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Homecoming activities include courtyard dedication, building anniversary commemoration and distinguished alumnus award

Homecoming festivities at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy featured three major events:

**Pharmacy South Courtyard Dedication**
The courtyard in front of the Pharmacy South building was named in honor of the Rite Aid Corporation based on the company’s generous donations to the College. Rite Aid Divisional Pharmacy Vice President Dennis Yoney was present at the naming ceremony.

Rite Aid has created three new endowments for the College: the Rite Aid Endowment for Alumni Affairs Fund; Rite Aid Endowment for Experiential Training, Wellness Initiatives, and Leadership Initiatives Fund; and the Rite Aid Endowment for Continuing Education and Outreach Fund. The company continues to fund the Rite Aid Endowed Student Scholarship, the Endowed Professorship and the Pinning Ceremony.

**R.C. Wilson Building Anniversary**
The 50th anniversary of the R.C. Wilson pharmacy building was celebrated with a commemorative plaque that will hang on the building. Georgia State Representative Butch Parrish (’64), who was Distinguished Alumnus for 1987, participated in the anniversary ceremony. Hugh Chancy (’88), chairman of the College’s Comprehensive Campaign Board and Distinguished Alumnus in 2006 also participated in the program.

Built in 1964, the 100,000 square foot building was a modern structure with ample space for teaching, research and offices. In 1978 the building was dedicated to Dean Robert C. Wilson on his 100th birthday; Wilson had been dean of the College from 1914 to 1948. UGA had to obtain special permission to name a state building after a living person.
Fred Sharpe ('74), Distinguished Alumnus 2014

Fred Sharpe ('74) was named Distinguished Alumnus for 2014 by the College of Pharmacy. Sharpe began practicing pharmacy in Dublin, Georgia, after graduation. In 1979, after working for others for five years, he purchased U-Save-It Pharmacy in Albany and is now a multi-store owner with pharmacies in five states. Along with overseeing those who run the day-to-day operation of the businesses and working at times behind the counter as a pharmacist, Sharpe spends most of his time evaluating prospective locations for pharmacies – either purchasing existing stores or establishing new ones.

Sharpe currently serves on the College of Pharmacy Comprehensive Campaign Board as well as the Pharmacy Advisory Board. He is an unwavering supporter of our students, our College, and our Profession. The contributions of Sharpe and his wife, Bonnie, have placed them in the Apothecary Society on the Wall of Honor at the College.

In addition Sharpe is active in the Georgia Pharmacy Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Independent Pharmacists and has served on the Board of Directors of a buying co-op based in Alabama.

In the community, Sharpe is on the Board of Directors of Heritage Bank of the South; The Anchorage, a facility for men with addiction problems; The Albany Symphony; and the Vestry of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Albany. He has also served on the Chamber of Commerce Board, the Albany/Dougherty Inner City Authority Board, and the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in Dublin. He is a Rotarian and works with various youth sports teams.

The Sharpes have three adult sons and three grandchildren. When leisure time surfaces, Sharpe enjoys reading, history, sports, and traveling.