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## From the President

The exciting buzz that surrounds the University during Commencement never diminishes year after year. The gleam in our graduates' eyes as they receive their diplomas and prepare to set out into the working world is always a pleasure for me to see. I can remember when I was in their shoes, recalling the hard work I put in to my education and how it all came to fruition when I finally grasped my diploma with aspirations for the future.

And what a fantastic Commencement ceremony we had this past spring. From the hooding ceremony for our Ph.D. graduates to the unveiling of the Class of 2003 ivy stone on campus to the actual graduation ceremony amid a packed auditorium inside the Kimmel Center, the entire day was truly a special and memorable occasion.

We were also thrilled to present honorary degrees to three prominent leaders in the health community: Roland Morris, retired chairman and current Of Counsel at Duane Morris, LLP; Dr. J. Craig Venter, president of The Center for the Advancement of Genomics; and Dr. Joseph Robinson, professor of pharmacy and ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. These three fine gentlemen were acknowledged for their respective contributions to the areas of health and science.

There's not a doubt in my mind that many of our graduates, as those before them at USP, will also make a positive contribution in the ever-evolving world of health and science. I am always amazed and proud of our students' success rates in finding employment in a competitive job market. Major companies in the health sciences field aggressively recruit our students well before graduation. This is a testament to the confidence and respect these companies and the health care industry have for University of the Sciences in Philadelphia graduates.

The statistics speak for themselves. At least 90 percent of our students have jobs or have been accepted for advanced study. Our students are now working as full-time pharmacists, pharmaceutical sales representatives, biologists, chemists and occupational and physical therapists. Many of them are working locally, but some are making a name for themselves in states such as New York, Florida and California. They are employed at prominent companies, including Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Eli Lilly and Company, the Hospital at University of Pennsylvania, and many more.

Hopefully, our graduates appreciate the education and guidance they received here at USP and decide to join our wonderful Alumni Association. This past year, we saw a record number of alumni and guests during our Annual Alumni Reunion. I believe the members of the Class of 2003 will help to make our already solid alumni base even stronger in the years to follow.

Thank you to everyone for making this past year such an enjoyable one!

Philip P. Gerbino P'69, PharmD'70  
President



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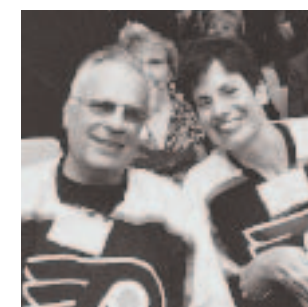
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### Clarification

The story, "USP Contributes to Lewis & Clark Exhibit," that appeared in the Spring 2003 edition of the Bulletin contained some inaccurate information:

- Lewis & Clark did not visit the Glenworth Pharmacy—it was not in existence until 1812 (as is later stated in the article). Lewis and Clark's shopping list of herbs and medicines that totaled \$90.60 was from Gillaspay & Strong. In addition, the jars on display do not hold the medicines the explorers used.

- The quote attributed to Charles Greifenstein, curator of archives and manuscripts and associate library director at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia (CPP) was inaccurate. He said Glenworth represents the type of pharmacy at which the supplies would have been bought.

- The leech jar that USP loaned to CPP was black and white, not blue, which would give the impression it might be a Delft jar, which it is not. The jar is also not from the Lewis and Clark period; it is from the late 19th century.

# USP Commencement: 182 Years and Still Celebrating

Excitement, tradition and family have continually marked graduation festivities at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia over the years.

The University's 182nd graduating class experienced first-hand the euphoria of USP's two-day Commencement celebration. Before they finally grasped their diplomas on Tuesday, May 20, the Class of 2003 took part in several traditional events honoring all their hard work and dedication during their time at USP.

The festivities commenced on Monday, May 19, with the annual Graduate Awards Luncheon, where 64 scholastic awards that acknowledged outstanding class work and service to the University were bestowed on surprised, but deserving students. Students who received scholastic honors were also recognized at the luncheon in front of their family, friends and professors. Among those who were bestowed with scholastic awards, 24 were designated as *summa cum laude* (minimum G.P.A. of 3.80), 34 were designated as *magna cum laude* (minimum G.P.A. of 3.60) and 53 were designated as *cum laude* (minimum G.P.A. of 3.40).

The luncheon was a perfect prelude to what the 438 graduating students and their families

had been anticipating—Commencement Day. The students and their relatives were able to soak in the excitement of Commencement during a festive reception presented by the University in the Wilson Student Center hours before graduation took place.

Commencement began with the hooding ceremony, a long-standing tradition in collegiate education that symbolizes the completion of graduate training. In this special hooding ceremony held on campus, the Ph.D. graduates had the hood of their Commencement regalia conferred simultaneously by their respective research adviser and program director, while students receiving their M.S. degree were recognized for their accomplishments. Afterwards, as other graduating classes have done at the end of each academic year, the Class of '03 proudly unveiled its ivy stone. The "2003" ivy stone (opposite page) is located outside of the library across from the Rosenberger Gym.

For the second-straight year, USP's Commencement was held at the nationally acclaimed Kimmel

Center For The Performing Arts, located at Broad and Spruce Streets. The Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall was filled to capacity with students and more than 2,200 guests. During the ceremony, each of the graduates from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Misher College of Arts and Sciences, College of Health Sciences and the College of Graduate Studies had his/her name called and walked to the stage to shake hands with President **Philip Gerbino**. **Marcie Diane Haviland**, a doctor of pharmacy student, was named this year's valedictorian and addressed her fellow graduates with a speech during the ceremony.

The University conferred honorary degrees to **Roland Morris**, retired chairman and current Of Counsel at Duane Morris, LLP; **Dr. J. Craig Venter**, president of The Center for the Advancement of Genomics; and **Dr. Joseph Robinson**, professor of pharmacy and ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for their respective contributions to the areas of health and science.

The final award announced at Commencement was the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, which was presented to **Dr. Julian W. Snow**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

As the recessional tune "Trumpet Voluntary" echoed throughout auditorium at the end of Commencement, the graduates proceeded up the aisles and into the Kimmel Center's wide-open plaza to receive their diplomas.

What's next in their future is in their hands, but they can be rest assured that USP will always be a part of them. **USP**



Dr. Julian W. Snow



# with honors

## Designated as Summa Cum Laude with minimum Grade Point Average of 3.80:

Dominick Louis Albano  
Tiziana M. Fox  
Victor Anthony Francesco  
Julia A. Freeman  
Dennika Lee Hallman  
Marcie Diane Haviland  
Tam Hua  
Joseph L. Jerolimo  
Tessy Mary John  
Amy Corinne Main  
Kelly Erin McCosh  
Jennifer Anne Nedley  
Jeané Lynn Nolt  
Daniel Oest  
John Steven Palcza

Phung Tu Quach  
Sabrina Rana  
Jennifer L. Schwartz  
Kristy Jo Spetz  
Shannon Mary Strong  
Courtney Beth Tourville  
Sara Anne Waters  
April S. White  
Lee Ann Wilkinson

## Designated as Cum Laude with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.40:

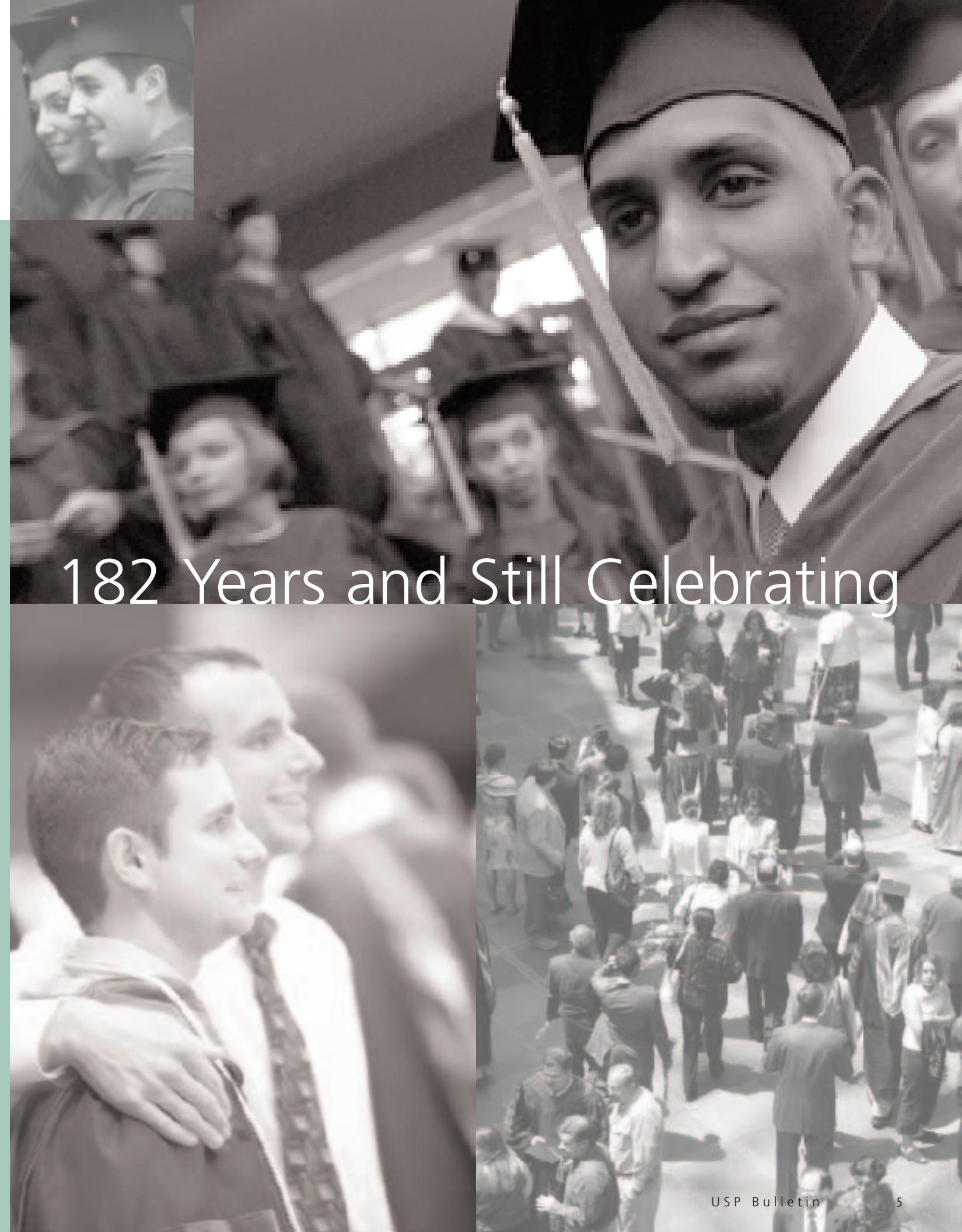
Nicole Beth Ahrens  
Shima S. Amin  
Beena Gopichand Aurora  
Omer Aziz  
Varun Kumar Bhanot  
Michael A. Brankowitz  
Michael Matthew Braun  
Anthony Calcaterra, III  
Michael Brian Capka  
James J. Cardello  
Manmeet K. Chadha  
Nicholas A. Cipparone  
Anna T.J. Dan  
Chaitali J. Desai  
Lorelei Verallo Delavin  
Michelle Lynn Dinozo  
Brooke Danette Foreman  
Jennifer A. Franks  
Mehretworku Gebreselassie  
Tracy Harpster  
Lakiaha Marie Haskins  
Katherine Jeanne Heaton  
Keith James Jackson  
Parsa Karimi  
Meenal Kothari  
Elizabeth Mary Kuntz  
Lily Dinh Lai  
Shannon Leigh Layser  
Sieun Lee  
Tekia N. Lee  
Betty Luu  
Sunita A. Mani  
Audrey N. Marsden  
Marlene Maria Mattes  
James J. McEntee  
David G. Meckes, Jr.  
Patricia Marie Mento

Shawn M. Minick  
Nathan Mohseni  
Colleen Parisi  
Kenneth Joseph Radishofski  
Theresa Ann Romaldini  
Patricia Ryan  
Stephanie E. Sabol  
Nirav H. Sachdev  
Jeremy Walton Sharp  
Jessica Dee Shepps  
Matthew S. Spaits  
Demetra S. Tsapepas  
Sotiria Tzaferos  
Holly Ann Ungerer  
Joy Nicole Wolfberg  
Melinda Wong

## Designated as Magna Cum Laude with minimum Grade Point Average of 3.60:

Ibrahim Abdullah  
Sonia Bharti Agnihotri  
Rebecca Christine Bentzel  
Suzette Marie Bergmark  
Stephanie R. Bey  
Robert Paul Bothwell  
Daniel O. Bowerman  
Jolene Elizabeth Bressi  
Lorraine S. Caprioli  
Patrick J. DeHoratius  
Jennifer Shana Diamond  
Amy Joy Hedlund  
Richard A. Heipertz, Jr.  
Lannhi Thi To Nu Huynh  
Linsey T. James  
Charles Edward Koch, Jr.  
Monica Anne Labb  
Ilona Sledd Lachina  
Jenifer Ellyn Lafrance

Regine A. Louis  
Steven Meschino  
Thanhthuy T. Nguyen  
Priti Narendrakumar Patel  
Rujul R. Patel  
Sara Rafiuddin  
Christiana Rochelle  
Michelle Medina Schober  
Carrie Anne Sitler  
Christine Thomas-Roussel  
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Diep Ngoc Vu  
Erica Lynne Wenger  
Sonja Naomi Zeek  
Allison Elizabeth Zima



# 182 Years and Still Celebrating



1 President Philip Gerbino with Honorary degree recipients (from left to right) Dr. J. Craig Venter, President Gerbino, Joseph R. Robinson, Roland Morris

Graduation is a time for family. It is always a special occasion when families of former and current USP graduates come together during Commencement. 2 Barbara Bonk '76 celebrated the graduation of her son, Thomas J. Bonk II '03, and 3 Marcie D. Haviland '03 enjoyed that her husband, Robert Haviland '02, was able to see her present the valedictorian speech at Commencement. 4 The Ortman family had a chance to witness three generations of USP alumni in one family — Werner Ortman '50 (Grandfather), Melinda Ortman '03, P.J. Ortman '77 (Father).

# 182 Years and Still Celebrating



## Off to the other side of the world....

By Martha M. Jablow

**Sonja Logan** is a young woman with a plan—a very long-range plan. It doesn't involve a white-jacket career with a chain or independent pharmacy like most of her fellow 2003 USP graduates. Instead, Logan is sketching an extensive blueprint for missionary work in the mountains of Thailand. Not for a year or two, but as "a lifelong career."

Although she's only 23, recently married, and the ink is barely dry on her PharmD degree, Logan is already on her way toward her goal of serving humanity. But she's not abandoning pharmacy



altogether. In fact, she will be working for an Acme pharmacy for the next two or three years before going abroad. She expects that her training in pharmacy and health will enhance her work with the Hmong tribes in Thailand—but let's not get ahead of the story.

Logan grew up in Phoenixville, PA, and became interested in science at Phoenixville Area High

School. When college decision time rolled around, she knew she wanted to go into science, but also wanted to interact with people. She met a pharmacist at a high school career day who sparked her interest in pharmacy.

"I knew it would offer a good opportunity to study science and to work with people, especially older people," she recalls. "And I knew that, by going into pharmacy, I'd be helping older people generally." Through her church, she had volunteered with elderly people and felt a special rapport with them.

Logan chose USP because "I liked the program. Philadelphia College of Pharmacy was well-known around the country. And I could jump on the train on

weekends and be home in about an hour."

During her first year at USP, she joined a small religious group called "Agape" (from the Greek word for "love"). "The group is a fellowship of believers, but it's open to everyone. We have something in common, and it's an alternative to fraternities and sororities—but no hazing!"

Logan was also a member of the campus chapter of the National Community Pharmacy Association and of Rho Chi, the honor society for fourth, fifth and sixth-year students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average. Logan's GPA was 3.7 when she was inducted. She also served as student government representative.

How did she manage to earn top grades, work on weekends, and juggle extracurricular activities at school and at her church? "It comes down to good time management," she says, smiling. "I'm pretty organized."

"One of several things that impresses me about Sonja is the strength of her faith," says **Dr. Daniel Hussar**, Remington Professor of Pharmacy, who taught her in several courses. "She's an excellent student who's choosing to give up what could be a high-salary lifestyle to serve individuals who don't have comforts and privileges. Her strong commitment is extraordinary."

Her faith has always been a large part of Logan's life, but it wasn't until her fifth year at USP

that "I knew I wanted to become a missionary," Logan explains. When she received information about becoming a missionary, Logan says she knew what she wanted to do.

Michael Zeek, a 1998 graduate of the Philadelphia Bible College, also played a role. Logan met him at a summer camp counselor training day. The couple married in April.

"Mike had already decided to become a missionary and had visited missions in Mexico, Hong Kong, and Thailand. I knew I wanted to go to Asia," Logan says, "perhaps partly because my mom is Japanese." The couple explored possibilities and eventually signed up with Fellowship International Missions, an umbrella

organization that helps missionaries with orientation, preparation, planning and endless paperwork.

The cost of living in Thailand isn't high and the couple will be living modestly, but they hope to raise "100 percent support" for a year before they go, with promised pledges to carry them into the future.

As they're raising financial support, they will continue to work here. "I need to pay off student loans in the next few years," Logan says, so she took the Acme pharmacy job.

Logan expects to put her pharmacy training to work, too. "I hope to volunteer in a medical clinic and help the doctors and nurses. They don't have a lot of prescriptions, except for some

basic things like penicillin. People in Thailand are very much into natural remedies, herbals, acupuncture, massage." She took an elective course at USP in complementary therapies and continues to study in preparation for going to Thailand.

Logan knows that becoming a missionary isn't a casual adventure or romantic fantasy. "You can't go into it lightly," she says. **USP**

# USP Graduates Navigate Through a Puzzling Economy

By John M. Martino

While the job market has been tumultuous, USP's graduates have steadily found quality jobs

## A partial list of hiring organizations:

Albert Einstein Medical Center  
Aventis  
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP  
Bristol-Myers Squibb  
Centocor, Inc.  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
CVS Corporation  
Eckerd Drugs  
Eli Lilly and Company  
Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey  
Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania  
Janssen Pharmaceutica  
Kennedy Memorial Hospital  
Medco Health Solutions  
Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.  
Pfizer Inc.  
Rite Aid  
The Johns Hopkins Hospital  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
United States Armed Forces  
Walgreens  
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

As the nation's troubled economy has caused unemployment rates to soar to frightening heights, thousands of recent college graduates have felt the impact as jobs become increasingly scarce.

While the job market may seem barren to many graduates at other academic institutions, it is bountiful for University of the Sciences in Philadelphia graduates. Nearly 90 percent of USP's graduates obtained high-quality professional positions at some of the leading healthcare companies and providers in the region and beyond or were accepted for advanced study on the day of graduation.

Are there some kind of magical waters flowing around 43rd Street and Woodland Avenue?

Patricia Peterson, director of career services at USP, says there is not, but she beams that USP is "an oasis of possibilities in a major metropolitan city."

"It is so amazing how well our students have fared, given the state of the economy as a whole," says Peterson. "The jobs they are getting are not part-time positions or jobs to tie them over. These are long-term positions that have tremendous responsibility that will take them a long way into their professional careers."

According to the Summer 2003 issue of *Salary Survey*, a quarterly report published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), new

college graduates are receiving lower salary offers than they did just one year ago. Students majoring in business and engineering—two fields that typically offer job prospects over the years—are having a difficult time landing the high-paying jobs they were expecting. It appears that the pendulum of opportunity is swaying in the direction of health care, and USP's reputation in the health sciences field is providing its students with a brighter outlook for the future.

"This trend will continue as the graying of America continues," says Peterson. "All the baby boomers are moving towards pre-retirement and retirement. People are living longer, they're more concerned about their health and they realize the importance of medication. There is so much need for healthcare professionals, such as pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists, medical technologists and physician assistants. Students majoring in health care have so many opportunities, even when the economy is so bad."

The growing need for healthcare professionals was apparent when numerous companies in

the health field converged on campus for USP's career fair last September. Representatives from major health organizations, such as AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Pfizer Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, and others used this time to "aggressively

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—Patricia Peterson

recruit" USP's senior students, according to Peterson. Some students received job offers as early as December, well before graduation.

"Word is out in the industry that USP students are highly educated and bring skill sets that are intriguing to companies," says Peterson.

"Our students are heavily involved in internships, clerkships and research. People know that our students have a rigorous course of study, no matter what discipline or major they are in. We are science, and this is impressive to employers."

The salary offers USP students received this past year were also impressive. According to NACE's quarterly salary survey of colleges and universities across the country, the salary offers USP graduates attracted this year were well above the

national average. Students in the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy programs have received salary offers of more than \$40,000, while students in other programs, such as pharmacology/toxicology, health sciences, biology and chemistry received the same offers and even higher.

The shortage of pharmacists that is gripping the country has helped USP's Doctor of Pharmacy graduates command salaries of more than \$70,000. Hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, the U.S. armed forces and managed care companies scooped up USP's pharmacy students at a feverish pace.

The success of USP's students in the job market has been quite consistent each year, and Peterson does not see "an ebb and flow" for healthcare employment in the near future.

"The number of calls I have received for healthcare job openings this year as in other years has been overwhelming," says Peterson. "It's just an incredible field to get into these days. It's amazing when you look at the high percentage of graduates we have who are working in top-level companies or deciding to further their education in graduate school. And I think it will only get better. USP's name and reputation is *already* making it better." USP

# reunion "It's a Whole New Ball Game..."



(above) Sal Gratch P'53 entertained the Alumni Reunion audience with his lively solo performance on the drums.

This was an appropriate theme for this year's Annual Alumni Reunion as a record 280 alumni and guests mingled inside the tent near Goodman Hall with the future Athletic/Recreation Center in perfect eye distance. In keeping with the sports theme, everyone was asked to come in casual dress, including the attire of their favorite professional sports team or USP squad. Amid the perfect spring weather, the attendees had a chance to rekindle old friendships and meet new acquaintances.

The day began with a campus tour, including visits to the Marvin Samson Center for the History of Pharmacy, the Center for Advanced Pharmacy Studies Laboratory and a view of the Athletic/Recreation center. The awards program followed as the recipients of the Annual Alumni Association Awards were announced (pictured below).

During the Grand Reception, the Class of '53 members ceremoniously marched down a path to the tent and were recognized as "Golden Graduates," signifying their 50 years of service to

the University. They were bestowed with trophies and certificates of honor. The Class of '78 members were also recognized for their 25 years of service to USP.

Later in the evening, two special presentations—the Samuel P. Wetherill Prize, given annually to the reunion class with the highest increase in number of participants to the Annual Fund, and the Charles Marshall Prize, given to reunion class with the highest increase in contributions to the Annual Fund—were announced by Dr. Philip Gerbino. The Samuel P. Wetherill Prize was presented to the Class of '73, and the Charles Marshall Prize was presented to the Class of '53.

After the dinner program ended, the celebration continued as the alumni and their guests danced to the wee hours of the night. Well, 11 p.m. to be exact... **USP**



## Alumni Awards Recipients

(left to right) Jack Kelly '86, Pharmacy (Men's Athletic Hall of Fame Award), Diane Lesiak '91, Pharmacy (Women's Athletic Hall of Fame Award), Michael Stern '91 Biochemistry (Young Alumnus Award), Mignon S. Adams, MSLS, (Honorary Alumna Award), Ronald D. Kaufman '68, Pharmacy (Ivor Griffith Service Award), Joseph L. Fink, II, '70, Pharmacy (Annual Alumni Award)

## Reunion 2003

**1** Class of 1963: (left to right, front) William Fisher, Pharmacy; Donald Deibler, Pharmacy; Jerry Galoonis, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) H. Ronald McClellan, Pharmacy; George Kline, Pharmacy; Mary Sue Long, Pharmacy; Martin Natter, Pharmacy; Chiz Sakata, Pharmacy; Edward Wolf, Pharmacy; Elizabeth Fusco, Pharmacy; Rosemary McFall, Biology; Joel Feder, Pharmacy; Richard Sample, Pharmacy; James Kane, Pharmacy; Robert Bell, Pharmacy; Cornelius McKelvey, Pharmacy

**2** Class of 1968: (left to right, front) John Stapinsky, Pharmacy; Marie Stapinski, Pharmacy; Bosco Lee, Pharmacy; Herman Marini, Pharmacy; Robert McAuley, Pharmacy; Ronald Kaufmann, Pharmacy; Robert Washkevich, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) Frank Chrzanowski, Pharmacy; Roger Wetherill, Pharmacy

**3** Class of 1958: Ronald Feder, Pharmacy



**4** Class of 1953: (left to right, front) Sol Gratch, Pharmacy; Jerome Block, Pharmacy; Mryon Granik, Pharmacy; (left to right, middle) William Sterling, Pharmacy; Howard Levin, Pharmacy; Philip Marone, Pharmacy; Richard Rhoda, Pharmacy; Robert Hennessy, Pharmacy; Edwin Merow, Pharmacy; William McGregor, Pharmacy; Jean Kavanagh, Pharmacy; Rachel Mullin, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) Leonard Saluck, Pharmacy; Clinton Kuhns, Pharmacy; Ernest Lashendock, Pharmacy; Alex Pavloff, Chemistry; Robert Rosvold, Pharmacy; Charles Kroekel, Chemistry; Manuel Fiel, Pharmacy; Norman Segal, Pharmacy; Ernest Jacobson, Pharmacy; Norman Greenberg, Pharmacy; Herman Vogin, Pharmacy; Charles Crunkleton, Pharmacy; Kathleen McClellan, George Lutz, Pharmacy; Charles Denneker, Pharmacy; Nathan Lipshutz, Pharmacy; Stanley Essl, Pharmacy; Francis Heath, Pharmacy; Thomas Kavanagh, Pharmacy



# bulletin board



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## Reunion 2003

**1** Class of 1973: (left to right, front) Joseph Vondran, Pharmacy; John Vaccarelli, Pharmacy; James Dillon, Pharmacy (left to right, back) Richard Dowling, Pharmacy; Michael Boyer, Pharmacy; John Lynn, Pharmacy; Frank Power, Pharmacy; Marc Denker, Pharmacy; William Jaeger, Pharmacy; Kurt Kienle, Pharmacy

**2** Class of 1978: (left to right, front) Thomas Devenny, Pharmacy; Gary Segal, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) Mary St. Amour, Pharmacy; Ted Lukaszewicz, Pharmacy; Judy Lukaszeqicz, Pharmacy; Denise Tyler, Pharmacy; Debby Smith, Pharmacy

**3** Class of 1983: (left to right, front) Stacy Rosemarin, Pharmacy; Eulena Horne, Pharmacy; Chris Petraglia, Pharmacy; Susan Curry, Pharmacy; Lorri Halberstadt, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) Cloyd Sementelli, Pharmacy; George Solomon, Pharmacy; Rich Hall, Medical Technology; Don Croce, Pharmacy; Scott Curry, Pharmacy; Catherine Zrada, Pharmacy; Dan Halberstadt, Pharmacy



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**4** Class of 1988: (left to right, front) Robert Spera, Pharmacy; Robert Suter, Pharmacy; (left to right, back) Neeta O'Mara, Pharmacy; Jean McFarland, Pharmacy; Lisa Ann Urie, Pharmacy; Maria Das, Pharmacy

**5** Class of 1993: (left to right) Andrew Heister, Pharmacy; Theresa Kopishke, Pharmacy; Kathleen Reitz, Pharmacy; Nishaminy Kasbekar, Pharmacy; Rebbie Lopeno Santos, Pharmacy; Barbara Cymbala, Physical Therapy



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## Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Introduced

**As the life expectancy for Americans** reaches new highs, the need for physical therapists to care for the elderly and other physically challenged individuals will increase as well. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia is helping prepare physical therapists to realize their ambitions in this exciting and rewarding field through a new six-year integrated undergraduate-professional graduate degree program leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

Students who enter the professional phase of the program will earn a bachelor in health science degree in their fourth year of study and a doctorate degree at the end of their sixth year. On average, they will spend 22 hours per week in class. A thesis is not required, but students may elect to participate in a research project with members of the faculty. They will learn from faculty members who have a variety of clinical expertise in specialized areas of physical therapy.

Students will have an opportunity to learn the world of physical therapy up close through several service learning and volunteer clinical experiences. Most of the full-time clinical rotations will take place within 100 miles of Philadelphia, but students receive training outside of this geographical area. The rotations include experiences in general hospitals, acute care settings, rehabilitation centers, and special interest facilities (e.g., pediatrics, sports medicine). Students in the professional phase of the program also rotate through the USP-Mercy Pro Bono

Clinic, a community-based clinic, serving patients who lack medical insurance. Through these invaluable experiences, students learn how to provide care to their patients, help restore their function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities from injuries or disease.

USP's physical therapy program prepares students for a life and a career as a physical therapist, where they continually strive to restore, maintain, and promote overall fitness and health in their patients. After receiving their DPT from USP, they will be able to:

- Conduct prenatal exercise classes.
- Work with athletes from high school, college, and even professional teams.
- Analyze work settings and recommend changes to reduce work-related injury.
- Develop exercise programs for people with chronic conditions such as spinal cord injury.
- Screen older adults for potential risk of injury.
- Work with accident victims and individuals with disabling conditions such as low back pain, arthritis, heart disease, fractures, head injuries, and cerebral palsy.

In just six years, USP's DPT graduates will have an advantage over many graduating physical therapists, because they will be able to apply for a job with a DPT under their belt. In addition, a transitional DPT Program has been developed by the Physical Therapy Faculty enabling USP alumni who are practicing physical therapists to enhance their current clinical practice by combining

their clinical experience and academic coursework. All course assignments will utilize their existing practice environment and patients. The program will be offered on-line to permit alumni from all over the country to participate. The transitional DPT Program consists of a minimum of

## USP Offers Minor in Forensic Science

**Students who envision careers investigating** a crime scene or testing biological evidence such as DNA will be interested in the new minor in Forensic Science offered at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

At USP, students will receive instruction in the sciences, as well as the opportunity to participate in faculty-directed undergraduate research. Courses they will take include forensics analysis, criminology, biochemistry, analytical chemistry, as well as elective courses in genetics and microbiology. Students admitted into the entering class of 2003 are among the first to explore this exciting field of study at USP.

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences maintains that the role of the forensic scientist in the civil justice arena is expanding. Forensic scientists are involved in all aspects of criminal cases, using scientific investigation to determine the facts and ultimately lead investigators to the truth. Through this exciting and reward-

ing career, USP's students' love of science can be applied to public health and safety, while also contributing to the good of society.

four courses (Evidence Based Practice, Medications in Rehabilitation, Differential Diagnosis and Clinical Research).

To learn more about the Physical Therapy program at USP, contact 1-888-996-USIP (8747) or e-mail [admit@usip.edu](mailto:admit@usip.edu).

First and foremost a science, forensic science requires solid education in the sciences, biology, chemistry and mathematics. This instruction prepares an individual for careers in the various branches of forensic science such as criminalistics, pathology, physical anthropology, toxicology, as well as the behavioral sciences. This rich education also prepares students for wide-ranging careers in public health or the law. According to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the strength of a forensic scientist lies in the quality of the scientific education.

With all the new technologies available today, it is no wonder that interest in forensics science is growing rapidly. And now it is available as a minor for USP students.



## Faculty Members Receive Awards

### Chemistry Professor Receives Lindback Award

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP) recently presented the 2003 Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching to **Dr. Julian Snow**, a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at USP. The Lindback Award, which is funded through a gift from the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation, annually recognizes full-time faculty members with excellent records of teaching. Award recipients are nominated by the students and selected by a committee of both students and previous faculty awardees.

Dr. Snow has been teaching at USP since 1980. He currently instructs courses in biochemistry, physical chemistry and physical biochemistry. He is also an adjunct research professor at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where he conducts collaborative research related to atherosclerosis, a condition in which fatty material is deposited along the walls of arteries.

In addition to his classroom and research responsibilities, he also coaches USP's men's tennis team. In 1999, he was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) Northeast Region's Coach of the Year after his squad won the region's championship. His team also won the regional championship in 1997.

He received a Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Washington.

### Pharmacy Professor Receives Minority Junior Faculty Award from the Lindback Foundation

The Christian R. & Mary F. Lindback Foundation recently presented a Minority Junior Faculty Award to **Dr. Deepika Vadher**, assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP). The award will support her research in examining the relationship between health literacy and medication adherence in patients diagnosed as hypertensive and diabetic, two diseases that are costly to society and require a significant amount of patient self-management to be optimally controlled.

Dr. Vadher plans to determine whether improving medication adherence for these patients will lead to more disease-specific intervention. Her research meets the objectives of the Healthy People 2010 Program, a set of health objectives for the nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century.

Before coming to USP in 1999, Dr. Vadher was a clinical pharmacy specialist/educator at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital. Her current practice and research interests include internal medicine and ambulatory care. In addition, she serves as a preceptor for USP pharmacy students during their internal medicine rotations.

She received a doctor of pharmacy and a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from USP and is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

## Health Sciences and Leadership Program Established

"Developing Tomorrow's Student Leader Today" was the theme of the Health and Science Pre-College Leadership Program at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP). Approximately 14 students were selected from Philadelphia-area health and science high school academies that are affiliated with Philadelphia Academies, Inc., to participate in a five-day program, which included highly interactive classes and experiential learning activities that focused on leadership training, careers in the sciences, applying to science-based universities, academic success skill training and group dynamic skills. The students met with scientists and researchers during a visit to the Academy of Natural Sciences. The students also listened to a presentation by **Dr. Philip Gerbino** on his role as USP's president.

The program, which began on July 20, was designed for students completing their junior year of

high school who have an interest in health sciences and leadership. Financial support for the program was provided through a grant from the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation. Interested students needed to have a minimum 2.75 G.P.A. and a letter of recommendation from their academy coordinator or guidance counselor. A committee of faculty and staff reviewed all applications and selected the 14 participants. All costs, including fees, housing, meals and materials were provided for the participants.

"This was a great opportunity for high school students to learn the impact of health sciences and leadership skills," said **Len Farber**, USP's director of student life. "By learning these skills, they can help to make positive differences in their communities, schools and in their future careers. This is an exciting program that reiterates our mission here at USP—to educate and groom future leaders in the health sciences field."



**Dr. Philip Gerbino** gave a talk on the responsibilities of a university president to a group of high school students who attended the Health Sciences and Leadership Program in July.

**Who's Who Among American College Students Award** (left to right) **Carrie Singleton**, **Julie Grana**, **Darren Piscitelli**, **Lindsey Pote**, **Jeffrey Testerman**, **Courtney Cunningham**, **Phil Moravec**, **Deborah Summers**



## USP Granted Active NCAA Division II Membership

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP) has been granted active membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II by the Association's Membership Committee, effective September 1, 2003. As an active member of the NCAA, USP has the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

"This is great news for our athletic program and a major milestone in our school's history," says **Robert Morgan**, USP's athletic director. "It was a long road, but we are now better able to meet our student athletes' needs. This is a thrilling experience for us all, especially with the opening of our new Athletic/Recreation

Center. Also, this could not have been possible without the support of President **Philip Gerbino**, Faculty Athletic Representative **Dr. Joseph Ruane**, the USP Athletic Department and the entire USP community."

The change to full Division II status comes after a four-year provisional membership in which USP had to fulfill NCAA requirements. As a result, USP varsity athletes are now eligible for NCAA postseason honors and scholarships, and all 11 USP varsity athletic teams are eligible for NCAA Championship playoffs beginning this fall. USP had been competing within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), a 12-school conference within NCAA Division II comprised of teams from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



*The home opener for USP's women's and men's basketball teams will take place during a doubleheader on November 22 against Philadelphia University. The women's squad will take the court at 1 p.m., followed by the men's team at 3 p.m.*

## Student Organizations Honored

**In the 25 years** **Patty O'Hagan** has been working for USP's Student Affairs office, she has never seen so much activity from the student organizations as she witnessed this past year. She says each of the 49 student organizations on campus worked diligently to create an educational and fun atmosphere through events, outreach programs for USP students and the community, trips throughout the city and much more.

Each year, the Student Affairs office holds a Student Leadership Awards Reception to honor the student organizations and leaders for their excellent work during the year. O'Hagan says this year's reception helped celebrate "an overwhelming year in which our student leaders and organizations worked together to bring a number of great programs to the campus."

The reception was held this year on April 22 with the theme "Hats Off to You," symbolizing the Student Affairs office's appreciation of the student leaders. The toastmasters for the evening were **Len Farber**, director of student life, and **Carrie Singleton '03**, president of the Student Government Association. Congratulations to the 2003 award recipients:

**Emerging Student Leader of the Year**  
Darren Piscitelli

**Outstanding Service by an Organization**  
The Student Community Involvement Program (SCIP)

**Persevering Leader**  
Phil Moravec

**Outstanding Community Development Program**  
"Make a Deal for a Devil" (fundraiser) Residence Life

**Resident Advisor of the Year**  
Minh Nguyen

**Outstanding Collaborative Leader or Organization**  
Thoai Ngo

**Outstanding Student Organization**  
Asian Student Association

**Outstanding Multicultural Program**  
"Multicultural Fashion Show," Asian Student Association

**Outstanding Advisor of the Year**  
Christine Flanagan, Encore

**Outstanding Athlete of the Year**  
Matt Crawford,  
Christina Woodruff

# scholarly activity

A sampling of the scholarly activity being done by USP faculty, staff, students and alumni.

- ★ = faculty and staff
- ⊕ = current student
- ◆ = alum

## College of Graduate Studies Grants

**Dr. Steven Metraux\***, co-principal investigator for "Firearm-Related Death and Injury among Adolescents Diagnosed with Major Depression," received a \$10,000 grant by the Firearms Injury Center at Penn at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Presentations

**Dr. Robert Field\*** presented:

- "Roots of the Malpractice Crisis" at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Nurse Legal Consultants, Philadelphia, PA, April 11, 2003.
- "The Next Frontier for Fraud and Abuse: Pharmaceuticals," at the 27th Annual Health Law Teachers Conference in Wilmington, DE on June 6, 2003.

**Dr. Stephen Metraux\***, et al., presented:

- "Social Policy: Program Evaluation," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia, PA on Feb/Mar 2003.
- "Homelessness, Risk Behaviors and the Incidence of HIV Among Intravenous Drug Users," at the Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia, PA on Feb/Mar 2003.
- "Using Administrative Data on Homelessness in Philadelphia: Three Approaches for Research," at the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, November, 2002.
- "Cause of Death, Life Expectancy, and Serious Mental Illness," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, November, 2002.

**Dr. Jennifer J. Connor\*** gave a paper entitled, "Discrimination in the Sharing of Medical Literature, 1890s-1950s," at the conference Anglo-American Medical Relations: Historical Insights, University of London, June, 2003. This conference was co-organized by the American Association for the History of Medicine and The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir Henry Wellcome, and illustrious alumnus of USP.

## Publications

**Dr. Robert Field\***, et al.:

- "Toward a Policy Agenda on Medical Research funding: Results of Symposium," *Health Affairs*, Vol. 22, No. 3, May/June 2003, p. 224-230.
- "Political Realities for Pharmacy and the U.S. Health Care System" Chapter 9 in Wertheimer, A. and Smith M. (Eds.) *Pharmacy and the U.S. Health Care System*, 3rd Edition, Haworth Press, Inc. (In Press)

**Dr. Stephen Metraux\***, et al.:

- "Seven-Year Homeless Episode Prevalence Rates for Adult Child-bearing Women in Philadelphia," *American Journal of Public Health*
- "A Study of the Impacts of Welfare Reform in Philadelphia: Public Shelter Utilization, Demand for Public Housing Programs, and Public Housing Program Recipient Outcomes," *Cityscape*
- "Assessing the Impact of the New York/New York Supported Housing Initiative for Homeless Persons with Severe Mental Illness on Public Shelter Use in New York City," *Psychiatric Services* 54 (1): 67-71.

## College of Health Sciences

### Presentations

**Dr. Michelle Cohen\*** and **Dr. Ruth Schemm\***, presented:

- "Analyzing the Occupation &

Methods Used by Home Visiting Therapists: Comparing Perceptions," at the AOTA on June 6, 2003

- "How Client-Centered Therapy Improves the Quality of Life for People with Spinal Injuries," at the AOTA on June 6, 2003

## Department of Biological Sciences

### Presentations

**Dr. Suzanne K. Murphy\***, et al., presented "The Relationship Among PLC, PLD, and PKC in Mouse fibroblast Cells Over-Expressing Cellular RAS, at the 14th Annual Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Symposium held at USP on April 10th and at the 14th Annual Saint Joseph's University Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium held April 11, 2003.

### Publications

**Dr. James Pierce\***, et al.: "Pearl, a Novel family of Putative Transposable Elements in Bivalve Molluses," *The Journal of Molecular Evolution*. 56: 308-316.

## Department of Chemistry

### Presentations

**Dr. Fred Schaefer\*** presented "Technology in Chemical Education—Finding the Right Tools," at the American Chemical Society 36th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting at Princeton University on June 9-11, 2003.

## Department of Humanities

### Awards

**Ruth Crispin\*** was awarded a National Endowment of the Humanities summer seminar grant. She will be studying "Critical Approaches to Hispanic Poetry at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century" at the University of Kansas.

### Publications

**Miriam Gilbert\***, "Writing Skills Invaluable to Clerkship Students," *Pharmacy Student*, a publication

of the American Pharmaceutical Association in February/March 2003.

## Department of Information Science

### Presentations

**Jacquie Smith\*** presented "Five Minute Dating: Establishing Quick Electronic Partnerships for Collaborative Multimedia Projects" at the Penn State University for the State Conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Educational Communications and Technology on April 11th.

## Department of Institutional Advancement

### Presentations

**Jane Brooks\*** did a presentation about her book, *Midlife Orphan* to a group at a Synagogue (Shir Chadash Congregation) in New Orleans in May, 2003.

## Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science

### Presentations

**Dr. Paul Halpern\*** presented, "Bianchi Type-IX Universes with a Fifth Extended Dimension," American Physical Society April Meeting in Philadelphia on April, 2003.

### Publications

**Dr. Paul Halpern\***:

- "Evolutionary Algorithms on a Self-Organized, Dynamic Lattice," *Unifying themes in Complex Systems, Vol. 2: Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Complex Systems*, edited by Yancer Bar-Yam and Ali Minai, (Cambridge, Mass: Perseus, 2003).
- "The Mixmaster Universe in five Dimensions," *General Relativity and Gravitation* 35 (2003).

## Department of Occupational Therapy

### Publications

**Pam Kearney\***, et al.: "Managing Dementia-Related Behaviors" *Home*

& Community Health Special Interest Section Quarterly 10, 1-3.

## Department of Pharmacology/Toxicology

### Presentations

**Dr. Peter Harvison\***, **Dr. Ruy Tchao\***, et al. presented, "Effects of Structural Modifications on the Hepatotoxicity of 3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl) 2-, 4-thiazolidinedione (DCPT) in Fischer 344 Rats," at the 2003 SOT meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on March 9-13, 2003.

**Dr. Shanaz Tejani-Butt\*** presented "Determining the Membrane Permeability of Newer Antihistamines: Implications for CNS Function and Safety," at the 22nd Congress of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology in France on June 7-11th.

### Publications

**Dr. Ruy Tchao\***, **Dr. Peter Harvison\***, et al.: "Nephrotoxic and Hepatotoxic Potential of Imidazolidinedione-, Oxazolidinedione-, and Thiazolidinedione-Containing Analogues of N- (3, 5-dichlorophenyl) Succinimide (NDPS) in Fischer 344 Rats", *Toxicology* 186, 79-91 (2003).

## Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

**Alumni**, Christine Birnieu, Fred Eckel, Matthew Green, Genean Patterson Heskou, Jerry Heskou, Dan Hussar'u, Sue Hussaru and Bob Wattu attended the annual meeting of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) in Myrtle Beach, SC on June 22-25, 2003. Fred Eckel serves as Executive Director of CPFI and Christine Birnie was elected to the Board of Directors. Fred gave a presentation "The Cost of Pharmaceuticals - What's the Story?". Dan Hussar gave a presentation, "New Drug Update," and Bob Watt gave a presentation, "Update on NanoCrystal Technology."

## Department of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Administration

### Presentations

**Dr. Sarah Spinler\*** presented:

- "Therapeutic Dilemmas: Glycoprotein Lib/IIIa Receptor Antagonists and Antithrombin Agents for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention" at the North Carolina Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting, in Greensboro, NC on April 8, 2003.
- "Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Medical Patients," ASHP Advantage Continuing Education Program for Pharmacists in San Francisco, CA on April 24, 2003.
- "Low-Molecular-Weight Heparins in Special Populations: Debunking the Myths," at the Satellite Symposium to the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Midyear Meeting, Geriatrics 03' in Tampa FL on May 16, 2003.
- "Update on Antithrombotic Therapy for Acute Coronary Syndromes," Upstate Medical University Anticoagulation Teaching Day-2003 in Syracuse, NY on May 30, 2003.

**Dr. Michael Cawley\*** presented "Pharmacodynamics and Drug Selection," for Delaware County Memorial Hospital's Medical Staff in Drexel Hill, PA in April, 2003 and Delaware County Pharmacists Association in Springfield, PA in May 2003.

**Dr. Eric Wittbrodt\*** presented:

- "Integrating Critical Care Skills into your Practice: Component 2 Lead Facilitator," at the ASHP 2003 Summer Meeting in San Diego, CA on June 2-4, 2003.
- "Pharmacotherapy of Pulmonary Hypertension" at the Pulmonary Hypertension Resource Network Care Summit in Bethesda, MD on April, 2003.

- "Maximizing Outcomes in Anemia Management" (Continuing Education Presentation) in Durham, NC on April 1, Richmond, VA on April 2, New Orleans, LA on April 22, Hartford, CT on April 30 and East Meadow, NY on May 15, 2003.

### Publications

**Elena Umland\*** "Standardization of Dietary Supplements...The Time has Come," May issue of *Pharmacy Times*.

**Dr. Sarah Spinler\*** et al.: "Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia" (essay). Carbiosource Web Site, American College of Cardiology Foundation and Elsevier, Inc. February, 2003. Available at [http://www.cardiosource.com/news/hot\\_topics](http://www.cardiosource.com/news/hot_topics). Accessed March 31, 2003.

## Department of Social Sciences

### Awards

**Dr. Joseph Ruane\*** was nominated for the Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning

**Dr. Ellen Flannery-Schroeder\*** received Board Certification by the American Board of Academy of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology in May, 2003.

**Dr. Joseph Lambert\*** received the Chair Excellence Award from the Department of Social Sciences.

### Presentations

**Dr. Ellen Flannery-Schroeder\*** presented "Treatment of the Anxious Child Using Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy," at the Center for Psychological Services in Ardmore, PA.

### Publications

**Dr. Ellen Flannery-Schroeder\*** et al.: "Child Anxiety Treatment: Outcomes in Adolescence and Impact on Substance Use and Depression at 7.4 Year Follow-up." *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* (In Press)

## Department of Student Affairs Grants

**Dr. Jeremy Frank\*** and **Terry Murphy\*** co-authored and submitted a grant proposal for \$300,000.00 to the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools to develop and implement a multi-component program to prevent high-risk drinking among college students.

### Presentations

**Patricia Peterson\*** presented, "What Next on Your Career Pathway?" at the Annual Statewide Act 101 Secretarial/Administrative Association Conference at Penn State University.

## Finance and Administration Office

### Award

**Dr. Gary F. Raisl\*** vice president for finance and administration and treasurer, received a doctorate of education in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. His dissertation focused on investment strategies and the management of college and university endowments. A member of the inaugural class of the University of Pennsylvania's Executive Doctorate Program in Higher Education Management, Dr. Raisl was given the Faculty Award at graduation for "extraordinary contribution to the intellectual life of the program."

## Registrar's Office

**Alan J. Sims\***, has been elected to a one-year term as President of the New Jersey-New York Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (NJ-NY ACRAO). The association presents two conferences each year for professionals in the enrollment services field. Alan served as Secretary of NJ-NY ACRAO for the past three years and has been on the Steering Committee of the Association for ten years.

# alumni news & events

"If we want our alumni to remain involved in the life of the University, we need to remain involved in, and relevant to, the lives of our alumni."

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Class of 2003, our newest members of the Alumni Association. I encourage you to keep in touch and become an active member of the Alumni Association Board. Quarterly meetings are held on the first Thursday in October, December, February and April.

This invitation is extended to all alumni. Your Alumni Association is busy promoting the University. Our efforts to provide activities and services will be strengthened by your participation with, and attendance at, the many events that are being planned. You will be working with your alma mater, networking, meeting and making new friends, helping fellow alumni get reconnected with USP and one another and, above all, having fun. I urge you to consider participating on committees that plan Reunion, Corporate, Regional and Professional events, Networking Socials (i.e. Happy Hours), Fraternity functions, Sporting events, etc...

In 2002-2003 we have welcomed many new faces and had a record breaking attendance at over 46 events/functions, eight of which were new additions to our yearly calendar. I have received great feedback from those of you who attended and I thank you.

For 2003-2004 we already have plans for over 40 events and welcome ideas for more.

Reunion 2004 will take place on the first Saturday in May honoring graduation years ending in 4 and 9. I hope you'll join your classmates in the planning to get as many alumni to attend as possible.

Be sure to go online and visit the USP Alumni Web page at [www.usip.edu/alumni](http://www.usip.edu/alumni). For more information on future alumni and friends events, check out the back of this *Bulletin* issue, or you can contact our office.

See you soon,



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## American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Washington, D.C. Alumni and Friends Reception  
 June 7, 2003



(left to right) Bonnie Barshai, Norman Barshai '60, Doris Wong, Ronald Wong '52 and Lau Duong, PharmD



Alumni and friends gathered in Washington, D.C., during the American Occupational Therapy Association's Annual Conference.

## NYC Alumni and Friends Reception

Soho Grand Hotel



Sponsors (left to right): Stephanie Costante '02 PharmD, Current Medical Directions; Nadine Oweis '01 PharmD, The Resource Group; Jerry Silverman (not Alumni), Bimark Medical Communication; Dawn Yardis (not Alumni), Bimark Medical Communication; Brandy Broder '01 PharmD, Bimark Medical Communication

## APhA meeting

New Orleans, LA, Alumni and Friends Reception  
 March 31, 2003



(left to right) Maria Del Valle '02 PharmD, Kruti Desai '02 PharmD, Lisa Lee '02 PharmD, Violette Geza '02 PharmD



(left to right) Mary Louise Anderson '52, Daniel Hussar '62

## Delaware Pharmacists Society Annual Awards Banquet

Dewey Beach, DE  
 May 17, 2003



Maryanne Czachorowski received the Bow of Hygeia from Wyeth Ayerst (left to right) Maryanne Czachorowski '73 and Herb Von Goerres '80



Jack Murphy received the Harry C. Zeisig Award from the Delaware Pharmacists Society for Outstanding contribution to Pharmacy (left to right) Jack Murphy '69 and Rick Saunedt



Jim Owen received the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award from Bristol-Myers Squibb (left to right) Don Holst and Jim Owen '90

# who's who

## News and Notes of Alumni

Prepared by Nichole Wilson

**Class notes updates can be sent to the University via e-mail. Please submit notes to m.schwar@usip.edu**

The USP Bulletin welcomes any and all accomplishments. However, if you are engaged or awaiting the birth of a child, please hold off and let us know as soon as the wedding or birth takes place. Photos are especially welcome. If you would like them returned, include your address on the back of the photo.

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**Irwin Bromberg P'42** and **Regina (Steinbrecher) Bromberg P'44** recently informed us that their son Michael is a professor of hematology and oncology at Temple University School of Medicine.



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**Paul T. Eby P'48** sold his Lancaster, PA, pharmacy to **Charles W. Smithgall P'68** and his daughter **Allison (Smithgall) Gehron P'98**, PharmD'99. Paul now lives at an assisted living facility in Lancaster.

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**Claire (Garibotti) Bullaro Bl'63** (MS'69, University of Arizona)

received the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquarium's 2002 award for outstanding volunteer. She is a former president of the Saskatoon Zoo Society.

**David L. Cole P'63** was awarded an honorary lifetime membership by AMCP at their April meeting. He is the president of ClaimTrax, LLC in Fort Washington, PA. His wife, **Henrietta (Fiedor) Cole P'66**, is owner of a Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Jeffersonville, PA. They live in Blue Bell, PA.

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**John P. Myers P'68** (MS'72, St. Joseph's University) was recently hired as an analytical chemist in the Philadelphia Health Department's air pollution lab. He lives in Philadelphia.

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**Barbara H. Korberly P'72**, PharmD '74 was appointed vice president of clinical research and consumer affairs at Bayer Consumer Care in Morristown, NJ. Most recently, she was senior director of medical new product development at Pharmacia Corporation. She lives in Flemington, NJ.

**Hugh N. Lunan PharmD'73** was named professor of the year at Florida A&M University, where he is a professor of pharmacy. He was

also listed in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. He resides in Tallahassee, FL.

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**Karl A. Semancik P'77** (MBA'91, George Washington University) retired from the U.S. Army on April 8, 2003 after 25 years of active military service. He has accepted a position with Raytheon Corporation in Reston, VA as senior program manager of WMD elimination. He lives with his wife and son in Herndon, VA.

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**Teresa (Flick) Winslow P'78** was appointed president and COO of the Taratec Development Corporation in April 2003. Prior to joining Taratec, she was president of the Americas division of Dendrite International. She lives and works in Bridgewater, NJ.



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**Richard P. Berardi P'84** recently received his Master's degree in health care administration from St. Joseph's University. He lives with his wife and children in Schwenksville, PA.

also listed in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. He resides in Tallahassee, FL.

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**Donna (Marchesani) Cronin P'87**, PharmD'88 and her husband Arthur announce the birth of their son Michael Nicholas in August 2002. He joins big sister Ali (age 4) and big brothers Tom (9), Jake (7), Arthur (5) and Christopher (2). In December 2002, Donna became associate director of Biogen, Inc.'s Medical Science Liaison Team.

**Thomas P. DiFilippo P'87** was featured in the March 2003 issue

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of *Drug Topics Magazine* and the April 21, 2003 issue of *The Trenton Times*. Both articles focused on "Rx Script Tracker," the electronic record-keeping system Thomas designed with his father and brother-in-law. The system, which would help pharmacies meet HIPAA regulations more efficiently, took two years to develop. In addition to his position as pharmacist-in-charge at Vizzoni's Pharmacy in Hamilton, NJ, Thomas is the owner and president of T.D. Business Ventures in Morrisville, PA. He resides in Morrisville with his wife and children.

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**Michelle (Franco) Kloecker P'89** (MBA'95, Drexel University) was recently promoted to senior legal counsel at Amersham Biosciences Corp., a global life

sciences company based in Piscataway, NJ. She and her husband Rick live in Bloomsbury, NJ.

**Keith S. Marmer MPT'89** and **Edward M. Velasquez MPT'90** have had their research study,



"Measuring Effort in Functional Capacity Evaluations Using Video Analysis," accepted for publication by *The Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation*. Keith is the founder of Physiometrics, a health care company that provides industrial rehab services. He is also an adjunct professor at USP.

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**Jill (Summa) Mariotti P'90** and her husband Richard announce the birth of their daughter Anna on March 10, 2003. She joins big brother Andrew, age 2. The family resides in Clarks Summit, PA.

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**Catharina (Das) Ravenscroft P'91** and her husband Christopher announce the birth of their son Eric on November 18, 2003. He joins big sister Grace, age 5; and twins James and Jessica, age 3. The family lives in Ambler, PA. **Maria A. Das P'88** is the proud aunt.

**Christina (Christidis) Scanlon P'91** and her husband Philip announce the birth of their second son on March 14, 2003. He



joins big brother Philip, age 3. The family lives in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

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**Charles F. Kohlermann P'92** and his wife Sherri announce the birth of their son Aiden Miles on April 30, 2003. He joins big brother Ian, age 2. The family lives in Aston, PA. **Vickie (Kohlermann) Boyle P'86** is the proud aunt.

**Dana (Williams) Lutz MPT'92** and her husband Keith announce the birth of their son Colton Jay on September 13, 2002. The family resides in York, PA.

**Sam Scuderi Bl'92, P'94** and his wife Danielle announce the birth of their daughter Giovanna Therese on February 16, 2003. She joins big brother Zachary. The family lives in Havertown, PA. In December 2002, Sam received his PharmD degree from the University of Florida.

**Christine (Riegert) Thomas MPT'92** and her husband Frank announce the birth of their daughter Nicole Patricia on October 29, 2002. She joins big sister Vanessa Barbara, who turned 4 on January 17. Christine is a home-care physical therapist with Visiting Nurse Service System in Runnemede, NJ. She and her family live in Mullica Hill, NJ.

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**Michael J. Long P'93** received his MPH degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in May 2003. He lives with his wife and son in Ayer, MA.



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**Arlene (Polednak) Nowak PH/TX'94** (PharmD'00, Wilkes University) and her husband Andrew announce the birth of their sons Michael Andrew and Jonathan Thomas on August 21, 2002. Arlene is a clinical pharmacist with the Geisinger Health System. The family resides in Mountain Top, PA.

**Mehul Shah P'94**, PharmD'96 and **Rakhee (Vasant) Shah P'96**, PharmD'97 announce the birth of their daughter Raina on November 15, 2002. The family lives in Bridgewater, NJ. Both Mehul and Rakhee work at Aventis Pharmaceuticals; he is a cardiovascular product manager and she is an oncology scientific communications manager.

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**Brian T. Derk** and **Lynn (Frale) Derk**, both P'95, announce the birth of their sons Tyler John and Chase Matthew on April 5, 2003. The twins join big brother Justin, age 3. The family resides in Elysburg, PA.

**Cindy (Brezgel) Gindhart MPT'95** and her husband John announce the birth of their daughter Courtney Joann on December 19, 2003. John works for the state of New Jersey. Cindy is a staff physical therapist at an outpatient NovaCare facility in Cherry Hill, NJ, where the family lives.

**Laura J. Mace P'95** and Jarrod A. Mentch were married at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Elysburg, PA on October 5, 2002. **Dina (Bainbridge) Sandri P'95** was the matron of honor. Laura is co-director of

### Photo Captions:

- 1 Birth: Colton Jay (4 months) son of Keith & Dana (Williams) Lutz PT'92
- 2 Birth: Left to right: Jonathan Thomas & Michael Andrew, twin sons of Andrew & Arlene (Polednak) Nowak, Pharm/Tox '94 & 'P00.
- 3 Marriage: Jessica Laskowski MOT'01 & Clifford Ian Van Nest P'00
- 4 Birth: Tyler John & Chase Matthew twin sons of Brian Derk P'95 & Lynn (Frale) Derk P'95
- 5 Birth: Raina M. Shah, daughter of Mehul Shah P'94, PharmD'96 & Rakhee (Vasant) Shah P'96, PharmD'97
- 6 Birth: Natalie Marie daughter of Russ & Stefanie (Fish) Barrans, P'96, PharmD'97
- 7 Birth: Courtney Gindhart (3 months) daughter of John & Cindy (Brezgel) Gindhart MPT'95

pharmacy services at Shamokin Area Community Hospital in Coal Township, PA. Jarrod is employed by H. Carl Mentch Construction in Danville, PA. The couple lives in Coal Township.

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**Stefanie (Flory) Barrans (née Fish)** P'96, PharmD'97 and her husband Russ announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Marie on September 13, 2002. The family resides in Newtown, PA.

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**Adam E. Whitney** P'98 and Rosemary T. Roos were wed at St. Joseph's Church in Mechanicsburg, PA on April 20, 2002. He is employed by CVS in Baltimore as a head pharmacist. She is a Mid-Atlantic region sales representative for LCG Technologies Corporation in Timonium, MD. They live in Baltimore.

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**Lisa A. Fegely** P'99, PharmD'00 and Edwin O. Shannon were wed in March 2003 at Chesterfield Baptist Church. She is a medical writer with DVC Healthcare Communications in Yardley, PA. He attends Burlington County Community College and is employed as an electronic technician at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ.

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**Megan J. Kalb** MOT'00 and **Kurt Keglovits** P'98 were married at Fort Myer Memorial Chapel in Arlington, VA on November 16, 2002. They live in Seaford, DE. The wedding party included **Maria Marranta** P'00, PharmD'01; **Kate (Curran) Barbato** P'00, PharmD'01; **Kimberly A. Bennett** MPT'00 and the groom's brother, **Erik Keglovits** P'90.

**Kerri D. Vorholy** P'99 and Derek L. Zerfass were wed at Beaches Negril in Jamaica on November 2, 2002. The couple lives and works in Allentown. She is a pharmacist at Sacred Heart Hospital Pharmacy and he is an owner and instructor at Ultimate Martial Arts Academy.

**Clifford I. Van Nest** P'00 and **Jessica Laskowski** MOT'01 were married at St. Francis de Sales Church in Philadelphia on October 12, 2002. The wedding party included **Cristina M. Gambin** MPT'00, **Colleen A. Grenko** MPT'00, **Christy-Lee Lucas** PharmD'01 and **Pasquale D. Cara** P'00. Cliff is a pharmacy manager at Walgreen's in Neptune, NJ. Jessica is a pediatric occupational therapist at the Alpha School in Lakewood, NJ. The couple lives in Spring Lake Heights, NJ.

## In Memoriam

### Thirties

**Harold H. Goldblum** P'30 of Delray Beach, FL died February 19, 2003.

**Francis S. Hughes** P'30 of Philadelphia, died June 8, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Agnes.

### Forties

**Milton A. Calesnick** BAC'43, MS'45 died April 27, 2003 at age 82. His survivors include his wife, **Eleanor (Jaspan) Calesnick** BAC'43; brother, Paul; daughters, Lynn and Lisa; and grandchildren, Katie and Marshall.

**Calvin M. Foltz** P'48, MS'49 died April 27, 2003 at age 78. Before his retirement, he spent 38 years as a research chemist and safety officer for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda,

MD. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; son, Martin; daughter, Jane; sister, Rose; brother, Nevin and two grandchildren.

### Fifties

**Stephen T. Kolodziejki** P'51 (BS'59, University of Pennsylvania) of Old Forge, PA, died May 13, 2003. His survivors include his brother, John; his sisters, Helen, Nellie and Stella; and several nieces and nephews.

**Francis X. McCool** P'50 died May 20, 2003 at age 79. He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. His survivors include his wife, Eleanor; daughters, Kathleen and Monica; sons, Mark and John; sister, Margaret; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Esther M. Winters** P'58 died May 8, 2003 at age 99. She owned Central Rexall Drugs in Elizabethtown, PA, and served as the pharmacist from 1959 to 2000. She was predeceased by her husband, William, and is survived by several nieces and nephews.

### Sixties

**Richard J. Banning** P'68 (DO'78, PCOM) died March 25, 2003 at his home in Andreas, PA. He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Todd; daughter, Rebecca; sister **Kay (Banning) Orkin** P'66 and brother-in-law **Paul Orkin** P'66.

### Eighties

**William H. Marshman** P'85 died April 9, 2003 as the result of a car accident. His grandfather was the late **William Marshman** P'26 and his great-uncle was the late **Howard A. Stonesifer**, who graduated from PCPS in 1904. His survivors include his

parents, **Shirley (Stonesifer) Marshman** P'57 and **W. Richard Marshman** P'56; sister, **Terese (Marshman) Dunn** P'81; brother-in-law **Edward M. Dunn** P'81; uncle, **Thomas F. Stonesifer** P'59; cousin, **Benjamin A. Stonesifer** P'83; and two nephews.

### Friends of USP

**Josephine M. Caramanico**, USP Women's Club member, died April 25, 2003 at age 85. Her survivors include her son, John; daughter, Julie; brother, Milo; sister, Lucille; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

University trustee **Alan J. Milbauer** received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Connecticut Alumni Reunion on May 3, 2003. He is the vice president of public affairs for AstraZeneca in the U.S.

**Catherine Sohn**, former USP professor, was named HBA's 2003 Woman of the Year. She is vice president of worldwide business development for Glaxo-SmithKline Consumer Healthcare (GSKCH). Her accomplishments were profiled in the April 2003 issue of *Pharmaceutical Executive*.

**Percy A. Wells** Hon'53 died April 5, 1996 in Rydal Park, PA. He was a celebrated biochemist and research administrator, and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 40 years. His first wife, Ruth, preceded him in death in 1961. He is survived by his second wife, Grace and his two daughters, Patricia and Bobbie.

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We are still seeking nominations for our traditional recognition awards, which will be presented at USP's Annual Alumni Reunion, Saturday, May 1, 2004. If you have a nomination for: the Annual Alumni Award, the Ivor Griffith Service Award, the Young Alumnus Award or the Honorary Alumnus Award, please contact the Alumni Office at 888.857.6264 or email [p.mcnell@usip.edu](mailto:p.mcnell@usip.edu).

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Bestowed on an alumnus who is distinguished by voluntarily giving his/her time and service in an outstanding fashion to USP either directly or through his/her activity in the USP Alumni Association.

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Seven Springs, PA

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**November**

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4 Alumni BOD meeting

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