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Politicos Stump Stout Street
While stumping for health care reform, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Representatives Diana DeGette and Jared Polis made a quick stop at the Stout Street Clinic. Pharmacy Director and SOP alum, Dr. Ozzie Ramirez had the opportunity to talk with the congressional delegation about the important role of pharmacy services to clinic patients. Dean Altiere was among the dignitaries invited to attend the press conference where Pelosi highlighted the valuable services provided by the pharmacy. Check out the press conference on YouTube.

Forbes Ranks Colleges
The rankings are out and UC Denver ranked 34th on Forbes’ list of the top 100 public colleges and universities in the U.S. Eight other Colorado universities and colleges, including the Air Force Academy, University of Colorado Boulder, CSU and the Colorado School of Mines ranked in the top 100.

In the News
Dr. LaToya Braun’s collaborative work on protecting hepatitis B vaccine from heat and freeze damage was recently published in Human Vaccines and Vaccine. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, these breakthrough formulations will help ensure the potency of the vaccine in areas of the world where the cold chain is insufficient. Read more about this new technology and efforts to stabilize hepatitis B vaccine in Human Vaccines and Vaccine.

Experiential Holds Retreats
This summer, the Subcommittee on Experiential Training held three full day retreats and several meetings to review and revise the experiential courses. Prior to the retreats, surveys were conducted to obtain input from preceptors, faculty, and students on how to improve the program. Based upon the data, suggested changes are already being made.

Alumni Corner – Where are they now?
Henry Strauss, ’51 RPh, is still going strong and recently returned from a trip to South Asia with his wife, Joan. The two visited the sites in India and Nepal. Unfortunately while visiting the Royal Chitwan National Park, Strauss developed heat exhaustion and was airlifted out of the jungle. The 81-year-old says, “Once out of the jungle, I bounced right back.” To read more about Strauss’ adventure, click here, then select the features button.

Letter of Intent Deadline for CCTSI Grants
The Colorado Clinical Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) has $700,000 in Pilot Grants available. The letter of intent deadline of September 1 is fast approaching with applications due October 2. Visit www.cctsi.ucdenver.edu for more information.

Class of “79 Reunion
The class of ’79 is gearing up for its class reunion, scheduled for September 18-20. To date, 27 SOP alums from a total of 55 graduates have signed up for the fun-filled weekend. Organized by Judy McEvitt (formerly Bergstresser), the weekend includes a tour of the Anschutz Medical Campus, CU-Wyoming football game, lunch and dinner at old haunts including the Bull & Bush, and the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder. For more information or to register contact Judy McEvitt at 303.424.8042 or mcgraywolf@aol.com

Going Green
As part of a University-wide effort to “go green”, the institution will no longer publish a print telephone directory. Phone numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses are all available on-line. In the near future, look for a new e-Directory that will allow for more flexible searches.