Mort and Myra Friedman Scholar Announced

Dr. and Mrs. Morton H. Friedman from Naples, Fla., were in Memphis in October to present the Mort and Myra Friedman Scholarship to Ruth M. Lawn, a first year student in the College of Graduate Health Sciences. Dr. Friedman who is originally from Uniontown, Pa. matriculated into the Anatomy Program at UTHSC in 1964 after completing a MS degree at Hofstra University. His research advisor was Dr. Jim Reger. Dr. Friedman graduated from UTHSC in 1969 and went on to an illustrious career in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy at West Virginia University Health Science Center. Dr. Friedman retired in the late 1990s and was awarded the title of Emeritus. Dr. Friedman, along with fellow UTHSC graduates - Noel T. Florendo, MD, PhD, and Jim H. Harris, MD, PhD, were in town for the College of Medicine Alumni Weekend and were able to renew friendships from 36 years ago at a luncheon.

Later that evening, a dinner recognizing the inaugural scholar was held at the University Club. Selected by the Friedmans for this honor was Ruth M. Lawn, a native of Connecticut, who completed her undergraduate training at Smith College. Her credentials, along with those of several other students, were reviewed by a committee and were then submitted to the Friedmans. Dorothy Reger, wife of the late Dr. Reger, attended the dinner along with Dr. and Mrs. David V. Smith, Simon R. Bruesch Professor and Chair of Anatomy and Neurobiology, as well as others from the college. Dean Peppler stated, “The weekend could not have been scripted any better than it occurred. The Friedmans were able to tour the Anatomy Department, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and familiar places in the city. To see the expressions on the faces of Mort, Noel and Jim when they met in the lobby of the Peabody Hotel was priceless (see News in Pictures). Finally, to have the Friedmans present a plaque to Ruth recognizing the scholarship in the presence of Dorothy Reger was very symbolic. What a wonderful testimony for the fondness Mort has for his training in the college back in the ‘60s.”
It has been a real honor and pleasure getting to know many of our 1,207 alumni from the college these past years. When I first became dean, the college had approximately 800 graduates; in the nine years since then, we have graduated more than 30 percent of this 1,207 total. Everywhere I travel the individual who is asked about the most is Lester Van Middlesworth, PhD, MD. He obtained his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1946 and then came to UTHSC where he was appointed an instructor while attending medical school and interning. He received his MD in 1951 and has been at UTHSC ever since. Although he officially retired in the late 1980s, he has been appointed as Emeritus Professor of Physiology & Biophysics, Medicine and Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery since that time. Van continues to be extremely active by giving over 20 hours of lectures to medical students, serving on committees and maintaining an active research program. Both he and his wife, Nellie Rue, make an outstanding contribution to the institution and serve as role models for all of us. They have been married for 57 years and have four children and seven grandchildren. I thought many of you would appreciate seeing a picture of Rue and Van at a recent family celebration.

I know that you will enjoy reading the many exceptional articles and pictures that follow in this issue. Sadly, Dr. Clinton Nash died in January and his obituary is in this magazine. Mort and Myra Friedman returned to Memphis after 36 years to announce their scholarship and honor the first recipient, Ruth Lawn. In August, 75 new students matriculated into the seven programs within the college, and in December, 24 students were awarded their degrees. I have heard from more than 32 alumni, and I am sure you will really enjoy reading their stories.

All of us were affected by Hurricane Katrina, which caused massive damage to the Gulf Coast and the once beautiful city of New Orleans. Seven of our alums were affected as they reside in the New Orleans area. They are Xiaohui Chen, Steve Lanier, Pat Fudge, Clif Crafton, Alex Lewis, Jay Hunt and Nick Smith. Please keep them in your thoughts, as well as all of the other individuals so affected. Please support the relief efforts.

I hope 2006 brings each of you much happiness and good health, and for this dean, a lot of news from all of you.
Mayola Rowser, a current PhD nursing program student, has been elected to the board of the Mental Health Association of Vanderburgh County, Indiana. This organization serves three counties in southern Indiana and is an affiliate of the State and National Mental Health Associations.

David M. Pond, a student in the Dental Science Program, was awarded second place at the Billy M. Pennel Research Competition at the Southern Academy of Periodontology for his presentation on “Effect of NF-kB inhibition IL-1B-stimulated MMP-3 production by gingival fibroblasts from a patient with aggressive periodontitis.”

Leon Chatman, Jr, a 2004 IPBS student, has received the FY 2005 Leonard Share Young Investigator Award at the Hypertension Research Day. It is a one-time award of $1,000.

Jeri Tidwell, a PhD student in the Nursing Program, has passed her pediatric clinical nurse specialist certification exam (accredited through the American Nurse Credentialing Center). Jeri’s research advisor is Dr. Pam Hinds.

Lois Bolden, a PhD student in the Nursing Program, has published a paper in *Issues of Mental Health Nursing* 2005, Dec. 26: 1043-59 titled, “Length of stay, admission types, psychiatric diagnoses, and the implications of stigma in African Americans in the nationwide inpatient sample.” African Americans purportedly have a higher prevalence of mental illnesses but are often misdiagnosed and less likely to seek treatment. Delayed treatment has been associated with the stigma related to these disorders. The demographic characteristics, length of stay, most prevalent psychiatric diagnoses, and hospital admissions of African Americans were compared to other U.S. populations using a nationwide sample (N = 4,474,732). African American participants were younger, had significantly longer lengths of stay, and were admitted more often through the emergency room than the other groups in this sample. Psychosis, alcohol/drug dependence, and depressive neurosis were the most prevalent psychiatric diagnoses reported for African American participants. Research is needed to explain these results so that strategies can be instituted to improve the poor mental health outcomes often observed in African American populations.

Iris Padilla, a PhD student in the Nursing Program, was recently selected by the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Association (NCEMNA) for a 2006 Mentor Award. Iris will serve as an NCEMNA mentor at their second national conference in March in Chicago.

Bucovaz Scholar

Jeri Bryant, a second-year student in IPBS, was identified last year as the inaugural Bucovaz Scholar. Jeri is a native of Piedmont, S.C. and did her undergraduate training at Wake Forest University. While there, she was awarded the Nancy Reynolds Scholarship and the Robert Byrd Scholarship. She was a member of the WF Volunteer Corp and president of the Disabilities Awareness Coalition. In her letters of recommendation it was stated “Jeri has always been there, working and talking to our kids. She was instrumental in setting up a ‘Resume Writing’ project with high school students. This allowed the students to have information at their fingertips for college, jobs and scholarships. Their parents were amazed at what she did.”

In announcing the awards, Dean Peppler stated, “The college is most appreciative of the generosity of the Tarnowski family and their desire to recognize Dr. Bucovaz for the training Joe received at UT. This is what graduate education is all about—having faculty like Ed be an advisor, teacher, mentor, and friend.”
College Matriculates 75 students in August

Seventy-five students matriculated into the seven programs in the college in August. Forty-nine students (65 percent) are U.S. citizens coming from 14 states; 49 percent of these are residents of Tennessee. With respect to the international students, 13 are from India and 11 are from China. Other countries of origin include Egypt, Iran and Korea. The average GRE score for all matriculants was 1200. Following are the names, programs and city/state/country of origin for our new students. We are very pleased to have each of them here at UTHSC.

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CGHS recognizes Ten Scholars

The college held a luncheon in October to recognize ten students for the scholarships they were awarded in 2005-2006. Christy Wilson was recognized for the renewal of her Reagan Fellowship, and Ji Zhang was presented a plague for being selected as a first year recipient of the Reagan Fellowship. Josh Brown and Abbie Hayes were awarded a one-year Capitola Edmundsun Scholarship. Audrey Burnett and Lisa Harsch were selected as the first recipients from the college for the Joe and Pat Johnson Alumni Scholarship. Jeri Bryant is a continuing Bucovaz Scholar. Richie Reese and Margaret Sperow were recognized with one-year Doggett Scholarships. Ruth Lawn was selected as the inaugural Mort and Myra Friedman Scholar. Ruth will hold this designation until she graduates. Recipients, in addition to receiving a monetary award for the scholarship, were presented a plaque as a memento of their achievement.
CGHS Graduates in December

Twenty-four graduates received their degrees Dec. 2, 2005, bringing the total of graduates from the college to 1,207.

Doctor of Philosophy
 Buford, David Thomas  Buford, David Thomas
 Cline, Amy  Buford, David Thomas
 Durgam, Gangadhar  Buford, David Thomas
 Ismail, Shehab  Buford, David Thomas
 Kendall, Ryan  Buford, David Thomas
 Kirchenko, Oleg  Buford, David Thomas
 Krishnamurthy, Mathangi  Buford, David Thomas
 Kumaraswami, Muthiah  Buford, David Thomas
 Li, Shen  Buford, David Thomas
 Li, Tongyuan  Buford, David Thomas
 Lloyd, Steven  Buford, David Thomas
 Margret, Cecilia  Buford, David Thomas
 Mohler, Michael  Buford, David Thomas
 Sanchez, Zoila  Buford, David Thomas
 Song, Pengfei  Buford, David Thomas
 Strong, Genae  Buford, David Thomas
 Talley, Costellia  Buford, David Thomas
 Tutor, Ruth  Buford, David Thomas
 Virga, Christopher  Buford, David Thomas
 Zhang, Yi  Buford, David Thomas

Master of Science
 Krovi, Vinay  Krovi, Vinay
 Liang, Yixin  Krovi, Vinay
 Metzger, Monika  Krovi, Vinay
 Venkatesan, Ajay  Krovi, Vinay

Phone-a-thon Contributes to Student Enrichment Fund

Students in the college spent four hours on the evening of September 20 calling alumni for our second Phone-a-thon. A number of graduates contributed over $1,500 to add to the Student Travel Endowment established by Dr. John Autian. Through this fund, the college has been able to sponsor more than 27 students for travel awards to national meetings the past two years.

In 2000, Dr. John Autian, dean emeritus, established a Student Enrichment Fund to be used to fund travel for students to national meetings. Students must be registered full-time, admitted to PhD or MS candidacy and accepted to present a paper/abstract/poster to be considered for the travel award. John has made three donations with challenges, including the phonathon in 2004. Through his generosity and that of others who have contributed to the fund the past years, the college awarded 12 travel grants in the 2004-2005 academic year and 15 in the 2005-2006 academic year. The following 15 students received travel awards this academic year:

Katherine Anderson  Katherine Anderson
Mark Appleford  Katherine Anderson
Xiaoyang Chang  Katherine Anderson
Amol Gupte  Katherine Anderson
Shen Li  Katherine Anderson
Wenwei Lin  Katherine Anderson
Teresa Liu  Katherine Anderson
Mohammed Nooh  Katherine Anderson
Jufang Shan  Katherine Anderson
Patricia Turner  Katherine Anderson
Marie Van Der Merwe  Katherine Anderson
Felix Vazquez-Chona  Katherine Anderson
Lai Wei  Katherine Anderson
Zhengxiang Zhu  Katherine Anderson
Yanli Zhuang  Katherine Anderson

Health Science Administration  Health Science Administration
Biomedical Engineering  Biomedical Engineering
Physiology  Biomedical Engineering
Pharmaceutical Sciences  Biomedical Engineering
Interdisciplinary  Biomedical Engineering
Pharmaceutical Sciences  Biomedical Engineering
Integrated Program  Biomedical Engineering
Molecular Sciences  Biomedical Engineering
Integrated Program  Biomedical Engineering
Pharmaceutical Sciences  Biomedical Engineering
Integrated Program  Biomedical Engineering
Anatomy and Neurobiology  Biomedical Engineering
Pathology  Biomedical Engineering
Pharmaceutical Sciences  Biomedical Engineering
Pharmaceutical Sciences  Biomedical Engineering

Graduates pose at the pre-commencement luncheon.
Chancellor Owen Outlines UTHSC Challenges

Chancellor William F. Owen, Jr, MD, recently outlined six categorical challenges to achieving greatness for the Health Science Center. These are: (1) non-uniform vision for the future of UTHSC, (2) fragmented communication, (3) challenged execution, (4) limited individual accountability, (5) inconsistent levels of productivity and (6) eroding infrastructure (buildings, durables, talent management and financials). Faculty, staff and students within the Health Science Center are being formed into five strategy teams, one for each of our four missions (research, teaching, clinical care, community service) and a fifth for infrastructure (talent management). These teams will develop a prioritized implementation plan with measurements for assessing success.

Tennessean Becomes Vice President for Research

Dr. David Millhorn was appointed in August 2005 to lead the University of Tennessee system’s research efforts. Dr. Millhorn holds a bachelor’s degree from UT-Chattanooga and a doctorate from The Ohio State University. He most recently was director of Cincinnati’s Genome Research Institute prior to assuming his position as vice president. His primary focus will be capitalizing on UT’s partnership with Battelle in managing the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He will also work to strengthen teams of researchers to compete for larger grants.

American Heart Association Heart Walk

Gwen Campbell, bursar; Becky Brown, executive assistant; and Ruby Bland, administrative assistant, celebrate after the American Heart Walk.

Graduate students pose prior to the American Heart Walk. From front left is Jessica Kennedy and Kristin Timmer and in back row from left, Kirk Hevener, Kevin Marrs, Tim Sullivan, Nourent Abdeltauab and Rebecca Glatt.
Implosion of Baptist Hospital

The old Baptist Hospital was imploded on November 6 to allow the construction of the UT-Baptist Research Park. The 10-acre park will consist of 1.2 million square feet of laboratory, research, education and business development. Photos from the implosion are shown below.
New Director for Integrity in the Conduct of Scientific Research Course

Terrence F. Ackerman, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Human Values and Ethics in the College of Medicine has been selected as the director for the Integrity in the Conduct of Scientific Research Course for 2005-2006. Terry is a native of Rochester, N.Y., and did his undergraduate and graduate training at the University of Rochester, obtaining a PhD in Moral Philosophy. Following the awarding of his degree, he held faculty positions at Illinois State University and the University of South Carolina before coming to UTHSC in 1977. He was appointed chair of the Department of Human Values and Ethics in 1986. Dr. Ackerman has become well established nationally in the field of medical ethics, and has published more than 50 papers on the ethics and regulation of human research in various anthologies and professional journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Ackerman lectures frequently to faculty and students at UTHSC regarding ethical and regulatory issues in research. He serves as executive vice chairman of the Institutional Review Board at UTHSC and has considerable experience to contribute to the course. He and the faculty will continue the direction the course has taken since 2000. All PhD candidates are required to take this course in the second year of study within the college. Dean Peppler stated, “I am extremely pleased that Dr. Ackerman has agreed to direct this course. He and the faculty will provide state-of-the-art content so vital to the future scientists we are training.”

Faculty Research Advisor Program

The college has initiated a workshop to provide training for faculty who are newly credentialed to direct theses and dissertations. In the workshop, the leadership of the college discusses the processes involved in effective mentoring of students. The five faculty listed below attended this workshop in November 2005:

- Peter Murray, PhD
- Janet Partridge, PhD
- Brenda Schulman, PhD
- Stephen Skapek, MD
- William Veazey, DMD

Drs. Veasey, Skapek, Partridge, Schulman, and Murray at the faculty workshop.

Faculty Committee

The foundation of training for students in the college is the faculty committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist the student with his/her research efforts. Usually during the second year of study toward the PhD, the graduate student and research advisor select a faculty committee of at least five members from the graduate faculty. One member of the committee is from outside the program and represents the elective field of study included in the student’s program. Pictured right is Siva Sarva, foreground, about to present to his faculty committee at their inaugural meeting. Siva’s research advisor is Dr. George Hilliard and the other four members of his committee are Drs. David Rogers, Robert Belland, George Cox and David Nelson.
Library Services for Graduates

Remember Mooney Library? Maybe the Health Sciences Library in the Alexander Building? We’ve seen major changes in location and services since the library moved from Mooney to Alexander in 1985. And since the late 1990s, we’ve seen even greater changes in library services and resources—particularly in terms of online resources.

Even the way you used the library as a student has changed—and you probably wonder if and how you can still use our resources.

For starters, anyone can come to the library and use all of our resources—journals, books, online databases, and so forth. Second, if you have a valid Tennessee license in your field, you can request a library card that will allow you to check out circulating materials. Third, you can contact us (e-mail: utlibrary@utmem.edu, toll-free number: 877-747-0004) for assistance in locating information and requesting searches (for which there is a small fee). Fourth, we can provide document delivery service for articles you need (the $6 charge is the same for faculty, staff, students, and alums—but be sure to tell us you’re an alum).

Finally, just for you—our graduates—we developed an alum web page (library.utmem.edu/hslbc/alumni/) that lists a growing number of accessible full-text journals and other resources.

All of our online journals and databases can be accessed from library and on-campus computers. However, because of licensing restrictions from the publishers, only current faculty, staff, and students can access these resources from off-campus.

Perhaps the most important resource you can access and use freely is PubMed MEDLINE (pubmed.gov), provided by NIH’s National Center for Biotechnology Information and the National Library of Medicine. For example, through this site, you can customize search strategies (use the MyNCBI feature) that will search specific libraries (for example, if you live closer to another health science library, you can search that library’s journal collection), and you can order journal articles (use the Loansome Doc delivery link). Once you’ve completed your PubMed search, how do you obtain the articles? Our alumni services web page lists several sites where a growing number of freely accessible full-text journals can be located, including the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Free Medical Journals, BioMed Central, PubMed Central, the Public Library of Science (PLoS), and Highwire Press. When your search does not identify a free source for the article you need, the UTHSC library will provide document delivery service for alumni from this campus at the same rate we charge students and faculty—currently $6 per article. You can access our services most easily from PubMed’s Loansome Doc document delivery link—after completing your PubMed search and selecting an article, use the Send To menu to select the Order—and your article’s citation will be sent to us, or another library you select, electronically. Remember that providing the journal article will be a service of the library, and most university libraries, including UTHSC, have fees for this service. PubMed provides the bibliographic citation at no cost, but after that the cost of the document or document delivery service will vary. Check the cost before you order!

If your search is not productive, but you feel sure that the material should have been there, our Reference Desk will provide a literature search for you. Most searches will cost only $10, but we will discuss charges with you before incurring any costs and will stay within your stated budget guidelines. Use our Ask a Librarian link from the library’s home page to submit a question, or send your message to us at utlibrary@utmem.edu. Be sure to identify yourself as a UTHSC alumnus. Any time we can assist, please call us at our toll-free number: 877-747-0004. This number is answered Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. (CT).

If you need help with any of these resources or have questions, please contact us. We’re always available to assist UTHSC grads.
Alumni Updates

Rebecca L. Morgan-Boyd (PhD ’85) is working in Clinical Research with cardiologists in Savoy, Ill. Rebecca has an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Illinois. Her oldest son just graduated from Illinois Wesleyan and her youngest son, Brian, will attend college next year. Rebecca can be reached at 1810 Lynhurst, Savoy, IL 61874, 217-355-1357 or e-mail Rebecca.morgan-boyd@carle.com.

Larry Kelly (PhD ’66) has recently moved from New Jersey to Florida. He can be reached at 856 Grandin Avenue, Sebastian, FL 32958, 772-228-9507 or e-mail, kelly@Drew.edu.

James W. Stanley (PhD ’72) wrote to say thanks for the fall alumni issue. Jim received his PhD in medicinal chemistry in 1972, worked for the FDA at the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) in Arkansas for four years, and then joined PepsiCo in New York, where he retired as VP Scientific & Regulatory Affairs in 2001. He currently resides in The Strand Golf Community in Naples, Fla., during the winter, and in Big Canoe, Ga. in the summer. He and his wife Katie have fond memories of his graduate days at UTHSC, and enjoy reading about the progress here. Katie served as a public health nurse during those days, and both their children were born in Memphis. They hope to get back to Memphis someday soon. Jim and Katie can be reached at 5904 Three Iron Drive, Unit 2104, Naples, FL 34110, 239-593-5767 or e-mail Jwstan100@aol.com.

Paul Akins MD (PhD ’91) indicates that his current career is a juggling act of: clinical research advancing care for stroke patients; directing of a nationally acclaimed, community-based stroke program at five hospitals in Sacramento; and caring for patients with neurological diseases. A major highlight last year was presenting results on a novel stroke prevention therapy for stroke/TIA patients with chronic atrial fibrillation at the International Stroke Conference in New Orleans and the European Stroke Conference in Bologna, Italy. It was a tremendous honor to be selected out of 668 centers internationally to present data from the largest stroke prevention database on patients with atrial fibrillation. “I use my PhD training in neuroscience and neuropharmacology daily and in conducting Phase II, III, and IV clinical trials,” said Dr. Atkins. “I also recently used it when counseling my exceptionally bright 7th grade daughter on her C- in English. I recounted to her my not-so-stellar performance from UT in one of my favorite courses, pharmacology. This has not hurt me in my career.” Paul obtained his BS in chemistry from UT Chattanooga and his MD and PhD from UTHSC. Subsequently he did residency training in neurology at Washington University School of Medicine. He was the chief resident in his final year in the program and then did a two year cerebrovascular disease fellowship with Dr. Hsu at Washington University. Since 1997 he has been in Sacramento with Mercy Healthcare and the University of California, Davis. Among many of his accolades is his membership on the board of directors for the Association of California Neurologists, American Heart Association – Sacramento and American Stroke Association – Western States Affiliate. Paul can be reached at Neurological Consultants Medical Group, 500 University Avenue, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95825, 916-641-8205 or e-mail akins@surewest.net.

Tom E. Mecca (PhD ’82) resides in Kansas. He is executive director of Quintiles in Kansas City, Mo. Quintiles Transnational was founded in 1982 and it is headquartered in Research Triangle with numerous U.S. and International locations. The company helps improve healthcare worldwide by providing a broad range of professional services, information and partnering solutions to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare industries. Tom can be reached at 11606 Conser, Overland Park, KS 66210, 913-345-9877.

Naomi M. Gades, DVM, (MS ’99) has been settling into her new position in the Department of Comparative Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. She continues to play second violin in the Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony. She and her husband Leonardo, who have been married for a year, both play alto saxophone in the Rochester Community Band (this is how they met). Naomi also continues to be an American Guild Board Member and volunteers one evening per week for the Rochester Adult & Family Literacy Program. She can be reached at 744 Southern Woods Circle SW, Rochester, MN.
Lawrence Castellani (PhD ’88) works for the military in Los Angeles. He can be reached at 4727 Kester Avenue, Apartment 202, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, 818-981-6483.

Linda M. Porterfield (PhD ’87) resides at 485 Monteigne Blvd., Memphis, TN 38103.

Eric Nease, DDS, (MDS ’99) writes that his orthodontic practice in Spartanburg is thriving. The doctor from whom he bought the practice, Phil Higginbotham (a UT grad from 1970), still practices with him on a part-time basis. Together they have had a very successful transition. He has two beautiful daughters, Sydney, who turned seven on December 23, and Ansley, who is five. Eric keeps busy with the girls and travels as much as possible, especially to see the Vols play football. Unfortunately this past year he saw UT lose at Notre Dame, and at home to Georgia and South Carolina. He would have seen the victory at LSU if not for Hurricane Rita. He had planned to visit his sister who lives in Mandeville, La., and go to the game, but had patients scheduled on that Monday. He attends a number of professional meetings. Eric indicates he is looking forward to a busy ski season on the slopes in North Carolina before golf season resumes in the early spring. Eric can be reached at 2455 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29307, 864-579-7700 (w) 864-621-8657 (h) or e-mail eric@drnease.com or www.drnease.com.

Jian Feng (PhD ’97) graduated in the summer of 1997, receiving his PhD training in Dr. James Ihle’s laboratory at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the UTHSC Department of Biochemistry. After finishing his postdoctoral research with Dr. Paul Greengard at the Rockefeller University in the middle of 2000, he assumed a position of assistant professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, State University of New York at Buffalo. Currently he is an associate professor with tenure in the same department. His research program is focused on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of Parkinson’s disease. His wife, Zhen Yan, is also a graduate, having worked with Dr. Jim Surmeier in the Anatomy and Neurobiology Program. Zhen and Jian had their first child last June. Zhen was awarded tenure last year in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics as an associate professor. “My first experience in the United States started in Memphis; it will remain in my mind forever,” said Dr. Feng. “The rigorous training that I received in Jim’s lab and from the Biochemistry Department headed by Dr. John Fain left an indelible mark on my career. It allowed me to move on to New York City and enjoy a fuller experience of America. One of my most memorable moments was the luncheon that the college hosted for all PhD and MS graduates. Since our families in China were not able to come, the reception gave me a sense of caring that was very heartfelt.” Jian can be reached at: Department of Physiology and Biophysics, State University of New York at Buffalo, 124 Sherman Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214, 716-829-2345 or e-mail jianfeng@buffalo.edu.

Diane T. Pace (PhD ’98) is a family nurse practitioner at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis/Health Loop Clinics. She was recently honored with the Alma E. Gault Leadership Award from the Tennessee Nurses’ Association (TNA). The award recognizes members of TNA for their outstanding leadership qualities in all dimensions of nursing practice including active involvement in improving the health of the population and inspiring others to actively support improved health for the community. She can be reached at 886 Wood Cain Cove, Cordova, TN 38018.

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Veronika Zsiros (PhD ’03) is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Physiology in the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. She traveled to Hungary recently for a high school reunion and to visit family. She and her husband, Tamas, live in a condominium overlooking Lake Michigan several blocks from campus. She can be reached at: Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Physiology, Northwestern University, Tarry Building, Room 5-770, 303 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-503-3734 or e-mail vzsiros@northwestern.edu.

Henry Talley (PhD ’01) recently served as the emcee for the Awards Luncheon at the TNA Annual Convention. Henry’s wife, Costellia, received her PhD from the college at the December commencement. Both reside at 810 Radiance Drive, Cordova, TN 38018, 901-751-751-9746.

Walter Koch (PhD ’82) writes “I am pleased to be able to help support students in the UT College of Graduate Health Sciences, the fore-runner of which provided me with the PhD training that allowed me to pursue my professional career in the health sciences.” He is currently vice president and head of research for Roche Molecular Diagnostics. Dr. Koch is responsible for all RMD research activities, including research efforts associated with new biomarker discovery and validation, the development of new platform technologies, and fundamental improvements in the performance of existing products and technologies. Dr. Koch joined Roche Molecular Diagnostics in 1998 as a Research Leader to evaluate the feasibility of developing microarray-based pharmacogenetic assays for clinical diagnostic use. From 2001-2004 he served as the senior director of the Pharmacogenetics Department, leading six scientific teams and a bioinformatics group in the research and development of new genetics and genomics tests. In this role, he was responsible for development of genetic and pharmacogenomic assays using Affymetrix oligonucleotide microarray, linear array, and real-time kinetic PCR technologies, and also for technical assessment of novel technologies and instrument platforms. The AmpliChip CYP450 test became the first FDA approved pharmacogenetic test in January 2005, and he and his R&D team are actively working on several novel cancer diagnostic applications using this and other technologies to enable differential diagnosis and stratification for treatment of cancer patients. He previously held several positions within the U.S. FDA, including acting lab chief of Immunochemistry and Research Biologist in the agency’s Division of Transfusion Transmitted Disease (1996-1998), and research biologist positions in the Division of Molecular Biological Research & Evaluation (1989-1996), and the Division of Toxicology (1987-1989), where his research interests included carcinogen-induced mutagenesis and genetics of DNA repair, and PCR-based detection of foodborne pathogens. He received a BS in Chemistry from Memphis State University in 1978 and a PhD in Toxicology from the University of Tennessee in 1982. He continued his training with a Postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hop-
kins University School of Public Health from 1982-1987. His parents reside in Memphis, as does one of his siblings. Walter can be reached at: Roche Molecular Systems, 4300 Hacienda Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, 925-730-8170; or 510-814-2987, or e-mail walter_h.koch@roche.com.

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**David Vallari** (PhD ’86) is a technical support leader in the Abbott Diagnostics Division at Abbott Laboratories. He originally hailed from Bergen County in New Jersey and did his undergraduate training at Virginia Tech. He came to UTHSC and studied with Chuck Rock at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. After graduating from UTHSC, David did a post-doctoral fellowship with Fred Snyder at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. From there he went with Abbott Laboratories and has been involved with quality control and infectious disease roles. He enjoys his position and finds it rewarding and fun. David and his wife, Ana, have two children. Their oldest daughter, Kara, is a freshman at Virginia Tech and their son, Tristan, is a junior in high school. Ana was a technician for Howard Jernigan, and she obtained her MS in biochemistry while David got his doctorate. David can be reached at Abbott Laboratories, 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, IL 60048, 847-937-6186 or e-mail david.vallari@abbott.com.

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**James A. Sedensky** (PhD ’66) retired from Wayne State University in 1997. Jim has taught a few classes since that time and spends his time traveling into Canada or reading. He can be reached at: 24020 Deanhurst Street, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48082-1187.

**Robert B. Moreland** (PhD ’82) is senior group leader/research investigator of neuroscience research at Abbott Laboratories. His wife is a social worker in private practice and they have a son who graduated from high school last spring. Bob graduated with a BS in chemistry in 1977 from Southeastern Louisiana University prior to coming to UT. Following graduation, he was a postdoctoral fellow for three years in the Laboratory of Gene Expression at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School. Bob credits taking a course in physiology in 1981 at the Marine Biological Laboratories in Woods Hole, Mass. as really enhancing his career. Subsequently, he did a three-year fellowship in pediatric oncology at Dana-Farber and then was a research associate before becoming an assistant research professor in the Department of Urology at Boston University.
School of Medicine (BUSM) and an assistant research professor in the Department of Physiology at BUSM. In 1999 he joined Abbott Laboratories and became senior group leader, research investigator in neuroscience research in 2002. He and his group are working on dopamine D4 receptors in their role in the regulation of penile erection (Biochemical Pharmacology 68: (2004), 761). Bob can be reached at 2621 11th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096, 847-731-2702 or at Abbott Laboratories, Dept. R4PM, Bldg. AP9A/219, 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, IL 60064-6123, 847-937-7920 or e-mail Robert.Moreland@abbott.com.

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Shehab Ismail (PhD ’05) is a post-doctoral fellow in the Structural Genomics Consortium in the College of Medicine at the University of Toronto. “The University of Tennessee is a great university and I am so grateful and glad that I got my education from such a wonderful place under the supervision and support of a great faculty and staff members,” said Dr. Ismail. “I hope one day I will be able to help or contribute in helping such a great institute. Thank you again, and I am sorry that I could not attend my graduation to thank all my professors in person.” He can be reached at: Structural Genomics Consortium, 5th floor, Room 512, Banting Bldg, 100 College Street, Toronto, ON M5G 1L5 Canada or e-mail shehab.ismail@gmail.com.

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Bob Pollock (PhD ’54) spent a month last spring in Genoa, Italy where his son-in-law and daughter were on sabbatical. Bob would like to hear from Drs. Elko and Kraynak when they have a moment. He can be reached at: 8442 Chippewa Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19128.
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Mary Beth Rogers (’92) was the last student of Preston Dorsett before he left to found Viral Antigens. Mary Beth went to work with Abbott Laboratories where she has been in the diagnostics area since leaving UTHSC. She is originally from a small town north of Dayton, Ohio, where her mother still resides. Mary Beth did her undergraduate training at Miami of Ohio and then went to Auburn University where she obtained her MS. It was there she met her husband, Elton, who has a DVM from Auburn University. They reside north of Chicago at 3233 North Country Lane, Waukegan, IL 60087, 847-360-8184, or e-mail MERogers7@aol.com.

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**In Memory**

**Chad Stephen Batson** (MD, PhD ’06), 28, of Bartlett, Tenn. died November 9, 2005. He was born on October 27, 1977 in Springfield, Tenn. Dr. Batson earned his MD, PhD in cancer biology from UTHSC. His research consisted of developing successful strategies to treat brain tumors. Chad earned a BS from Freed-Hardeman University with university honors. He was also an accomplished musician. He is survived by his loving wife, Amy Shepherd Batson and son, Alexander Cole Batson; mother, Debbie Thompson Baldwin and father, Carl Stephen Batson); parents-in-law, Glenn and Sarah Shepherd; four brothers, William Daniel Batson, Adam Chase Batson, Enoch Alexander Batson, and Joshua Baldwin; two sisters, Carrie Batson Taylor and Jennifer Baldwin Turns; three nieces, Makailah Jo Taylor, Kennedy Jane Taylor, Colbie Lyn Turns and one nephew, Samuel Eric Baldwin; grandparents, W. A. and Beatrice Batson, and Emma Birdwell. Final interment was at Memorial Gardens in Springfield, Tenn. on November 12.

**Robert Alton Moxley** (PhD ’06), of Memphis, formerly of Eclectic, Ala. died unexpectedly on November 9, 2005. Rob was working with Dr. Harry Jarrett in the Molecular Sciences Program and his dissertation related to the purification of an important group of regulatory proteins called transcription factors. He obtained his BS degree from Auburn University of Montgomery in 1998. His parents, Richard and Sheila Moxley of Millbrook, Alabama and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard III and Chris Moxley of Deatsville, Alabama, survive Dr. Moxley.

**Clinton Brooks Nash**, PhD, retired professor of pharmacology. Raised on a farm, he came to Memphis at age 18 in 1936, after winning a $100 prize in an essay contest. Entered the Army Air Corps and flew numerous missions over Germany in World War II as the pilot of a B-17 bomber, with the rank of First Lieutenant. After the war, he graduated from the UTHSC schools of pharmacy and pharmacology. He went on to work for Mead Johnson and Company for five years and then became an assistant professor of pharmacology at UTHSC in 1958. He was soon promoted to associate professor and then to professor in 1965. He served as acting chair from 1975 to 1977 and again from 1979 to 1981. Dr. Nash’s research dealt with the cardiovascular effects of anesthetic agents, intraocular pressures, peripheral vasodilators, catecholamine content of various tissues, coronary blood flow, anti-arrhythmic agents, and the cardiovascular actions of vasopressin, reserpine, and digitalis. An avid tennis player and woodworker, Dr. Nash remained active well into his retirement years. He was the widower of Rose S. Nash, to whom he was married for 54 years before her death in 2000. He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen P. Nash, of Memphis, and two grandchildren, Sara and Mark Huggins. Professor and Mrs. Nash also had a son, Robert Patrick Nash, who died in 1959.

**George M. McCormick II** (MD ’69, PhD ’65) died on September 20, 2005. After receiving his PhD in Physiology and biophysics from UTHSC, Dr. McCormick obtained his MD in 1969. He did his residency in pathology at UTHSC and then joined the faculty of LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport in 1971. Dr. McCormick entered private practice in 1976 and subsequently served the people of Northwest Louisiana as the Caddo Parish coroner from 1984 until his death. He held an appointment as a clinical associate professor of pathology at the LSU HSC from 1975 until his death. In addition, he served as a clinical adjunct professor of clinical laboratory science at Louisiana Tech University from 1984. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Susan McCormick.

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Dr. Nash with his 50-year certificate in 2005.
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**Development Director Takes Position at Rhodes College**

In January 2006, Amanda Tamburrino, director of development, left UTHSC to take a position as special assistant to the president of Rhodes College. Amanda is an alumnus of Rhodes and the lure of working for her alma mater was a strong draw. The college is appreciative of her efforts the past few years and wishes her well with her new position.
Students who matriculated in the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences in August 2005 pause for a picture during one of their classes.

Mort & Myra Friedman, Noel Florendo, and Judy & Jim Harris met in October for a reunion. Mort, Noel and Jim were students in the mid-’60s and each received his PhD in 1969.

Becky Brown, left, executive assistant for the college and Janie Van Prooijen, administrative specialist for the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences at the Employee Service Recognition Program and Thomas C. Lichterman Employee of the Year Program in December. Becky completed 25 years of service at UTHSC and Janie was one of the six Lichterman finalists.

Dr. Pat Ryan, left, program director for IPBS with Lichterman Award finalist, Janie Van Prooijen and her husband, Pieter.