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Student Spotlight – Auction
From Rockies games and wine tasting with faculty to Comedy Club tickets, the annual APhA-ASP and Phi Delta Chi lunch and auction was a fun-filled success. With Dr. David Thompson acting as emcee and auctioneer, the annual event raised more than $1,800 to support professional activities throughout the year. Some of the most popular items were the Aussie BBQ & "Bev-aritas", Vail weekend getaway, 5-gallons of home-made beer, and a hike up a local fourteener with Drs. Fish and Kiser. With the latter netting $260! See classmates and faculty in action on our Facebook page.

In the News
Dean Altiere and Dr. Wes Nuffer were quoted extensively in an article that appeared in the 4/30/09 edition of the Longmont Times Call. The article highlighted how the SOP’s experiential programs are assisting in reducing medication errors in hospitals. Dr. Robert Page was also in the news recently when he was interviewed by KMGH Channel 7 regarding the ingredients and effectiveness of an OTC fertility supplement.

Safeway Donates $10,000
Director of pharmacy operations for Safeway Denver Division, Brian Pavur R.Ph, together with Safeway pharmacy recruiter Tonya Starr, recently presented a $10,000 check to Dean Altiere to help in the construction of the school’s new building. Thank you, Safeway for your generous gift!

Alumni Corner - Where are they now?
Since leaving the University in ’92, Glenn Appelt, Ph.D and R.Ph ’63, and his wife, Jennifer, have built their dream home on the Gulf of Mexico in South Alabama. “We’ve gotten to shore it up several times after a few big storms!” says Dr. Appelt. After having worked as a consultant / staff pharmacist at a Mobile Infirmary while teaching part-time at the University of South Alabama in the cardiorespiratory care department, Dr. Appelt now teaches basic biology and chemistry for an accredited distance education university (Columbia Southern University in Orange Beach, AL). Presently, he and his wife divide their time between the beach in the sunny South and a condo in an historic lodge in Estes Park. Should you wish to connect with Dr. Appelt, e-mail him at gulfgator@aol.com

Need Continuing Education Credits?
You’re in luck! The SOP is hosting a 2-hour ACPE-accredited CE program from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. on May 14th at the Anschutz Medical Campus. Titled Stemming the Tide of Diabetes: the Role of Pharmacists in Treatment and Education and presented by Dr. Sam Ellis, the program is geared to community-retail pharmacists, but all pharmacists are welcome to come and join the dialog. The evening will focus on interventions to either help people avoid becoming pre-diabetic, or if diabetic, improve control and clinical outcomes. Register on-line at www.regonline.com/UCDSOPDiabetes.

Construction Zone
Check out the progress that’s being made on our new building – the future home of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – by clicking here. It’s really beginning to look like a building! A photo library, courtesy of Glenda Tate, is now available on-line. Updates will be made on an ongoing basis, so be sure to come back often.