IN MEMORIAM

JEROLD NEWBURGER

The University of Texas at Austin and the profession of pharmacy lost a dedicated, enthusiastic, productive, stimulating and beloved friend to pancreatic cancer on October 17, 1986. In addition, the College of Pharmacy lost one of its most richly human members, Dr. Jerold Newburger. His love for the profession of pharmacy and for teaching was evident throughout his professional life. It was remarkable that his spirit and interest remained strong and active until his hospitalization during his last few days. To the very last, he was engaged in teaching his pharmacokinetics undergraduate course, and in reviewing the last draft of a manuscript for publication.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joan Reba Newburger from Austin, Texas, and his sons, Manuel Harry and Eric Frank, also of Austin.

Jerry was characterized by an unusual human warmth that created loyal and lasting friendships with students and colleagues. Jerry worked hard to be accommodating, and he would always look for the benefit to others before he would look to his own. He would frequently say "anything you want is OK with me." In addition, Jerry was probably the best storyteller in the College. His articulate anecdotes were well-known to his colleagues.

Jerold Newburger was born on October 18, 1923, in Saskatoon, Canada. He lost his parents at a very early age. He always commented that life is not fair and that no guarantees are given to a person upon birth. He used to say that you were dealt a given hand of cards by life, and that you must play them to the best of your abilities--keeping in mind not to offend anyone, and always trying to be fair in decisions regarding people.

Jerry served on active duty with the U.S. Navy from April, 1943, to July, 1946. He was in the Reserves from July, 1946, to July, 1950. He completed work for the baccalaureate degree in pharmacy in September, 1951, at Temple University College of Pharmacy. Jerry began his professional career as owner of a community pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He owned his pharmacy

from September, 1953, to July, 1967. However, his love for teaching led him to become an instructor in physics at Temple University College of Pharmacy. He started this position in February, 1953. In January, 1954, he earned a M.S. Degree in Pharmacy from Temple University. He continued with the instructor position until July, 1968. Next, he went to the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy to pursue graduate work towards the Ph.D. Degree. During this time he served as part-time instructor in the College of Pharmacy of the University of Kentucky. In June, 1974, he was awarded the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

After accepting an offer to serve as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, the Newburger family moved to Austin in September, 1973. Jerry was promoted to Associate Professor in September, 1980.

Dr. Newburger was very active as a member of the pharmacy faculty. He served on many college committees. He served as Chairman of the Equipment Committee from 1977 to 1979. In 1977, he served as faculty advisor to the student branch of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists. His continued interest in the improvement of teaching techniques was demonstrated in the early 1980's during the time he served as chairman of the committee to evaluate computer needs at the College of Pharmacy. Jerry was the catalyst for, and in collaboration with other faculty members was the motivator behind, the implementation of the first computer-assisted undergraduate instruction course within the College of Pharmacy.

During his years of teaching, he was intimately associated with our undergraduate and graduate students. He served as faculty advisor to the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society from 1975 to 1976. Jerry was nominated for the Texas Exes' Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award in 1985. He was always deeply concerned that the quality of the graduate programs be maintained. He often reviewed student dissertation proposals and talked to supervising professors about them. He attended doctoral examinations and helped to make them more effective and valuable. Jerry's reviews of their dissertations were useful and greatly appreciated by graduate students.

Jerry was active in affairs at the community level. He was an active member of Temple Beth Israel and participated in the Shekinah Masonic Lodge.

Jerry held a joint appointment at The University of Texas Medical Center in Houston where was involved with Dr. Kahan in kidney transplantation research, and in the evaluation of the clinical pharmacokinetics of the potent immunosuppressive drug cyclosporine used in transplantation. Dr. Newburger also served as a consultant to the Southwest Research Center in San Antonio and collaborated extensively with Dr. Joseph Goldzieher in the pharmacokinetic evaluation of estradiol and its metabolites in the baboon.

Dr. Newburger was the author or co-author of many outstanding scientific papers, in addition to the numerous papers he presented at meetings of professional and learned societies. His scholarly contributions span a very broad range of professional and scientific interests. Because of his qualities as scientist, teacher, and friend, Jerry is greatly missed.

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The University of Texas at Austin

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The memorial resolution was prepared by a committee consisting of Professors Salomon Stavchansky (chair), Alan B. Combs, and Robert Pearlman.