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The “Bitter Pill”

America was unwillingly administered a “bitter pill” on September 11, 2001.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

In his address to the nation following the attack on America, President Bush responded, “They broke our hearts but not our spirit.” Americans have joined together in the wake of this tragedy to mend the broken heart of our great nation.

Pharmacy will play a vital role in the healing of America as it has in past conflicts both at home and abroad. Members of the profession in practice today are meeting the challenge of this historic event, while academia prepares the pharmacists of tomorrow for challenges unknown. Pharmacy, like all professions, bears the hallmarks of commitment, dedication, the pursuit of technical excellence, and-most importantly-membership. Pharmacists are key members of the healthcare team who will dispense medications, counsel patients, recommend therapy, and make therapeutic decisions that will influence the outcome of the treatment plan to restore the heartbeat of America.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy Alumni Society is a testament to the importance of membership in defining a profession. Pitt’s Pharmacy Alumni Society relies on volunteer members to promote the profession of pharmacy, enhance the quality of pharmacy education, and foster positive relations between faculty, students, and alumni. Each year, the Alumni Society sponsors the Career Round Table, Alumni Day, Homecoming Event, and the Pharmacy Alumni Weekend/Golf Outing. I sincerely thank all of the members of the Pharmacy Alumni Society



Robert Monte speaks at Pharmacy Alumni Weekend.

for their efforts and financial support over the past year. I am reassured in the continued success of these programs through the commitment of our new board members.

I chose to serve as president of the Pharmacy Alumni Society to support both the School of Pharmacy and the profession that has greatly enriched the quality of life for my family and me. When I accepted this position, I did not envision writing a newsletter inspired by the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Today, as I look beyond the ashes at Ground Zero, I see members of the profession of pharmacy united in their search for the elixir that will mend the broken heart of America and soothe the effects of the “bitter pill.”

Robert Monte '79

Schering Mortars and Pestles

SNAPSHOT FROM PHARMACY'S PAST

The Elmer H. Grimm Sr. Pharmacy Museum displays a number of historical mortars and pestles, the symbol of the pharmaceutical arts, including 31 mortars and pestles from the Schering collection. Schering Corporation has produced a different mortar and pestle annually since 1963. In brass and also in ceramic, each finely detailed collector's item pays tribute to a different historical figure, practice, or accouterment of pharmaceutical arts. "Schering used to distribute these to pharmacists as advertising," says Richard A. Lithgow '50, museum coordinator. "But each year they get harder to come by," he says. Lithgow is interested in displaying the entire collection in the museum's fine display case. "We have 31 of 35," he says, most having been donated by Max Helfand '38. Lithgow added eight from his personal collection, but still seeks the following: #26 (1988) Paracelsus, #28 (1990) APhA, #29 (1991) NARD, #31 (1993) Pharmacy Stamp, #32 (1994) Thomas Percival, and any produced since 1998. Alumni and friends wanting to donate one of the missing mortars and pestles to the museum's collection should contact Dick Lithgow at 412-242-4525 or via E-mail at lithgow@pitt.edu.



Three of the 31 Schering mortars and pestles currently in the Pharmacy Museum's collection: #2 (1964) Eber's Papyrus, decorated with two snarling lion's heads, references the collection of medical papyri (Egyptian papers) written in 1500BC and discovered in Thebes by Georg Ebers in 1872. #3 (1965) Galen is a tribute to the Greek writer, philosopher, and physician whose influence on medical theory and practice influenced medicine from the Middle Ages until the mid-17th century. Sometimes referred to as the "Father of Pharmacy," Galen (130AD - c. 201) proposed the theory that sickness was caused by an imbalance in one of the body's four "humors" (blood, phlegm, black bile, and yellow bile). #4 (1966) Cosmos and Damian. These brothers are the patron saints of pharmacy. Born in Arabia, these two religious men took no money for ministering to the sick, and are considered to be martyrs by the Catholic Church.



The Elmer H. Grimm Sr. Pharmacy Museum, located on the fourth floor of Salk Hall, offers School of Pharmacy students, faculty, and alumni a chance to step back to a bygone era in pharmacy. "Snapshot from Pharmacy's Past" provides alumni who cannot visit the museum with an opportunity to see some of the valuable items on display there. Alumni and friends can also view the museum online by visiting the School of Pharmacy's Web site at www.pharmacy.pitt.edu and following the links to "The Elmer H. Grimm Sr. Pharmacy Museum."

CECity Goes Live

on Pharmacy Alumni Web Site

The School of Pharmacy has dramatically expanded its international pharmaceutical continuing education (CE) programs through a generous and unique partnership with CECity.com, Inc.—a Pittsburgh-based, online healthcare e-Learning solution provider, founded by two pharmacy alumni, Lloyd Myers '84 and Simone Myers Karp '86.

In 1997, this brother and sister team pooled their pharmacy experience and expertise—Karp's experience in education and sales and Myers's experience in creating computer applications in the special pharmacy space—to create the company with the goal of leveraging the latest technology to expand access of online education information to healthcare professionals. One year later they launched the CECity Web site at www.cecity.com.

Using CECity technology and content, the school can now supplement existing live and mediated CE offerings with automated, integrated, quality CE, which can be accessed any time from the Pharmacy Alumni Society Web site.

"What this partnership with CECity does," says Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy, assistant dean for managed care and associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the School of Pharmacy, who was instrumental in negotiating the terms of the contract for the University, "is recognize the University of Pittsburgh as a pioneer in expanding the quality of online CE and CE in general."

Karp, vice-president of sales and marketing for CECity, agrees. "Through this partnership, we have found a way to give back to the school," she says. "It's our way to say thanks, to show that we appreciate where we came from and how we started."

Launched in December 2001, the Alumni CE Web site is powered by MyCECity Enterprise Solution™, CECity's state-of-the-art, proprietary software platform. Customized to the look and feel of the School of Pharmacy, the Alumni Web portal integrates and automates all aspects of CE from course selection to notifying alumni, through E-mail, of updates from the state board.

When alumni log on to the Web site, they can create their own account so that they can take CE courses with live post-tests, which are automatically scored and updated, add external transcripts, print valid certificates, and store information. In short, alumni can now keep an accurate account of their CE credits to ensure that they are on track in renewing their licensure.

In addition to offering Pitt alumni access to innovative technology, this partnership provides alumni with all the content hosted on the CECity Web site. This content is available because of the partnerships that Meyers, president and CEO, and Karp have forged with accredited CE providers, including University Pharmacotherapy Associates (UPA), the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), and with leaders in pharmacy CE.

"Simone's and Lloyd's vision and knowledge of pharmacy and education has enabled them to create and deliver an excellent product," says Mike Romano, continuing education coordinator at the school. "Since they're pharmacists, they know what pharmacists need."

The content includes an extensive library, accredited by providers who are certified by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE). Courses are presented in formats such as re-purposed journals or monographs and multimedia presentations, simulated live symposia synchronized with streaming audio and video, and live Web conferencing.

"Our vision is to build a whole sense of community," says Karp. "In general, continuing education tends to be ad-hoc and separate. We like to think of CECity as a hub in the wheel because what CECity does is provide a platform to bring together pharmacists, schools, and associations, so that everyone—the entire profession—has a win-win experience."

Vanscoy, who is also chairman and CEO of University Pharmaco-



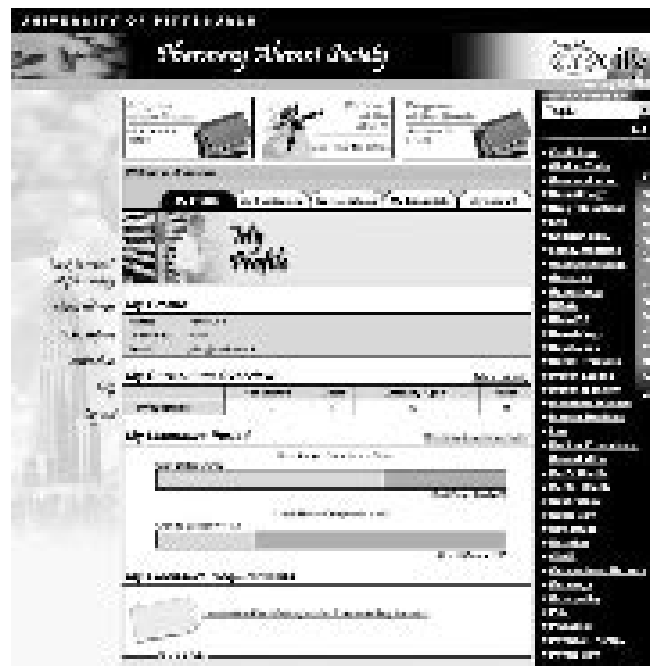
therapy Associates (UPA), LLC, a national disease management and education company and CECity's first partner, uses CECity to supplement UPA's national and international continuing education systems.

"Although pharmacists prefer our live regional programs, which have a social networking component," he says, "with the increased popularity of the Internet, many are taking advantage of the convenience of the Web site. What CECity does in general and for the School of Pharmacy in particular, is open up opportunities that are cost effective, secure, convenient, and high quality."

Vanscoy notes that some Pitt alumni may have already taken some UPA and School of Pharmacy Internet CE programs by following the Continuing Education link on the School of Pharmacy Web site. Now, however, alumni can have the majority of their CE needs met in one place.

"It's a one-stop online CE shop," says Vanscoy. "This is a no-lose opportunity for alumni."

Below: The Pharmacy Alumni Society CE Web site can be accessed online via www.pharmacy.pitt.edu.



Giving Back

Zane Gates, MD '90 found his calling in the healing arts, even if he didn't expect to. The 34-year-old physician has led a life that, in a short 10 years, has come full circle. Gates left the Evergreen Manor housing projects in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he and his mother lived for 18 years, to attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. He returned as a successful physician and an ambassador of hope to the underserved communities of Altoona. On top of that, he's just announced his first work of fiction, *The Cure*, a medical thriller published by The Writer's Showcase.



Dr. Zane Gates reads a Halloween story to the children assembled at the after school program he created in the housing project where he grew up.

Gates did not expect to be living this life. "Growing up, my mother and I were poor; we were on medical assistance," says Gates. Once at Pitt, Gates found the glut of information presented in the first two years of the pharmacy curriculum to be daunting, as do many pharmacy students, according to Dr. Paul Schiff, professor of pharmaceutical sciences at Pitt. But Gates very much wanted to learn. He approached Schiff as a student in Schiff's pharmacognosy course.

"I knew Zane was the kind of student that would easily make the bridge between the basics of the first two years and the applied learning of the next two years," says Schiff. "When I learned he was going to medical school, I knew he'd make a great physician."

But Gates faced doubts on the road to his MD. As a stressed-out intern in his fourth year at Pitt's School of Medicine, Gates ques-

tioned his professional choice. That's when he was introduced to Jim Withers, MD and Withers' Operation Safety Net, a program out of Pittsburgh's Mercy Health System that still operates today. Armed with medical supplies, blankets, and sandwiches, Operation Safety Net's physicians and other volunteers hit the city streets after dark to care for the indigent population. Gates, who devoted one night a week to the program, was imbued with a renewed sense of purpose and determination.

Says Gates, "Jim Withers showed me what you could do with medicine."

Gates received his MD in 1995 and, after completing his residency in internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Gates returned to his hometown with a mission. As a staff physician at Altoona's Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital, he founded Operation Safety Net-Altoona with his cousin, Susan Cuff. They started out with an old van and a handful of donated supplies offering free health care anywhere they could set up an impromptu clinic. The program eventually became the free clinic of Bon Secours hospital.

After Gates joined a family practice group at Altoona's Mainline Medical Hospital in 1999, he could no longer volunteer for the Bon Secours clinic so he now runs the free clinic at Mainline Medical, called Partnering for Health Services. Both the Bon Secours and Mainline Medical clinics serve the working poor.

"Ninety percent of these people are working," says Gates. "But they fall through the cracks. They're not eligible for Medical Assistance but can't afford health insurance. Imagine being a diabetic and asking yourself, 'Should I feed my children or take my insulin?'"

All of Gates' patients qualify for the pharmaceutical industry's Indigent Drug Program, which provides medications for free to the very poor. Medical tests are paid for by Altoona Hospital's Partnership for a Healthier Community.

Gates' volunteer life extends beyond his health care outreach. He established the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation for Children in honor of his mother who died while Gates was in medical school. The Foundation funds an after school program for children, aged four



Gates also started a once-a-week clinic for the working poor who do not have medical insurance. Above, he reviews a patient's chart with Kim Muffie.

through 12 at Evergreen Manor. The program gives kids a safe place, a time to do homework, and activities and events, such as an outing to a ball game or a holiday party.

"My mother helped a lot of people in the project despite our being very poor," says Gates. "My mother believed in me and she taught me that, in society, you have to teach kids how to be good people."

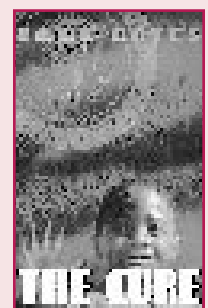
The Cure

As a medical student, Gates encountered a young boy who had a rare form of brain cancer, neuroblastoma. Gates was very moved by the boy's plight. "Both of his parents were in jail, and the boy was dying alone," says Gates. "I thought, 'What if another kid—a healthy kid—could give him a blood transfusion and it would work to cure him.'"

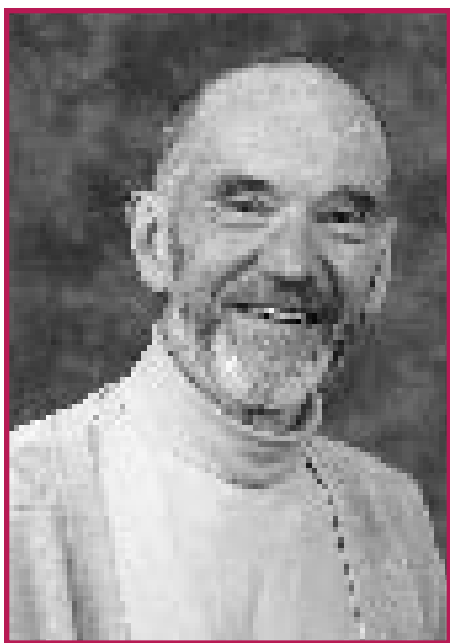
In truth, there was nothing Gates could do. The memory of the boy found its way into Gates' book, *The Cure*. It's a fictional story of a young boy whose blood is found to cure all types of cancer.

Gates has a plethora of ideas for books, and hopes to merge his calling to the medical arts with his newfound passion for fiction writing. "It's a lofty goal, I know," says Gates, "but it would be great to be successful enough as a writer so that I could do free clinics all of the time."

Gates' book, The Cure, published by The Writer's Workshop, can be ordered online from Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble at bn.com.



Raymond Dessy



Raymond Dessy, PhD '53 researches surface plasma resonance, trains dressage horses, occasionally navigates the Australian outback with wife, Lee, in a Land Rover, and lectures abroad on the acoustics of pre-Columbian wind instruments. It might be farfetched to venture that Dessy's School of Pharmacy degree contributes to his success in those wildly varied pursuits. But Dessy says it's easy for him to see the connectedness of his days at Pitt and his personal and professional evolution.

"Pharmacy was the only part of the university where you got chemistry, botany, first aid, and accounting as part of your basic training," says Dessy, a professor of chemistry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute for 36 years. He earned a PhD in chemistry from Pitt in 1956.

"Then you got the real world experience of internship. That was the thing that made me. It was an ideal platform for someone like me who was—and still is—very shy. I had to find ways to compensate, especially if I was to lecture in public and meet lots of people," he says.

Dessy split off from pharmacy after post-doctoral work at Ohio State, during which he took a job managing the veterinary school pharmacy. He taught chemistry at the University of Cincinnati before moving to Virginia, where he succumbed to a seven-year itch of sorts and kept shifting his academic focus within chemistry. Changing direction (as well as raising horses and playing and publishing about music) kept him "in the real world," Dessy says.

It also kept him connected with pharmacy. Dessy became interested in lab automation and information management, and he worked

with the American Chemical Society (ACS) to offer a weeklong, hands-on course for scientists who were starting to use computers to run lab equipment and calculate results. The first course was in 1970, before personal computers even existed. When it ended in 1993, more than 5,000 people—the bulk of them from pharmaceutical firms—had taken the class, and Dessy had received the first ACS Award for Computers in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Research. He had also acted as a lab automation consultant for pharmaceutical houses around the world.

Dessy says his pharmacology training at Pitt came into play when he started consulting for companies using combinatorial chemistry. Companies now create millions of compounds and test hundreds, even thousands, of them simultaneously against a few target diseases. The next question, he says, is what to do with all of that data and how to re-engineer people's jobs to get it done.

"A technical background isn't enough—you need people and communication skills," he says of today's scientists.

Dessy again points to his School of Pharmacy training for helping him to see, early on, the importance of listening and other people skills. It prompted him to start, more than 15 years ago, a professional development course for his doctoral students at Virginia Tech. Dessy has brought in professionals to talk to his students (he's trained 100 PhDs) about reading balance sheets, networking, and the social implications of the Internet.

"Younger faculty at Virginia Tech have since extended the course to undergraduate students, and I'm proud of that," says Dessy.

Jean Novak Scholtz

Jean Novak Scholtz, PharmD '76 has made a career out of balancing her professional and personal lives. Whether a sign of the times or simply her personal belief, Scholtz did not believe women could successfully balance the rigors of medicine with a family. By the ninth grade, she had already decided to pursue a career that would require math and science as well as let her care for the ill, but as the oldest of seven children, she knew she also wanted to have a family of her own one day.

Scholtz was drawn to hospital pharmacy during a clinical rotation at what is now UPMC Montefiore. She worked as a hospital pharmacist at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh for two years and then moved to Indiana with her husband, Edward Scholtz '76, who was pursuing a PhD at Purdue University. While working as a hospital pharmacist in that state, Scholtz earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue.

When the couple returned to Pennsylvania to be closer to their families, it was in Philadelphia that Scholtz developed her interest in oncology pharmacy and teaching, and where she has made notable contributions to her field. Scholtz, along with several colleagues, established a pharmacy committee to work within the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG), a network that gave pharmacists more visibility and coordinated their clinical and research efforts.

"Pharmacists were able to have more of an impact within the ECOG group and area hospitals," she says.

Scholtz spent seven years building oncology pharmacy services and participating in research at the Hospital of the University of

Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. "I'd go back to being an oncology pharmacist in a second," she says, "but after my second child was born I decided I needed to be a little closer to home."

Scholtz is now the clinical coordinator of pharmacy services at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, Pennsylvania, an associate professor at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and the president-elect of the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Despite her titles, Scholtz laughs at the notion that she has plotted a career path. Retirements and hospital mergers, she modestly insists, have led her to direct pharmacy and clinical programs at several hospitals. Scholtz gave up the director of pharmacy position at Mercy Suburban Hospital a year ago so she could concentrate on clinical work and teaching. She has taught at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and Temple University in addition to University of the Sciences.

Scholtz says she feels fortunate to have both a family and a career. Though she and her husband, who also works in the pharmaceutical industry, have been able to support each other over the years, they rarely talk shop at home. Instead, they choose to spend time with their now 16- and 11-year-old children.

As for her Distinguished Alumni award, Scholtz says she was surprised, and then a little confused. "I said I wasn't sure why they chose me, because I am just doing my job." But in doing so, Scholtz has shown that she can balance the demands of a career with her family life.



School of Pharmacy Brick Walkway: Caring Carved in Stone

Like many other aspects of the modern world, efforts in research, teaching, and clinical care at the School of Pharmacy advance and expand at a rapid pace. This pace is a necessity in the school's commitment to being a nationally recognized leader in the field, with an ultimate goal of improving the health and welfare of society.

However, the demands associated with our advancements can make this pace difficult to follow. Today's education methods require continuous transformation of facilities, adding state-of-the-art media and video equipment to more than one classroom, increasing computer access and capacity, and updating laboratories. In many cases, what's modern this year may be outdated in just two or three years. The most viable solution is to create a reserve for ongoing enhancements.

You can help with this solution, and permanently etch your name (or the name of a friend, family member, or former teacher) in

the School of Pharmacy's history. In recognition of your \$400 contribution, a brick will be inscribed and added to the Brick Walkway outside the School of Pharmacy entrance at Salk Hall. You also receive a certificate commemorating your gift.

Join the 390-plus individuals who have already taken their places in the Walkway. With your help, the School will remain in the vanguard of pharmacy education, and your name will become a permanent part of the School of Pharmacy, a visible and lasting demonstration of your commitment to the next century of University of Pittsburgh graduates.

Please note that your gift to the School of Pharmacy Brick Walkway is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your donation can be made all at once or over two years, in which case periodic reminders will be sent for each installment.

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Preceptor Profile

Jessica Denis mentors students through CVS's experiential learning program

Students come face-to-face with patient issues when they're on the floor of the Center Avenue CVS Pharmacy. The pharmacy is one of five CVS stores in the Pittsburgh area participating in an advanced experiential learning program developed by CVS Corporation. During the rotation, students are being challenged to use the full range of their skills and knowledge in directly helping patients. The focus, according to Dorothy Hart, CVS Pharmacy Human Resources Manager, is on patient counseling in an ambulatory setting.

During the rotation, students identify and counsel patients with specific health concerns—perhaps sitting down with a patient who has asthma, addressing the patient's medication questions, and advising on the proper use of an inhaler. Students may follow-up on a patient's antibiotic use, such as calling the patient three days after an antibiotic was dispensed to make sure the patient completes the course of medication. Students do on-site blood pressure screenings, compile a reference on a particular type of over-the-counter medication, undertake a community outreach project, and provide counseling to patients on a range of questions, all under the tutelage of preceptor Jessica Denis '94.

Denis, a pharmacist at the Center Avenue CVS for four years and a preceptor with the School of Pharmacy for three years, says that during the rotation, when students interact with patients, they understand that a lot can

be done for patients within a community pharmacy environment.

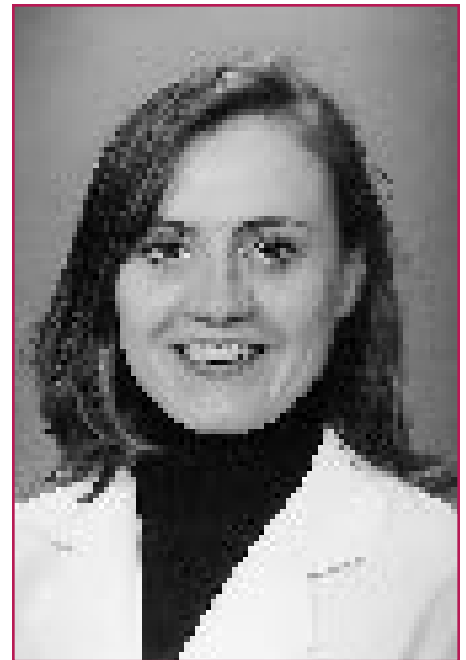
The rotation is customized around the student's goals so that if a student wants to do something specific, Denis helps them focus. "If a student's goal is to become more comfortable talking with physicians about prescription problems, then that's a focus," says Denis. "When a student counsels a patient—answering questions on medication—they can, for example, help people who are complaining of side effects," says Denis. "One patient came in with a continual headache. The student called the doctor and we looked up her medication. In advising her to split her doses, we helped her."

Phone calls to a physician about a prescription question can seem intimidating, says Denis. "I advise students to look up the drug information before calling. By gathering information, then talking to the doctor, they can make recommendations. Sure, people are busy and they sometimes might get a terse answer, but with every experience, they're one notch more comfortable with it."

Denis enjoys new ideas students bring to the blood pressure screening requirement of the rotation, in which a student designs and carries out an in-store free blood pressure screening event. It includes advertising, setting up a display and work area, and performing the blood pressure screenings. One student did the readings manually. Another used a semiautomatic digital reader. Student Brandi Bailey went one step further and recorded the blood pressure reading for the patient to take to his doctor. "Information that may seem simple can help the patient and spur the patient to ask questions about his or her health," says Denis.

"We have a business card with a diabetes checklist on it—one student made a point of handing the card to patients getting diabetes medication—to prompt them to increase self management of their condition."

Students design their community outreach project, based on recommendations provided by CVS for the rotation. Student Brent Ker-



rick did a smoking cessation presentation at a residential home. He planned the presentation, showed a video, disseminated information, and answered questions. "Now we have a program that can be modified and taken into other populations," says Denis.

One thing that surprised Denis is that the learning between her and the students could be reciprocal. In the fall, the pharmacy began receiving calls from patients and physicians with questions about medications for anthrax.

"Doctors were asking questions about drug protocol and we researched that," says Denis. The student's work ended up providing new information for the pharmacist.

Timothy Rhineheart was doing his rotation at the time and, in response to patients' concerns, he created an in-store patient information display.

"Tim reviewed the literature and called CVS's clinical service site to access online information," says Denis. He produced a concise display: "Anthrax—the Facts." It explained treatment, immunization, the three kinds of anthrax, and the chances of infection. The poster was displayed next to the pharmacy and patients seemed glad for the information the student had provided. "I definitely saw people reading it," says Denis.

Though the rotation is fairly new at Denis' store—it began in Summer 2001 and four students have completed it—Denis hopes to build a network with another CVS pharmacy preceptor to develop sites for student outreach into the community.

Edward C. Reif Memorial Laboratory Opening

The Rite Aid E.C. Reif Memorial Laboratory is open for business. Following a \$100,000 grant from the Rite Aid Corporation, the laboratory was unveiled in October 2001, and will provide students with state-of-the-art workspaces for pharmacy lab work.

Dr. Randy P. Juhl calls the lab's makeover a "reopening," referring to Rite Aid's earlier generous contribution to the same Salk Hall



laboratory more than 10 years ago, and says it pays a tremendous amount of respect to former dean, Edward C. Reif, the lab's namesake. "Dean Reif was a great man and this new space is a credit to his name."

Before the laboratory's renovation, it was used as a basic chemistry teaching room. The addition of three consultation rooms, improved counter and storage space, and new lighting puts the room at the forefront of technical design and capabilities. Sherry McQuiston '81, pharmacy alum and pharmacy development manager at Rite Aid, helped with the design of the lab. McQuiston says the new design will allow for easier lecturing as well as room for computer work. "Pharmacy has changed. We want Pitt's graduates to be prepared to enter their profession, and this lab will be the greatest tool they have to achieve success."



Above: (L to R) Michael Zemaitis, PHA '69, Vice-Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Marv Richardson, Senior Vice President for Operations, Rite Aid; Randy Juhl, Dean; Michele Belsey, Director of College and Professional Recruitment, Rite Aid; Ernie Sanchez, student, P-3 year; and Sherry McQuiston, PHA '81, Pharmacy Development Manager, Rite Aid.

Far Left: Rite Aid Check Presentation

Distinguished Lecture Series

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy is nationally recognized for excellence in research, teaching, and service. Contributing to that recognition is our Distinguished Lecture Series, which brings speakers, who are "cutting edge" in their areas of expertise, to Pitt's Oakland campus. Their topics will be of interest to alumni, current students, school supporters, and representatives of health care organizations or pharmaceutical companies.

2001-2002 Distinguished Lecture Series

November 27, 2001 *

"Metrics for Measuring Medication Safety: Challenges and Opportunities"
Philip J. Schneider, MS, FASHP
Clinical Professor and Director of the Latiolais Leadership Program
College of Pharmacy
Ohio State University

January 15, 2002

"Advances in Methods for Monitoring Outcomes: The Internet & Computerized Dynamic Health Assessments"
John E. Ware Jr., PhD
Founder
QualityMetric, Inc.

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"New Biodegradable Polymers for Injectable Drug Delivery: Design to Clinical Application"
Sung Wan Kim, PhD
Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Controlled Chemical Delivery
University of Utah

April 2, 2002

"New Frontiers in the Treatment of Nicotine Dependence"
Dorothy Hatsukami, PhD
Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Tobacco Use Research Programs
University of Minnesota

April 16, 2002

"Toxicological Interactions: How One Chemical Influences the Toxicity of Another"
I. Glenn Sipes, PhD '69
Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
College of Medicine
University of Arizona

This lecture series is free and open to the public.

Lectures will be held in 456 Salk Hall at noon, followed by a reception.

For more information, call 412-624-8185.

** At the time of publication, this lecture had passed.*



Seventh Annual Alumni Weekend

The seventh annual University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy Alumni Weekend was held June 1-3, 2001, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, nestled in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. School of Pharmacy alumni had the opportunity to network with fellow practitioners and renew old acquaintances as well as support the school and the projects of the Alumni Society. This year's reunion was for the Class of 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 1996; with a special reunion for Class of 1951 and 1976. Alumni honored this year's Distinguished Alumni: Raymond Dessy '53 and Jean Novak Scholtz '76. (See profiles on pages 6 and 7, respectively.)



Jean Novak Scholtz celebrates her award with her family.



Raymond Dessy '53 is presented with his plaque by Randy Juhl, dean, and nominator, Vincent Venturella '54, '56, '61.

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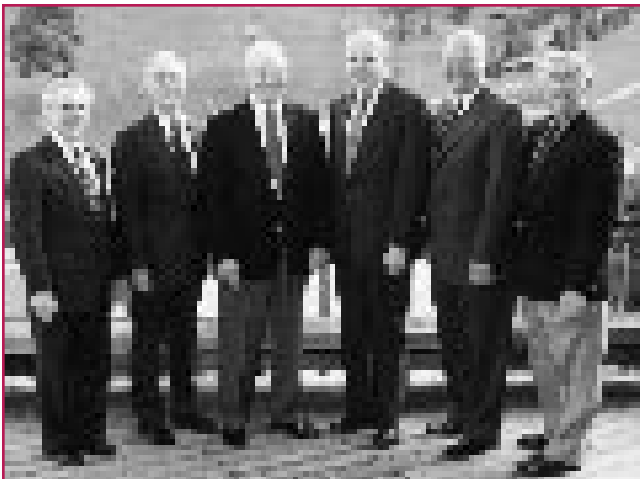
Having traveled from across the country to gather with former classmates in the scenic Laurel Highlands, classes pose for photos at this year's reunion.



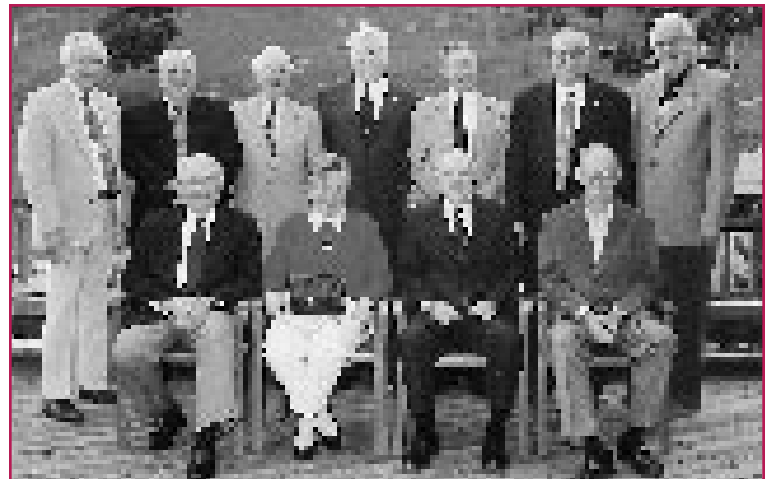
Class of 1976



Class of 1961



Class of 1951



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Save the Date!

Alumni Weekend 2002
June 7 and 8
Seven Springs Resort

New activities for
alumni and families.

Alumni Transcripts

Alumni Appointed to Leadership Positions in PSHP

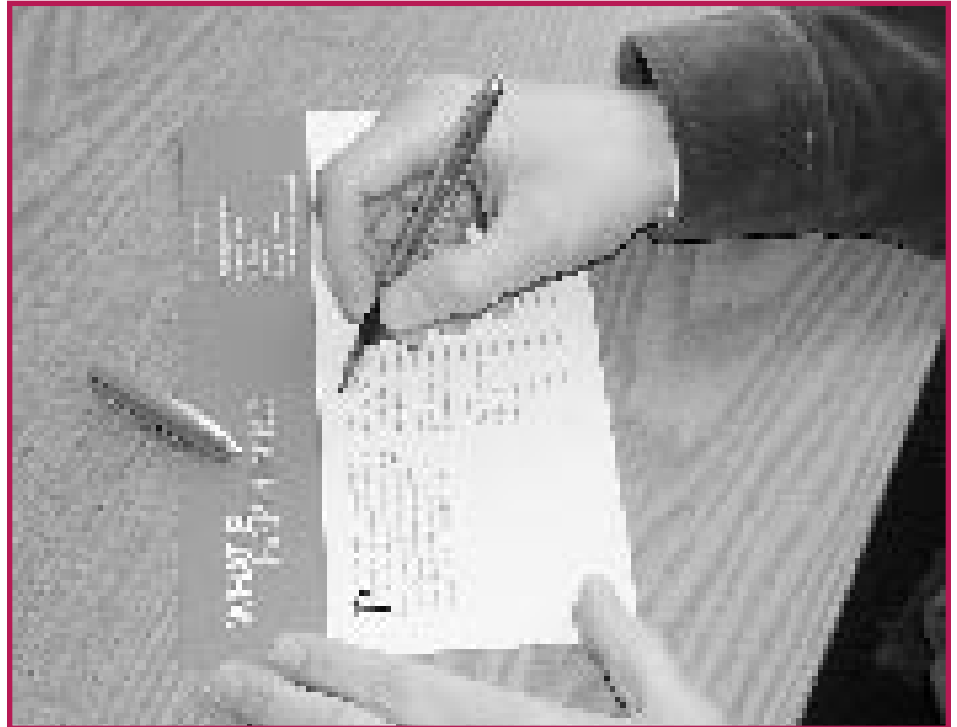
On October 11, 2001, School of Pharmacy Alumnus **William J. Crossey '76** was installed as the president of the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSHP) at the 33rd Annual Assembly in Seven Springs Resort. Having served PSHP in numerous capacities over the past 10 years and having come through the ranks of the local Western Pennsylvania Chapter, Crossey is well prepared for the challenges of his new expanded role with PSHP. Joining Crossey in the leadership of the PSHP in the upcoming year as president-elect will be fellow alumnus, **Jean Novak Scholtz, PharmD '76**. The PSHP is a group dedicated to the future of the profession of pharmacy whose core strengths are in the services provided in the areas of continuing education, networking, political advocacy, and practice standards.

1950s

The George H. Searight Memorial Award was presented to **Richard Lithgow '50** at the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) annual meeting at Seven Springs Resort. The PPA bestowed this award on Lithgow for outstanding devotion and service to the PPA, his county or local association, as well as strong commitment to and involvement in local community activities.

1970s

Ralph Progar '71 has been honored with the chain community pharmacy industry's highest pharmacy honor, the Harold W. Pratt Award, presented by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) during the 44th Annual NACDS Pharmacy & Technology Conference held recently in Chicago.



1980s

Kim Sergeant '81, '84 has been appointed director of pharmacy at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in Galveston, Texas. Sergeant has been at the UTMB since 1988, serving first in the drug information center and as assistant director before becoming the director.

1990s

Kmart Corporation presented its northeast region "Pharmacist of the Year" award to **John A. Crupie '90**, pharmacy manager of the Big Kmart store in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. Crupie received this award in March at the Kmart Pharmacy National Meeting held in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

In December 2000, **Dolores A. Kutzer '90** received her PharmD from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

Heather E. Wynn '97, fellow, was awarded the 2001 ACCP-Ortho/McNeil Infectious Diseases Fellowship by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy at its annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, this past October.

2000s

Alexander Pytlarz, PharmD '01 began the 2001-02 Executive Residency in Association Management at American Society of Consultant Pharmacists headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. During this year-long program, Pytlarz will learn day-to-day operations, take responsibility for specific projects, and gain experience in all aspects of association management. The ASCP is the international professional association that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of senior care pharmacy. While at Pitt, Pytlarz was president of the University of Pittsburgh chapter of the Academy for Students of Pharmacy-American Pharmaceutical Association.

Ninth Annual Career Roundtable

Participating in the School of Pharmacy's
Ninth Annual Career Roundtable

Pharmacy Managed Care:

Patrick Kerrish '87, Highmark Blue Cross/
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Eric Culley, Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Community Pharmacy:

Joseph Gatto '75, Rite Aid
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Dennis Swanson, University of Pittsburgh
Paul Knapp '95, Syncor



Chain Pharmacy Management:

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Thomas Paulone, Rite Aid

IV Infusion Services/Long-term Care:

Peter Alt '74, St. Clair Senior Care Network
Amy Baloh '93, Mission Pharmacy Services

Medical Automation:

Ray Stierer '79, Interactive Information

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Rae Ann Maxwell '87, '97, Western
Pennsylvania Psychiatric Clinic
Janet Kerfonta '87, UPMC Presbyterian

Clinical Pharmacy:

Jill Slimick '92, '96, VAMC
Amy Seybert '94, '96, UPMC Presbyterian

Medical Affairs/Industry:

Margie Zak '87, Aventis Pharmaceuticals
Megan Zoschg '00, Ortho-McNeil

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Faculty

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Herbert Barry III Retires to Emeritus Professor

Dean Randy Juhl honored **Herbert Barry III** at a retirement reception at the School of Pharmacy on Thursday, July 12, 2001, which coincided with Barry's appointment to emeritus professor. Barry received his PhD in experimental psychology from Yale University and, in 1963, came to Pitt with appointments in both the School of Pharmacy and in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

During his academic career, he contributed significantly to the scholarly research through publishing extensively in journals, books, essays, etc., and has been a member of editorial boards as well as serving as the managing editor of the journal *Psychopharmacology*. He was principal investigator of research grants funded continuously for 25 years and served on research review committees. Barry received distinction from his colleagues, specifically in 1986 when he received the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for Stimulus Properties of Drugs. He has been a fellow in numerous organizations, including the American Psychological Association, Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences, American Anthropological Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Dr. Kroboth, Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dr. Herbert Barry III.

Terry Schwinghammer, PharmD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been named Pharmacist of the Year for 2001 by the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists for his contributions to pharmacy education and practice both in Pennsylvania and nationally. The award was presented during the PSHP Annual Assembly at Seven Springs, Pennsylvania, in October.

Ralph Tarter, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and director of the Center for Education and Drug Abuse Research, received the Service to Society for Prevention Research Award by the Society for the Prevention Research (SPR) for his role as a founding member, treasurer for the SPR's first seven years, and establishing the organization's journal, *Prevention Science*. SPR was founded in Pittsburgh in 1992.

William C. Zamboni, PharmD '92, '94, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, was awarded the 2001 ACCP-Aventis Oncology Research Fellowship by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy at its annual meeting in Tampa,

Florida, this past October for the project titled "Evaluation of the Tumor Disposition of Cisplatin using Microdialysis in Patients with Melanoma."

Francis Balog, MBA, clinical instructor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics, is serving on the Joint Editorial Review Board for the Special Operations Forces Medical Handbook from the US Special Operations Command.

Pharmacology Prof Driving Force behind Indian Performing Arts Center

Balwant Dixit, PhD '66, professor of pharmacology in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and recipient of the School of Pharmacy's 1982 Distinguished Alumni Award, has a longstanding interest in the performing arts. In 1985, he established the Center for the Performing Arts of India at the University of Pittsburgh. Serving as an exchange program between Pitt and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), the center sponsors leading Indian classical musicians, features performances, and gives work-

and will continue to be a season ticket holder for the Pitt Panther football games, as he has since he started at Pitt in 1963.



Dr. Barry and a friend talk during his retirement reception.

Student

NEWS

shops in Indian classical music at universities and colleges throughout the United States.

Though it is part of Pitt's Asian studies program, the center receives no University funds. All of the center's work—financial and immigration matters, travel planning, concert scheduling and promotion, housing and feeding of musicians—is managed by Dixit and a handful of other volunteers, including his wife, Vidya. Funding for center presentations comes from fees, ticket sales, and grants.

New Faculty

Nicole Ansani, PharmD '95 has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics and associate director of the University of Pittsburgh Drug Information Center. Ansani completed a bachelor's and a PharmD degree at Pitt, then completed an ASHP residency in drug information at UPMC. Ansani had been a drug information specialist at the West Penn-Allegheny Health System prior to joining the faculty.

Sandra Kane, PharmD has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics where she will specialize in outcomes research. Kane earned her PharmD from the University of Toledo, completing an ASHP accredited residency in pharmacy practice at West Virginia University. She comes to Pitt from Ohio State University where she was a clinical fellow in critical care pharmacy and earned her Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration with an emphasis in Health Outcomes.

Emily Wade, PharmD has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics where she will specialize in clinical activities in surgery. Wade earned her PharmD from West Virginia University, completing an ASHP accredited residency in pharmacy practice at the University of Pittsburgh/UPMC Health System and a specialty pharmacy residency in critical care at UPMC Presbyterian.

Pilot Program in Pittsburgh Graduates Four Pitt Students

Four University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy students were among 25 honored at a reception co-sponsored by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and the Coro Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh Sports Center on July 31, 2001. **Julie Aaron; Tanya Fabian, PharmD '98 (and current PhD student); Christy Kelso;** and **Julie Kramer** completed an eight-week summer fellowship program designed to introduce graduate students in the health sciences to the most creative thinkers in Pittsburgh's healthcare community. Through site visits, interviews, and discussions, fellows had the opportunity to meet in interdisciplinary teams to learn from "cutting edge" researchers and practitioners. The program recruited fellows from local colleges and universities, representing—in addition to pharmacy—graduate students in nursing, dental medicine, health law, information science, medicine, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. The program supports the Jewish Healthcare Foundation's mission to improve the health and quality of life of the residents of the Pittsburgh region and the Coro Center for Civic Leadership's goal of developing talented and well-educated community leaders for the region.

Pharmacy Students Study Natural Medicines in Belize

For the sixth consecutive year, students from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh traveled to the remote rainforests of Belize, Central America. During this eight-day field trip in May, 23 students from eight different pharmacy schools studied plant medicine and Mayan healing with world renown herbalist Dr. Rosita Arvigo; collected herbarium samples with traditional healers at Terra Nova (new earth) Medicinal Plant reserve; and visited Xuantunich, the highest Mayan ruin in all of Belize.

Pitt students who participated in the SRF 2001 class included **Kim Murphy** and **Matthew Shannon**. The 2000 class included **Christine Nguyen, Cristen Smithmyer, Amy Ream, Julie Mannello, Bridgett Craig, Corey Skula, Adele Rike, and Rosemary Stanovich.**

Kappa Psi Receives Recognition at Biannual Convention

Over the summer, more than 20 current Kappa Psi brothers and alumni from Pitt attended the biannual Grand Council Convention held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. At this convention, the University of Pittsburgh's Beta Kappa chapter received the award for most improved scholarship and was named the sixth collegiate Kappa Psi chapter in the nation. These awards were chosen from over 80 chapters in the United States, so Kappa Psi has much of which to be proud.

Kappa Psi has been continuing its volunteer efforts at three Family House locations in Pittsburgh, as well as participating in the Diabetes Walk and Leukemia Walk, both held in September. Brothers also donated blood and over \$500 to the Red Cross following the tragedies in New York City.

The Beta Kappa chapter hosted the Province II Fall Assembly during the final weekend of October. Collegiate and graduate chapters from Pennsylvania and West Virginia convened in Oakland for meetings, socials, a career fair, and continuing education.

Students Attend University of Utah: School of Alcoholism and Chemical Dependencies

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy students, **Jessica Pradhan** and **Julie Mannello**, attended the University of Utah's annual School on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependencies, held at the University of Utah, June 19-23, 2000.

Attendees of this weeklong training/education had the opportunity to become involved in the planning, implementation, and strengthening of state- and campus-level programs to assist pharmacists or pharmacy students whose competence to perform their responsibilities has become impaired due to a chemical dependency. Focus was on finding treatment, ongoing recovery, and reentry into the practice of pharmacy or their pharmacy education.

In addition to pharmacy, the University of Utah designs programs for many health care students and professionals, such as dental, medical, and nursing. Chemical dependency is a serious issue and many professionals need help from their peers.

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Charles L. Glatz '28 of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, pharmacist and retired captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, died



June 7, 2001. Glatz earned his pharmacy degree as a member of the first three-year program, and eventually earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1932. He was one of four members of the Class of 1928

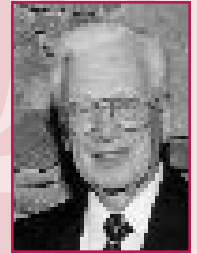
who returned to campus in 1978 for their 50th class reunion.

Glatz enjoyed vigorous good health into his 90s and was proud to have his name placed in the School of Pharmacy Brick Walkway. "After the funeral, I was able to see his brick before Salk Hall and was very touched by it and the many names and dates of other graduates," wrote his son, Lawrence F. Glatz.

In addition to his son, Lawrence, he is survived by another son, Charles L. Glatz Jr.; a daughter, Louise Eklund; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years.

A full obituary is online at www.lawrenceglatz.com/charlesglatz.htm.

Jacob "Jake" Lloyd Grimm '50 of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, formerly of Herminie, died June 25, 2001, at the age of 77. Recipient of the School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997, he was a Renaissance man in every sense of the term. He was a well-respected pharmacist, archeologist, and historian.



Grimm left a lasting imprint upon the School of Pharmacy, devoting much of his time to the Elmer H. Grimm Sr. Pharmacy Museum at the School of Pharmacy, which was established by his nephew, Donald W. Grimm '63 and his nephew's wife, Kathryn and bears Jake's father's name. In addition to serving as archivist for the museum, he contributed many objects from his personal collection.

Jake is survived by his wife of 38 years, Beverly Felgar Grimm, and two sons, Jacob L. Grimm and Barry J. Grimm.

A full obituary is online at www.pharmacy.pitt.edu/alumni/jakegrimm.html.

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