



"The curriculum on both campuses will be identical. The Mobile facilities will be virtually identical to those on the Auburn campus. Students will be Auburn University students."

Lee Evans, Dean

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HSOP OPENS MOBILE CAMPUS Addressing Shortage of Trained Pharmacists

Walt Disney was known for a famous quote, "If you can dream it, you can do it." This year, Dean Lee Evans has realized one of his long held dreams: to open a satellite school of pharmacy in Alabama. Some years ago, Evans began contemplating how the Harrison School of Pharmacy could best address the increasing nationwide shortage of pharmacists. Increasing enrollment had been in HSOP's strategic plan for some time. After recent renovation and expansion of the School's Education and Clinic Wing, part of that dream became a reality.



L-R: Evans, Marlowe, Heilman, Moulton, Covey & Jenkins

With the Grand Opening Ceremony held September 14 on the new Mobile campus, the dream has come full circle. Find more information about the Mobile Campus Grand Opening Ceremony at www.pharmacy.auburn.edu under News and Events.

How the Mobile Campus Developed

Evans eventually came to the conclusion that "the quickest and most cost-effective way for HSOP to address this continuing shortage was to establish a

satellite campus, preferably in partnership with a school that had an accredited medical program." When he discovered that the University of South Alabama was interested in developing a college of pharmacy, talks of collaboration between the two schools began. Evans noted, "A very positive relationship has developed between USA and AU." Having full-time HSOP faculty already in Mobile was a definite plus. Discussions with USA continued over the next two years.

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APAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Greetings from North Alabama! I hope that this brief note finds you happy, and healthy. Most of you know me by now. But if you don't, I am Phillip Rigsby, class of 2000. I have been serving as the APAA President since 2003. Professionally, I am a compounding pharmacist and a fill-in retail pharmacist. I am very excited to be involved with the Auburn Pharmacy Alumni Association, HSOP and the profession of pharmacy. This has been a very rewarding experience and if you are ever offered the chance to serve on the APAA board, let me encourage you to do so.

As the school year began at HSOP, a new group of eager minds started their journey as student pharmacists along with those already on that road. Can you remember your adventures in pharmacy school? The classes and tests? The professors and administration? The alumni? Do you really remember the alumni? How important was it to some of you to have a great alumni mentor to help guide you either before, during, or after completion of pharmacy school? Maybe they helped you decide a career path, or maybe you are working for them now. Either way, the influence they had over you was very beneficial.

My challenge to you today is to be an influence to our student pharmacists, HSOP and the profession. You may be surprised at the influence that we have on people on a daily basis.

How can you influence these groups via the alumni association? The first (and probably the one you are expecting) is by joining the APAA. The opportunities through the APAA to interact with the students and school are invaluable. Whether it is volunteering to serve on the many committees of the school or by participating in the APAA sponsored events, your participation and membership in the APAA is invaluable. Plus, you receive the benefits of the alumni newsletter, the alumni directory and CE opportunities.

Your monetary donations are another way you have influence. The students benefit from your donations via scholarships. The school benefits by providing funding for programs and academic initiatives. The financial support of the APAA is a crucial link to the success of the school. I know that every time you turn around, someone or some organization is asking for money, but isn't it worth a few dollars to promote the betterment of your profession?

Please help the APAA to be a positive influence on our student pharmacists, HSOP and the profession. You make the difference! I look forward to working with you and the APAA during the upcoming year. WAR EAGLE and God Bless!

Sincerely,
Phillip Rigsby '00
President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

Two Presidents Agree

In November 2006, former AU President Ed Richardson and USA President Gordon Moulton signed a Memorandum of Understanding. With that, the momentum for the partnership shifted into high gear. Moulton said, "Given USA's role as an academic health system and a major provider of health care for the region, we believe this program is a natural complement to our programs in Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health Professions." This agreement between the two universities provides that the HSOP establish a satellite program in facilities in the USA Health Services Center, staff and administer the program with AU faculty, and establish the same admission requirements and academic criteria as the HSOP at Auburn's campus. "The agreement enables the two institutions to work together to improve pharmacy care in the southern part of the state," said Richardson, "while making efficient use of state funds."

"Dr. Richardson gets the credit, in my book, for helping the satellite program come to fruition," said Evans. "Once the decision was made, Dr. Richardson and Dr. Moulton did a great job of pushing us forward." And the speed of development has been unprecedented. Who could have expected HSOP's satellite school in Mobile would be able to open for business in nine short months?

Faculty Planning and IT's Involvement

"The building is ready," Evans said, "and a ton of technology has been installed." He particularly credits the faculty planning group and the hard working IT group at HSOP for an outstanding job resulting in speedy and positive results.

The IT journey on this project could easily fill a few dozen notebooks. But suffice to say the IT team at HSOP managed setbacks, long hours, frustrations, trips back and forth to Mobile, and much more, with a seasoned grace that deserves recognition. Evans agrees. He said, "HSOP has an incredible IT group who designed and implemented the telecommunication systems that allows for the seamless two-way delivery of instruction between the two schools." Barry McConatha, IT Manager said, "We are seeing the true convergence of technology and teaching through synchronous delivery of classes over a dedicated network. The HSOP IT department, working in concert with our managed services vendor Wire One Communications, designed and implemented a delivery system, complete with fail-safes, that we believe will facilitate a better learning environment on both campuses."

Benefits of Partnership

Besides technology, the Mobile campus program offers many unique benefits to both USA and AU in terms of efficiency and costs. Evans rattled off a list of the major benefits like a man with a long held passion. "It will quickly increase the number of graduating pharmacists, the quality of the program is parallel to our main campus, and it's less expensive than starting up a new program," he said. "Faculty recruitment is often an issue due to availability, so there is less duplication of faculty and services. HSOP's program is accredited, so there will be no



Entrance to the Mobile facilities



Mobile class views Auburn lecture via teleconferencing.

prolonged accreditation process associated with a new program. At USA, you have pharmacy, medical, and nursing students all in same community. This will allow for more inter-professional education among all these health disciplines. Lastly, it allows for expansion and contraction of the program based on the market for pharmacists. Perhaps as important is the fact that HSOP could not increase its class size at AU without additional space." Evans summed up his list succinctly, "This satellite approach successfully addresses a number of important issues in one package."

Who What and Where?

The Mobile campus offices and classrooms are located in the Health Services Building located on the USA campus. The Mobile campus will allow HSOP to admit an additional 24 students per year. New enrollees will be served by five new full-time faculty members located in Mobile, including Doctors of Pharmacy Brock Woodis, '05, Rakhi Karwa, Ray Lorenz and Angela Vinti. Dr. Karen Marlowe is the Interim Assistant Dean and Associate Department Head. Rounding out this group of pioneers is Marian Williams, Student Services Coordinator, Melissa Coumanis, Coordinator of Experiential Learning, Lisa Black, Administrative Support and Chuck Bolivar, IT for Mobile. Dr. Allison Chung, who has been practicing at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Mobile since 2002, will also serve as faculty.

Virtual Mirror Images

Facilities on the Mobile campus are virtually identical to those at AU in terms

Here's wishing you a great new year! And what a way to start the year with a new layout and design for our Newsletter. Your officers, pharmacy alumni office and our graphic designer, Ms. Jane Drake, have done a stupendous job. If you've visited our Website recently, you will also have noticed that it has been redesigned with a similar look. And by the way, if you have an email address and haven't signed up for our E-Newsletter, please do so now, because we'd love to share with you what's going on at your School throughout the year. Look for the sign-up link in the Alumni and Friends section of our Website (www.pharmacy.auburn.edu). The Harrison School of Pharmacy is looking forward to an exciting 2008 with a number of changes in store for us. We had a great fall semester and things are humming along very well.



Mobile Campus: The Mobile Campus is up and running and student pharmacists there are doing exceptionally well. Dr. Karen Marlowe is serving as the Assistant Dean for the Mobile Campus. Other full time faculty located in Mobile includes Allison Chung, Brock Woodis, Rakhi Karwa, Ray Lorenz and Angela Vinti. You can see their photos on page 16. Staff for this facility is Lisa Black, Melissa Coumanis, Marian Williams and Chuck Bolivar. The building has now been fully outfitted with technology and is ready for the next new class in the fall.

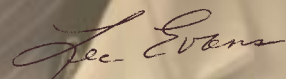
Walker Building Renovation: Phase II of the facilities renovation is in the planning stages and construction will most likely begin in May 2008. The Research tower will have a face lift to update the facilities into modern research laboratories. This renovation is long overdue and will serve to attract the best and brightest research faculty to Auburn to enhance our research mission. Dr. Charlene McQueen joined the school as the new Department Head for Pharmacal Sciences. Dr. McQueen was previously at the University of Arizona and I am sure you will enjoy reading the introduction in this issue. She has the opportunity to rebuild our pharmaceutical sciences faculty and research program. An active search process is well underway to recruit new researchers and faculty to Auburn.

Fund Raising: I am very proud of the APAA, and our friends, for the support of the fund raising efforts this year. Over ten thousand dollars was raised through the alumni golf tournament with the proceeds dedicated to scholarships. Aubie participated in a "ball drop" at the tournament which generated over \$1200 to support student pharmacist travel to professional meetings.

Brenda Evans and Louise Barker donated a hand crafted Auburn quilt, with lots of tigers and orange and blue, for a raffle. The proceeds are also to support student pharmacist travel. Thanks to many donors, over \$3000 was raised. I speak for students and faculty when I say that your contributions are very much appreciated as is the work that alumni provided to make these efforts successful. Speaking of fund raising, check out our new Director of Development and Alumni Affairs for the School. Jimmy Harris is a former Auburn football team member and has worked for athletics prior to coming to the School. Jimmy is a great guy and I am sure you will enjoy getting to know him. Many of you knew Hunter Peak who was Jimmy's predecessor. Hunter took a promotion within the Office of Development and continues to do great things for the School and the University.

Thank You to Affiliate Clinical Faculty: You can see examples of the work our full time faculty does in this issue. But I need to take a moment to brag about our Affiliate Clinical Faculty. These colleagues give their time and energy to provide clinical instruction to aspiring student pharmacists in their practices. Historically, as long as there have been identified health professions, practitioners have sustained their profession by helping their successors develop proficient skills and become mature colleagues. In my mind, not only is this advocacy for a profession, but also a source of enrichment for a practitioner. I know when I was engaged in clinical education I found it that way. Teaching is fulfilling and is the reason that most of us engage in this endeavor. These Affiliate Clinical Faculty enhance our path of excellence and sustain our profession by helping our student practitioners develop skills and become mature colleagues. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all those who give back in this way.

Waaar Eagle!



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of team rooms, furnishings, lecture halls, and technology. The curriculum received by student pharmacists on both campuses will be identical. They will be Auburn University students, and will compete for admission with all other applicants, participate in the same student organizations, be eligible for the same scholarships, grants and loans, and will pay Auburn tuition. Mobile graduates will receive a diploma from Auburn which will denote that their work was completed on the Mobile campus.

The Happy Ending

If you haven't guessed already, the first class of future AU Pharmacists on the Mobile campus is underway as you read this. For Dean Evans, opening day was another dream realized. On this momentous occasion, he was in a mood to look to the future. "Auburn is among many well established schools of pharmacy in the nation that have ramped up the graduation of pharmacists to meet the needs of patients due to the current pharmacist shortage," he said. "We're proud we can contribute positively to relieving this crisis, and we're proud to say our Mobile Campus represents the cutting edge in 'high tech - high touch' professional education just like our Auburn campus."

"And that's a good thing," or so says Martha Stewart. If Walt Disney were still around, he would agree with Martha, and he might even swear a bit of Disney-type magic had been sprinkled on Dean Evans and his able teams. Magic wands, faerie dust or rabbits-in-a-hat! One thing is certain, the HSOP Mobile satellite program is real at last. ■

An Amazon Adventure

STUDENT PHARMACISTS STUDY IN THE JUNGLE

Matt Jenkins, president of the Harrison School of Pharmacy Student Council and Amy Pennington, a Class Justice, are both on track to graduate in 2009. But what do student pharmacist leaders like these do on their summer vacations? In the case of these two, they went from cracking the books to tracking medicinal plants in an exotic living

laboratory this summer. It would turn out to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them and eight University of Kansas P4s who brought along their Director of Experiential Learning, Dr. Jim Kleoppel. They were part of a Study Abroad Program hosted by The Global Awareness Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (www.gaiglobal.org). This non-profit program involved a 3 to 6-credit undergraduate course which requires students to live, basically as the natives do, in the middle of the Amazon jungle for two weeks. This unique opportunity provided "hands-on" study in the rainforest of Peru. Amy stayed an extra week to work with the children of the community. The group had brought clothes and school supplies for them.



Amy Pennington (middle) sits atop the mountain overlooking the Incan "Lost City" of Machu Picchu in Peru.

Global Awareness Institute Goals

One of the main goals of GAI is to protect the rainforest while bringing responsible sustainable development to the region and raise awareness of global warming. GAI's founder Dr. Barbara Brodman said, "It is GAI's mission - and my personal quest - to help prevent our reaching a point of no return in the next few years. Once students have seen and experienced the rainforest, most of them become deeply committed to saving it," she said. "And that is the other side of our mission: to create a legion of young leaders and professionals worldwide whose values and visions reflect a genuine commitment to saving this beautiful planet of ours." Neither Matt nor Amy could have known how much their short time in the Amazon would change their thoughts about life and the global nature of the wider world they are about to enter as professional pharmacists.

Latin American Culture and Incan History

After a long plane ride from Atlanta to Cusco, the group spent their first week in Peru learning about Latin American culture and Incan history. Chachi, Dr. Brodman's Peruvian husband, acted as guide on all excursions and had considerable knowledge to share. The group explored nearby Incan ruins, including The Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Valley, and Saqusaywaman - the Incan answer to Stonehenge. On their fourth day, they traveled to Machu Picchu, the fabled "Lost City of the Incas." The city sits atop a mountain at an altitude close to 8,000 ft. The Incas built a trail up the side of Huayna Picchu (the peak above the city) and built temples and terraces on top. Matt said, "Only 200 people could climb the peak each day and everybody had to sign in



Matt Jenkins glides along the Amazon River.

Spotlight on Faculty

THE FOXES RETURN TO THE "HEN HOUSE"

Brent ('99 & '05) and Georgia Wavra Fox ('05) are Auburn orange and blue all the way. The couple met at Auburn while Georgia was in the Pharm.D. program and Brent was in the Ph.D. program. Though their career paths led them away from Auburn for a while, last year they returned as faculty members of the Harrison School of Pharmacy.

Avid football fans, the Foxes have always enjoyed tailgating and attending AU football games. "And we never leave early," said Brent. "Whether Auburn is ahead by 40 or behind by 40, we stay until the clock reads 00:00." Their affiliation to Auburn is pretty hard to miss. Not only do they deck out in the traditional AU colors for the games, but they also named their new black lab puppy Shug. Because Shug is so cute, full of personality, and loved, Coach Jordan would surely be flattered that an Auburn family honored him in such a way.

Currently, Georgia is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Her practice site is at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Ala. where she rounds in the ICU, providing a rotation site for P4 students. Brent is an Assistant Research Professor in the Dean's Office where he focuses on IT-related projects within the HSOP. Recently, he worked closely with faculty, staff, students and vendors in establishing the HSOP Mobile campus. In fact, he and our Manager of IT, Barry McConatha, were in San Francisco in December to present a poster at the Campus Technology Winter 2007 Conference. It highlighted the challenges and lessons learned in getting the HSOP Mobile Campus up and running just nine months after final approval. The poster had an international stage and is one of only 16 accepted.

While Georgia happily decided on a traditional role within the pharmacy profession, her husband has chosen to follow "the road less traveled." Brent said, "I entered pharmacy school not really knowing what career path I would follow. I discovered what I wanted to do during orientation. Professor Bill Felkey talked to us about his area of expertise: healthcare informatics. I was hooked." During Brent's time as a professional student, he was lucky enough to learn and work with Felkey and his Pharmacy Care Systems colleagues on different informatics projects. These days Brent is considered an expert in this specialty. He is often asked to speak at various places around the world on technology issues, and he is a frequent contributor to ComputerTalk Magazine and to Hospital Pharmacy.

Though Brent always had an eye on graduate school, when the time came he found he was ready for a change. He took a job in the private sector with Computer Programs and Systems, Inc. in Mobile. Brent made the most of his year at CPSI, traveling around the country installing systems, training hospital pharmacy personnel on the pharmacy component of the CPSI system and adding to his knowledge and reputation. As he put it, "CPSI was a great learning opportunity."



Brent, Shug & Georgia get decked out for their Auburn Tigers.

Auburn was still calling Brent home, however, so he returned in 2000 to pursue a Ph.D. in the PCS Department. He worked closely with his mentor Bill Felkey, as well as Bruce Berger and other faculty members. Brent said, "I was fortunate enough to have many great opportunities as a graduate student. In addition to the traditional teaching and research assistant activities, I was able to serve as a consultant to pharmacy groups on information technology-related issues. These consulting trips took me to great destinations, like Hawaii, Alaska, and Switzerland." Who would have thought such perks could come along with pursuing a graduate degree in Pharmacy?

Many pharmacists come from pharmacy families and Brent is no exception. He said, "My father, who recently retired, was on staff at USA Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile for 40 years; he was director for almost 39 years." Having a pharmacist dad had its advantages even from a child's perspective. Some of Brent's earliest memories were of infamous water gun fights he and his brother had after visiting their dad's workplace. Only these guns were actually 60cc syringes. Once loaded with water, they were perhaps even better, and certainly more unusual, than any their friends had. Brent doesn't say whether his dad knew about these sibling shenanigans.

Georgia, on the other hand, comes from a well educated non-pharmacist family. Her father, George, was an accountant prior to retirement. Her mother, JoAnn, had many roles in the education field prior to retiring: teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent of elementary education. Georgia added, "My oldest sister Mica and brother Mark both pursued accounting degrees and are CPAs. My other sister Mary Anna is a physical therapist. She and I are the only two who pursued a career in healthcare."

Throughout high school, Georgia was interested in a career in the medical field. "My first three years of college were spent at the University of South Alabama," she said. "There I had the opportunity to learn about pharmacy through coursework, shadowing experiences, and working in a community pharmacy. These experiences solidified my desire to become a pharmacist." After completing her pre-pharmacy course at USA, Georgia entered Auburn's Pharmacy program.

"People often comment on my name," said Georgia, "and ask if I were named for the State. I was actually born on my father's birthday and was named after him." Last summer, Georgia organized a special family gathering at Callaway Gardens to honor her dad's 70th birthday. Seventeen family members including her dad and mother, all four children, their spouses and children spent the weekend at the Gardens. "It's somewhat of a family joke," Georgia said, "but this was the first time since I was born that we celebrated my father's birthday instead of mine."

While Brent was in the last stages of finishing his Ph.D. in the fall of 2004, he was hired as director of the Center for Pharmacy Informatics at the Shenandoah University Dunn School of Pharmacy in Virginia. Georgia was on rotations in Huntsville at that time. They both knew their relationship was serious, but they had not yet become engaged. In November, Brent secretly asked Georgia's parents for her hand in marriage and began to cook up a plan to surprise Georgia with a ring and a romantic proposal.



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Brent made a couple of clandestine trips from Virginia to Alabama to set up his surprise, and the story about those trips has become a favorite with the couple. "All Georgia knew was that I would meet her on Friday in Huntsville," said Brent. "Actually, I had secretly arranged to fly into Huntsville on Thursday, drive to Montgomery for the night, and meet with my jeweler on Friday morning before returning to Huntsville." Brent was staying overnight with friends George and Jessi Parker in Montgomery. A fellow AU pharmacy student, Jessi was on staff at the VA, and the tricky part was that Georgia's best friend, Allison Popwell Barnett, was on rotation with Jessi at the time. Loose lips can sometimes sink more than ships. But in this case, fortunately no one blabbed.

"There was a slight hitch, however," said Brent, "when I arrived at the Parker's house I found they had a bottle of champagne waiting for me - they thought I was proposing that weekend! What a dilemma! My friends had given me this thoughtful gift, and now I had no way to hide it from Georgia when I went to Huntsville the next afternoon." Always a quick thinker, Brent created a cover story that he had been given the champagne at a meeting Thursday night in Virginia prior to going to the airport. "I told Georgia that I 'forgot' to take the champagne out of my luggage when I left the hotel to go to the airport," said Brent. "Looking back, the story was not that believable, but luckily for me, she bought it."

Still there was another clandestine trip to Huntsville before the grand scheme worked itself out. This time, Georgia's sister, Mary Anna, helped in Brent's subterfuge. "She took Georgia shopping that afternoon to give me time to sneak into her apartment and set up for the proposal," he said. "We used text messaging to keep track of Georgia's movements." At one point Mary Anna texted "GA is trying on pants - will be there soon." Brent replied, "I am ready."

How did it finally play out? "We became engaged that night, January 8, 2005," said Brent. "Georgia was completely surprised, and the three of us celebrated with the champagne the Parkers gave me on my earlier trip to Montgomery."

2005 ended up being a very busy year for the newlyweds. Georgia and Brent both graduated in May. "During one week in June," said Brent, "Georgia took the NAPLEX, we celebrated my father's retirement, and we got married." After a honeymoon in Hawaii, Georgia moved to Virginia with Brent and completed her pharmacy practice residency. Though they made some great friends in Virginia and loved visiting the many historic sites there, they both knew they wanted to get back to what they will always consider the "real" South. Home is definitely where the heart is, and for the Foxes, that's Auburn.

In 2006, that orange and blue opportunity presented itself, and the Foxes are very excited to be back at Auburn as active contributors to the HSOP as well as to the community of Auburn. The couple says their free time is spent attending football and baseball games, exercising at Keisel Park with their beloved puppy, Shug, and spending time with their family and friends. Since they are both from the Gulf Coast they are able to see family much more often now; Brent is from Daphne, Alabama and Georgia is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi. They both say the move back to Auburn "has truly been a blessing for us." ■



and sign out. They want to make sure no one falls off unnoticed. Some passages are so narrow you just have to squeeze through." The group had a photo taken at the very top looking down over the ancient city of Machu Picchu and the valley below. It was a thrilling moment according to Amy, adding, "We were very proud of ourselves for making it all the way to the top." That brief rest was welcomed, especially considering the altitude. Matt said, "It took us about 12 hours to get to Machu Picchu, climb the peak and get back to Cusco that day."

Gateway to the Amazon

The next phase of the journey took the group to Iquitos, called Peru's gateway to the Amazon Jungle. The students stayed in a compound on the GAI Selva (forest) Reserve. It is located on a protected peninsula containing some of the area's only remaining virgin rainforest and is home to numerous species of plant, animal, and insect life. The forest is home to monkeys, tapirs, capibaras, wild pigs, and jaguars. Tree tops are full of parrots and macaws of every color while unusual aquatic life fills the rivers. Perhaps this is why the reserve is often referred to as the Zoo-Without-Walls Project.

A Typical Day

Every morning, the group awakened at 5 AM to roosters crowing and the chatter of exotic birds. There was one particularly aggressive parrot who tried to eat everyone's shoes. And then there were the monkeys, as plentiful as dogs in America. In fact, one of the dogs at the compound, Argos, adopted a small monkey named Kiwi who rode on his back everywhere. After breakfast, the students jumped into canoes and rowed themselves to their classes in Iquito. Lunch was always at the Yellow Rose of Texas, a café owned by Americans. Then it was back to class for several more hours.

Electric Eels and Piranhas

Every day after dinner, the students went to the river for their daily baths. They were assured that the electric eels and piranhas, prevalent in that area, would not be attracted to them. No incidents were reported, thankfully. What was reported went into their daily journals. And there were no late nights either. Matt and Amy said the generator died around 9PM each night.

What Did They Study?

Overall, the students studied about 16 native medicinal plants in depth, including Uno de Gato (Cat's Claw), Camu Camu, Sasha Garlic and Noni. The field studies Dr. Brodman planned for the students included an introduction to sustainable development, exploring plant life on the GAI Selva Reserve, Ethnobotany (the study of the relationship between man and plants), use and farming of medicinal plants, case studies/patient observations at Hospital de la Luz, and meetings with local shamans.

Meeting the Shamans

The students participated in a shaman ceremony that went into the night and continued the next morning. The shamans performed a ritual cleansing of the body with smoke from certain plants. These shamans, considered the local doctors/pharmacists, come by their profession in a brave and dangerous way. They have to go into the jungle and personally sample every plant to see what effect it might have on the body. Those who survive such an initiation can be declared a shaman...and lucky as well.

The Trip to Pevas

A highlight of the program was a three-day, 200-mile canoe trip down the Amazon River to Pevas to visit tribes of Bora, Huitoto, and Yagua Indians. Matt said, "We were told it took 30,000 strokes of the paddle to make the three day trip." Dr. Brodman came up with this number after observing and counting on many similar trips. Those who didn't feel physically up to rowing could take a bigger boat. Amy said, "Matt and I took turns counting every 50 strokes then we switched sides in the canoe so one arm didn't get all the work. We were proud of ourselves for finishing."

The Old and New Peru

Social customs required all visitors to participate in a ceremonial dance with each of the three tribes. The students also had their faces painted with tribal patterns using native plant-based paints. After "roughing it" with the Indians, the students saw a radically different side of Peruvian life. They got to meet internationally renowned artist Francisco Grippa and spend the night at his home/gallery. Matt and Amy expressed surprise that even with Grippa's large luxurious accommodations, there was only one small bathroom. The next morning the group boarded a steam ship to make the 18-hour trip back to Iquito. Rowing canoes against the current would have taken far too long. In fact, the group cel-

BERGER DRAWS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION WITH AU MITI

For Bruce Berger, Ph.D., professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Care Systems, 2007 was a productive and positive year. Not only did he win the prestigious Wiederholt Prize from the American Pharmacists Association, but he also helped establish the AU Motivational Interviewing Training Institute (AU MITI). The Institute has been successful in drawing international attention to AUHSOP by attracting medical professionals from all over the world to its seminars and workshops.



Bruce Berger with Wiederholt Award

Need for the Institute

As a pharmacist, Berger was keenly aware that patients who failed to take prescription medications properly accounts for hundreds of thousands of deaths a year in the US, and billions of dollars per year in preventable hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and repeat physician visits. "I was interested in starting the Institute," said Berger, "because I thought there was a need for more medical professionals to learn about motivational interviewing (MI) as a means to reducing this problem of medication compliance, along with compliance to other health behaviors. Berger had also read literature supporting this approach. "We can't make patients comply, but by discovering their reasons for resistance or ambivalence about health behaviors, we can increase the probability that they will make good decisions," said Berger,

Berger teamed with fellow pharmacy professors Bill Villaume and Jan Kavookjian to develop AU MITI. The institute's aim is to serve as an educational model to improve motivational interviewing skills, assist patients with lifestyle changes and identify specific interviewing tools. In January 2007, they introduced an MI pilot program to 20 pharmacy and case manager educators.

What is Motivational Interviewing?

MI is an interaction between patient and health care provider to coach and encourage better health behavior practices among patients. Health care professionals learn about patients' lifestyles and motivational triggers by asking targeted questions, counseling, and listening with empathy. Motivational interviewing is a client centered approach to assessing a patient's readiness to engage in a health behavior.

After a successful pilot training program at HSOP, other AU MITI seminars took place in May, July and November at the AU Hotel and Conference Center and HSOP. Additional seminars and workshops are scheduled. Besides medication regimen compliance, the motivational interviewing process has also proven useful in smoking cessation and weight loss programs.

Nate Rickles, faculty member of Northeastern University School of Pharmacy thought the seminar was well worth attending. He said, "The Auburn team carefully guides the novice MI participant from understanding key MI principles to role-playing with a standardized patient. The experience will leave you with wonderful resources and skills that you can apply the next day in your teaching and practice. Having been to other MI programs, I feel this one is the most tailored for the allied health professions."

The institute also provides continuing education credit for nurses and pharmacists. For more information on AU MITI: http://www.pharmacy.auburn.edu/news_events/2006_2007/aumiti.htm or www.cmsa.org/aumiti



Introducing

CHARLENE MCQUEEN, NEW HEAD OF PHARMACAL SCIENCES



"I look forward to increasing the opportunities for Pharm.D. and Ph.D. students."

Charlene McQueen

Charlene A. McQueen, Ph.D., has recently assumed her position as Head of the Pharmacal Sciences Department at HSOP. After 18 years, William R. Ravis, Ph.D., F.C.P., is stepping down from the position of department head, but will continue as a professor in the department.

McQueen comes to us from the University of Arizona, where she was a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology for 17 years. She taught in the Pharm.D. and Ph.D. programs. Since 2003, she has served as co-director of the Pharmacology/Toxicology graduate program.


Her research interest is about how one's genetic makeup affects his/her response to chemicals, both therapeutic drugs and environmental agents. This involves the areas of Pharmacogenomics/Toxicogenomics and Pharmacogenetics. Pharmacogenetics is the study of the effect of variation in a single gene on response to a therapeutic agent. Pharmacogenomics includes the effects of multiple genes and genome wide analysis. Research in these areas is providing the basis for the concept of personalized medicine that is using genetic information to identify the therapy that will have the maximum efficacy and minimum toxicity for each patient.

McQueen said, "I work with the genes that code for N-acetyltransferases (NAT1 and NAT2) which metabolize drugs and environmental chemicals. For example NAT2 is involved in the metabolism of isoniazid which is used to treat tuberculosis, hydralazine which is used to treat hypertension and 4-aminobiphenyl a cancer causing chemical found in tobacco smoke. Genetic variation in these genes can affect the therapeutic outcome as well as the chances for developing adverse drug reactions."

McQueen's current research is using animal and cell models to understand the mechanisms of the adverse effects of chemicals metabolized by NATs. She said, "I am particularly interested in the effects in the young."

In addition, McQueen has been a Fellow in the Academy of Toxicologic Sciences since 2000 and currently serves as President (2007-2008). She was elected as a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2002. She served as a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Toxicology Program from 2003-2006, which is an appointment by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. She was the founding Director of the Community Outreach and Education Program of the Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona from 1993-1999. Her work in that program resulted in receiving the Society of Toxicology Public Communications Award in 2003.

Looking to the future, she is the editor-in-chief of the second edition of Comprehensive Toxicology, a fifteen volume set that will be published in 2010.

McQueen said she chose to come to Auburn because she was attracted by the opportunity to be involved in expanding the program in the pharmaceutical sciences at AU. "I look forward to increasing the opportunities for Pharm.D. and Ph.D. students," she said, "to learn about the new and emerging areas of pharmaceutical sciences in the classroom, clinic and laboratory." 

Introducing

CHARLES WOOSLEY, NEW DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT

This past year, Charles Woosley was named Director of Recruitment for the Harrison School of Pharmacy. Formerly, Charles served as Vice President/Director of Pharmacy for Coosa Valley Medical Center in Sylacauga, Alabama. Among his duties there, he was coordinator for the construction of an 86 bed replacement hospital, a \$28 million project which also included imaging, women's center, food service, and materials management departments. In addition, he was responsible for the daily operations of the hospital's pharmacy department. Charles said it was a difficult choice to leave because he enjoyed working with such compassionate and caring employees who made a difference every day in the health care of their community. He said he truly felt he was part of a team effort involving not only employees, but also physicians, community leaders, and members of the hospital board



Charles Woosley (right) meets with pre-pharmacy students Lauren Ragsdale and Drew White.

As Director of Recruitment, Charles will continue to be an important part of the team at HSOP. Having the chance to work with young people on behalf of Auburn University and his profession is something he considers a "dream job." He said, "There is something really special about the Auburn Spirit which engenders a sense of pride, ownership, and enthusiasm." He proves the sincerity of that statement by the comfort-

able way he greets you with a heartfelt "War Eagle!" He is full of energy and enthusiasm, and the love of what he's doing shows on his face. Caring is a word that comes up often when you talk to him. He said he has observed a caring faculty and staff since he arrived at HSOP. He said, "The faculty has a deep commitment to the student pharmacists that extends to them both as a person and as a student."

Charles is a strong family man. He spends as much time as possible with his family. He also enjoys teaching Bible studies, hiking, fishing, boating, ball games and snow skiing. He said, "I have been happily married to the former Mackie Lou Keebler of Montgomery for the past 39 years." They have three children – Lee Ann, Lauryn, and Chip. Lee Ann and her husband Chris Duggar have four children – Abby, Luke, Ben, and Jake. Lauryn, '98, and her husband Bradon Rogers, '97, have three children – John Wesley, Charlie, and Stella. Chip Woosley, '04, is currently in his third year as a Master of Divinity student with Southern Seminary Extension located at Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn. Chip will continue a growing Auburn family tradition by marrying Kelly Edwards, '04, in May.

"I look forward to building on the firm foundation established by my predecessor Charlie Perry."

Charles Woosley

The HSOP faculty, staff and future student pharmacists are indeed fortunate to have the enthusiasm, intelligence, congeniality and dedication of a man like Charles Woosley on their team. But as Charles embraces his new position, he does not take the past for granted. "I look forward to building on the firm foundation established by my predecessor Charlie Perry," he concluded. Spoken in the true Auburn spirit! ■

Introducing

Faculty Achievement

JIMMY HARRIS

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

...Berger, continued

Jimmy Harris, '68, is now on board as HSOP's new Director of Development and Alumni Relations. He is a graduate of the AU School of Business. A devoted family man, he has been married to his wife Betty, '68, for 38 years.



He comes to us after serving as Associate Director of Athletic Development for four years at AU Alumni and Development. Before that he was general manager of both Great Southern Wood and Buffalo Rock Pepsi.

A thoroughly orange and blue family, Jimmy and Betty's children have followed their lead: daughter Paige, '96, is a manager for AT&T in Atlanta and son Patrick is a senior at Auburn majoring in Marketing and Business.

We are happy to have Jimmy on our team, and we know you'll be as impressed with him personally and professionally as we are. We hope you all will have a chance to meet him soon. ■

In addition to AU MITI, Berger and two other colleagues, Karen Hudmon and Huigang Liang, developed web-based motivational interviewing software.

How was the software developed? "We studied multiple sclerosis patients to understand the important issues that affected their decision to take or stop taking the drug, AVONEX," said Berger. "I then wrote a Word document that was converted to HTML language that asked questions about the benefits of taking the medicine and the barriers and how important these were in the patients' decisions to continue the medication. The questions anticipated the patient's answers and then created responses for call center personnel based upon how the patient answered each question." The motivational interviewing technique proved successful among the MS patients. Berger said, "We reduced the dropout rate to 1.2% in the treatment group compared to 8% in the control group (no intervention)."

Berger's research paper, based on the results of the AVONEX study to encourage patients with multiple sclerosis to continue taking their medication, led to his winning the distinguished Wiederholt Prize. The award was presented to Berger at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA's) annual meeting in Atlanta on March 18, 2007. The Wiederholt Prize is given for the outstanding research publication in the Journal of the APhA in the economic, social and administrative sciences within the pharmacy field. Berger was the lead author of the paper entitled "Evaluation of software-based telephone counseling to enhance medication persistency among patients with multiple sclerosis." It was published in the July-August 2006 issue of the association's peer reviewed journal. Co-authors were Huigang Liang and Karen Hudmon. ■

HAROLD HARMON FULFILLS LONG HELD MISSION GOAL

Harold Harmon, '69, is an AU pharmacist with a big heart. He and his wife Delores have undertaken several mission trips to foreign countries over the last five years with an organization called Four Corners Ministries, a non-profit relief organization based in Wadley, Alabama. In its 6 year existence, Four Corners has grown from two missionaries to more than 300 with short-term relief trips to Venezuela, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Harmon's recent trip was in partnership with Maya-Mesoamerica Mission (3M) ministries where they brought much needed medical attention to the children of Xela, Guatemala. Out of the group of 9, Harold and Delores represented Ava United Methodist Church (UMC) in Wedowee, AL and formed the Pharmaceutical Team. From Nashville, TN, Dr. Nelson Wilson and his children Matthew and Rebekka formed the Dental Team. The Optical Team, Stephanie, Kirby and Kristy Smith, represented the First United Methodist Church in Wedowee. Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Jim Gunnells from Anniston,



Harold and Delores, on the left, seeing patients.

AL set up his clinic in anything from the bedroom of the nicest house in the village to a shade tree behind the school in the jungle. Rounding out the group and representing the Roanoke United Church was Jerry Cotney who was the group's interpreter. Jerry also serves as coordinator of



Harold and Delores Harmon (middle - orange cap, dark blue jacket) pose with their group.

logistics and distribution for Soles4Souls, a part of Four Corner Ministries. Americans David and Kathy Doss hosted the group and live in the mission at 3M.

David and Jerry are kindred souls in more ways than one. Each left the corporate world for a life of service in missionary work. Five years ago, David, a successful Pfizer drug rep, quit his job, sold his house and farm in Missouri and came to Xela where he has been ever since. Jerry, a successful trust manager for AmSouth, left his job to study Spanish in Guatemala where he lived with the Dosses for about a year and a half before returning home.

What was a typical day like on their mission trip?

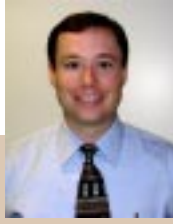
Harold said, "We stayed in an unheated hotel at 8,500 ft and left each day to various villages located from 30 minutes to 3 hours from the mother church in Xela. Two days we went into the jungle and experienced a temperature change from 25 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit on the roughest road I have ever traveled."

The services were all very basic — no blood pressure meds, no heart or diabetes meds. What was dispensed were mostly vitamins, antibiotics, topical steroids, antifungals and OTC compounds, like Visine®. The Dental team passed out toothbrushes and instructions on dental hygiene and pulled bad teeth. The Optical team was perhaps the most hi-tech.

McConatha



Fox



FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Ballard



ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brent Fox & Barry McConatha, HSOP's Manager of IT, presented a poster at the Campus Technology Winter 2007 Conference in San Francisco in December. It highlighted the challenges and lessons learned in getting the HSOP Mobile Campus up and running just nine months after final approval. The poster was one of only 16 accepted. (Relates to article on pg. 11.)

Campbell



Leigh Ann Ballard has come on board this year as Executive Secretary to the Dean. She comes to us with years of experience in the legal secretarial and travel industry fields.

Carolyn Campbell is the first friendly face visitors will see when they come to HSOP. She now manages the main reception desk. Carolyn comes to us with 27 years customer service in the banking industry.

Braxton-Lloyd



AU PHARMACEUTICAL CARE CENTER

Dr. Braxton-Lloyd was awarded the ASP Faculty Appreciation Award at the Annual Awards Day Ceremony.

Pokswinski



Robin Pokswinski, Office Administration Assistant, was presented the Outstanding Staff Member Award at the Annual Awards Day Ceremony.

AUPCC PHARMACY

Dr. Michelle Ducharme was hired this year as the Director of the new AU Pharmaceutical Care Center Pharmacy. She is a 2005 graduate of HSOP.

DuCharme



PHARMACY PRACTICE

Dr. Mike Reinke was granted the status of Emeritus Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice upon his retirement.

Dr. Karen Marlowe is now Assistant Dean of the new Mobile campus and Associate Department Head of Pharmacy Practice.

Reinke



Marlowe



Karwa



Lorenz



Woodis



Vinti



Eiland



New hires for the Mobile campus as Clinical Assistant Professors: **Rakhi Karwa, Ray Lorenz, Brock Woodis and Angela Vinti.**

Dr. Lea Eiland was recently promoted to Associate Clinical Professor in the department of Pharmacy Practice.

Dr. Heather Whitley has earned the designation of Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and has been recognized as a certified diabetes educator.

Drs. Karen Marlowe & Allison Chung were recently awarded a \$10,000 competitive Outreach Scholarship Grant from The Office of the Vice President for University Outreach to improve asthma care in public school children. The grant will help support activities of a mobile asthma clinic in Mobile County and the HSOP and USA BreathMobile Program.

Dr. Susie Thomas was awarded the Hargreaves Faculty Mentor Award at the Annual Awards Day Ceremony.

Dr. Dave Brackett was awarded the Kappa Psi Outstanding Faculty Award at the Annual Awards Day Ceremony.

PHARMACY CARE SYSTEMS

Dr. Bruce Berger, Department Head of PCS, has been awarded the Wiederholt prize by APhA, and his work in the AU MITI program for case managers and pharmacists. has been recognized both in AU and professional publications. (See pg. 11)

Drs. Kenneth Barker and Betsy Flynn have designed a model facility to help pharmacists offer complex medications for in-home use. These medications are normally administered only in hospitals. The facility will be built for Vital Care Inc. in Meridian, Miss.



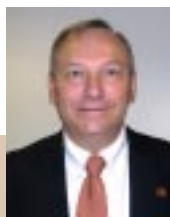
Marshall



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Smith



owned by **Johnny Bell '70**. Home infusion is a growing trend among pharmacies in which they offer complex medications that nurses, caregivers or patients themselves administer in homes. Vital Care will prepare, dispense and administer the medications, while serving as a prototype model for pharmacists interested in opening a home-infusion franchise. To learn more, see <http://wirecagle.auburn.edu/news/254>.

PHARMACAL SCIENCES

William R. Ravis, Ph.D., F.C.P. has stepped down after 18 years as department head, but will continue researching and teaching.

Dr. Ravis served as a consultant for the Technical Proposal in response to: RFP N01DA - 7 - 8870 Pharmacokinetic Analysis Resource Center.

Charlene A. McQueen, Ph.D., formerly at the University of Arizona, has accepted the position as Head of the Pharmacal Sciences Department. (See article on pg. 12.) She has also received a grant from the National Cancer Institute for \$1,109,600. The 4 year project titled "Carcinogen Exposure and Adult Cancer Risk" will investigate whether exposure to a cancer causing chemical before birth or during infancy increases the likelihood of developing cancer as an adult. The work will be done in an animal model and will monitor critical molecular changes associated with tumor development.

Dr. Randall Clark was invited and has accepted the position as a co-editor for the Journal of Chromatographic Science. He has also received a grant from the US Department of Justice for \$533,746. The 3 year project involves Synthesis and Analytical Profiles for Regiosomeric and Isobaric Amines Related to MDMA, MDEA and MBDB: Differentiation of Drug and Non-Drug Substances of Mass Spectral Equivalence.

Dr. Vishnu Suppiramaniam has been awarded a diabetes research grant of over \$29,000.

Dr. Murali Dhanasekaran has been awarded a biogrant of \$10,000 towards Alzheimer's research.

Dr. Forrest Smith was awarded the SGA Excellence in Teaching Award at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Daniel Parsons was awarded the Kappa Psi Outstanding Faculty Award at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to **Hunter Peak** who served as HSOP's Director of Development and Alumni Affairs for the last 5 years. He recently accepted an opportunity to join the Major Gifts team of the AU Foundation, the fund raising arm of the university. Although he will still be working on our behalf, his daily presence will be missed at HSOP.

Jimmy Harris, '68, is now on board as HSOP's new Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Formerly, he served for four years as Associate Director of Athletic Development at AU. (More about Jimmy on pg. 14.)

Stacy Negley, Development Coordinator, was presented the Pharmacy Student Council Student Advocate Award at the School's 2007 Annual Awards Ceremony.

POST GRADUATE EDUCATION

Bridgett Marshall has joined HSOP as the Manager of the Office of Post-Graduate Education. Working with Dr. Jungnickel and PEC IV Committee she will put the CE program into motion throughout the year.

Dhanasekaran



Suppiramaniam



Clark



McQueen



Ravis



Flynn



Whitley



Chung



Thomas



Brackett



Berger



Barker



A SLICE OF HSOP LIFE IN PICTURES



2007-08 HSOP Student Council



Top 3 photos show some activities of the HSOP Open House. L-R: War Eagle VII comes to visit (Dean Evans shown with Nova and Nova's trainer); Skills Lab Demo by P3's, and Visitor's Tour of the recently opened Auburn University Pharmaceutical Care Center and AUPCC Pharmacy facilities.



Above: Dr. & Mrs. Mike Reinke accept a framed resolution at his retirement party.

Left: Hunter Peak gets some funny gifts during his going-away party.

Right: Dean Evans and Dr. Braxton Lloyd plead for "Jail Bail" to help raise money for APA.



Dean-For-A-Day Winner Charlie Thomas enjoys his crown, robe, and plaque.



Top Five P4 Poster Contest Winners

Williams, Maples, Jenkins, Gentry, Barker



Dr. Dave Brackett shaves his head to draw attention to the Auburn Campaign.

Scrapbook

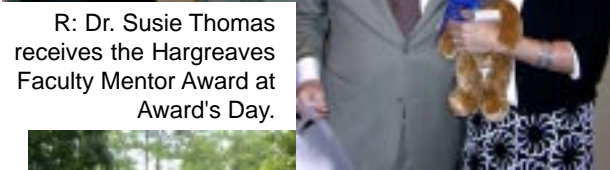
"...there is no end in nature, but every end is a beginning" – Ralph Waldo Emerson



L: Dr. Forrest Smith receives the SGA Excellence in Teaching Award at Award's Day.



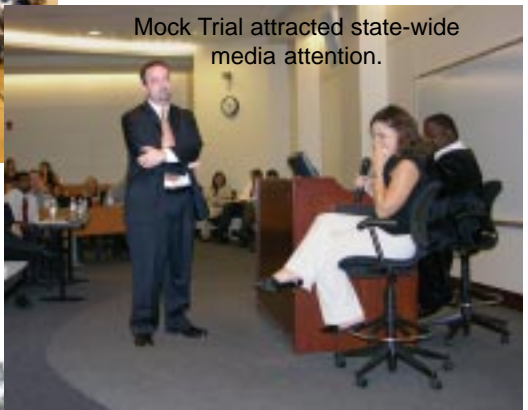
Graduation - L: Pharmacist's Oath. Below: 3 generations of Beasley AU pharmacists



R: Dr. Susie Thomas receives the Hargreaves Faculty Mentor Award at Award's Day.



White Coat Ceremony



Mock Trial attracted state-wide media attention.

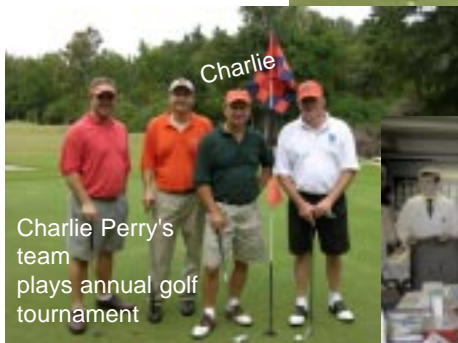
Orientation week's Foundations of Pharmacy Course
Above: White Coat Ceremony, Right: Mock Trial, and Lower Right: Team Building Exercises.



Aubie attends HSOP golf tournament - Above: photo op, R: with Dr. Stevenson; Ball drop winner; Lower R: Aubie does the toss at the ball drop contest.



Teams build marshmallow towers.



Charlie

Charlie Perry's team plays annual golf tournament



R: AU faculty and student pharmacists offer free screening on Legislative Day at the Alabama State Capitol.



brated the 4th of July on board the ship. Even without the fireworks, Matt and Amy said that was "kind of neat!"

Barbara Brodman – Amazon Woman

Dr. Brodman made a tremendously positive impression on Matt and Amy and deservedly so. She is one of those larger-than-life people one seldom meets. First and foremost, she is a professor of Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. A woman in her 60's who looks to be in her 30's, according to Matt and Amy, this amazing Amazonian woman became a true inspiration to all the students. She founded the Global Awareness Institute in 1999 and expanded its horizons considerably since then by obtaining the 92-acre research institute and animal/plant preserve called GAI Selva. The forest is also the perfect location for GAI's animal rescue and restoration project. Brodman's endless energy and drive includes other passions as well. One is studying the life of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara. In 1997, Brodman became the first person, and only woman, to retrace Guevara's legendary 1952 journey through South America. In 2001, an expansion of her daily online diaries about the trip became a book, *Looking for Mr. Guevara, A motorcycle journey through South America*. Her newest project, GAI Maya, promotes an eco-community that allows residents to combine luxury living with hands-on support of a 54-acre refuge and preserve for threatened animal and plant species in the beautiful Maya Mountains of Western Belize.

Home Sweet Home Alabama

Alabama may have seemed a little tame after meeting Dr. Brodman and experiencing the wildness of the Amazon rainforest. But Matt and Amy will always keep in their hearts the memory of an extraordinary experience, an inspiring teacher, new friendships, and a more finely honed awareness that what we do to our earth matters. The lessons they learned at the Global Awareness Institute will serve them well as they become professional pharmacists and community/pharmacy leaders of their generation. At the end of some future work day, they might be sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic when they suddenly become aware of a stunning sunset. Will they flash back to another afternoon when they were both sitting atop the mountain overlooking the magnificent city of Machu Picchu? When such great vistas are laid out below you, the world feels a lot smaller. It's enough to make a person start to believe that impossible dreams just might come true, including the preservation of the world's rainforests. One thing is for certain, Matt and

Next Column ►►

They, using something called a "focometer," that is designed to fit glasses in the mission field setting. Lots of reading glasses were dispensed and in some cases cataracts were detected, but these patients had to be referred. Harold said, "We attempted to give everyone something."

However, the group was not able to leave excess medicines behind because the needs were so great that everything they brought was used up before they left. Harold said, "The very last day in the jungle, Dee and I dispensed the last 500mg of Mebendazole to the very last patient. We dispensed 500 Mebendazole tablets on this trip. And we used the very last bottle of amoxicillin suspension on the last child.

What inspired Harold's missionary zeal?

Harold tells the story that several years ago he was asked to make mission trips to Bolivia. "I always had an excuse. I would give them \$200 to help. Then the next year they would ask again. I told them I was not prepared to eat monkey meat and sleep in the jungle, but I would pay for a pharmacist to go." Then Four Corners came into the picture. "They asked me to go to Venezuela, said Harold, "and they told me I could sleep in a hotel." Some might say that was divine intervention even if it didn't include room service. Harold looked at it this way: "I had attempted to run from the Lord long enough. Initially I thought paying for a few vitamins would help the needy, and of course, it does. But it is always such a blessing that we receive as we attempt to help these people face-to-face. By personally delivering services to these people, we become the hands and feet of Jesus. We might dispense amoxicillin, but we display the love of Jesus as well."

What's next for the Harmons?

Harold and Delores always have another mission trip in mind. Harold shares his story with us in hope that it might inspire other pharmacists "to know that there is something more than their jobs in the comfort zone in the USA." And he adds to that, "War Eagle!!!!!!!!!!!!!" ■

An Amazon Adventure...continued

Amy have gained a new perspective of the global nature of our world through their adventure-packed journey to the Amazon.



PHARMACY FAMILIES

When **Cliff Beasley** graduated in 2007, he became the third generation Auburn pharmacist in his family. His Grandfather, **John, '55**, owns Beasley Pharmacy in Columbia, Ala. And his dad **Sid, '81**, was asked to administer the Pharmacists Oath at Cliff's graduation in May.

Fourth generation AU pharmacist, **Billy Cox, '88**, from Mobile recently retired from Cox Nuclear Pharmacy. This year he gave a Professional Seminar Series (PSS) presentation on his experience as a nuclear pharmacist which was a "big hit" with the HSOP student pharmacists. He also strongly supported the raffle for Mrs. Brenda Evans' and Mrs. Louise Barker's AU-inspired quilt, so much so that he has won the quilts for the last two years. The proceeds went toward HSOP's Student Travel Fund which helps our student pharmacists expand their horizons as future pharmacists.

IN MEMORIAM

Note from the Editor: 2007 was particularly hard on the HSOP Family. The Dean's Advisory Council was devastated by the sudden loss of two of its long-time members. These deaths have been reported in our *Auburn Pharmacist E-News* earlier, but we wanted to include this information for those who are not able to receive the E-News by email. We also want these special men to be honored once again for their dedicated service to the School.

Class of 1954

James Kenneth Guin died at the age of 75 on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at his home in Carbon Hill.

A widely respected pharmacist, Guin owned Kenneth Guin Drugs in Carbon Hill for the past 45 years. He served as a long-time member of the Dean's Advi-

sory Council at the Harrison School of Pharmacy. He also served as a Director of the American Pharmacy Cooperative. He was named Auburn University Pharmacy Alumni of the Year, and received Alabama Pharmacy's highest award, the Bowl of Hygea in 1997.

Funeral services were held on May 30 at First United Methodist Church in Carbon Hill. Guin's son, State Representative Ken Guin, Jr., delivered the eulogy.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Romine Guin; one son, James Kenneth Guin Jr. and his wife, Tanya McGough Guin, of Carbon Hill; one daughter, Penny Guin Padgett of Jasper; four grandchildren, Abigail Elizabeth Padgett, Rachel Ann Padgett, James Kenneth Guin III, and Emma Grace Guin; and a brother, Dr. Dan Mayo Guin and his wife, Judy, of Auburn.

Class of 1965

Jim Maloy, age 64, of Montgomery, Alabama, passed away suddenly on February 10, 2007. Jim received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Auburn University in 1965. While in college he played trumpet with the Auburn University Marching Band and Concert Band, and he served as president of the Baptist Student Union.

After college he practiced retail pharmacy in Enterprise at Bryars-Warren Drug Store until he was called to active duty as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service during the Vietnam War. His was assigned to the Bureau of Medicine at the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C. He was one of 27 pharmacists selected nationwide to evaluate the adverse reaction reports for the Investigational New Drug Applications. In 1969, in recognition of his work and expertise at the FDA, Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. hired him as a Clinical Research Associate. In 1977, he accepted a promotion to work for Schering Pharmaceuticals Corporation as Assistant Director of Clinical Research.

He returned to Auburn to earn a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree in 1985. Afterwards he served as Executive Vice President and principal investigator of Drug Research and Analysis Corporation in Montgomery. He has served on the Dean's Advisory Council of the HSOP since 1992 and was an active member of APA. In 1995 he was elected president of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals, a worldwide organization of medical experts.

Active in his community, Maloy was past president and board member of the Montgomery Quarterback Club where he won the Bradford Award for outstanding service. He also served as president of the Lions Club in Montgomery and was a supporter of their International Student Exchange program. He was, at the time of his death, president of the Blue-Grey Association that produces the annual Blue-Grey Classic Game. Jim was a board member and past-president of ChildProtect, a Montgomery organization that provides aid to abused children. He and Jackie, his wife, were major contributors to the Central Alabama Community Foundation.

A long-term member of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, he sang every Sunday in the church choir and was a member of the Good News Singers. On multiple occasions Jim served as a medical missionary to South America working in Ecuador, Venezuela, and Brazil.

Jim is survived by his wife Jacqueline Bush Maloy; sons, James Ian Maloy and Justin Jefferson Maloy of Montgomery, AL; brother, Dr. Thomas Howard Maloy and his wife Jane Robinson Maloy of Wilmington, NC; sister, Pamela Maloy Moore and her husband, Dr. Robert William Moore of Tallahassee, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN MEMORIUM by former dean Dr. Sam Coker

Dwight Jones, '51—November 25, 1925- August 25, 2007

The Harrison School of Pharmacy and Auburn University lost a loyal and dedicated alumnus in the death of Dwight Jones. He graduated in March 1951 and practiced pharmacy in Huntsville for over 50 years. His practice was located near the Huntsville Hospital. It was known as Jones Hospital Pharmacy. His patients remember that he counseled each one of them. Patient counseling is now a major component of clinical pharmacy. He also pioneered the use of computers in his practice before the software was even available. This entrepreneurial spirit, enthusiasm and dedication to the highest ideals of pharmacy will be his legacy.

His practice was an apothecary shop. It was sold upon his retirement, April 1, 1990. The shop is now a Barbeque Restaurant. As a tribute to him, pharmacy symbols and memorabilia are included in the décor.

His four year Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy began in Ross Chemistry Building and Temporary Building (TB4A). Auburn was Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API) and Miller Hall was a dream. Dean Blake and his faculty would be proud of Dwight's career. Students today benefit from excellent facilities, equipment, faculty and a curriculum designed to prepare graduates for an expanded role for pharmacy in health care. You students are challenged by those who have gone before you. If you stand tall, remember you are on the shoulders of your predecessors.

Samuel T. Coker, Class of 1951
BS, MS, PhD
Dean and Professor Emeritus
Auburn University

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1976

Bob Cisneros, MS,'76 & PhD,'03, is an Assistant Professor at Campbell University's School of Pharmacy. Bob was named Outstanding Chapter Advisor of the Year by Phi Delta Chi for 2007. He said, "It came as a real surprise to me. It was such an honor. Our chapter here is the Beta Kappa chapter of Phi Delta Chi." *Editor's note:* Congratulations, Bob. We at Auburn know it's well deserved.

Class of 2007

Lynn Capobianco has been awarded the APA Joseph O. Dean, Jr. Student Professionalism Award. She will receive the award at APA's mid-winter conference on February 24. This is the first year for this award which recognizes a student leader who demonstrates, in her/his school and in other pharmacy-related endeavors, a high level of professionalism. She was nominated by Dean Evans with supporting letters from Drs. Braxton Lloyd and Leos. Congrats to Lynn!

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Recent graduates in the HSOP or EAMC/HSOP Residency program presented their research at the Southeast Residency Conference in Athens, GA.

Dr. Nicole Coker - "Assessment of Bone Mineral Density in Pre-Menopausal Women: A Collaborative Intervention by Pharmacists and Exercise Physiologists"

Dr. Alisa Hicks - "Optimizing Erythropoietic Therapy in an Outpatient Oncology Center Based on NCCN Cancer and Treatment-Related Anemia Guidelines"

Dr. Virginia Gay - "Optimizing Antibiotic Usage In Newborn Infants with Suspected Sepsis by Utilizing C-Reactive Protein Markers"

Dr. Lynsey Neighbors - "Development and Implementation of a Pharmacist-Managed Anticoagulation Service"

Thanks to everyone who sent in new information for this issue. We urge the rest of you to take a few minutes and keep us and your friends updated if there have been significant changes in your life.

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