

Pre-Pharmacy Club Meeting Minutes on October 22, 2007
Chemistry Building 134
7:00 pm

Business:

From Lauren (President):

- T-shirts are still for sale in the advisors' office 239 SCC
- The next general meeting will be on November 12 at 7 pm
- The Next PharmCAS meeting will be on November 8 at 6pm
 - Career Development Services will be there
 - Information will be available on how to become a pharmacy technician

From Marci (Volunteer Director):

- Collecting pop top for cancer patients
- Halloween cards will be collected to take to the nursing home
- 5-8 volunteers are needed for The East Alabama Food Bank on October 25 from 1-4 in one hour shifts
- Volunteers are needed for the UPC Halloween Carnival on October 31
- COSAM is collecting canned goods for the Beat Bama Food Drive

Program:

Speakers are Dr. Bartling from Mercer University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Bruce Foster from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy

- Dr. Bartling is a Mercer graduate with a Pharm D. degree and has been with Mercer since 1973.
 - Mercer's pharmacy school is located in Atlanta, GA with many health sciences programs also offered.
 - Their program is 2 years undergraduate work then 4 years of pharmacy school.
 - 148 students were accepted into the pharmacy program last August, but at least 145 actually attend.
 - Admissions start on June 1 and start interviewing in September continuing to take applications until January 4 with no early decision.
 - Interviews are weekly and fill class by May and then start making an alternate list
 - About 400 applicants are interviewed.
 - GPA, PCAT, undergraduate school, work experience, degree, extracurricular, personal statement, and references are considered for an interview.
 - Average GPA last year was a 3.5
 - PCAT composite average was an 85 (did not interview anyone with a composite below 60)
 - Two references should be from a pharmacist or someone who can comment on your work ethic and a professor.
 - The interview process is about 3 hours.
 - Tuition is \$26,000/year
- Mr. Bruce Foster
 - The McWhorter School of Pharmacy is located in Birmingham, AL.
 - Admissions start on June 1 and start interviewing in September continuing to take applications until February 1 with no early decision.
 - Admission requirements are: a minimum 2.75 (average was between a 3.4 and 3.5 last year), low 70 PCAT score, and ACT or SAT scores if no degree obtained
 - 300 applicants are interviewed
 - Interviews begin early February until April with a decision notification within 2 weeks of interview.
 - Their program is 2 years undergraduate work then 4 years of pharmacy school.
 - 120 applicants admitted with 35-40 coming through the pre-pharmacy program at Samford with about 1,000 applications to consider.

- Interview requirements are: math and science GPA, overall GPA, ACT score, PCAT, essay, references (one from a science professor and pharmacist or supervisor in work environment), and extracurricular activities.
- The interview is conducted by 2 faculty members, a tour of the pharmacy school is given and interviews are done during the week only.
- Characteristics considered in the interview: insight into pharmacy, communication skills, ethics and interest in others.
- Tuition is \$12,000/semester or \$23,000/year.