Students, faculty, staff, guests and members of the media packed the second floor hallway leading to Sudro Hall’s Thrifty White Concept Pharmacy Nov. 4. Standing at a podium next to a veiled sign bearing the pharmacy’s new name, Charles Peterson, pharmacy dean, welcomed the mostly student — mostly standing — crowd to the ceremony.

“NDSU’s College of Pharmacy, under the leadership of Dean Peterson and the full support of President Chapman, has transformed the educational process for our pharmacy students today from cutting-edge technology to actually creating the edge,” said Gary Boehler, Thrifty White Pharmacy executive vice president of pharmacy. A 1970 NDSU graduate, Boehler helped with the designs and technology associated with the concept laboratory and also served on the national advisory board to help raise funds for the laboratory and the Sudro Hall renovation.

“We wanted to create an environment here that gives our students a unique experience that they would not be able to get in any other school in the
country,” Peterson said. Confirming that goal, Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, shared a saying Peterson had shared with him at the start of their NDSU careers: “Either you make dust or you eat dust.” Schnell added, “We’ve chosen to make dust and we’ve done a good job with it.”

The concept pharmacy emphasizes contemporary community pharmacy practice. Students from all four years of the professional program study and experience the latest techniques in such areas as drug distribution systems, telepharmacy, automation, nursing home practice, disease state management, patient education and herbal remedies. Thrifty White Pharmacy, with headquarters in Maple Grove, Minn., presented a $500,000 gift to the university to gain the naming rights.

In acknowledging the gift, NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman said the concept pharmacy project ties in with the “ideas and principles that guide us as an institution as we choose to transform ourselves into a major, national land-grant institution.” Noting the pharmacy school’s reputation for excellence, he said, “Our challenge now is how to accommodate all the students who want to be here.”

Peterson credited a collaborative spirit for making the concept pharmacy happen. “This was created through the vision of some great partners within the profession, the school, the board of pharmacy and the association designing it together.” He also praised the efforts of the college’s national advisory board, currently chaired by Ryn Pitts, MS ’82.

In her remarks, Pitts paid tribute to Thrifty White Pharmacy. “I think you have been well beyond ‘thrifty,’ ” she said, “in fact, I think you have been ‘magnanimous’ in your financial support of this innovative, experiential learning laboratory for our students. And I think you have been more than ‘white,’ you have been ‘red, white and blue,’ and perhaps ‘green and gold,’ in your loyalty and your patronage of pharmacy education at NDSU.”

Thrifty White Pharmacy’s first store opened in Jamestown, N.D., in 1884. The growing company now has more than 70 Thrifty White Drug Stores as well as several independently owned pharmacies associated with the company’s independent retailer program.

In accepting the university’s thanks Thrifty White Pharmacy president Robert Narveson told the audience that the automation in the concept lab is used in many Thrifty White Pharmacy stores. “We believe in it and we wanted to provide that for the school,” he said.

Jeff Shorten, P2 (a second-year pharmacy student,) had nearly the last word in the program. “Everyone realizes what an impact (the concept laboratory) has had on our education,” he said, “just look at all the students here. The ability to learn through hands-on experience is invaluable to our education. … Thank you for your investment in our future.”

Before the unveiling by Thrifty White Pharmacy representatives, Peterson acknowledged the faculty for their efforts in making the concept laboratory a success. “It’s one thing to build it,” he said, “it’s another to know how to use it.” He also recognized honored guests Bill and Phyllis Miller and Professor Emeritus Kenneth Crahan. Miller is the son of former Dean Clifton Miller.

Then — cued by a 1-2-3 count — the large sign at the end of the hall was revealed: “Thrifty White Concept Pharmacy — Serving your family’s prescription needs since 1884.”

Catherine Jelsing
It’s difficult to believe 2005 has already arrived. My, how time flies. I hope this new year is filled with much happiness and success for you and your families. As usual, we have lots of things going on in the college. Below are a few highlights.

Accreditation begins
The American Council on Pharmaceutical Education will make its accreditation visit April 11-13, 2006. We have organized a self-study steering committee to evaluate how the college is meeting ACPE’s accreditation standards and will prepare a self-study report. The steering committee — chaired by Dr. Donald Miller, professor and chair of pharmacy practice — includes representatives of the student body, faculty, staff, alumni, national advisory board and other professionals.

It’s a great opportunity to take a critical look at our entire program and identify its strengths, weaknesses and areas that need improvement. The process is not only important for our continued accreditation with ACPE, but will direct our plans for the future as a college.

Scholarships up
The college disbursed a record-breaking number of student scholarships during the annual Career Fair and Scholarship Recognition Program Sept. 23 at the Fargodome. Nearly 80 individual and corporate donors made it possible for the college to award 177 scholarships valued at more than $214,000. That’s an $81,000 increase and approximately 50 more scholarships than the college awarded last year. The average scholarship was $1,200. I would like to thank all alumni and corporate friends who gave so generously to support our students.

Thrift White honored
President Chapman and the College of Pharmacy hosted a dedication and naming ceremony Nov. 4 honoring Thrifty White Pharmacy for its generous support of the Thrifty White Concept Pharmacy. Approximately 200 people attended the event.

Telepharmacy re-funded
Sen. Byron Dorgan’s office recently informed us that Congress has again approved funding for our North Dakota Telepharmacy Project by passing the FY05 Omnibus Budget Bill. The $850,000 appropriation will provide a fourth year of funding for the project beginning Sept. 1, 2005. Thus far, NDSU College of Pharmacy has received more than $2.5 million to establish, re-store or retain pharmacy services in medically underserved rural communities throughout the state.

Twenty-eight North Dakota pharmacies currently participate in the telepharmacy program; 11 central pharmacy sites serve a total of 17 remote telepharmacy sites. Of the participating pharmacies, 25 are retail pharmacies and three are hospital pharmacies. North Dakota has established itself as a national leader in telepharmacy. To assist other states that desire a similar program, we recently created a technical assistance document for the federal government on “how to successfully implement telepharmacy services in rural communities.” For those interested in knowing more about our telepharmacy program, feel free to visit our Web site at http://telepharmacy.ndsu.nodak.edu/.

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 programs, visit our Web site at www.ndsu.edu/pharmacy.

Counseling background prepares new assistant dean of student affairs
Kimberly Vess Halbur may not hold a pharmacy degree, but she’s well prepared for her new position as the college’s assistant dean of student affairs.

Halbur’s experience as assistant professor of counseling, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, taught her the skills most essential to her position: how to understand, advise and help students.

“I think, with my experience as a counselor, there’s a perception out there that this is going to be a big change (from previous years),” says Halbur, who holds an education doctorate in counselor education from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. “But it’s not, really.”

In fact, her predecessor, Agnes Harrington, had a bachelor’s in pharmacy, but also held a graduate degree in counseling. Now Halbur is learning the ropes from Harrington, who still works part time.

Among the new assistant dean’s responsibilities are recruitment, orientation and informational sessions for prospective students, academic advising, academic standards, admissions, orientation of new faculty, transfer students and student conduct issues. When Harrington retires full time, Halbur will likely take over teaching ethics courses to students.

Although Halbur only started at NDSU in August, she’s already had a busy semester. One of her biggest responsibilities has been dealing with the highly competitive admissions process, including the college’s new admissions criteria. The change, which gives preference to North Dakota students, was made to encourage state residents to study and work in the state.

While the project has been challenging, Halbur is excited about her new home and position. “I really like it here,” she says. “I like the people, and there’s a very positive environment – an atmosphere of thoughtful growth. I think the university is very stable, yet has seen growth at a time when most other states are experiencing a huge budget crunch.”

Halbur moved here with her new spouse, Duane Halbur, a psychologist and professor of counseling at the University of North Dakota. “We bought a house and are expecting our first child this summer,” Halbur says, smiling. “We hope to stay for a while.”
Welder rallying independent pharmacists nationwide

Bismarck pharmacist Tony Welder will spend the next year helping to guide public policy for the good of 25,000 independent pharmacists, independent chains and independent pharmacy franchises throughout the United States. As president of the National Community Pharmacists Association, Welder has infused his agenda with the innovative, people-friendly, business-savvy practices that made him the successful pharmacist he is today.

Welder earned his pharmacy degree at NDSU in 1961 and started work for a clinic in Minot. Six years later — desiring ownership — he purchased the “outdated” drug store in Napoleon, N.D., his hometown, and turned it into a good pharmacy practice.

Welder has since proven many times that he has an excellent head for business. In fact the Small Business Administration named him North Dakota’s Small Business Person of the Year in 2004, “I don't over-analyze the costs of a new project or service; I look at if it gives us a more complete practice and gives us a more competitive edge with customers looking for something different.”

At a College of Pharmacy reception honoring Welder, longtime friend and colleague David Olig, BS '75, said Welder has always had a “wonderfully innovative practice.” Welder finds inspiration for innovation in a variety of sources, including the many professional meetings he attends. “There is no question that the ideas I've picked up at meetings and conventions have influenced my practice,” he said. He's served on the NCPA executive board for 14 years, progressing through the ranks from fifth vice president to the top office.

At the NDSU reception, Welder’s mentor, William Grosz, BS ’51, described the new NCPA president as a “concerned and compassionate pharmacist” who has “improved the healthcare and business environments of many.” Welder brings those qualities to the national office, along with a belief in independent pharmacy, a philosophy that healthcare costs should be fair and equitable, and a desire to share his expertise with young people entering the profession.

“There's a perception out there that independent pharmacists have gone away, but that practice is growing and students are getting more interested in owning their own pharmacies,” Welder said. One of his goals as NCPA president is to establish a source of financing for those who want to open their own practices. Another is to show female pharmacy graduates that independent ownership is a viable and family-friendly career choice.

He's committed to making government pay attention to pharmacists’ contributions to healthcare in the United States. “The biggest challenge in pharmacy is unfair contracts by insurers and the government,” Welder said. “They don’t recognize and pay for the value we provide to the patient and the contracts don’t pay us enough to make it worthwhile.” He is proud of the role the NCPA played in creating a Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card that was “patient and pharmacist friendly.” After 43-and-a-half years, he still enjoys his profession and loves dealing with the public. “I've been fortunate pretty much all my life,” he told his NDSU friends and colleagues. “Not everything I've done has turned out right, but most of it has and I'm appreciative of what's happened. It's been a good run.”

Catherine Jelsing

Horizon winner credits success to ‘hard work,

Professionally, Don Brophy was a late bloomer.

The 1994 NDSU grad readily admits he struggled in his undergraduate pharmacy classes. He was better known for his standing as an all-conference track and field athlete than for his scholastic accomplishments.

Brophy, PharmD ’94, returned to his alma mater Oct. 15 to accept the NDSU Horizon Award for distinguishing himself in his field as a young alumnus.

Brophy started to shine after earning his Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Not sure of what he wanted to do after graduation, he decided to pursue residency training at Ohio State and then Purdue University.

His next step was to join the faculty of Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. The man who never saw himself as a college professor became a respected academic, receiving the VCU School of Pharmacy Clinical Teacher of the Year award and becoming one of the youngest pharmacists to be elected a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

An expert in nephrology pharmacotherapy, Brophy’s research has attracted national and international attention. Most recently, he received National Institutes of Health funding to develop better ways to monitor coagulant drugs in high-risk patient populations. “I'm only one of eight individuals who are RPhs to receive an NIH grant, so I'm certainly happy about that,” he said.

Brophy attributes his success to three ingredients: “hard, hard work,” lots of luck and networking. He added that his strong educational background also helped. “NDSU is an excellent school.” While here, he spoke to Professor Marina loudina’s Pathophysiology 1 class about his success. He closed his speech with several tips for success, including one on staying positive during the toughest of times. “Take your lumps when you need to, but don’t get discouraged,” he told the class. “Always be optimistic: It’s going to improve. It will wind up as it should be.”
NDSU offers many ways for pharmacists to earn CEUs

How can pharmacists earn continuing education credits? Let Tara Schmitz count the ways.

Practitioners in the region can attend NDSU seminars; enroll in Gallipot compounding classes in St. Paul or Newport Beach, Calif.; take classes online; or even expand their expertise while exploring Alaska.

The College of Pharmacy uses many sources to provide pharmacists with quality continuing education, said Schmitz, PharmD ’95, director of continuing pharmacy education and assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

If Schmitz had to create all of these educational options herself, she said, “it would be more than a full-time job.”

So she taps into a variety of sources, from online courses developed by a private company to study/travel programs organized by Dakota Drug Co. or the University of Wisconsin. And she relies heavily on Carol Jore, administrative assistant for the continuing education department.

Schmitz personally coordinates two live seminars for NDSU, the annual Homecoming seminar in Fargo and the NDSU Pharmacy Midwinter Seminar in February in Bismarck.

The 2004 Homecoming seminar on women’s health was one of NDSU’s best-attended seminars to date. “It was the first time we offered the seminar to nurses,” Schmitz said. More than 100 pharmacists and other health care professionals registered. Hoping to reinforce the concept of team-care to improve patient outcomes, Schmitz said the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education has begun to encourage multidisciplinary continuing education opportunities.

Many pharmacists complete the required 30 continuing education credits “in one big lump,” Schmitz observed, “some spread it out over every two years.” NDSU makes either approach a viable option.

“Borders Alert and Ready” online courses focus on preparation for and response to acts of bioterrorism; each is worth from 1 to 2 CEUs. The classes, created by the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, can be found at www.bordersalertandready.com.

Several pharmacy alums take continuing education classes as part of a travel experience. These trips combine professional learning with sight-seeing in places like Alaska.

Dakota Drug Co.’s upcoming Travelcade to Hawaii — “Stress Management for Health Care Professionals” — is worth 8 CEUs. Orren Anderson, vice president of sales for Dakota Drug, says the wholesale drug company organizes the travels to “put our customers together on a trip, to have fun and offer continuing education.” Instruction is provided by an NDSU faculty member; pharmacists pay a small additional fee for recording the CEU credits with NDSU.

It can be difficult for independent pharmacists to get away on these excursions, but Anderson said those who do enjoy the experience. On one of the company’s Alaskan cruises, Walter Spiese, BS ’68, owner of LaMoure Pharmacy, came up to Anderson and said, “I love these trips. Here we are just cruising along on the ocean, sitting in our class, when the instructor stops talking, points out the window and says, ‘There’s a whale out there.’ ”

Closer to home, Schmitz can personally recommend Gallipot’s, owned by Mike, BS ’69, and Barb, BS ’70, Jones, compounding seminar in St. Paul. “It was wonderful, with a full day of lecture and hands-on compounding experience. There are so many different compounding niches popping up and so many different dosage forms. They tell you how to make compounds and how to market them.” Schmitz is passing on what she learned to her students in NDSU’s concept laboratory.

Attendance at NDSU’s midwinter seminar is always affected by the weather, but Schmitz hopes for a good turnout Feb. 5 and 6 at the Radisson in Bismarck. Pharmacoeconomics is the theme and topics will include the new Medicare discount cards, recent cuts to North Dakota Medical Assistance, generics as a first line, error prevention and more.

For information on any of these continuing education opportunities, contact Schmitz at (701) 231-6733 or e-mail her at Tara.Schmitz@ndsu.edu or Carol Jore at (701) 231-7589 or e-mail her at Carol.Jore@ndsu.edu.
**FACULTY NEWS**

**Singh recognized with fellowship for scientific contributions**

Jagdish Singh, chair and professor of pharmaceutical sciences at North Dakota State University, has been elected to fellowship status in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. He was presented the award at the association’s annual meeting Nov. 7.

“I was recognized in the Baltimore Convention Center in a gathering of about 10,000 people coming from all over the USA and abroad,” Singh said. “This has increased my visibility among pharmaceutical scientists.”

Fellowship status is awarded to scientists who have made outstanding contributions to AAPS and pharmaceutical sciences. AAPS is a national organization representing pharmaceutical scientists. Singh has twice been named the College of Pharmacy's Researcher of the Year (in 1998 and 2000) and has obtained close to $1.4 million in funding for NDSU since joining the faculty in 1994.

He finds the environment at NDSU philosophically and physically conducive to his research efforts. “NDSU College of Pharmacy has renovated research laboratories and strengthened infrastructure to conduct good research,” he said.

Singh's research focuses on developing and testing novel drug delivery technologies. Specifically, he is researching transdermal delivery of bioactive materials, including proteins and peptides, using physical and chemical penetration enhancers. He's also working to understand the mechanisms of transdermal transport enhancement; skin bioengineering and skin irritations; and developing an animal model for humans for risk assessment from percutaneous absorption of pesticides and other environmental contaminants.

**Scott working on NIH translational research grant proposal**

David Scott, associate professor of pharmacy practice, will be working with James Mitchell, professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, as an investigator on a National Institutes of Health grant proposal that could lead to creation of a regional translational research center.

“The overall theme of translational research is to move research from the bench to the bedside in a more effective manner by getting basic sciences and clinical sciences to work together in an interdisciplinary way,” Scott said.

Scott and representatives of seven other regional research institutions discussed potential development of the center at a meeting of the Upper Midwest Consortium for Clinical Research held in Minneapolis Nov. 22-23. “Noteworthy research is occurring in the Upper Midwest and it is imperative to be informed about each institution's research strengths, and how the consortium may strengthen our research efforts,” Scott said.

**Sharma’s work bridges gap between academia and industry**

Dr. Avadhesh C. Sharma, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences has developed his laboratory, Cardionome Laboratory, for preclinical development of new drug entities and bridging the gap between academia and industry. His consistent efforts in developing interactions with pharmaceutical industries led to secure his first assignment from Diffusion Pharmaceutical, Inc. Diffusion Pharmaceutical CEO David Kalergis has signed a master agreement with NDSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs, and thus Sharma secured approximately $30,000 in extramural funding to initiate preliminary experiments for preclinical development of new drug entities.

Sharma joined the department of pharmaceutical sciences as an assistant professor in 1999. He has more than 50 refereed research articles and 80 presentations and abstracts at various national and international meetings to his credit.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Professor Emeritus has seen many career, life changes

Much has changed in pharmacy since NDSU Professor Emeritus Kenneth Crahan graduated from the university in 1942.

Pharmacists used to be forbidden to tell customers anything about the drugs they were taking; today, client consultations are expected. Pharmacy students once had to memorize all the plants from which drugs were derived. Now, they devote much more time to learning pharmacology and pharmacokinetics. Most graduates now get PharmDs, and technology is revolutionizing the field.

But one area has stayed the same: the students, who show conscientious devotion to their profession and their customers.

“I enjoyed my contact with the students. I expected them to do well, and most of them did. I still keep in touch with some of them,” says Crahan, who retired from the pharmacy faculty 20 years ago.

As much as he enjoyed it, Crahan’s teaching career happened more by accident than by design. After college graduation and World War II service, he worked as a pharmaceutical salesman. He ran his own pharmacy in Fargo for 15 years before working as a pharmacist in Vail, Colo. Later, he met up with an acquaintance who taught pharmacy at NDSU. The man asked Crahan to help out by teaching a class during the summer.

Crahan had no teaching background, but was invited to join the faculty full time in 1969. “I’ve never regretted it,” he says. “It was the best job I ever had.”

Crahan, who earned a master’s degree in hospital pharmacy in 1971, taught prescription lab, over-the-counter-medicinals, pharmacy management and the introduction to clinical pharmacy. He also helmed the new student externships program in the ’70s.

The professor had planned to work until age 70, but opted to take the financial incentive for retiring at 65. It was a fortuitous move — his wife Margaret died of cancer five years later. “We had four good years until she died,” Crahan says.

Two years after Margaret’s death, Crahan met Sunny. They had first dated when he was a senior in college, but had lost touch for decades. Then, at a mutual friend’s 50th wedding anniversary, they got reacquainted.

They had much in common. Sunny had also lost her spouse just months after Crahan lost Margaret. Both liked to attend cultural events, golf, read, dine out and travel.

Three dates into their courtship, Crahan proposed. Without hesitation, Sunny accepted. They’ve been together since. “She’s a wonderful person,” he says. “We’ve enjoyed each other since Day One.”

He and Sunny now split their time between their Fargo townhouse, a home on Lake Melissa and balmy wintertime locales like California and Florida.

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STAFF NEWS

Irion joins college staff

Tammy Irion has joined the College of Pharmacy staff as an administrative secretary for advancement. She previously worked on campus as administrative secretary for the Department of Child Development and Family Science.

“Tammy’s skills, creativity and enthusiasm have made for a smooth transition and capable fit into this new role,” said Director of Pharmacy Advancement Cynthia Hanson. “Her professional manner and ready smile make her a delightful addition to our staff.”

Schettler supporting students

Lacey Schettler began a part-time position this fall as administrative secretary for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. In her new position, Schettler is providing support for pharmaceutical sciences graduate students and their research endeavors.

Schettler graduated from NDSU in May with a degree in business administration. As a student, she spent a year working in the pharmaceutical sciences department and previously worked on campus in the Multicultural Student Services Office.
A LOOK BACK
with Dr. Muriel Vincent

Here we are in Fargo experiencing such a nice winter so far. Remembering the winters of the past make us grateful for the pleasant days we have had this year. As you remember from your days on campus – NDSU was always the last place to close in town. In fact, there was one winter – about 1966 — a few faculty were stranded at the college.

A storm arrived and students all scurried for home. Sudro Hall was empty except for Richard O'Neill, BS ’56, Steve Sleight and me. Amazingly, the parking lot was perfectly clear, but when Steve started out and shortly returned, we realized we were not getting home that night. Steve had made it only as far as University Drive and had to turn back.

Fortunately, a grad student, Tom Hansmann, MS ’67, phoned the college to see if anyone was still on campus and promptly invited us to stay with him and his wife, Susan. They lived in student housing on 15th Avenue and University and we needed a plan to get there. Attempting to protect themselves from the cold, wind and snow, Dick and Steve folded lab towels in half to create makeshift scarves and tied them around their heads. Steve led the way through the deep snow and drifts, making footprints for Dick and me to follow in. Steve, being the 6-foot man he was, had to be reminded to take shorter steps so I could manage.

We arrived cold but safe at Tom and Susan’s, where we were welcomed with a delicious hot meal. I still remember it was pot roast. How’s that for North Dakota hospitality.

Dick and Steve were able to get home the following day. Waiting for the roads to be cleared in Moorhead, I stayed the second night with Dick and his wife, Jan, before eventually arriving home. Pharmacy has always been a close group and I suppose such experiences lend themselves to that end.

Hoping you had a very happy Christmas and have a successful New Year.

John Bergs, BS ’53, was honored for 50 years of pharmacy service at the 120th annual Minnesota Pharmacists Association convention in June. Bergs and his wife, Marion, owned and operated the Clarissa (Minn.) Drugstore for 33 years. After they sold the drugstore to Rick, BS ’77, and Jane Voge, he continued to work on and off for the Voges for another five years.

When Bergs owned the business, he was accustomed to marathon workweeks. “Marion and I averaged 80 hours a week for most of the years we ran the business,” he said. “The first 30 years we were married we took only one vacation together. We didn’t feel sorry for ourselves … we both came from dairy farms and knew what hard work was.”

Bergs has struggled with lung cancer for some time, but says at age 78, he is doing well. In the summer of 2004, he received yet another honor: being named the grand marshal of the Clarissa Summerfest Parade.

Rick Melbye, PharmD ’97, recently accepted a position as one of the three national scientific managers for Takeda Pharmaceuticals Inc. His new responsibilities include working closely with key national managed market accounts. Rick, his wife, Cheryl, and their children live in Waconia, Minn.

Jerrod Milton, BS ’91, has been named director of new hospital transition and occupancy at The Children’s Hospital in Denver. Milton will be responsible for all logistics related to the hospital’s move to a new facility – from preparing a transition and occupancy plan to managing transition subcommittees comprised of members who represent all facets of the hospital. TCH is moving from its current location to the Fitzsimons campus, which is home to the University of Health Sciences Center and U of C Hospital. Milton previously was director of pharmacy services. He has been with The Children’s Hospital since 1991 when he did specialty residency training there. He and wife, Brenda (Bozekowski), BS ’90, also a pharmacist, have one child and live in Littleton, Colo.

ALUMNI NOTES
Career Fair again breaks attendance numbers

NDSU's 2004 pharmacy and nursing career fair, held Sept. 23 in the Fargodome, was the best-attended event in the fair's four-year history. More than 700 individuals participated attracting 59 exhibitors.

Not only did the larger fair provide more variety and opportunities for students, Cynthia Hanson, director of pharmacy advancement, said exhibitor fees generated $4,000 for future student scholarship awards.

The college was well represented by students — pre-professionals through P4s — who came to meet representatives of retail pharmacy chains, manufacturers and healthcare facilities. Area high school juniors and seniors considering health-related careers and their parents also attended the fair.

“Both students and future employers benefit from the informal environment of the career fair,” said Wanda Kearney, director of experiential programs. “These brief encounters have the potential of developing into future communication, interviews and ultimately employment.”

It is no surprise pharmacy students see the fair as a tremendous tool, both in terms of future planning and securing employment. Wendy Allex is a P2 and she's been attending the fair almost since she enrolled at NDSU. “It gives us a chance to ask professionals questions that we’ve had about classes and about how we approach our education. It’s a good way to see all the different opportunities out there in retail, in hospital settings and in research.”

Jim Stage, a P3 who has worked NDSU’s career fair booth, said the event is particularly important to P4s who are seriously seeking employment. For less advanced students, he agrees with Allex that it’s a tremendous way to learn “the thousands of opportunities for those of us going into the profession.”

Stage is proud of the fact that NDSU’s fair draws companies from across the country. “We set a high national standard for students at NDSU, so a lot of people are willing to come here and show us their businesses. We’ve got people coming from all over to recruit our graduates.”

The 2005 Pharmacy and Nursing Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 22. For information, contact Hanson at (701) 231-6461, Cynthia.hanson@ndsu.edu or Tammy Irion at (701) 231-7751, Tammy.Irion@ndsu.edu.

Fargo’s ‘perfect block’ print is for sale

Larry Wamble’s full-color print is the artist’s concept of Fargo’s “perfect block,” where everyone’s favorite college hangouts are located on the same city block. Buildings include the Fargo Theatre, Depot, Bismarck, Sammy’s Pizza and Bison Turf. The cost, which includes shipping, is $45. To order, contact Rachelle Knecht, 123A Sudro Hall, NDSU, Fargo, ND 58105, call 701-388-5455, or e-mail Rachelle.Knecht@ndsu.edu.
STUDENT NEWS

Graduate students are excelling

Akanksha Gupta has completed requirements for a Ph.D. and is now doing postdoctoral research in one of the renowned laboratories of Dr. Brian Grinnell, executive director of Eli-Lilly’s Division of BioTDR-Bioproduct Discovery Management in Indianapolis.

ASPET and Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America awarded Hongmei Chen the prestigious ASPET Travel Award and Junior Scientist Award. Chen also has completed her master’s degree.

Sachin Brahmbhatt, a graduate student working under Dr. Sharma, has received a two-year pre-doctoral fellowship starting January 2005 by the American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate. Brahmbhatt’s research efforts resulted in a quality publication in Biochimica Biophysica Acta and Molecular Cellular Biochemistry.

NDSU student chapter of NCPA attends national convention

The NDSU chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association is still a relatively new organization on campus. We began this fall with an ice cream social to get to know some of the incoming P1s. With other organizations, we organized a legislative breakfast. Local pharmacists, faculty and students met with North Dakota policymakers to inform them on issues pertinent to pharmacy practice.

In October, 13 of our members attended the NCPA national convention in Boston. Seminar topics included combating PBMs, technological advances, cholesterol management, natural products and improving customer service. Other highlights included hearing former President George Bush speak, a group seafood dinner, and visiting some national historic sites.

Jayme Steig, a 2002 graduate and our first chapter president, spoke to our group in November. He discussed career planning, what it is like to be a young professional, niche marketing, and his involvement in developing the new FM pharmacy hotline.

This fall we conducted our second annual toy drive for the children at MeritCare Children’s Hospital, bringing smiles to many young patients’ faces. We also continued our holiday tradition of selling angel Christmas ornaments to pharmacy students and faculty to raise money for Hospice of the Red River Valley. The angels are used to decorate the tree located in the dean’s office.

Any local independent pharmacist wishing to become involved in NCPA or speak at one of our chapter meetings is encouraged to contact Ross Hemmer at ross.hemmer@ndsu.

Students awarded 177 scholarships

In 2003, $133,015 was awarded in student scholarships. A total of $990,755 has been dispersed in 1,048 awards to students since 1997.

2004 statistics

• $214,021 awarded in student scholarships
• 177 awards given
• Average scholarship award - $1,200
• 34 percent increase in students seeking support over past two years
• 70 percent of students university-wide receive financial aid (includes scholarships, loans and grants, according to NDSU financial aid department)
• Professional Pharmacy Program tuition and fees - $7,962/year.

College of Pharmacy scholarship sources

• 20 percent from individual donors
• 80 percent from corporate donors

The College of Pharmacy currently has $1,074,903.92 invested by alumni and friends in endowed scholarship funds. The earnings and interest provide for on-going annual scholarship awards.
2004-2005 Scholarship Awards

In grateful acknowledgment of the many gifts provided by private and corporate contributors, the following awards totaling $214,021 have been made possible:

**American Legion 40 and 8 Scholarship**
- Lisa Rham, Rock Lake, N.D.
- Nina Schumacher, Bismarck, N.D.

**AMVETS Dakota Sad Sacks Nursing Scholarship**
- LeAnn Odden, Staples, Minn.

**ASHP Student Leadership Award**
- Elise Erskine, Raymond, Minn.

**ASP Student Leadership Award**
- Nicole Johnson, Staple, Minn.

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Irgens remembered with memorial

The District 1 Pharmaceutical Association has made a memorial gift in memory of James Irgens, BS ’40, former owner of Irgens Rexall Drug and Central Avenue Pharmacy in Williston, N.D. Irgens was active in several activities while a student at NDSU, including the ROTC band and the track team. As an adult, he was extremely active in his community, serving 24 years on the Williston School Board, and received several professional awards, including the Bowl of Hygeia award for community service in 1980; the Kappa Psi award for Outstanding pharmacist in 1972; and the North Dakota Pharmacy Association President’s Award in 1957. He served on the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy from 1966 to 1971.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Nora (Alvia Johnson); three sons Terry (BS ’69, MS ’75), Jim and Tom; and two daughters, Linda and Lori. The couple had spent the last nine winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Association honors Kohlman

District 1 Pharmaceutical Association has donated a memorial in honor of Lloyd and Avis (Hagge) Kohlman, parents of Roger Kohlman, BS ’64. Lloyd, 91, and Avis, 85, died on June 11 and 13 respectively in Williston, N.D. Married on Sept. 15, 1939, the couple farmed at Hanks, N.D., until their retirement. Both were deeply engaged with community, church and family activities.

Berg memorial being created

A memorial is being created in honor of 1974 College of Pharmacy graduate Dr. Mary Berg. Berg distinguished herself as a worldwide leader in pharmaceutical education and the improvement of women’s health. In 1999 her accomplishments were recognized by her induction to the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame.

Berg died Oct. 1, 2004, at the age of 53, following an extended illness. She was born in Fargo on Nov. 7, 1950.

She is remembered by her countless friends from NDSU and throughout the world.

Herman Olig memorialized

Dave Olig, BS ’75, and his mother, Gloria, have honored the memory of his father, pharmacist Herman Olig, with a memorial gift from friends and family to the College of Pharmacy.

Herman Olig was born June 8, 1928, in Napoleon, N.D. He graduated from NDSU in 1946 and worked as a pharmacist in several communities before purchasing Hankinson Drug, which he operated for 37 years. Respected by colleagues across the state, Herman Olig was a recipient of the Bowl of Hygeia Award and the Al Doerr Service Award. He died Oct. 8 in Breckenridge, Minn.

Dave and his wife, Jolette, BS ’88, own and operate Southpointe Pharmacy and Prescription Center Pharmacy compounding pharmacy, both in Fargo.

Fellow alums remember Zueger

William Grosz (BS ’51), John (BS ’56) and Roberta (BS ’58) Southam have honored fellow NDSU pharmacy graduate and friend Emil Zueger, BS ’57, with a memorial. Emil, 70, died Nov. 25.

Emil and his wife, Darlene “Krispy” (Beauchamp) Zueger, moved to New England, N.D., after their marriage in June 1957. Emil worked as a pharmacist for New England Drug and three years later purchased the store, operating it until 2002. Emil retained his connections with the profession serving as vice president of the North Dakota Rexall Club. A spirited community leader, Emil’s many civic activities included the New England Public School Board, the volunteer fire department, and the American State Bank board of directors. Among his survivors are his wife, three daughters and their families.
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2005 Calendar of Events

APRIL 1 - 5
APhA Annual Convention
If you plan to attend the APhA convention in Orlando, Fla., or live in the area, please join fellow alums and Dean Charles Peterson for an alumni reception on Sunday, April 3 at 5 p.m. at the Peabody Orlando Hotel.

APRIL 29 - MAY 1
NDPhA Annual Convention
Jamestown (N.D.) Civic Center

MAY 13
College of Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony
Please join us for the hooding ceremony honoring our 2005 Doctor of Pharmacy candidates. Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse, 10 a.m.

NDSU Commencement
Fargodome, 4 p.m.

MAY 25 & 26
NDSU 50 Year Club Reunion
Classes of 1945, 1950 and 1955 will be inducted into the 50 Year Club. Pharmacy social and dinner, Avalon Events Center, May 25, 5:30 p.m.

Make plans to return to your alma mater during Homecoming Week, Oct. 17-22, 2005!

OCT. 21
Pharmacy 40 Year Alumni Reunion celebrating the classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966

The Party Is On
All alumni and friends social and dance, Avalon Event Center

OCT. 22
Football: Bison vs. University of California Davis
Fargodome

Bison Bidders Bowl
Fargo Holiday Inn, 5 p.m. Reservations required.

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