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A WORD FROM THE RESIDENT

Here we are at the end of another school year, and it's time to reflect on what we've experienced over these past eight months. I hope CAPSI has had a positive influence on everyone of us and that you were able to experience all it has to offer, and maybe catch a bit of the spirit of it all.

CAPSI has certainly had a successful year. Once again we have more members than ever before, and have been able to implement new projects and perfect old ones. This year we once again had the pleasure of great reading in the CAPSIL, a fantastic time at PDW '90 in Montreal, our first ever New Member Lottery, the Rap Session, the expanded Literary Award, and the list goes on.

Of course no association or event can be a success without the participation of its members. Thus I would like to commend you, the General Membership, on your enthusiasm for making the 1989-90 CAPSI year a memorable one.

I hope that the enthusiasm we all have now as students will carry on into our professional years. We must realize how important our involvement is the success of the future of pharmacy. The rate of evolution of pharmacy and the health community today forces us to take charge of the profession or get left behind. Those are the hard facts. . . . we have to get involved, make our presence felt, and our worth obvious. Your years as CAPSI members will help achieve this goal and secure the future of our profession. So let's keep the spirit alive next year.

Have a great summer everyone! And to the Graduating Classes of 1990, congratulations!!!

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The ethics of tobacco sales in pharmacies

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In the past year, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has begun to encourage patients to frequent pharmacies that do not sell tobacco. Their strategies include publishing names of pharmacies which do not sell tobacco products in local newspaper and printing prescription pads suggesting patients visit only tobacco-less stores. The CMA's stand has raised the concerns of pharmacists and pharmacy students across the country and prompted CAPSI to hold it's first national Rap Session on this issue.

Since pharmacists are health care providers, is it ethical to sell tobacco products in pharmacies? This question can be debated from many angles: the problem rests in trying to balance profit and professionalism to determine the right path. Store

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