACS Institute scholarship. If not for the extra money, he would have faced the quandary so common to pharmacy students: balancing rotations with a job to pay living expenses.

Havelka is interning at Irsfeld Pharmacy in Dickinson, N.D. "It's easier not having to pay back so much in student loans," she said. "And it's nice to know you're doing a good job in pharmacy and being recognized for a scholarship."

She was especially excited to receive the Haakenson scholarship, as she met the late dean's wife and daughter. "They were great," she says. "It was really nice visiting with them at the scholarship banquet."

But even if donors never personally meet the students they help, most still consider it a worthwhile effort.

"We're a one-world community, and we have to support each other in every way," Chernugal said. "If we don't have a community, we're going to fail."

Turn page for a complete listing of scholarships.
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**AMVETS Dakota Sad Sacks Nursing Scholarship**
- Lisa Rham, Fairmont, N.D.
- Cassie Schat, Hettinger, N.D.

**Associate Degree Nursing Faculty/Alumni Scholarship**
- Nathan Mark, West Fargo, N.D.

**ASHP Student Leadership Award**
- Lisa Muggli, Bismarck, N.D.

**ASP Student Leadership Award**
- Teryn Ebert, Laramie, Wyo.

**Bi-Mart Corporation Scholarship**
- Matthew Cruser, Clark, S.D.
- Jennifer Happ, Bismarck, N.D.
- Catherine Yokom, Fargo, N.D.

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- Erica Abrahamson, Dickinson, N.D.

**James D. Carlson PRAC Institute Scholarship**
- Amanda Holicky, Dalton, Minn.
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- Allison Chapin, Oakes, N.D.
- Raymond Clare, Watford City, N.D.
- Tiffany Urlacher, Las Vegas, Nev.

**Dean's Scholarship – Pharmacy**
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- Erin Tobkin, West Fargo, N.D.

**Dean's Scholarship – Nursing**
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- Jessica Havilka, Dickinson, N.D.

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- Jaycee Reisenauger, Bismarck, N.D.

**Miller Memorial Scholarship**
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- Angela Thompson, Jamestown, N.D.
- Christopher Wessling, Grand Forks, N.D.

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

In 1995, $36,975 was awarded in student scholarships. A total of $776,734 has been dispersed in 871 awards to students.

2003 statistics:
* $133,015 awarded in student scholarships.
* 140 awards were given.
* Average scholarship award was $938.
* 17 percent increase in students seeking support over 2002.
* According to NDSU Office of Student Financial Services, 75 percent of students university-wide receive financial aid (includes scholarships, loans and grants).
* Professional Pharmacy Program tuition and fees: $7,340

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* 20 percent from individual donors
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Women’s International Pharmacy Scholarship
Nicolette DeMoe, Bismarck, N.D.

Beau Young Memorial Scholarship
David Lommel, Wahpeton, N.D.
The fall of 1954, 16-year-old Bill “Beetle” Baillie of Rugby, N.D., brought two important things with him to NDSU: a family legacy in pharmacy and a clarinet. One would become his profession; the other would forever be his passion.

“I don’t remember him booking it that hard,” said Bob Brake, BS ’60, his former roommate, fellow musician and long-time friend. The grandson and son of pharmacists, Baillie graduated without any problems. And yet, he spent hours making music with every sort of ensemble in existence.

“We had a Dixieland band at NDSU and we played for term parties, keg parties, dances … anywhere people would have us,” fellow pharmacy grad Dick Sharpe, BS ’60, wrote in an e-mail. “We also played in the Gold Star Band and in the concert band and a big swing band called the Paul Hanson Orchestra. We played in the Bison Brevities bands every year and in various jazz bands around town, with both college and professional musicians from the Fargo-Moorhead area.”

Those were the days when diehard jazz musicians bumped heads with early rockers. “We didn’t like the turncoats who started playing rock ’n’ roll,” said Brake, who plays trumpet. “We continued to play Dixieland and jazz.”

And man, could they play. After meals in the Kappa Psi fraternity house, Baillie and fellow Kappa Psi’s gathered around the living room piano “and the place used to just rock,” said fraternity brother Al Schuhmacher, BS ’56. Often the jam session would include what would forever stand as Baillie’s theme song, “Bill Bailley, Won’t You Please Come Home.”

And Baillie did come home, regularly attending homecoming at NDSU and surprising family with unannounced visits to his hometown. “I’d be locking up the drug store at night, and there was Bill,” said his uncle Fredrick Duane Baillie, BS ’54. “We’d get in a good visit and then he’d fly back to California.”

Bill’s father, Dan Baillie, BS ’30, and Fred Duane were partners in Baillie’s Drug Store until Dan’s death in 1976. Their father, Fred Baillie Sr., established Baillie’s Drug in Barton, N.D., in 1903 and moved it to Rugby in 1924. F. Duane sold the family business in 2000.

Bill Baillie and his wife, Marilynn, moved to the Golden State not long after they were married in 1965. “The first 15 years we were married, we moved every five years,” Marilynn Baillie said. Then things settled down and for the past 22 years the Baillies had lived in Belmont, Calif.

The couple’s first home on the West Coast was in the tiny fishing village of Half Moon Bay, where the remote locale and Baillie’s workload put a damper on his musical activities. “He played a couple of times a month those first years and rehearsed with the Elks band weekly, but he was working in the pharmacy full time and didn’t have much time,” Marilynn Baillie said.

In 1972, Baillie enrolled at San Francisco State University and began working on a master’s in music. He excelled in the program, with the notable exception of his required foray into the world of stringed instruments. Even “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” was painful with Baillie at the bow.

Baillie graduated in 1980 and toyed with the idea of teaching music. “But, when he found out what teachers’ salaries were, he changed his mind,” said Marilynn, a veteran teacher. He continued in pharmacy and also stepped up his involvement in all sorts of musical groups, from big bands to chamber ensembles. At age 55 he retired so he could do music full time.

“Saturday morning it was big band swing. Thursday was a small cocktail trio. One night a week it was the community band. And in-between it was things like weddings and funerals,” Marilynn said. He played Dixieland, jazz, swing and he played with a classical group in Mountain View, Calif. “It was kind of cute,” she said, “because they talked him into going to a seminar in Seattle. They were two or three days into rehearsal when the director said, ‘You know, Bill, classical music isn’t supposed to swing.’ ”

For 10 great years Baillie pursued his passion. He was known for traveling with his clarinet, taking every opportunity to sit in with other musicians. He reunited with Brake in 2001 at an annual big-band elder hostel event in Port Townsend, Wash. “He performed for four straight years and he made such an impact,” Brake said, “next year they will have a memorial in his honor. He was an impact guy.”

On July 26, 2003, Baillie died at his home. His obituary summarized his life this way: “Bill was a pharmacist for 37 years, but his real love was music. An accomplished musician on clarinet and saxophone, he was never happier than when playing with a group of fellow musicians.”

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