

post-Script

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Greetings to all,

I hope that all of you had a great holiday season. After over 80 inches of snow in December, I guess we lucked out with a pretty mild January and February. The P4 students will be graduating soon. One more clinical rotation left and then the celebrating can begin. I am sure that Phi Delta Chi will be well represented in all areas of pharmacy. Many will be entering residency programs or obtaining jobs throughout the country. It is our hope that they will all stay in touch with the Alumni Association, and share their experiences with us.

ELECTION 2000:

The results are in ! Congratulations to all and good luck during your two year term.

President - Ray Traficante

Vice President - Rich Browne

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Correspondent - Amy Lodolce

Blood Pressure Screening:

In honor of national heart month, the active chapter organized another successful blood pressure screening. The screening was held on Saturday February 17th at the Dominick's on Roosevelt and Canal. Over 100 blood pressures were taken, and numerous customers were given information on non-pharmacological management of hypertension. Ten actives participated in the screening.

Baseball Outing:

June 10th, 2001 SOX vs. CUBS at Comiskey Park

We have just received 45 tickets for this event. The alumni association seats are in the upper deck box section of the stadium, half way down the 1st base line. These seats are available on a first come basis. Please call Ray Traficante at (312) 996-6541 during the day or (630) 964-2278 in the evening to reserve your seats. Ray can also be reached via e-mail at rtrafica@msn.com The tickets are \$18.00 each. (due by May 1st)

We hope that many P4's and recent graduates will attend this fun filled event.

"Shop & Share" and "Benefit Days" Programs: (information call Anita Staron 708-233-9377)

The dates for the Jewel "Shop & Share" and Dominick's "Benefit Days" programs have been set for April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The Alumni Chapter will receive 5% of any purchases made on those days. We hope that we can get full cooperation from our membership and also from the Collegiate Chapter. Money generated will be used to defer registration costs for those students wishing to attend the Grand Council this summer. *Coupons and more details pertaining to this event are included in this mailing. Simply sign the identification slip and turn it in to your checker when you shop.*

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Career Forum: For more information call - Tony Phan at (312) 733-2336

This is an annual event, allowing current collegiate members an opportunity to ask questions of our alumni panel pertaining to their pharmacy careers. The career forum is on Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30pm in room 134-1. We have a great panel this year! Scott Wehman, Paul Sovcik, Jennifer Petrolati, Richard Fiscella, and Jim Duvel.

The UIC drug information center's website <http://www.uic.edu/pharmacy/services/di/index.html> contains several drug information updates and frequently asked questions that may serve as a quick source of information on a variety of topics including links to other web-based health information sites.

Gatlinburg 2001:

Gatlinburg has been a tradition that began long before we became brothers of Phi Delta Chi. Every year is a unique experience. But there is a common thread with every trip to that sleepy town in Tennessee: brotherhood. Our trek started Thursday night. As P-3s, it was our duty to be the first car out there to get the best rooms at the chalet. Our drive down was smooth, but once we got to Gatlinburg, we hit fog. We were supposed to stay at the Big Bear Lodge, a chalet that would have accommodated all 40 of us. Unfortunately, our chalet was undergoing repairs so they put us up in a chalet that could only fit 25. I have to say I am proud of how my fellow brothers adapted to the situation. People came prepared with pillows and sleeping bags so everyone was comfortable. The best part of Gatlinburg is getting to know the people that you would have never known if you hadn't been on this trip. I heard some interesting stories. By the way, we did brush up on the drinking song! The P-1s were fascinated with downtown Gatlinburg -- just kidding. We all met up for dinner one night at Friday's and grilled out on the patio the next night. Although the drive home was pretty hard, I had no regrets. Once again, the weekend in Gatlinburg proved to be successful.

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"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." - Robert Brault

Kno Biggie Party and Picnic:

Make plans to attend. Looks like **July 28th** is the date of this annual event. The next issue of the "post-Script" will contain all the details along with directions and a flyer. Volleyball, musical entertainment, lots of charcoal grilling and refreshments galore are just part of what is planned. Hope everyone can attend.

Grand Council Meeting - More information in our next newsletter

- Boston, MA, August 2001 (August 7-11 Sheraton Colonial Hotel & Golf Club)

Next Meeting: Sunday, **May 20th**, at 6:00 PM, we will again meet at Palmer Place located at 56 S. La Grange Rd. in La Grange, IL. We hope to see many members in attendance. (Parking lots located behind the building and directly across the street)

SPRING FORMAL: March 30th

Formal will be on Friday, March 30th at the Omni Hotel on Michigan Avenue. Prices per person will be \$60.00. If interested please contact Stephanie Te at 312-733-6018

FYI:

Updates in Drug Information

Recombinant human activated protein C, known also as drotrecogin alfa (activated) represents a breakthrough drug for the treatment of severe sepsis that works by a novel mechanism of action involving antithrombotic and anti-inflammatory effects. The drug is under investigation by Eli Lilly and Company, and a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial involving 1690 patients was stopped early due to beneficial effects of the drug on mortality rate. Drotrecogin alfa is given as a continuous infusion of 24 mcg/kg/hr for 96 hours. The trial is scheduled for publication in the March 8th issue of the New England Journal of Medicine and may be accessed at www.nejm.org until that time.

Annual Dues for Membership: We are now collecting dues for the new year. (2001-2002). Your membership dues are being used to publish and mail this newsletter, defer travel expenses of Collegiate members going to Grand Council, and funding of the Memorial Scholarship. Please review your current status, and use the form below to renew. **We appreciate all of the support our membership has given to the Alumni Association. Our success depends upon this support. Thank YOU !!!**

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Membership Form 2001 - 2002

Name of Alumni Brother _____

Chapter and Year of Graduation _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Voluntary donation to the Memorial Scholarship Fund (enter amount) _____

Yearly dues are \$20 per alum (**June 1st thru May 31st**)
Please make checks payable to: Phi Delta Chi Alumni Association
We look forward to your membership!

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