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Abilene gets new regional dean

Debra Notturmo-Strong, R.Ph., has accepted the regional dean position at the SOP Abilene regional campus, effective Nov. 1. She will also serve as a professor for the Department of Pharmacy Practice.



Debra
Notturmo-Strong, R.Ph.

“What I’m looking forward to most is continuing the successes established at the SOP Abilene campus and to carrying forward the commitment and advancement of our profession,” Notturmo-Strong

said. “The atmosphere in Abilene is one of warmth and friendliness and I look forward to maintaining that environment, as well as advancing the relationships with our students, our faculty and the Abilene community.”

She added, “As this is my second career, I absolutely embrace the opportunity to be in a position to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Notturmo-Strong received her B.S. in pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and her M.S. in administration from Central Michigan University. She also earned an M.S. in pharmacy administration and an M.S. in health policy from the University of Sciences in Philadelphia.

In October, Notturmo-Strong retired from the U.S. Air Force (USAF) after 24 years of service. She most recently served as commander of the 7th Medical Support Squadron and deputy commander of the 7th Medical Group stationed at Dyess Air Force Base (AFB). She was responsible for the health, welfare and morale of 108 officers, enlisted and civilian personnel in the areas of pharmacy, laboratory, resource management, medical logistics, medical readiness, information systems and patient administration.

Prior to her arrival at Dyess AFB, Notturmo-Strong was stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio where she initially served as inpatient pharmacy flight commander at Wilford Hall Medi-

cal Center and directed the only Department of Defense bone marrow transplant pharmacy in the USAF. She later served as director for pharmacy operations at Lackland AFB and was responsible for the Air Force Medical System’s largest and most complex pharmacy operation.

“I pride myself in being an approachable and caring leader,” Notturmo-Strong said. “I have always enjoyed management by wandering around, not as a micromanager, but as a team player with a desire to know what people are faced with and dealing with and what opportunities we can explore together. I have a passion for people — they are our most important asset — and doing the right thing.”

Notturmo-Strong grew up about 20 miles north of Boston in Ashland, Mass. Her father served in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve for 38 years, which motivated her to join the military.

“My parents met when my dad was stationed in Germany and they were married for 47 years,” Notturmo-Strong said. “I lost my mom in 1999 and my dad in 2008; I owe my work ethic, my caring nature and my commitment to education to them.”

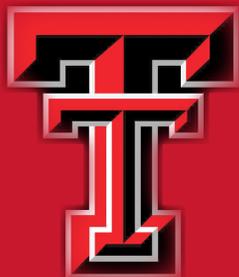
Notturmo-Strong’s husband, Jay, is also retired from the military. They live just south of Abilene in Tuscola and have two children: 18-year-old Alexandra and 25-year-old Matthew.

“We chose to retire in Abilene when we were assigned here two years ago,” Notturmo-Strong said. “Jay loves to hunt and fish and I love to cook—it’s a match made in heaven. Jay is my staunchest supporter and my greatest critic, so it works well. Between us we have 47 years of leadership experience and share a passion for caring about people and making a difference.”

Notturmo-Strong is replacing Dr. José Vega, who began serving as interim regional dean for the Abilene campus in June. He will resume his duties as an assistant professor for the Department of Pharmacy Practice.



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Meeks earns Dean's Student Leadership Award

When he was nominated for the latest Dean's Student Leadership Award, Abilene P4 Robert Meeks was described as a problem solver who often takes charge of projects without any fanfare or recognition. In fact, during his four years at the SOP, Meeks has earned a reputation as a responsible voice for the Abilene Class of 2012 and an outstanding leader for the entire Abilene campus.

Though he is flattered and humbled by such descriptions of his character and abilities, Meeks never sought such attention. He just enjoys being involved.

"During my first year I was nominated by someone for class president and I turned it down," Meeks said. "When I was nominated again, multiple times, I realized that there were many people who thought I could do the job and I then decided to run. I kept running because I felt I could continue to help out and motivate others to join and be active in the school."

After serving as class president during the 2009-2010 academic year, Meeks began taking on other positions of leadership for SOP student organizations and the Abilene campus. He completed two terms as vice president for the American Pharmacist Association- Academy of Student Pharmacists, served as community service chair and president for the National Community Pharmacist Association and was president-elect for the Abilene Student Senate.

Meeks is also a founding father for the Phi Delta Chi Gamma Eta chapter and a member of Phi Lambda Sigma.

"I began to see the different areas that needed improvement in the organizations in which I was a member and I thought I could help," Meeks said.

Meeks believes student organization involvement is an important component to the overall SOP experience because it helps students develop skills and extend their knowledge base beyond the classroom.

"They are a great way to get involved with the community and the school and a



P2 Matt Brantley (left) and SOP Interim Regional Dean Dr. José Vega (right) were on hand when the Dean's Student Leadership Award was presented to Abilene P4 Robert Meeks. Brantley helped nominate Meeks for the quarterly award.

great way to socialize and create networks with others," Meeks said. "The organizations offer a variety of opportunities to show leadership and develop management skills."

Meeks credits the support of his family and friends for giving him the drive to accept the responsibilities that go with leadership.

"I'm a happily married man and my wife has been a great supporter," Meeks said. "She helps guide me and motivates me to be a better person and she also sees the potential in me to help others. I've also had great support from the other student organization leaders and Mike Nall (assistant director for student services in Abilene) has been a great supporter of the student body and the organization leaders on the Abilene campus."

Just as he never intended to play such a prominent leadership role for his class or his campus, Meeks never expected to receive the Dean's Student Leadership Award. However, he sees the recognition as an indication that all the extra effort has made a difference to others.

"It's a sign that hard work can pay off," Meeks said. "It also shows me that I have helped motivate and inspire several others to the point they feel I deserve recognition for what I have done."

McCarrell to represent SOP in geriatric education



Dr. Jamie McCarrell

The Geriatric Education Center recently selected SOP Assistant Professor Dr. Jamie McCarrell to be the school's 2011-2012 Geriatric Teaching Scholar.

McCarrell will spend the next year developing a geriatric edu-

cation project to address certain concerns expressed by P4s.

"Some students felt they were getting a great experience during their geriatric clerkship and others did not," McCarrell said. "My project will seek to standardize and improve the comprehension and retention of certain areas of the P4 geriatric clerkship across all four SOP campuses. This will

hopefully be demonstrated by higher grades on the final exam."

McCarrell joined the Department of Pharmacy Practice last summer. He is a member of the SOP Class of 2009 and completed a 24-month pharmacotherapy residency on the Amarillo campus in June.

Abilene students help out at Dyess Health Fair

On Oct. 7, four Abilene SOP students joined a group of health care providers from the Dyess Air Force Base at the 7th Medical Group Health Fair. The event is an annual promotion of the clinical services offered at the base.



Abilene P4 Megan Moonjian gets a blood sample from a U.S. Air Force Major at the Dyess AFB 7th Medical Group Health Fair.

The SOP contingent included P4s Gary Bradshaw, Megan Moonjian, Huy Hong and Hung Pham and SOP Assistant Professors Dr. Jessica Weis, Dr. Molly Minze and Dr. Stephen Wise.

The group conducted blood glucose tests, blood pressure checks and drug device demonstrations. They also assisted with the pediatric booth and helped to promote the Abilene Medication Cleanout, which was held the following day.

“It’s a great feeling to do these kinds of services for the active military on base, as well as the retiree population that at-

tended the event,” Wise said. “It also was a great opportunity to show what the clinical pharmacy team is capable of performing.”

Most of the students were participating in primary care or community care rotations. Wise said patient counseling skills, communication and point-of-care testing are integral parts of those clerkships.

Prior to the health fair, Moonjian put together a poster and a handout that provided information about diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia.

“The materials were so well done that the disease manager wanted to take it from us after the event for her own use,” Wise said.

Wise said the service personnel also enjoyed the health fair and had friendly competitions about who would have the best blood sugar result.

“They would gloat if his or her result was good after eating a high-carb meal within the last 30 to 60 minutes,” Wise said. “The finger-stick booth had quite a line going for a while and we wanted to get another student to help out. Luckily, some people from the Flight Medicine Clinic came by and took over the blood pressure booth until the lines became more manageable. They even got us some extra gloves and band-aids when we started to run low.”

Dallas/Fort Worth trio wins clinical competition

Dallas/Fort Worth P4s Brien Gale, Loretta Rios and Brett Noteware comprised the winning team at the SOP’s Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. For their efforts, the trio represented TTUHSC and the SOP at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy’s (ACCP) national clinical pharmacy challenge.

The national competition pulls in teams from all pharmacy schools across the country. The

first four rounds took place online and the last two rounds were live on Oct. 16-19 at the 2011 ACCP annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

While our team didn’t make the live final rounds in Pittsburgh, they made a good showing as they advanced through the



Brien Gale



Loretta Rios



Brett Noteware

online rounds. We’re proud of their efforts and the manner in which they represented TTUHSC and the SOP

How to submit items for the Dean’s Newsletter

The mission of “From the Dean’s Desk” is to communicate the news, events and achievements from the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy to all four of our campus sites and to alumni and other friends of the school who enjoy hearing about your good work.

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SOP alumnae find balance with new consulting business

Retail pharmacies, hospitals and clinics provide the most common employment options for SOP graduates, but thanks to the expanding health care world there are many other opportunities for today's pharmacy professionals.

SOP alumnae Gina Cole (SOP '07) and Lyndsi White (SOP '06) uncovered such an opportunity. They responded by opening IntelliCare, a pharmacy consulting company that focuses on nursing homes, assisted living facilities and long-term pharmacies.

Between graduation and starting their own business, Cole and White undertook some of the more common professional pharmacist options. Cole initially worked in retail pharmacy at Target before serving clinical services director for the Hospice Pharmacy Group. White began her career at Harris Methodist Hospital before stints at Target and Medicine Chest Institutional Pharmacy.

"From our previous jobs, we knew the 'behind the scenes' processes of long-term care and pharmacy consulting," White said. "Once we decided this was an area we wanted to start in, we decided the best fit would for us to create our own company. We went to the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) conference in November 2010 and started our first facilities in January."

Their husbands—Kenny Cole and Randy White—are members of the SOP Class of 2006. Kenny Cole handles the business side of IntelliCare, including expense reports, payroll, state and federal taxes and profit/loss statements. He also works for Harris Methodist in Fort Worth. Randy White is the pharmacy manager at Medicine Chest North in Sulphur Springs.

The Coles have a 3-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son. The White family includes a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old son. Because of their young families, self-employment was a way for Cole and White to gain more control of their



workdays so they spend more time with their children.

"We were both new moms interested in working for ourselves and working with other pharmacists with a similar work ethic and similar short-term and long-term goals," Cole said. "We were looking for flexibility of schedules, since we both have two young kids and husbands who are pharmacists and who sometimes have to work nights and weekends. And most importantly, Lyndsi and I have similar work ethics and practice styles."

They also share an interest in working with geriatric patients that they first discovered during pharmacy school. White, a Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Scholar for TTUHSC and the Garrison Institute on Aging, credits her mentors at that time — SOP Assistant Professor Dr. Rebecca Sleeper and Barbara Cherry, DNSc, department chair for leadership studies at the School of Nursing — for sparking her interest in geriatrics.

"I feel that pharmacists are key advocates for the geriatric patients and play a crucial role in the team approach to caring for this patient population," White said.

Cole said early-career experiences and their years at the-SOP helped lead them to geriatrics.

"We were both on the dispensing side with a heavy emphasis on geriatric patients and we also had an excellent focus on geriatric care through TTUHSC-SOP," Cole said. "The focus on geriatrics at the SOP really helped us to understand that we can make a difference to this population. It provided us with an

excellent education in managing medication regimes for populations over 65 and an understanding of the complexities of health and medication management in this group."

After working in other areas of pharmacy, White said consulting is the best fit for her personally and professionally. She enjoys it so much that she plans to work as a consulting pharmacist for the remainder of her career.

"The flexibility is the best for me right now," White said. "The consultant pharmacist is required to be in the facility at least once a month, and Gina and I can adjust our schedules so that we are still available to be with our kids, too. Many mornings I leave early for a facility before anyone else is awake at my house so that I can be back to pick up the boys from preschool and be home with them in the afternoons."

Though IntelliCare is still less than a year old, Cole and White have picked up quickly on some of the keys to operating a successful business.

"Building relationships is key with other pharmacists, other members of the health care team and with patients," White said. "There are many pharmacists who have the knowledge, but the ones that make a difference are the ones that take the time to build relationships because this makes the 'business' part come together easier. Pharmacy is a small world, and networking is a very important factor in starting a business."

Cole said planning ahead is also important.

"Be sure to have grounding in the business aspects such as taxes, payroll records and expense reports," Cole said. "Investigate the market to be sure there is a need for the service you want to offer. And if you are starting very small, as we did, understand that some benefits such as health insurance and 401ks might not be possible during the first years of start up so you will need a back-up plan."

Student organizations garner awards

Two student organizations from the SOP were recognized in August at their respective national Grand Council meetings.

The Texas Tech Delta Pi Chapter of Kappa Psi Professional Pharmaceutical Fraternity received the William R. Smith Most Improved Chapter Award at the Grand Council Convention of Kappa Psi meeting in San Francisco.

The national award is given to the organization chapter with the most significant improvement over the past year from among the 82 Kappa Psi collegiate chapters.

Eight SOP students from the school's Amarillo and Dallas/Fort Worth campuses attended the meeting.



From left: Dallas/Fort Worth P3 Holly Arimoyeotu accepts the William R. Smith Most Improved Chapter Award from Kappa Psi Province I Supervisor Dr. Tracy Anderson-Haag.

"We are blessed to be the recipients of this award considering the fact that we are the only Kappa Psi chapter faced with the challenge of having a multi-campus chapter," Immediate Past-President Kevin Aloysius said. "Last February, our chapter was honored at the regional level where we won the Most Improved Chapter Award from among 23 Region 6 chapters.

"To now win a national award is a testimony to the countless

hours of hard work each and every member put into this organization. I want to especially thank the executive officers of 2010-2011 year for their time and commitment as well as our faculty advisor, Dr. Eric MacLaughlin, for his guidance."

The Amarillo SOP's Beta Rho chapter of Phi Delta Chi also garnered national recognition when they received the organization's 100 percent Achievement Award for their accomplishments in leadership, scholastics and brotherhood during the past year.

Four Amarillo SOP students accepted the award in Buffalo, N.Y. at the 68th Annual Phi Delta Chi Grand Council Meeting. They were joined by two of their brothers from the SOP's Gamma Eta chapter in Abilene, which received its charter at the meeting.

All six SOP students participated in officer training courses designed to teach students how to strengthen their respective chapters.

"It was exciting because not many schools have the unique opportunity to have so many different campuses or to plan cross-campus activities for two chapters," Beta Rho's Outgoing President D'Neise Laverty said. "Everyone had a great time and we all look forward to growing our organizations this year."



From left: SOP students Nicolle Nicholson (P2), Timmi Ickert (P2), D'Neise Laverty (P3) and Mallory McGarry (P2) pose with Phi Delta Chi Grand President Dr. Brandon Succher and his 'special shirt' in Buffalo, N.Y. Succher is also the founding president for the SOP's Beta Rho chapter.

ACCP honors contributions of C.A. "CAB" Bond

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy has named the late Dr. C.A. "CAB" Bond, FCCP, the 2011 recipient of the College's Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy. Prior to his death in June 2009, Bond was a University Distinguished Professor and professor of pharmacy practice for the SOP in Amarillo.

In making its selection for the 2011 award, the Parker Medal Committee noted Bond's contributions to clinical pharmacy, particularly his research relating pharmacy services to patient outcomes.



From left: ACCP president Dr. Bill Kehoe, SOP Department Chair Dr. Cynthia Raehl, Marianne Bond and Pharmacotherapy Editor-in-Chief Dr. Rick Scheife at the Paul F. Parker Award presentation for the late Dr. C.A. "CAB" Bond, FCCP.

"This sustained work has had major impact on the pharmacy profession as it documented the economic impact of clinical pharmacists in various health care settings," according to the committee statement. "It was agreed that the impact of his work has been both potent and far-reaching, positively affecting clinical pharmacy both nationally and internationally."

During his career, Bond earned seven National Research Awards from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the ACCP's Russell R. Miller Award. In 2001 he received the President's Distinguished Research Award from TTUHSC.

Paul F. Parker died in 1998 and was considered one of clinical pharmacy's most innovative practitioners and teachers. He was a leading proponent for decentralizing pharmacy services and placing pharmacists in hospital clinical areas. He also developed the nation's first pharmacist-staffed drug information center.

Development Notes... by Carrie Croley Development Director



Carrie Croley

Paying It Forward

The last few months have been busy with several exciting development and alumni initiatives occurring and/or being planned. Here's a quick recap:

- Earlier this year, an initiative was launched to establish and endow the SOP Alumni Pioneers Scholarship. The endowment means the fund will last in perpetuity and will continue to grow and provide scholarships to future SOP students. However, we need your help to make this scholarship a reality.

To date, our efforts have been fruitful. As the graph shows, approximately 60 percent of the necessary funds have been raised, but we still have some ground to make up.



Do you remember how similar scholarships helped make school a little easier for you? Then please consider making a gift to pay it forward; even a \$50 gift can make a big difference. To make your contribution today, please visit give2tech.com and then select "SOP Alumni Pioneers Scholarship."

- For two days in August, the SOP hosted a student leadership retreat for approximately 40 students and residents. The retreat included a panel discussion featuring speakers from different areas of pharmacy practice such as retail, hospital and managed care.

These panelists were gracious enough to share their time and wisdom with our students —they were paying it forward.



From left: Panelists for the 2011 Student Leadership Retreat included Dr. Beth Easton from Target; SOP alumna Dr. Latisha Tomlinson from University Medical Center; and Troy Lannoo from Caremark.

The panelists included Dr. Beth Easton, R.Ph., from Target; Troy Lannoo from Caremark; and SOP alumna Dr. Latisha Tomlinson (SOP '07) from University Medical Center in Lubbock. Additionally, two retreat sessions were devoted to Strength Finders 2.0 so students could learn about and gain ideas about leveraging and emphasizing their strengths. In another session students focused on what they learned and incorporated that knowledge into a team project. The SOP sends many thanks to Target for helping sponsor this event.

- At long last — and to the delight of many — cooler temperatures and loud cheers have ushered in fall and football season. This time of year always makes me a bit nostalgic for those great Red Raider games at Jones AT&T Stadium and elsewhere! If you're like-minded, then come join us for a tailgate Nov. 26 at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington when Texas Tech takes on Baylor. As game day gets closer, we will send out emails and make additional posts to our Facebook page with more tailgate information. Please visit www.facebook.com/#!/groups/98106275856/ or search for Texas Tech Pharmacy Alumni Association and join the group.

I look forward to seeing you at the tailgate and on Facebook in the months ahead!

SOP students, toys help teach children about hospital care

On Sept. 17, a group of Amarillo P2s spent their morning examining stuffed animals and dolls at the 2011 Teddy Bear Clinic at the Northwest Texas Healthcare System Children's Hospital.

The annual free event includes physicians who examine the toys and then recommend lab tests, X-rays, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, prescriptions and surgery.

The purpose is to teach children about a variety of hospital services and allay their fears about hospitals and medical personnel.

"I worked in the pharmacy where we gave the teddy bears their medicines that were prescribed by the physician," Derrica Walker said. "The prescriptions were really stickers for the children. When we gave the prescriptions we counseled them about medicines not being candy and to always ask their parents before taking any sort of medicine."

Walker also worked with the Texas Panhandle Poison Center to reinforce concepts about medication safety.

"I enjoyed being around the children and talking with them about what illness their teddy bears had," Walker said. "Some of the stories were very creative."

Mallory McGarry also enjoyed working with the children and directing them through the clinic.

"It was wonderful to see how excited the kids were about taking their teddy bears to see the doctor," McGarry said. "The experience seemed to make all of them realize that going to the doctor or hospital isn't a scary thing and that everyone there

ON TARGET...

Celebrating Continuous Quality Improvement at the TTUHSC-SOP

Every three years the SOP undertakes an extensive strategic planning process. The strategic plan is developed through an inclusive process that solicits input and review from faculty, students, staff, administrators, alumni and other stakeholders. Progress toward achieving the objectives of the plan is assessed and evaluated annually.

The SOP strategic planning process is an opportunity to:

- Focus attention on a few things to be accomplished with distinction
- Be visionary and aspirational in thought and action
- Consider programs and services that will reinforce a distinctive image
- Identify and act on opportunities to maximize student and school reputation and success
- Confront and frame major strategic, resource intensive decisions to achieve comprehensive excellence

The SOP Strategic Plan for calendar years 2011-2013 and other strategic planning documents are available at:

www.ttuhsoc.edu/sop/administration/accreditation/reports.aspx.

Check it out. Much progress has been made toward accomplishing the objectives of this quality improvement roadmap.

wants to make them or their teddy bears feel better."

Other SOP students who helped with the clinic included Leigh Anselmo, Nannapat Dycus, Kristin Foster, Timmi Ickert, Johnson Kang, Mayank Kansal, Emily Kim, Gautej Koradia, Eileen Leung, Whitney Mason, Elnaz Rabiei, Eva Vindekilde and Sarah Willis.



Top: Leigh Anselmo (P2-Amarillo) helps a young patient put on a bicycle helmet at the 2011 Northwest Texas Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic.



Left: Amarillo P2s Sarah Willis (left) and Derrica Walker hand out poison information at the 2011 Northwest Texas Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic.

Medication Cleanout hosts first Abilene collection

The Texas Panhandle Poison Center (TPPC) and the SOP's Abilene regional campus hosted the Big Country's first Medication Cleanout on Oct. 8. This was the 15th Medication Cleanout event for the TPPC, which is hosted by TTUHSC and the SOP and managed by SOP Assistant Professor Dr. Jeanie Jaramillo.



The 67 volunteers who worked the event collected 245 pounds of unused medications for appropriate disposal from 107 participants. Volunteers included pharmacy and nursing students; SOP assistant professors Dr. Ann Canales, Dr. Lisa Brinn and Dr. Carol Fox; and Greg Young, R.Ph., from Hendrick Professional Pharmacy.

TPPC partnered with Hendrick Healthcare System and the Abilene Police Department to bring the Medication Cleanout to Abilene.

TPPC's Medication Cleanout program has collected 5,818 pounds of unused medications from 2,170 individuals since the first collection took place in Amarillo in September 2009. Collections have also taken place in Borger, Canyon, Lubbock, Pampa, Shamrock and Shallowater.

Lubbock's second Medication Cleanout is scheduled for Oct. 29. Visit www.MedicationCleanout.com for more details.



Scenes from the Oct. 8 Medication Cleanout at the Abilene SOP.



In case you missed it...



Dr. Richard Leff

- The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at the National

Institutes of Health has appointed Dr. Richard Leff to the U.S. Pediatric Formulation Initiative task force. Leff, regional dean for the SOP's Dallas/Fort Worth campus, will serve on the Biopharmaceutics Working Group.

NICHD is part of the Obstetric and Pediatric Pharmacology Branch and operates through the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act.



Dr. Rebecca Sleeper

- Drs. Rebecca Sleeper and Brian Irons (Associate Professors, Department of Pharmacy Practice - Lubbock) are among a group of 30 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) members who were recognized as ACCP Fellows during the ACCP's 2011 Annual Meeting Oct. 16-19 in Pittsburgh.



Dr. Brian Irons

ACCP awards fellowship status to members who have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.



Dr. Paul Lockman

- Dr. Paul Lockman, assistant professor for the SOP's Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been named associate dean for outcomes assessment and simulation. He will begin his new position March 1.



Dr. Jeanie Jaramillo

- The American Association of Poison Control Centers has voted unanimously to extend accreditation for the Texas Panhandle Poison Center (TPPC) for five years. SOP Assistant Professor Dr. Jeanie Jaramillo is the managing director for TPPC.

Getting to know...

Desmon Dunn Supervisor Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo

Desmon was born in Shelby, Montana, located about 30 miles south of the Canadian border in Montana's Hi-Line region, but he has spent most his life in Amarillo. He graduated from Palo Duro High School and his first job was at Wonderland Amusement Park.

Desmon earned his B.A. in philosophy from Texas Tech in 2008 and moved back Amarillo. Before joining the SOP in 2010, he worked as a hiring and operations manager for McDonald's of Amarillo.

Desmon and his fiancée, Natasha Williams, are planning a

wedding for early next year. They have a 1-year-old Rottweiler-Labrador retriever mix named Cleo.

"Our dream is to own a houseboat or season tickets to the

Texas Rangers' baseball games," Desmon said.

When he is not working or helping plan his wedding, Desmon enjoys fusion cooking, writing short stories and poetry and learning to play the guitar.

He also serves as a student-athlete mentor for the YMCA and is a regularly invited speaker at local middle and high schools representing the Amarillo Area Foundation's Achievement through Commitment to Education scholarship program.



Desmon Dunn and his fiancée Natasha.

SOP Photo Gallery

From left: Russ Platt, district manager for Walgreens, and Pharmacy Supervisor Jennifer Barnett, R.Ph., dropped by recently to deliver a check and show their company's continuing support of our program.



Abilene P4 Gary Bradshaw performs a blood glucose test on a Lieutenant Colonel at the Dyess AFB 7th Medical Group Health Fair.



Amarillo P2s Kristin Foster (center) and Linh Le (right) teamed with Dallas/Fort Worth students Merlyn Joseph (P4) and Kevin Aloysius (P3) for a sundae-making contest at the SOP's 2011 Student Leadership Retreat.



Abilene P3s Heather Williams (left) and Tiffany Johnson accept the charter for the Gamma Eta chapter at Phi Delta Chi's Annual Grand Council meeting in Buffalo, NY.



Mayank Kansal (P2-Amarillo) helps a young patient fill a prescription for her teddy bear at the 2011 Northwest Texas Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic.



Amarillo P2 Mallory McGarry shares some of her thoughts at the SOP's 2011 Student Leadership Retreat.



Workers installed a Double T sign on the Pharmacy Academic Center in Amarillo in October.

