6-11-1965

Montana State University School of Pharmacy

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation
https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases/1637

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.
RELEASE AT WILL

The first class graduated by the year-old School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana in 1914 consisted of one member, Louis J. Fischl. The class of '14 returned to the campus last year to collect a second degree, an honorary doctor of science. In the interim, he had become a successful retail druggist in California, president of the American Pharmaceutical Association and vice president of the Pan-American Congress of Pharmacy and Biochemistry.

This month the 23 members of the school's 50th graduating class go forth to emulate Fischl and the other distinguished alumni the school has turned out in a half century of progress.

For the class of 1965, graduation marks the end of the five years of rigorous academic training required for a degree and brings them close to their goal of winning a license to practice pharmacy. The only hurdles remaining are completion of a one-year internship in a drugstore or other pharmacy operation and success in state-board examinations before and after the internship.

The career prognosis is excellent for anybody who has earned a degree from a pharmacy school with standards high enough to rate accreditation by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. The MSU school undoubtedly maintains this rating because it continues to pioneer in pharmacy education. It was among the first schools to establish a model drugstore for instructional purposes. In 1950, it was one of the first three schools to adopt the five-year course that is now standard throughout the country.

(more)
The five-year curriculum leading to the bachelor of science degree combines work in the humanities, languages, mathematics and basic sciences with professional courses in pharmacy, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutical administration and hospital pharmacy. The school also grants the master's degree in pharmacy, pharmacognosy, pharmacology and pharmaceutical chemistry.

The 21 men and two women who left the school, diploma in hand, in June can confidently look forward to a rewarding future in a field that offers great personal satisfaction as well as financial security. The former is the paramount motivation for the kind of serious student who majors in pharmacy. Still, a lofty disregard for the economic facts of life in choosing a career is not necessarily a mark of nobility.

A recent National Science Foundation survey of salaries of college graduates two years out of school shows pharmacy to be the most lucrative of the 36 professions covered by the study. Dean Robert L. Van Horne notes that this year's MSU graduates will start internships at monthly salaries ranging from $600 to $650.

It is fitting that pharmacists be adequately compensated for the services they render society. Everyone has had occasion to be grateful to that vital link between physician and patient, the pharmacist at the corner drugstore; but it is easy to overlook the ways all of us benefit from the dedication of pharmacists in research, product development, drug control and other fields.

None of these would be in business were it not for still another kind of pharmacist, the teacher. For 50 years now, MSU pharmacy professors have been training men and women to fill berths on the nation's health team.

Most of the school's 1965 graduates will serve communities around the state; but whether they fill prescriptions for fellow Montanans or develop miracle drugs in laboratories far beyond the state's borders, Montana can be proud of them and the school that produced them.