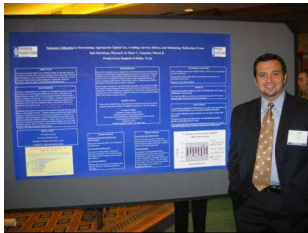




Residency Program Continues to Thrive

Our Graduate Pharmacy Education (Residency) Program continues to excel under the direction of **Dr. Krystal Haase (Assistant Professor and Vice Chair for Residency Programs, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo)**. Last April the residents from all campuses attended the TSHP Annual Meeting, where Lubbock residents Mike Peeters and Tim Mazzolini won the Clinical Skills competition. Our residents also took part in the Southwest Residency Leadership Conference (ALCALDE). Amarillo residents also participated in several community service activities, including a pumpkin decorating session with pediatric patients at The Children's Hospital at Nwth.



Dallas resident Omar Gonzalez, Pharm. D. poses with a poster summary of his major research project.



Lubbock residents Mike Peeters, Pharm. D. and Timothy Mazzolini, Pharm. D.



Amarillo residents Bret Dunlap, Pharm. D., Eric Maki, Pharm. D., and current P4 Angela Willis lend a hand to pediatric patients and parents.

The new resident class started July 1. That same month the group came to Amarillo for a three-day Resident orientation and workshop where they spent time getting to know each other and hear about each other's campus environment. They also learned about Texas Tech School of Pharmacy (most of the new residents attended other Pharm.D. program) and acclimated themselves to the idea of being new faculty members rather than students. (All residents serve as Assistant Instructors for the School of Pharmacy and provide significant clinical instruction for all our campuses.)



Residents who attended a three-day July workshop in Amarillo take time out to visit Palo Duro Canyon for a showing of "Texas Legacies."

I believe that our graduate pharmacy education program is one of the things we do best at Texas Tech School of Pharmacy. We not only benefit from having these individuals as part of our faculty and program, but we are playing a significant part in helping to develop the next generation of leaders for our profession.

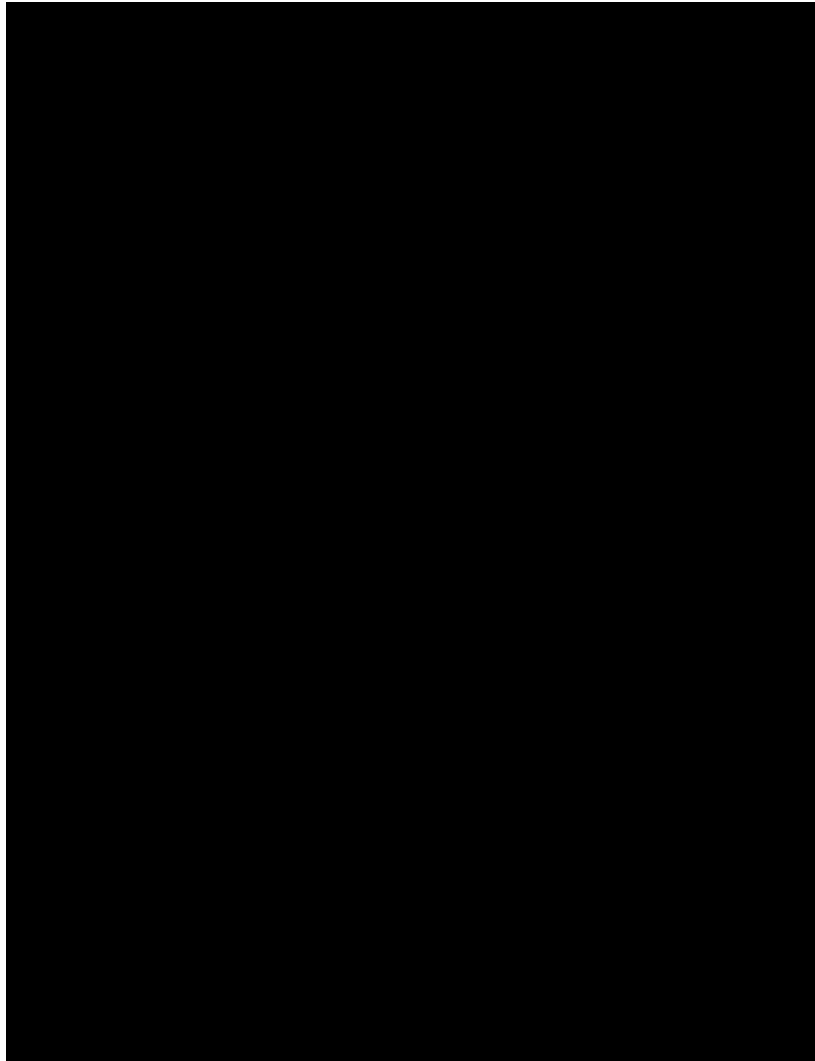
SOP Accreditation Affirmed

As most of you know by now, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education has confirmed the SOP's accreditation through our full term. The results were based on the interim report we filed in April for the June ACPE meeting. It is a very good report and the results are what we expected. With that in mind I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who was involved in preparing the report and to all faculty and staff who work so hard for the School and our students. We have a great program and it is because of your efforts that we continue to be successful.

Journal Publishes Article by SOP Professors

Congratulations are in order for *Dr. Mike Veronin (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo) and Dr. Bi-Botti C. Youan (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo)*. Their article "Magic Bullets Gone Astray: Medications and the Internet" was published in the July 23 issue of *Science* magazine. *Science* magazine is among the most prestigious international journals and encompasses all the sciences. Needless to say, having an article in this publication is really world class. The article is also very timely since it addresses the potential problems with the importation of prescription medications from other countries.

*Article by Drs.
Mike Veronin and
Bi-Botti C.
Youan published
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Research Days a Big Success

On July 29 and 30 SOP faculty and students from Amarillo, Lubbock and Dallas took part in the School's Third Annual Research Days. The event, which is an interdisciplinary forum designed to showcase research activities that have taken place at the pharmacy school over the past year, was well attended. *Dr. M. Roy Wilson (President, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center)* kicked off the event with a keynote address on July 29.

Research Days provides an opportunity for faculty, postdoctoral fellows and students to exchange research ideas and interests to stimulate interdisciplinary collaborations between departments and schools. The scientific program consists of poster presentations, oral presentations, and group discussions. This year we had 53 posters entered into the Research Days poster competition. Nine others were displayed as extra, non-judged posters highlighting other research. The poster competition was split into six categories; the category winners were:

- Pharmacy Student – *Ajith Pai (P2 - Amarillo)*
- Resident – *Timothy Mazzolini, Pharm. D. (Pharmacotherapy Practice Resident - Lubbock)*
- Graduate Student – *Jennifer Paulson (Research Assistant - Amarillo)*
- Post Doctoral Research Associate – *Chinavenmani Velu, Ph. D. (Amarillo)*
- Faculty (Pharmacy Practice) – *C. A. (CAB) Bond, Pharm. D. (Professor - Amarillo)*

- Faculty (Pharmaceutical Sciences) – *Paul Lockman, Ph. D. (Research Instructor - Amarillo)*

We also want to thank *Levi Kirwin* of VWR International for providing Roasters coffee at the event.

Class of 2008 Gets Down to Business

The new guys are in town! With the completion of Boot Camp each of the 88 members of the incoming Class of 2008 are now ready to hit the ground running when the new semester gets underway. On August 8 each of these students took the Oath of a Pharmacist at the annual White Coat Ceremony, and as usual, the SOP faculty and staff did a great job organizing the event. This will be the largest class we've had since the SOP opened in 1996. I welcome each of you and everyone looks forward to having you become part of the SOP and Texas Tech family.



Souzan Heibati-Sadati prepares to recite the Oath of a Pharmacist as part of the SOP's annual White Coat Ceremony



Garland Coleman receives his white coat from Dr. Sherry Luedtke (Associate Dean for Professional Affairs and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice)

SOP Grads Make the Grade on NAPLEX

We have just received the examination scores for our graduates who took the NABP NAPLEX from January 2004 through June 2004. Once again, our graduates made a solid showing—26 of 27 passed. The one Texas Tech student who did not pass scored a 74 (75 is passing). The table below shows how we compared with other Texas pharmacy programs and nationally.

School	No. Taking Test First Time	No. Passing (%)	Average Score
Univ. Texas (Austin)	61	60 (97%)	83.95
Univ. Houston	43	39 (91%)	81.67
Texas Southern	26	21 (81%)	78.08
TEXAS TECH	27	26 (93%)	82.85
National Averages		(88%)	80.58

State Averages (Total)	157	146 (91%)	81.32
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Historical Commission Visits Museum

A team of experts from the Texas Historical Commission recently toured the Texas Pharmacy Museum with museum curator *Dr. Paul Katz (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo)*. The team included experts in archeology, heritage education, architecture, history, marketing, and tourism development.

THC is spending the summer visiting heritage and cultural sites within the 52 counties that encompass the Texas Plains Trail Region. Their mission is to prepare a report for each site that offers ideas for improvement and promotional efforts. The visit is part of the organization's Texas Heritage Trails Program, which is a regional tourism initiative that provides training, education, and technical and financial assistance to targeted regions across Texas.

Bond Honored by NAP

C. A. (CAB) Bond, Pharm. D. (Professor - Amarillo) recently received good news from the National Academies of Practice. In a letter dated July 13, he was informed of his election as a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academies of Practice in Pharmacy. Dr. Bond was selected to receive the honor by his peers who recognized his significant and enduring contributions to health care practice. He is scheduled receive a NAP medallion at the group's November 6 forum and banquet in Alexandria, Virginia.

The NAP is composed of ten Academies representing health care practice in the areas of dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, psychology, social work, and veterinary medicine.

Only 150 active Distinguished Practitioners may be elected to each Academy, so Dr. Bond certainly deserves our appreciation for his hard work and dedication to pharmacy.

GETTING TO KNOW...

Sandy DeLosSantos

Budget Analyst

Staff - Dept. of Financial Administration - Amarillo



Peter

Sandy was raised the second to the oldest of four children. She was born in Santa Anna, California and moved to Amarillo as a young child. Sandy has been married to a wonderful husband, Isaac, for six years. The couple has two beautiful daughters: five-year old Mikaela and three-year old Jasmine. Sandy says Mikaela is excited about starting school this year and Jasmine is always on the go. Their pets include a fish, and three rabbits (Genesis, Angel, and Pan).

Sandy's hobbies include activities with her children, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Stephanie Anderson, R. Ph., Pharm.D.

Assistant Professor and Clinical Pharmacist

Department of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo



Stephanie was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her family moved to Lancaster, Ohio when she was 2 years of age. She became interested in the profession of pharmacy during her high school years.

Stephanie attended college at Ohio University and The Ohio State University (OSU), earning her B.S. in Pharmacy from the OSU School of Pharmacy (Go Bucks!). She worked for the VAMC in Huntington, WV for one year before taking a job with Medco in Columbus, OH. She continued working for Medco

until Stephanie Anderson in 1996 while her husband Glenn, who is an associate professor here at the School of Pharmacy, furthered his education.

In 1996, Stephanie and Glenn moved to the great State of Texas. The move to Amarillo provided Stephanie with the opportunity to pursue her own desires for further education and she did so readily. She earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Arkansas and later completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care residency at the University of Oklahoma. Although the time she spent separated from her husband was difficult, she says the rewards have been worth the cost. Stephanie is presently an assistant professor with the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy practicing in women's health issues at the TTUHSC School of Medicine's OB-GYN and Internal Medicine clinics.

Stephanie's home life has been no less hectic than her professional life. In the last 19 months she has experienced the joys of building a new house and bringing home her first child, Elijah, who she says reminds her a bit too much of her husband.

Stephanie enjoys the outdoors—particularly taking long hikes in the New Mexico Rocky Mountains—and lazy days fishing on a quiet lake. She also enjoys being a member of a local investment club for women.

Neels Van der Schyf, B. Pharm., D. Sc.

*Associate Professor and Graduate Advisor
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo*

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Neels, who was born and raised in South Africa, is a true representative of the diversity found among the faculty members at the School of Pharmacy. He received his B. Pharm., M. Sc., and D. Sc. (Ph.D.) degrees from Potchefstroom University (the name was recently changed to North West University), where the oldest, largest (and best!) School of Pharmacy in South Africa can be found.

After licensing as a pharmacist, he joined the pharmaceutical industry as drug development researcher before accepting a position as Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor in the US) in the Pharmacology Department of the Medical School, University of Pretoria. In the mid-1980s, Neels joined the group of Alex Makriyannis at the School of Pharmacy, University of Connecticut, and the National Magnet Lab at MIT in Cambridge, MA, for postdoctoral study. Upon his return to South Africa, he again joined Potchefstroom University, this time as a faculty member. After a stint as an Associate Professor he was named Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry. A brief research visit in 1993 to the lab of Neal Castagnoli at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg convinced Neels that his research and teaching goals could best be pursued in the USA. Therefore, in 1995, he accepted a position as Research Associate Professor in the Harvey W. Peters Center for the Study of Parkinson's Disease and Disorders of the Central Nervous System, being jointly appointed in the Department of Chemistry and the Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2002, the longing to again be part of a pharmacy school environment became too much and Neels accepted a position at TTUHSC School of Pharmacy where he currently is Associate Professor and Graduate Program Advisor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Neels, who has published more than 70 peer-reviewed papers and more than 110 abstracts, says he loves research and teaching. Since arriving at TTUHSC School of Pharmacy he has been named Teacher of the Year and received several Teaching Team awards. He is married to stunning Vicky, a linguist and librarian, and they have three children: Marie-Louise, a recently graduated architect who lives in Virginia; Will, a senior at Savannah College of Arts and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, GA; and Christof, a junior at Amarillo High. Neels and Vicky also share their home with a cool cat called Babette.

In his spare time Neels dabbles in art, does his own remodeling, and works out and runs (much less than he would really like). In addition to appreciating good food and wine, he also loves to sail and fly. His wish is to leave a legacy of being a caring and knowledgeable human being who helped others—especially his students—to reach their full potential.