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NEWS FROM THE
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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SEARCH FOR DEAN CONTINUES

The search for an individual to fill the post of Dean of the School of Pharmacy continues. The position has been administratively separated from the Divisions of Nursing and Allied Health and will be responsible to the Dean of the School of Health Sciences.

The selection process was explained to the editors by H. F. Timmons, Ph.D., newly appointed Dean of the School of Health Sciences. There is to be a search committee composed of Joe Schwemin, Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, and of five faculty members of the School of Pharmacy.

The position will be advertised in numerous journals and all pharmacy schools will be notified. Applications will be screened by the search committee and there will be input from all faculty members.

The committee will make final recommendations to Dr. Timmons. Dr. Timmons will then make recommendations to the vice-president of the University.

Individuals who have applied in the past have been asked to re-apply in light of the administrative reorganization that has occurred.

The school hopes to have the position filled by August 1980.



DR. FLOYD ULRICH

DR. ULRICH TO RETIRE

Dr. Floyd Ulrich, Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, has announced his retirement at the end of the Spring 1980 semester.

A native of Huron, South Dakota, Dr. Ulrich has been at Southwestern since 1965.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Huron College in 1940, Ulrich entered the Army and was a first-lieutenant with the 100th Division, Corps of Engineers, in Europe.

He returned to Huron after World War II and taught at Huron College from 1946 to 1952, when he completed a master's degree in chemistry at Kansas State University. From 1952 to 1956 he worked on his doctor of philosophy degree in analytical chemistry at Oklahoma State University.

When he completed his doctorate at OSU, he moved to White Deer, Tex., where he was a chemist for Celanese Corp. for 10 years before joining the SWOSU pharmacy faculty.

In his first three years at Southwestern, Ulrich not only taught but worked on a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, which he received in 1968.

In addition to teaching drug analysis, medical chemistry, pharmacognosy and drug abuse, Dr. Ulrich has been advisor for the **Apothecary**, the pharmacy annual, since 1968. For the past three years he also has been responsible for the pharmacy audio-visual tutorial lab.

"I think the thing I am going to miss most is working with the **Apothecary**," he said. "Much work has gone into those annuals over the years, and I have become really close to many of the student editors."

Ulrich and his wife Jean will take advantage of his retirement by traveling more. Trips to Mexico, California and South Dakota are in the planning stages.

"I also plan to play a lot more golf and spend more time working in photography," he said. "But one of the first things I'm really looking forward to is a reunion of my military unit this summer."

AN INTERVIEW WITH DEAN TIMMONS

The SIG would like to take this opportunity to announce the appointment of H. F. Timmons, Ph.D., to the position of Dean of the School of Health Sciences. The following is an interview conducted with Dr. Timmons by the editors.

INTERVIEWER: Due to the reorganization of the health-related schools, what will be the relationship of the School of Pharmacy to the School of Health Sciences?

DR. TIMMONS: It will be one of the components of the School of Health Sciences. Other components are the Division of Nursing and the Division of Allied Health. We expect it to continue to be a strong component, as it is at the present time. We expect the Divisions of Nursing and Allied Health to become strong components of the School of Health Sciences and of the University.

INTERVIEWER: Will there be any changes in the way things are done now?

DR. TIMMONS: Things will remain basically the same. We hope to strengthen each of the components as a result of a stronger effort in the area of Health Sciences education.

We also expect that the reorganization will result in more interaction among the divisions, particularly among the faculties. For example, we would like to have some of the faculty in the School of Pharmacy teaching parts of courses in the Divisions of Nursing and Allied Health and vice versa. Pharmacy faculty might teach such courses as Pathophysiology in Nursing, alleviating some of the teaching load that the nursing faculty feel at present. Some of the Pharmacy faculty guest lecture in various nursing courses. At present, one of the Allied Health faculty teaches physiology in the School of Pharmacy. Ultimately, we hope to have several courses which involve the three divisions' students. Microbiology is an example, with students from all three components taking the course together.

INTERVIEWER: What are your first priorities concerning the School of Health Sciences?

DR. TIMMONS: We have a number of priorities. We will maintain the School of Pharmacy at its present level of excellence. This includes maintaining a high quality faculty, excellent student body with respect to numbers and academic qualifications, and the development of innovative programs in undergraduate pharmacy education. We presently have an excellent tradition of innovative curriculum development, and every effort will be made to continue that tradition.

As far as the Division of Nursing is concerned, our priorities are the development of a high quality staff and the gaining of accreditation from the National League of Nursing as soon as possible. We are also devoted to developing professional clinical year classes averaging 35-40 students. We hope to reach that goal within the next year and to continue that in the future.

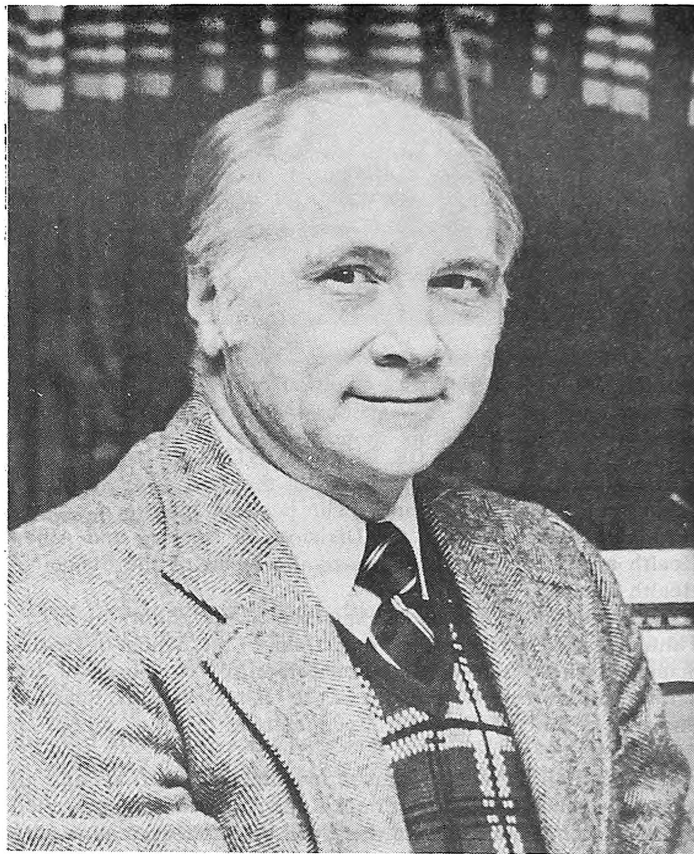
In the area of Allied Health, including Allied Health Administration, Medical Records Administration, Medical Technology and Pulmonary Services Technology, one priority is encouraging enrollment. We think that we have a high quality program at the present time, and we will continue that high quality.

INTERVIEWER: Now that your time will be devoted primarily to administrative matters, will you be able to continue teaching?

DR. TIMMONS: I will continue to teach so long as I can find the time to do so.

INTERVIEWER: How does the School of Pharmacy plan to cope with declining enrollments?

DR. TIMMONS: We plan to intensify our present recruitment activities to insure maintaining a highly motivated, well-qualified student body. I solicit the assistance of the alumni in our recruitment activities. Our most effective recruiters have always been our alumni.



DEAN H. F. TIMMONS

INTERVIEWER: What will be your emphasis regarding research done by the faculty?

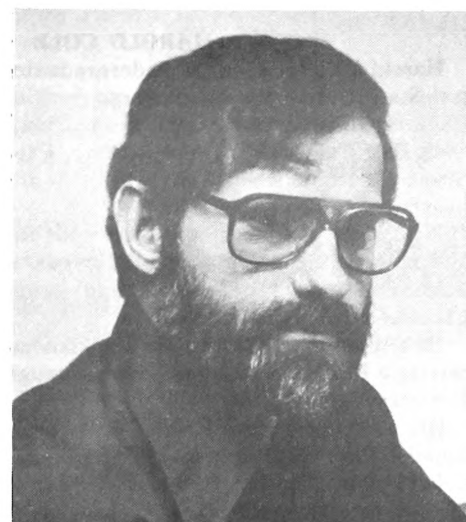
DR. TIMMONS: There was a time when I thought it was possible to have a good faculty and undergraduate institution without the faculty being actively involved in research. I am no longer of that persuasion. I think that it is extremely important to have faculty involved in research because among other results, it provides a constant stimulus to be better teachers. Also, some of the results of the research will find a publisher. Publication will make the faculty member and the University better known. I plan to encourage more research activity. Funds can be made available for faculty research from a variety of sources. A reduction in the numbers of students will also possibly free the faculty to conduct research activities. This does not necessarily mean that teaching loads will be decreased dramatically, but rather that class sizes will decrease.

INTERVIEWER: What are your feelings regarding staff development?

DR. TIMMONS: The University and the School of Health Sciences are committed to staff development. I consider research to be a form of staff development. Other means include taking courses on campus and off campus, specialized short courses and institutes and sabbaticals.

As a final comment, I am quite concerned about the future of higher education. I hope that the school can persuade selected students to attend graduate school.

INTERVIEWER: Thank you for your time and comments.

**DR. BEASLEY****DR. ARMSTRONG****DR. COLE****LINDA BEASLEY**

Linda Beasley was born in Ocilla, a small town in southern Georgia. Dr. Beasley received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Mercer University in Atlanta. She continued work at Mercer, receiving the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer.

She has been a staff pharmacist at Smyrna Hospital in Atlanta, Brauwer Psychiatric Institute in Atlanta and University Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Her husband George teaches in the area of Clinical Pharmacy at the Oklahoma University College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Beasley is a member of the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, the Oklahoma Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Her teaching responsibilities include Dispensing Lecture and Laboratory and Sterile Drug Products Lecture and Laboratory.

DIANE ARMSTRONG

Diane Armstrong was born in Ruston, La., in 1953. She attended high school in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Her pre-pharmacy work was done at the University of Tennessee in Martin in 1971-1973. She received her B.S. in Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences at Memphis in 1976.

She worked at Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn., from 1976 to 1978 as a staff pharmacist.

She then attended Mercer University School of Pharmacy, graduating with the Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1979. Since graduation she has been employed as an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics at Southwestern.

Her professional affiliations include American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Oklahoma Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

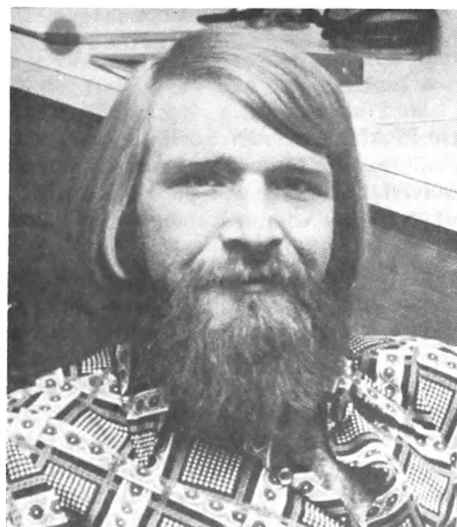
Her teaching responsibilities include Pharmaceutics, Dispensing and Sterile Products Laboratories and Dispensing lecture.

Dr. Armstrong enjoys reading, crochet and needlepoint.

JAMES RAMEY

James Ramey was born in Clinton, but moved to Web City, Mo., where he lived until graduation from high school.

He attended Missouri Southern College and graduated from Southwestern State College in 1971 with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry.

**MR. RAMEY**

He became the Curator of Education at the Oklahoma City Zoo. He administered educational programs, also teaching classes in natural history and assisting in wild-life photography courses. He also took an animal each week to Channel 5 for children to view. He appeared on numerous local television shows such as "Dannysday."

During this time he also wrote and narrated a natural history record for children. In it he discussed animals with the children.

He moved to the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico. There he taught remedial reading to elementary students. He then obtained a teaching certificate in Biology and Chemistry and returned to New Mexico to teach Biology and Life Sciences at Zuni High School.

He returned to Oklahoma City to become Chairman of the Science Department at Millwood High School in Oklahoma City.

In his next position, he became a uranium prober for a mine north of Gallup, N.M. He advanced to miner's apprentice and became a miner for a two-year period.

His present appointment is Coordinator of Animal Labs for the School of Pharmacy. James enjoys outdoor activities, music, reading and cooking. He also makes pottery.

HAROLD COLE

Harold Cole received his undergraduate training at East Central State University. He majored in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. After being awarded a teaching certificate in Biology from East Central he taught Biology, Chemistry and Physics at Strothers High School. He was also the junior high school principal.

While in the armed forces, he went through medic training and medical technology school. He was accepted to Advanced Medical Technology Training and taught Advanced Clinical Chemistry at Fort Sam Houston.

He attended graduate school at Oklahoma State University, receiving a Ph.D. in Physiology. He has taught at Southwestern for five years.

His teaching responsibilities have been Animal Physiology, Cellular Physiology and Fundamentals of Medical Science. Dr. Cole presently teaches Human Physiology to pharmacy students in addition to other duties.

Dr. Cole is also interested in building and has performed contract work as a brickmason.

Dr. Cole has conducted research on the intestinal toxicity of *E. coli* to the pig. His research will be presented to the International Pig Veterinarian Society meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, in July 1980. The paper will be published in the Proceedings of the IPVS.

PRAY GOES ON SABBATICAL

Steve Pray will leave in August on a sabbatical at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. He will pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Administration.

While a member of the faculty at Southwestern, Pray has sponsored Phi Delta Chi fraternity, founded and sponsored the Institutional Pharmacy Association, served on the Publicity and Awards Committees and has been co-editor of **The Sig**. His teaching responsibilities have included Sterile Products, Hospital Pharmacy, Pharmaceutics IV, Proprietary Drug Products, Public Health and Introduction to Pharmacy.

Pray is a member of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Oklahoma Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Parenteral Drug Association and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

While at Southwestern, he has had an article on diabetic products published in **Chain Store Age** and an article on unit dose published in **Hospital Pharmacy**. He also obtained a grant from Ames Co. to study the effect of color-defective vision on the interpretation of diabetic urine tests. The results of this research will be published in the July or August issue of **Hospital Pharmacy**.

FACULTY DOINGS

Dr. Ulrich chaperoned the Senior Trip to Lilly, Dow and Abbott. . .Mr. Pray attended the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas. . .Dr. Timmons attended the Midyear Meeting at Pharmat and the Midwest Conference on Pharmacy. . .Mr. Ralph attended the Pharmat Board of Directors Meeting in Kansas City. . .Dr. Keller also attended the Midwest Conference on Pharmacy and attended the semi-annual meeting of the Evaluation-Reaffiliation Sub-committee of the Southern Region Heart Conference in Atlanta. . .Dr. French and Mr. Pray delivered lectures to Weatherford High School students, parents and interested parties in conjunction with National Heart Week. . .Dr. Coates attended a Basic Pharmacokinetics Workshop at St. Augustine, Fla. . .Mr. Pray's article on diabetic urine tests and defective color vision will be published in the July or August issue of **Lippincott's Hospital Pharmacy**. . .Mrs. Clark was selected as one of ten recipients of

the "Special Recognition for Excellence" awards given university faculty for 1980. . .Cinda Wilkinson completed requirements for the Master of Public Health degree and was awarded the degree in recent ceremonies at the University of Oklahoma. . .Dr. Reichmann received tenure this year.

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZES MANAGEMENT COURSES

Realizing the need to be better prepared in the field of Management because of today's economy, the Department of Health Care Administration has developed a sequential set of courses for each professional year which will be mandatory for all professional Pharmacy students entering the School after September 1980.

The three courses are all management based, and each succeeding course builds upon the past course. Computer case studies will be an integral part of these offerings. The over-all objective is to better prepare the graduating student for the forces acting in today's economy.

Southwestern is one of a small number of pharmacy schools who are increasing, rather than decreasing, the amount of time spent on management training.

METRO AREA WOMEN'S PHARMACY GROUP FORMED

Graduate Kappa Epsilon members have formed an alumni chapter for women graduates of the Southwestern State University School of Pharmacy. The Oklahoma Alumni Metro Chapter had its first meeting in Oklahoma City on May 18.

All interested women pharmacists in the metro area are encouraged to contact Julie Phillips at 943-2182 or Alice Bayles at 722-3591.

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