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TOP STORIES

Alumni Martha and David Shepard Donate \$50,000 to Building Fund



The year 1974 was very good to Martha and David Shepard, two PharmDs who met at the UT College of Pharmacy in Memphis. David graduated with a BS in pharmacy in 1974, joining Martha, who earned her degree the prior year. To celebrate, the couple married and started a successful partnership that has lasted nearly four decades.

Why give back to the College of Pharmacy? "Pharmacy has been good to us," said David. "The UT College of Pharmacy gave us an excellent pharmacy education, and it has encouraged pharmacists to expand their practice with new clinical services."

After David's graduation, the Shepards settled in Dickson, David's hometown. David began work at the VA Hospital in Nashville, the first clinical pharmacist in the VA system nationwide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APhA/ASP FALL PICNIC

October 3rd

Memphis: Forrest Park, 11 am to 12 pm CST

Knoxville: Tyson Park, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm EST

PHARMACY GRAND ROUNDS

October 18th

Drs. Cathy Crill and Casey Laizure

FALL BREAK

October 18th - 21st

ACCP ANNUAL MEETING

October 21st - 24th; Hollywood, FL

APhA/ASP MIDYEAR REGIONAL MEETING

November 9th - 11th; Raleigh, NC

P2/P3 CAREER FAIR

Memphis: November 15th

Knoxville: November 29th

P3 PINNING CEREMONY

November 16th

P4 CAREER DAY

Memphis: November 16th

Knoxville: November 29th

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TOP STORIES

Shepard Donation – continued

Martha chose to work in community pharmacy and later at the in-patient pharmacy at a hospital in Dickson. A few years later, the couple bought a pharmacy in Dickson, where Martha worked while David was at the VA.

Pulling all their experiences and talents together, the Shepards added three more stores to the original Dickson Pharmacy, which offered compounding and clinical services.

Today, Martha splits her time between local volunteer work and medical mission trips. David continues to practice pharmacy, and he has worked as a Tennessee state representative since 2000, advocating for pharmacy at the legislative level.

In recognition of their generous gift to the UT College of Pharmacy Building Fund, an enclosed bridge in the pharmacy building on the Memphis campus has been named in their honor. To learn more about making a gift to the building fund and recognition opportunities in the new building, contact Nell Blair, director of development at (901) 448-8202 or by e-mail at nellblair@uthsc.edu.



Martha and David Shepard pictured at their pharmacy in Dickson



TOP STORIES

Chattanooga Area Pharmacists Society Endows New Scholarship

Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FASHP, dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), has announced a new endowed scholarship through a \$25,000 donation from the Chattanooga Area Pharmacists Society (CAPS). The society presented the gift in memory of Reichle B. Chandler, a 1971 UT College of Pharmacy graduate, and a 1985 MBA graduate from UT Chattanooga. The endowment will be used to fund a scholarship for newly admitted or already enrolled students in the UT College of Pharmacy who hail from Hamilton or Bradley counties in Tennessee.

CAPS is an association of some 75 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from Hamilton and Bradley counties. In August, 35 guests, including members of the society and other health care professionals, joined Dean Chisholm-Burns for a Chattanooga reception.

“Endowed scholarships play a significant role in supporting our students,” the dean stated. “We appreciate the society’s willingness to honor their colleague and our alumnus with this perpetual gift. Deserving pharmacy students will be forever grateful for your generous gesture.” Endowed scholarships are invested in order to generate annual interest payments. The interest helps to fund a student’s education every year but the principal of the gift is never touched.

The Chattanooga Area Pharmacists Society is a professional organization composed of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from diverse practice settings and representative of all sectors of pharmacy. The group is dedicated to strengthening the profession by providing quality continuing education in a social environment, and by helping deserving pharmacy students with educational scholarships.



From left: Natalie Tate, Richard Dean, Patricia Arnold and Jaime Threadgill with UT College of Pharmacy Dean Marie Chisholm-Burns and Jim Eoff, UT College of Pharmacy executive associate dean

FACULTY

Finks Elected Chair ACCP Cardiology PRN

Dr. Shannon Finks was recently named Chair-Elect for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Cardiology PRN (Practice Research Network). Dr. Finks states “It is quite an honor to be elected to serve as Chair Elect of the Cardiology PRN. Our PRN is active and rich with talented clinicians, academicians, and researchers. I have been fortunate throughout my career to be involved in this group, and it is through this involvement I have been challenged to grow professionally and personally. The Cardiology PRN has given me and others the opportunity to serve on committees, Task Forces, and special initiatives, all with the charge to improve patient care specifically within the area of cardiology. We’ve been successful in providing seed grants to our members and established partnerships and programming with ACC, AHA, ASH, and HFSA. I look forward to maintaining the areas in which we have excelled and provided benefit but also look for ways to strengthen our profession’s presence and involvement in cardiology on an inter-professional level.



Dr. Finks is an associate professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Methodist Hospitals of Memphis. Dr. Finks has practiced for over a decade in the area of cardiology. She is a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, has Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy, and has received Added Qualifications in Cardiology. Her current practice includes Cardiology Service at the VA Hospital where she co-precepts students and residents in the cardiology intensive care unit. She maintains BLS and ACLS provider and instructor certification and is co-director of the ACLS and Cardiology elective courses at the University of Tennessee. Throughout her career she has mentored numerous students and residents and takes great pride in fostering scholarly activities among them.

Dr. Finks received the Most Influential Professor Award from the UTCOP in 2010 and was given The University of Tennessee Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award in 2012. Dr. Finks is well published in the medical literature and has been invited to present locally, regionally, and nationally on numerous cardiovascular related topics. She maintains her professional career in a job-shared academic position on part time basis, allowing her to spend desired time with her husband and two children.

FACULTY

Phelps Appointed to Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) Pediatrics Taskforce

Stephanie J. Phelps, BS Pharm, PharmD, BCPS was recently appointed to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) Pediatrics Taskforce, along with Dr. Cyrine E. Haidar, who was mentioned in last month's issue of the newsletter. According to BPS Executive Director, William M. Ellis, "BPS received hundreds of nominations to serve on the Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforces." The task force conducted a role delineation study aimed at defining the minimum expectations of a board certified practitioner along with the knowledge, task and activities a pediatric pharmacist should be able to complete. Dr. Phelps is a professor of clinical pharmacy and pediatrics and is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Pharmacy.



Preceptors of the Year Honored

Scott Leslie, PharmD was honored with the Preceptor of the Year Award for East Tennessee at the Preceptor Development Conference on the Knoxville campus in August. Dr. Leslie earned his degree in Pharmacy from Purdue University. He is currently Pharmacy District Manager for Walgreens in Knoxville and precepts Community Pharmacy Management and Medication Therapy Management rotations. He has been a preceptor for UT since 2006.



From left to right: Dr. Peter Chyka, executive associate dean; Dr. Scott Leslie; UT College of Pharmacy Dean Marie Chisholm-Burns and Dr. Rex Brown, director of experiential education

FACULTY

Preceptors of the Year – continued

Jon Hoover, PharmD was recognized as the Preceptor of the Year for West Tennessee at the Preceptor Development Conference on the Memphis campus in August. Dr. Hoover attended Union University for his undergraduate degree where he studied business administration and played college basketball. He earned his PharmD from UT College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency at the VA Medical Center in Memphis. He works as a clinical specialist in general medicine at the VA where he has also been a preceptor for UT students since 2006.



From left to right: Dr. Rex Brown, Dr. Jon Hoover, and Dean Marie Chisholm-Burns



From left to right: Dr. Rex Brown, Dr. Alicia Perry, and Dean Marie Chisholm-Burns

Don Branam, PharmD received the first annual Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) Preceptor of the Year Award at the Preceptor Development Conference on the Knoxville campus in August. Dr. Branam earned his PharmD from UT and completed a PGY1 residency at the VA Medical Center in Memphis. He currently works as a clinical specialist at LaFollette Medical Center in LaFollette. In addition to coordinating IPPE rotations, Dr. Branam also precepts Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations in general medicine and infectious disease.

Alicia Perry, PharmD was named Preceptor of the Year for Middle Tennessee at the Preceptor Development Conference on the Memphis campus in August. Dr. Perry attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) where she earned a degree in chemistry. She received her PharmD from UNC and completed a PGY1 residency at the VA Medical Center in Nashville. Dr. Perry currently works in Medication Management at HCA Corporate in Nashville. Dr. has been a preceptor for UT students since 2006.



From left to right: Dr. Peter Chyka, Dean Marie Chisholm-Burns, Dr. Don Branam, and Dr. Rex Brown

FACULTY

The College Celebrates the Annual Feurt Symposium

On September 19th, students and faculty joined together to attend the annual Feurt Symposium. The symposium is an event held yearly to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Dick Feurt, dean of the College from 1959 to 1975. On March 1, 1959, at age 36, Dr. Dick Feurt became Dean of the UT School of Pharmacy. A native of Missouri and World War II veteran, he earned his BSPH degree at Loyola University of the South in New Orleans, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida. Prior to his UT tenure, Dr. Feurt was Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Georgia, where he was a co-inventor of the tranquilizer gun, a tool used in wildlife management.

Dean Feurt's accomplishments at UT are significant, including the change of name to College of Pharmacy, recruitment of acclaimed teachers and scientists to the College, new graduate programs in the pharmaceutical sciences, and the beginning of the PharmD program in 1968. He was described as "a young man, full of vigor, energetic, aggressive, bold, and seething with ideals." He founded the Tennessee Pharmacy Tripartite Committee to bring the profession together in Tennessee. Dr. Feurt served as dean until his death on January 19, 1975. Because of their respect, members of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and Tennessee Pharmacists Association, in cooperation with the University, started the Seldon D. Feurt Memorial Fund to honor Dr. Feurt and provide private funding for scholarships, fellowships, research grants, and other needs of the College.



FEURT SYMPOSIUM
September 19, 2012



Pharmacogenomics: The challenges and potential of translating genomics to the clinic for better drug therapy

WILLIAM E. EVANS, PHARM D
Director and CEO
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Clinical Pharmacogenomics: An opportunity for pharmacists to take a leadership role in individualized medicine

KRISTINE CREWS, PHARM D, BCPS
Translational Research Laboratory Director
St. Jude Children's Hospital

PUBLICATIONS

Dickerson RN. Jonathan E. Rhoads Lecture 2012: Improving patient care with practice-based research. *JPEN J Parenter Enteral Nutr.* 2012;36(5):562-573.

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Karimi Khaledi M, Suda KJ, Shelton CM. Tardive dyskinesia after short-term treatment with oral metoclopramide in an adolescent. *Int J Clin Pharm.* 2012; Epub

PRESENTATIONS

Dickerson RN. Hypocaloric, high protein nutrition therapy for critically ill patients with obesity: Clinical and pharmaceutical challenges. 34th ESPEN Congress of the European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism. September 10, 2012. Barcelona, Spain

Rawls WN. Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia: Environmental, Behavioral and Unique Pharmaceutical Therapies. TPA 2012 Geriatric and Long-Term Care Conference; August 21, 2012; Franklin, TN.

STUDENTS, RESIDENTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

College of Pharmacy Hosts International Students from Ireland

On Friday, August 24th, two pharmacy students from Ireland arrived in Knoxville after touring the west side of the state for a few days. Danielle Neale and Fionnuala Nevin came to Knoxville to see East Tennessee, as well as the other half of the UT College of Pharmacy. While in Knoxville, the students met with faculty, toured the College of Pharmacy building and the UT Medical Center, attended a UT football game, and enjoyed Boomsday, the annual Labor Day fireworks display. On the Memphis campus, the students enjoyed touring the new College building, Memphis BBQ, and outings with staff and students. When asked about her travels, Fionnuala replied, "We had a wonderful experience during our visit to Tennessee and the UT College of Pharmacy. It was a great opportunity for us to learn about and see the different aspects of pharmacy in America. One of the major highlights of our trip was the amazing welcome and hospitality we received from staff and students in all the facilities we visited."



Fionnuala, left, and Danielle, right, cheer for their favorite American football team. Go Vols!

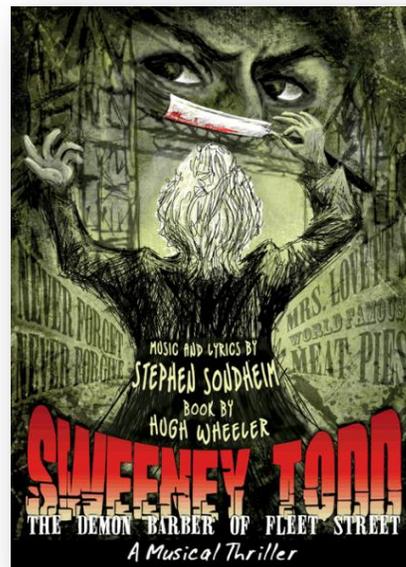
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Morris Participates in University Theatre Production

As part of the new 2012-2013 season for the Clarence Brown Theatre at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, students and veteran alumni performed in a re-creation of the famous Sondheim musical *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. The story follows an English barber, Benjamin Barker, who is exiled for 15 years so that a corrupt official may pursue his newlywed wife. Upon returning from exile, Barker changes his name to Sweeney Todd and partners with a Mrs. Nellie Lovett, a local proprietress of a meat pie shop, vowing revenge on the official that had destroyed his family.

Students from a wide variety of programs throughout the university participated in the reproduction, including Chip Morris, a third-year pharmacy student at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. Morris was a member of the chorus in the production and has been involved in its development since rehearsals began in July of this year. Morris reflects on his experience, "During Introduction to Pharmacy in my first year, Dr. Eoff spoke at some length about living a complete life in pharmacy school.

At the time, I was working on a Sherlock Holmes adaptation at Theatre Memphis and he referenced me in his speech. I sometimes wonder if he would have thought me such a good example if he knew just how much of a time commitment theatre is. *Sweeney Todd* is no exception. Rehearsals started in late July, and before school started, we were working on it six days a week, 8-10 hours a day. It's neither a small, nor a simple show. I doubt I would have been able to participate at all if they hadn't started until school was in session. I'm glad they didn't though, because this is a show I've wanted to do since I was 14, when I got to run the lights for a production of it at the Chattanooga Theatre Center."

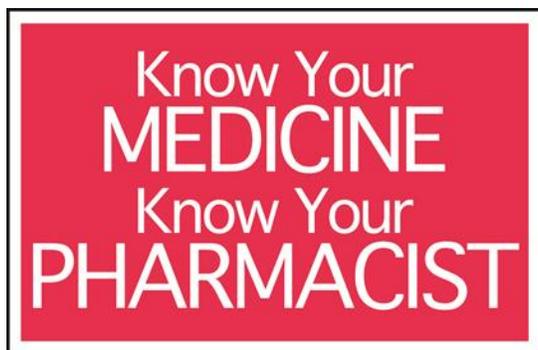


When asked about the inherent value of the experience, Morris states, "I think it's important to have a life outside of school. Too many people get swallowed in the world of their chosen profession, and have a very narrow view of the rest of society. For many people, a small hobby on the weekends is enough. Sometimes I wish that were true of me, but theatre gets in your blood. It demands your attention, and rewards it with standing ovations, and that's [worthwhile]." Morris is pictured left as a member of the chorus in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

STUDENTS, RESIDENTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

American Pharmacists Month – October 2012

Every year in October, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) celebrates American Pharmacists Month (APhM). APhM is an opportunity to recognize the pharmacy profession in all that it does to improve patient care as well as to stress the pharmacist's role as medication expert in every area of practice. APhA gives us three recommendations to make this possible:



American Pharmacists Month

- *Educate* your patients
- *Motivate* your staff
- *Engage and inspire* your community to “Know Your MEDICINE, Know Your PHARMACIST”



College of Pharmacy students show their support by wearing their red shirts for American Pharmacist Month

STUDENTS, RESIDENTS & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Knoxville Campus Hosts Annual K-Town Throwdown

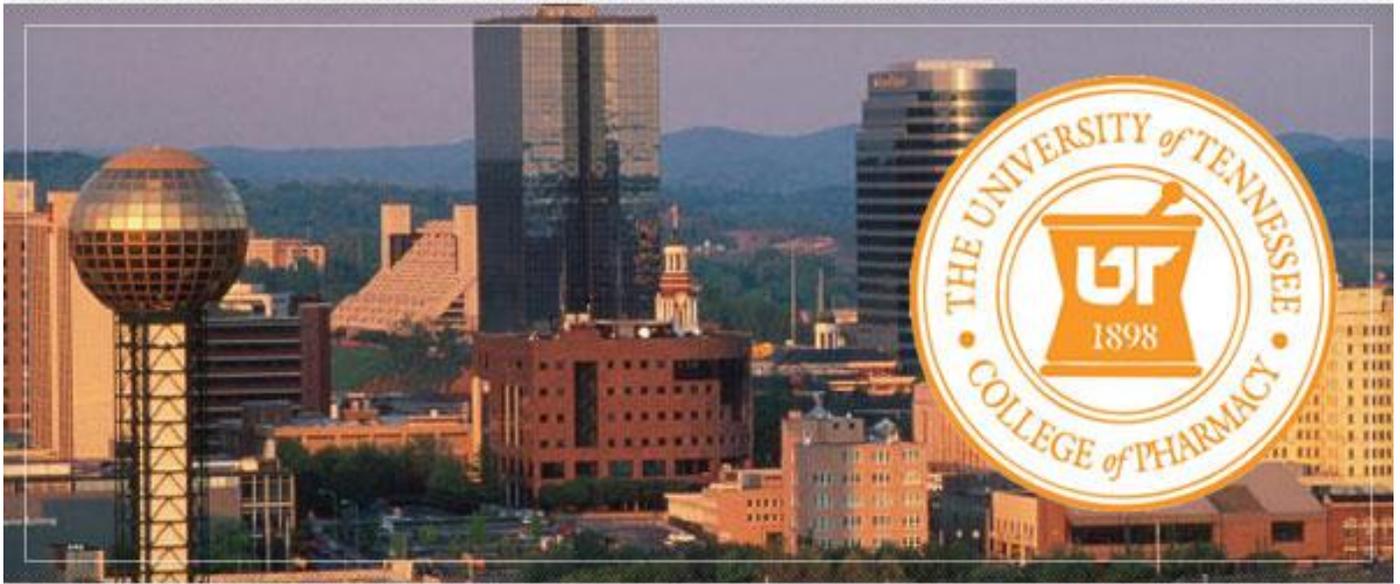
On Saturday, September 22, the College of Pharmacy, Knoxville campus, hosted its annual K-Town Throwdown in front of the Claxton Education Building. Taking place before the UT versus Akron football game, students joined faculty, staff, and alumni from across the state. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of fun, school spirit, and best of all, Buddy's BBQ sandwiches.



ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Pharmacy Alumni Weekend November 8 - 10

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College of Pharmacy Alumni Weekend Registration is NOW OPEN!

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2012
KNOXVILLE, TN

Greetings UT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy Alumni!

Please join us for the 2012 College of Pharmacy Alumni Weekend in Knoxville, November 8-10.

Mark your calendars and be sure to check out the [Alumni Weekend brochure](#) & [events schedule](#) for a detailed list of activities. [Read a personal message](#) from your Alumni Board President Tara Moore, PharmD, and learn about this year's [alumni award winners](#) and [reunions](#). Celebrating reunions this year are the classes of 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002!

Are you ready for some football? Sign up to attend the UT College of Pharmacy Tailgate Party and purchase tickets to the first UT vs. Missouri SEC football game!

You will not want to miss this Pharmacy Alumni Weekend! Registration is now open at www.uthscalumni.com/copfall.

Questions? Contact Amanda Lane, Director of Alumni Programs, at 901-448-8580 or via email at alane@utfi.org.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Pharmacy Alumni Weekend – continued

Don't Delay: *Book Your Hotel Room Today!*

Our original room block at the Holiday Inn at World's Fair Park is **FULL!** Many hotels in Knoxville are fully booked because of the UT vs. Missouri football game. Contact our co-host hotel — *Courtyard Marriott at the Airport*— to receive a special Pharmacy room rate. Secure your room while they last!

Reservation deadline is October 8. [Click for information on the special rate>>](#)

Calling for Pharmacy Board Nominations

Are you interested in serving on the UTHSC College of Pharmacy Alumni Board? Know someone who would be a great member? Check out our [Board Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) and [complete our Volunteer form today>>](#)



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New Website for PLS Alumni

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), the College's leadership society, released its new edition of the website last month. According to Keaton Smetana, current PLS Theta chapter president, "We have completely redone the whole website." One of the main features that Smetana mentions is that the new website has a tab specifically for alumni, "They can input their information if they would like to stay in contact with the Theta chapter about upcoming events or things we are trying to accomplish."

The new website can be found by visiting http://www.uthsc.edu/pharmacy/current_students/philambdasigma/.



ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Condolences

The College extends sympathy to **Kate Cohen, PharmD ('10)** from Gallatin, whose parents, pharmacist **Nancy Norris Cohen, DPh**, and orthodontist Gary Cohen, DDS, of Hendersonville, lost their lives on September 17th in a small-engine plane crash near Jasper, on their way home from a weekend vacation. Dr. Nancy Cohen had been a pharmacist for Perkins Drugs in Gallatin, for 12 years.

The College extends condolences to **Jim Eoff, PharmD ('69)** whose sister, Evelyn "Lyn" Eoff Bass, passed away September 10th in Tullahoma, at the age of 62.

The College extends sympathy to the family of **Gene Hawks, DPh ('62)** from Rogersville. Dr. Hawks was the president of the UT Health Science Center student body and president of the Kappa Psi pharmacy fraternity, as well as the vice president of his graduating class. He also owned the Medical Center Pharmacy and City Drug in his hometown. He passed away on September 5th at the age of 82.

UT Football Schedule for October

	October		
	13 th	20 th	27 th
	Mississippi State Starkville, MS TBA	Alabama Knoxville TBA	South Carolina Columbia, SC TBA
			

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