Roland Alden, Former Dean of College of Graduate Health Sciences, Dies

Roland H. Alden, dean emeritus and emeritus professor of anatomy, passed away on November 2 at his home in Placerville, Calif.

Roland was educated at Stanford and Yale and had a 37-year career at UTHSC from 1942 to 1979 which included being the dean of the College of Basic Medical Sciences and dean of the Graduate School between 1961 and 1979.

In these administrative roles, Roland influenced over 3,600 students who graduated with a MD degree and 280 graduate students who completed their studies, 137 of which received a PhD degree. Former Chancellor Jim Hunt indicated that “Roland was the intellectual godfather for the present day College of Medicine.” He was deeply involved in the growth of the University of Tennessee and the greater Memphis health care ecosystem during his tenure.

Over the years he served as president of the American Association of Anatomists; as chair of the U. S. Public Health Service Anatomical Sciences Training Committee; on the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Commission on Graduate Education; and on the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs Committee. Roland was active in numerous Memphis organizations including the Rotary Club, the Red Cross and the Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Together with his wife of 65 years, Aimee Neff Alden, who passed away in 2002, he helped found the Les Passees Treatment Center for Cerebral Palsied Children.

When he retired in 1979, he moved back to his native California where he pursued his long-standing interests in hunting, fishing, gardening and tending to the family vacation home, Fallen Leaf, at Lake Tahoe. A book about his life (“The Bird Watcher”) which includes a lot
I have heard from a number of you about how much you enjoyed the last issue. You should be congratulating yourselves as it wouldn’t have been possible without the information you provided over the past six months.

Our Vice President for Health Affairs and Chancellor Bill Owen sent a note about the last issue that reads “Thanks for sending a copy of the latest report. Looks great! Congratulations.” Hopefully, you will find this issue as enlightening as the previous one with updates from 21 of our graduates, and information about many students and faculty. You will read about some of our alumni living in the Seattle area whom I was able to visit during the Association of American Medical Colleges meeting there in November.

Sadly, during the past six months we lost three individuals who served UTHSC and specifically our College, collectively for 82 years. Roland Alden, dean emeritus, who served as dean for 17 years passed away in November; David Smith, the Simon R. Bruesch Professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, passed away in September; and James Evans, associate professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, passed away in November. What a tragedy to lose such knowledgeable and dedicated anatomists. I can only think that increasing the enrollment of medical schools is occurring not only on earth but in heaven and their talents were needed.

I corresponded with Roland; shared UT experiences with him at the anatomy meetings in Reno in the late 80s; visited with him at UT in my office in 2002; and then last February when visiting alumni in California visited with him. Roland insisted that I not make the trip from Sacramento to Placerville to visit him as his days were up and down. I am glad that I didn’t listen and was able to spend four hours with him. I attended a memorial service at Stanford in early February and brought some memorabilia back to UTHSC for an exhibit in the library that will be displayed in February, March and April for those wishing to reminisce.

For those living around the immediate Memphis area there is a College reception planned for April 19. You should have received a flyer about the event and invitations will be in the mail in March.

We will be losing the talents of Ed Schneider as associate dean at the end of March when he retires. The next issue will include a tribute to Ed for his service to UTHSC and CGHS. In addition, we have four graduates celebrating their 50th year anniversary in 2007 – Drs. Helmer Agersborg, Ernie Daigneault, Donald Hobbs and John Woychik. Hopefully all will return for the commencement exercises in May, and there will be feature articles about them in the next edition. The University campaign is in its beginning stages and there will be more information about its progress.

I wish you the best for 2007 and am grateful to each of you for your support of your alma mater and in particular, the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

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of history about UTHSC is located in the History of Medicine section of the UTHSC library.

He leaves two children, Patricia Alden of Canton, N.Y., and Roland Alden Jr. of Palm Desert, Calif. and one grandchild, Alexandra Thompson of Cleveland.

A memorial service was held February 4 at Stanford University in the same building where Roland began his studies for his degree in biology. An audio of the service is available at: www.ralden.com/rhasr.

Those wishing to contribute to a scholarship fund in the College of Graduate Health Sciences in honor of Roland may do so through the UTHSC Development Office, 62 S. Dunlap, Memphis, TN, 38163.
Graduation

Twenty-four students received their degrees in December 2006 from the dean, bringing the total number of graduates to 1,261 in the College’s 79-year history. The graduates, their families and research advisors participated in a pre-commencement luncheon at the Cook Convention Center.

Many graduates returned from positions on the east or west coasts – Jana Radin from Duke, Jin Yan from UC Davis and Amol Gupte from Minnesota. Several families traveled from afar for the celebration. Dr. Bin Fangs parents, Dr. and Dr. Fang, traveled over 5,000 miles from China to be in attendance. Dr. Vasanthi Avadhanula returned from her position in Indiana for her graduation and her parents traveled over 15,000 miles from India.
## Students’ Spring Travel Awards Announced

The College has awarded 28 travel grants since the 2004-2005 academic year through the generosity of Dr. John Autian, dean emeritus, and that of alumni.

In 2000, Dr. Autian established a Student Enrichment Fund in the College to be used to fund travel for students to present at national meetings. For several years subsequently, John contributed sums of money to the fund if the amounts were matched by alumni donations, which they were.

To be considered for the award, students must be registered full-time, have been admitted to PhD or MS candidacy and have been accepted to present a paper/abstract/poster.

For the spring semester, the following six students, with the names of their research advisors in parentheses, have been selected for the award: Kimberly Grimes (Dr. Richard Lee), Teresa Liu (Dr. P. David Rogers), Chris Miller (Dr. Jim Downing), Jufang Shan (Dr. Jie Zheng), Lisa Tang (Dr. Bernd Meibohm), and Raghunandan Yendapally (Dr. Richard Lee).

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### Recruiting

*Left to right: Students AnTawan Daniels and JaWanda Grant traveled to Ole Miss with Drs. Dick Peppler and E.J. Johnson on a recruiting trip.*
Second Mort and Myra Friedman Scholarship Awarded

Mitzi Dunagan, a first-year student in the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences, was selected by Mort and Myra Friedman to be the second Mort and Myra Friedman Scholar.

She will hold this honor for the duration of her studies in the College.

Mitzi did her undergraduate studies at Cumberland College where she received a bachelor’s degree in education. Subsequently she received a master’s in biology from Vanderbilt University and has completed additional course work at the University of Memphis and Austin Peay State University.

Dean Peppler indicated, “The College was very fortunate to attract Mitzi for studies here at UTHSC.” “The applications of four students who matriculated into the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences in August 2006 were submitted to the Friedmans in November and they selected Mitzi.”

Mort Friedman indicated their “selection was based on her accomplishments prior to coming to UTHSC, and for her potential in contributing to the scientific field in the future.”

Student Activities

The Graduate Student Executive Council sponsored an evening at Silky O’Sullivans on Beale Street in November for all graduate students. Pictured below are many of the students who took time from their studies to attend the function.
Seven Faculty Approved to Direct Thesis/Dissertation

The College continues to present a workshop twice a year to provide training for faculty who are newly credentialed to direct thesis and dissertations.

At the workshop, the College leadership discusses the processes involved in effectively mentoring students. The seven faculty listed below attended this workshop in December 2006.

Faculty Member
Joel Bumgardner, PhD
Michael Dyer, PhD
Carolyn Graff, PhD
Warren Haggard, PhD
Robert Klesges, PhD
Rongling Li, MD, PhD
Stanislav Zakharenko, PhD

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College of Health Science Engineering Becomes Department in the College of Medicine

The College of Health Science Engineering has been a college since 2003 and in July 2006, it was realigned as the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging within the College of Medicine at UTHSC.

The realigned department comprises two areas and one division: Biomedical Engineering and BioImaging Departments and the Biomedical Instrumentation Division (BID). The reorganization will allow UTHSC to achieve greater efficiencies in operations and increase administrative economies.

Gary Keyes, professor, is serving as the interim department head. Chris Waters, professor and interim chair of the Department of Physiology, is leading the national search to identify a candidate to assume the leadership role of the department.

The department consists of ten faculty members, nine of who are full-time; two administrative personnel; and a part-time business manager. In addition, there are nine technical staff, a supervisor and a part-time director within BID.

During this transition, “There will be no disruptions of the educational program for predoctoral students,” indicated Chancellor Owen. “The program is one of seven within the College of Graduate Health Sciences and will continue as such.”

The Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Program is a joint one between UTHSC and the University of Memphis and allows graduate students to access a broader range of educational opportunities that reflect the expertise of the faculty at both universities.
Paul (PhD ’91) and Victoria (PhD ’91) Akins are busy with professions and family in Sacramento. Hunter is 12 years old and a seventh grader. He loves skateboarding, spending hours practicing kickflips, primo and casper flips. He and his sister Suzanna, a 14-year-old, eighth grade teenager, signed up for a local duathlon with a two-mile run and a six-mile bike ride on the hottest day in July. She is checking out high schools to attend next year. Caroline has returned to college in Tucson and plans to relocate to Virginia Beach where she will major in communications. Victoria is inspired by a charity bike ride that she founded to raise funds for the Mustard Seed School, which provides services to homeless children. She continues as a pediatrician with Kaiser Permanente. Paul made a career change in the spring, leaving his independent private practice neurology group to join the Kaiser Permanente Neurosurgery Department. In April the family traveled to Florida to spend time with Victoria’s family, and Paul took time to reconnect with his family in North Carolina and Tennessee. Paul and Victoria can be reached at 430 Larch Lane, Sacramento, CA 95864, (916) 979-0222, e-mail akins@surewest.net.

Irina Artsimovitch (PhD ’96) has been recently promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Microbiology, College of Biological Sciences, The Ohio State University. Irina continues her work on bacterial transcription which she started under her research advisor’s (Martha Howe) mentorship. After graduation, Irina did a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin from 1996 to 2001 when she accepted a position at The Ohio State University. Irina has published extensively on structural and mechanistic aspects of regulation of bacterial RNA polymerases by small molecules (ppGpp, rifamycins, tagetitoxin) as well as protein factors (RfaH, DksA, Gfh1). She is looking forward to publishing atomic resolution structures and mechanistic analysis of virulence regulator RfaH and bacterial transcription elongation complex this year. Irina continues to work at the bench, directs work of her postdocs and students, and serves as reviewer for numerous scientific publications, as well as NIH and NSF. The focal point of the research in the lab is RNA polymerase (RNAP), the enzyme that is responsible for the first step in gene expression, mRNA synthesis. RNAP accomplishes this task during the transcription cycle that is composed of three major steps: initiation, elongation, and termination. All these steps are subject to elaborate control by numerous regulatory proteins and small effectors. RNAP is also an attractive target for antibacterial drugs.

Using a combination of biochemical, genetic, and structural (in collaboration with Dr. Vassylyev’s Lab at UAB) approaches, she is currently working on several projects. Her lab is presently enriched by graduates of her alma mater, Moscow State University, to a degree that merits the title of MSU-Olentangy River campus. One of these graduates is Irina’s husband, Vladimir Svetlov (PhD ’97), who has been working with her as a postdoctoral researcher since she got her independent position at OSU in 2001. Their son, Dmitry Svetlov, was working in Irina’s lab while in high school. He graduated from Thomas Worthington High School-OSU Academy and is presently enrolled as a junior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, majoring in chemistry, computer science and philosophy. Irina, Vladimir and Dmitry have a joint paper, describing a new twist on rifamycin action (Cell, 2005, 122:351). Irina and Vladimir can be reached at (614) 688-3561 or through their Web site www.osumicrobiology.org.

Robert L. Atnip (PhD ’64) This message was written by Bob’s son. “My father, Dr. Robert L. Atnip, PhD, was a very well-known and respected faculty
member of the College of Medicine in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. He is now 78 years old and is suffering from some dementia, although he retains his health and much of his cognition. Everyone who graduated during these decades has fond memories of my father’s classes. They often come up to me and tell me how much they appreciated his kindness and sense of humor. He recently fell while riding a bicycle and broke his collarbone. This has precipitated a lapse into total confusion and loss of awareness. Hopefully this will improve with time. My sister has set up a Caring Bridge Web site for him and we would like to get the word out to UT faculty and alumni to visit the site and leave a message. This would be a great comfort to my mother who is the primary caregiver for my dad.  http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/robertatnip.  Bob can also be reached at 1953 Claude Capps Road, Greenfield, TN 38230.

Len Blouin (PhD ’59) and his wife, Floyanne, completed an extensive trip starting in Yosemite National Park, that extended to the Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Chicago, Eastern Tennessee, Tampa, Mississippi, Memphis, Austin and Fort Smith, Ark. They spent time while in Memphis touring the Health Science Center, having lunch with Sally Overman and attending the UT versus University of Memphis football game. The trip was so successful that they purchased property in East Tennessee and plan to move from Tucson there in the next few years. For now, Len can be reached at 7887 W. Morning Light Way, Tucson, AZ 85743-5475, (520) 744-7560, e-mail lenflo@theriver.com.

Bob Borgon (PhD ’06) is currently looking to obtain a position in Florida. He has several possibilities. He can be reached at: rborgon@gmail.com.

Ann Cashion (PhD ’98) was recently inducted into the American Academy of Nursing as one of the 2006 new Fellows. Ann was formally inducted as a Fellow with 54 other nurse leaders during the Academy’s Annual Awards Ceremony and Induction Banquet in Miami. Dr. Cashion is chair of the Acute and Chronic Care Department in the College of Nursing at UTHSC. She can be reached at acashion@utmem.edu

Chuck Dorsey (PhD ’03) recently received an NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellowship from the National Cancer Institute. He and Meredith Steeves (PhD ’05) got married on October 14, 2006, and moved to The Scripps Research in Florida.

Myra Hurt (PhD ’81) is one of the founding faculty for the Florida State University College of Medicine. She enjoys working with the faculty and students in this endeavor. She can be reached at 1721 Tarpo Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308, (850) 386-6508 or at work at (850) 644-8935, e-mail myra.hurt@med.fsu.edu.
Pati Irish (PhD ’84) writes: “Thanks for the pictures. I’m usually the family photographer, so I rarely have pictures of me. Bill Robinson played a big part in my development. I owe a lot to him. He had a very generous and happy nature. He ranks very high in my book. I wish him a very full life. Thanks, again for taking time out of your schedule to touch base with my husband and me. It was great fun.”

Pati has resided in Seattle for the past 20 years. Pati has been associated with the University of Washington Medical Center since graduation. Most recently she worked with Dr. David Acosta in the Office of Multicultural Affairs as a Learning Specialist for medical students. She is now pursuing a nursing degree with her children off to college. She entered the Master’s Entry Program in Nursing to be a Nurse Practitioner, with a focus on older adults. Her time with OMCA made her acutely aware of the health disparities of our nation and the most vulnerable population, the elderly. She found her training at UTHSC important in grounding her in the basic sciences. Now, she is taking that training and applying it to hands-on-clinical care to the disadvantaged folks in her community of South King County. Her husband, Mike, is an engineer for Boeing Corporation. They have four children, two girls and two boys. The oldest son is a graduate of UW and an engineer with the Navy in San Diego. A son and daughter are pursuing studies at UW and another daughter is at Western Washington. Pati can be reached at 13859 177th Avenue, SE, Renton, WA 98059, (425) 228-0146 or (206) 616-9606, e-mail pati@u.washington.edu,

Bill Kouns (PhD ’91) went to work with Hoffman-LaRoche in Switzerland doing platelet and glycoprotein inhibitor work after graduation. When his father died suddenly, he returned to the United States to be closer to family. Bill had worked during college in the jewelry field and when he returned to the U.S., he set up Jewelry TV. He has had the company for 13 years now and it has more than 2,000 employees. He and his wife, Heidi, have two girls, Katie who is 8 years old and Gradie who is 5. Bill can be reached at 9060 Hemingway Grove Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Franck Kalume (PhD ’04) writes: “Wendy and I were very happy to spend some time with you during your visit in Seattle. The pictures of us are great, and Wendy put one on her screen saver at work. Thanks a lot for planning the meeting. We will keep in touch.”

Franck is doing a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Washington Medical Center. Franck’s mentor is Dr. William A. Catterall and together they are studying the molecular basis of electrical excitability with respect to nerve cells and in particular the molecular biology of ion channels. Franck’s wife, Wendy, a native of Memphis and graduate of UTK College of Social Work is working for the city of Bellevue with the Department of Child Health Services. Franck
can be reached at Department of Pharmacology, University of Washington Medical Center, HSB F-420, 1959 NE Pacific Place, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 685-1542), e-mail fkalume@uwashington.edu or 11380 NE 36th Place, Apt. B236, Bellevue, WA 98004, (425) 827-5942.

**Bubba Lipscomb** (PhD ’79) writes: “I greatly appreciated the alumni news that you sent me. It is interesting to see what is happening in the graduate school and UTHSC. Also, thank you for mentioning Laura Lee (MS ’77) and me in this issue. This may resolve some of the “I wonder whatever happened to …” questions that some of my old UT friends and acquaintances may have. I know that I enjoy reading about them. Again, thank you for thinking about me. I plan to retire in early November.” Bubba can be reached at: P.O. Box 1043, Munford, TN 38058.

**C.T. Liu** (PhD ’63) writes that his oldest daughter, Grace, is living in McKinney, Texas, just north of Dallas where she is the corporate educator for performance management for Pool Corporation. She has twins, Hunter and Sofia, who started kindergarten last September. Another daughter, Jeannette, has completed her six-year neurosurgery residency and is on active duty as a neurosurgeon at the Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Christine, the youngest, recently completed her MS graduate studies at MIT Media Lab. With an entrepreneurial spirit, she is freelancing with several media and start-up companies in the Boston area. My wife, In-May, remains active with arts and music related activities with her alumni association and local community. She recently launched her “Joys of Tea” Web site to share the joys of Chinese tea drinking with others. This spring, she visited her teachers, relatives and friends in Taiwan and toured Japan at the cherry blossom season with her high school alumni friends.

C.T. is an adjunct professor of physiology this year at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tenn. He took a series of singing lessons at the local Frederick Community College and currently is taking Tai Chi lessons through slow body movements, relaxed mind, and a balanced posture to maintain his health.

In June, In-May and C.T. visited Mrs. Sally Overman. Her husband (Dr. Richard R. Overman) was C.T.’s research advisor at UTHSC. The visit was a historical reunion after C.T.’s graduation more than four decades ago. They were very impressed with UTHSC’s expanding campus in Memphis. C.T. can be reached at: 7915 Old 7th Street, Frederick, MD 21702-2801, (301) 694-9388, e-mail liuct2005@verizon.net.

**J. Perry McGinnis**, DDS (MS ’74) writes “Another excellent publication, which seems to continue to improve each time. And thank you for the personal note. I appreciate that very much. Strategic planning was always difficult for me and, therefore, certainly not one of my favorite things to do. I guess it was necessary, at least in the eyes of the higher administration and accrediting groups. I don’t know how much attention was paid to it by the faculty after it was finalized and put to paper, as they had their hands full just trying to make it day-to-day. It’s great to be in touch with the alumni and to let us know how things are going. Keep up the good work.”

Perry and Carol are doing well, staying busy with the kids and grand kids, and even finding some time to do some fishing. He bought a new bass boat which isn’t used as much as it should be, but it’s there when the need (or desire to hit the lake) arises. Perry can be reached at: 104 Cayuga Drive, Loudon, TN 37774 (865) 458-2126, e-mail pmcginisjrt@aol.com.

**J. Hurley Myers** (PhD ’69) started DxR Development Group in 1990. At that time, there was a desire to meet a specific instructional need related to problem-based learning education at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (SIU-SOM). To meet this need, J. Hurley Myers, PhD, professor of physiology and internal medicine, and Kevin Dorsey, MD, PhD, clinical professor of internal medicine while on faculty at SIU-SOM, teamed up with Eldon Benz, a software engineer. Together, they developed Diagnostic Reasoning, a software package designed to provide students with the ability to practice the patient encounters and to give faculty a record of how each student reasoned through the patient problem.

The 1990 version of Diagnostic Reasoning was rudimentary by today’s multimedia standards. Nonetheless, the value of Diagnostic Reasoning’s
features was quickly obvious within the SIU School of Medicine. Interest from outside SIU-SOM increased to the point that it became necessary to transfer the software development and marketing effort to the private sector. Accordingly, Dr. Myers and others incorporated as DxR Development Group, Inc., and moved the operation to the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center in July of 1992.

It became clear almost immediately after entering the private sector that to survive in this very competitive medical education software market, the DxR Development Group needed something more than patient simulation software. To that end, they negotiated and signed a long-term contract with Ciba Medical Education and Publications, now Novartis Medical Education, located in New Jersey. Since incorporating as DxR and partnering with Novartis, they have produced and released several important products for Novartis based on the Frank Netter, MD, illustrations. These products include: the Interactive Atlas of Human Anatomy (English, German, and Portuguese), the Interactive Atlas of Clinical AnatomyInteractive Electrocardiography; Coronary Heart Disease; Congestive Heart Failure and Hypertension. They continue to expand, refine and improve their Diagnostic Reasoning problem-solving patient simulation programs. The Diagnostic Reasoning software package has grown to include: more than 60 patient cases; Diagnostic Reasoning Management and Case Authoring utilities; the Clinical Competency Exam Software; the Student Activity Record Utility; and the Multi-Case Performance Utility. DxR also creates continuing medical education (CME) programs designed for the practicing physician. Their CME collaborators include: the American Medical Association; CME Information Services, Inc.; the Mayo Clinic; the University of Nebraska and the North Shore Health Care Systems. The DxR Development Group, Inc. has grown to over 25 employees. Dr. Myers can be reached at: 132 Loblolly Lane, Carbondale, IL 62902, (618) 549-7543, e-mail hurley.myers@dxrgroup.com.

Scot Ouellette (PhD ’06) is currently working for Dr. Rey Carabeo at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center where he is continuing his studies on chlamydial biology. Scot is investigating several areas ranging from basic molecular biology to pathogenic mechanisms. He can be reached at: spouel01@louisville.edu.

Blanca Iris Padilla (PhD ’06) is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan, School of Nursing. Previously, she was practicing as a family nurse practitioner at one of Vanderbilt University’s Nurse Managed Clinics, serving the underserved population managing chronic illness such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and asthma. Blanca Iris Padilla also has an appointment at Vanderbilt University, as an assistant professor teaching at the specialty level. Her interests include cardiovascular disease in ethnic population (specifically Latino/Hispanic), depression and chronic illness, and acculturation.

Linda Porterfield (PhD ’87) is director of the Cardiovascular Research and Education for Arrhythmia Consultants, and was awarded the designation of Fellow of the Heart Rhythm Society (FHRS). She received the award for extensive research, numerous published articles and contributions to the field of cardiology on a national and international level. The Heart Rhythm Society was established in 1979 and is made up of physicians, scientists and associated professionals from around the world who represent the specialities of cardiac pacing and cardiac electrophysiology. She can be reached at: 485 Monteigne Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38103, or at Arrhythmia Consultants, 1211 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN, (901) 274-2643.

Robert A. Reife (PhD ’91) is chief scientific officer and member of Ascentia Biomedical Corporation. Ascentia Biomedical is a leading researcher and developer of efficacious pharmaceuticals, compounds and other products. As chief scientific officer, Bob directs programs in drug discovery and reagent development. He was formerly president and co-founder of Chondrex Corp., a highly successful biomedical company. He has also worked at two major pharmaceutical companies, Novartis, where he initiated his career in inflammation biology and Bristol-Myers Squibb. His graduate studies at UTHSC involved cartilage biology and rheumatoid arthritis. He did a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington where he investigated the role of a novel collagen in degenerative arthritis. Bob can be reached at: Ascentia Biomedical
Corporation, 10900 NE 8th Street, Suite 900, Bellevue, WA 98004, (425) 450-0686.

Elizabeth Stillman (PhD ‘99) is a research scientist at MedImmune, Inc. She writes: “I loved the write up and reading about my colleagues! Thanks for sending me the newsletter. The wedding in June was wonderful and Michael and I are enjoying married life. I hope all is well in Memphis. She can be reached at: MedImmune, Inc. 297 N. Bernardo Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043, (650) 603-2348.

Alok Tomar (PhD ’06) took a position with Scripps research institute as a research associate in November.

Stay in Touch

Did you know that you can stay in touch with your classmates by using the online alumni community and getting involved as a volunteer or helping your College financially. Please contact the UTHSC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (901) 448-5516, or e-mail them at utalumni@utmem.edu.

Alumni Football Fun

A number of Graduate Health Sciences alumni gathered to watch UT play LSU. Below are a few snapshots of those who attended the football game.
In Memoriam

James S. Evans

James S. Evans, PhD, died at the age of 75 on November 6. He was an associate professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at his passing.

Jim received a bachelor’s degree from UT Martin, a master’s degree from LSU and a PhD in 1964 from the University of Kentucky. He continued his formal research training as an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Kentucky. He arrived at UT in the fall of 1965, when he first began teaching neuroanatomy.

During his tenure he directed the medical and dental neuroanatomy courses, and also taught medical histology. Via his excellence to didactics, he was awarded 17 teaching honors from both the medical and dental students, including the Golden Apple (five times). Most recently (2002), he was the recipient of both the Caduceus Teaching Award from the Medical Student Executive Council and the University of Tennessee National Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Tennessee.

His entire research career was devoted to being involved in hormonal production and regulation of endocrine systems. Jim served on the faculty committees of eight students between 1969 and 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen, of 49 years; his daughter Suzanne Evans and her family; his son, James “Tony” Evans and his family; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

David V. Smith

David Varley Smith, PhD, passed away at the age of 63 on September 30 after a valiant battle with a malignant brain tumor.

Dr. Smith was the Simon R. Bruesch Professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, and the director of the Neuroscience Institute/Center of Excellence. David also served as the director of the Neuroscience Institute.

Born in Memphis on April 21, 1943, David received his bachelor’s (1965) and master’s (1967) from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He earned his PhD in psychobiology from the University of Pittsburgh (1969) where his research advisor was Donald H. McBurnery. Following graduation, he did postdoctoral training at The Rockefeller University with Carl Pfaffman. Between 1971 and 2002, David was on faculty at the University of Wyoming, University of Cincinnati and University of Maryland. He returned to Memphis in 2002. His investigative work spanned human psychophysics, animal behavior, electrophysiology, neuroanatomy and immunohistology. David authored over 130 publications and the manuscripts were characterized by clear conceptualization, experimental rigor and a mathematical bent.

Among his many honors were the Claude Pepper Award, Jacob K. Javits Neuroscience Award from the NIH, the Frito-Lay Award for Excellence in Taste Research and the Mannheimer Lectureship from Monell Chemical Senses Center. At the time of his death, David held two NIH research grants for more than $2.5 million: one to study the sensory coding in taste and the other to investigate the brainstem gustatory processing.

He is survived by his wife, Michiko, his children: Bryan Smith, Laurie Lundy, Charles Smith and three grandchildren. Michiko Smith asks that those wishing to honor her husband may do so by making a donation to the David V. Smith fund through the UTHSC Development Office.
Dr. Lorraine and Dr. Fred Kraus have donated the orange-colored 1972 Impala Convertible with a 454 hp engine to the College. The automobile was seen and admired by many as it was parked in A lot during the past 20 years. The automobile will be sold and the proceeds given to the College.

Lorraine Marquardt Kraus, is currently Emeritus Professor of Molecular Sciences in the College of Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Kraus was born in Suffern, N.Y., in 1922 and grew up in Chicago. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Mt. Mary College in 1943 and her degrees (MS ’52, PhD ’56) in biochemistry from UTHSC.

Dr. Kraus began as a research associate from 1957 to 1960; and then progressed through the faculty ranks as assistant and associate professor, 1960 to 1972, and then professor and subsequently chair of the Department of Biochemistry, 1982 to 1984.

Her research deals with the biosynthesis of abnormal human hemoglobins; erythropoietin; tissue culture of hemic cells; immunochemistry; chemistry of sickle cell disease; and the carbonylation of amino acids and proteins in renal diseases. She, her husband, Alfred, and the late Dr. Diggs have been pioneers in sickle cell disease since the late 1950s. Alfred P. Kraus, Sr., MD, is an Emeritus Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, UTHSC. Fred obtained his MD from the University of Chicago in 1941 and has been on the faculty at UTHSC since 1952.

Over the years, the steadfast support from the alumni of the College of Graduate Health Sciences has made a difference in the lives of our students, faculty and staff. The College is very appreciative of your generous contributions and considers itself fortunate to have alumni who care about the future of the College and the University overall.

While gifts of cash are always the first option in giving, there are many other ways to give. One of the best ways is with a planned gift. A planned gift consists of several different vehicles:

- Gifts through Bequests – by naming the College of Graduate Health Sciences as the beneficiary of your estate, can make a significant and direct impact on the future of the College while enjoying the benefits of charitable giving. Your gift can be an outright gift, with either a designated dollar amount, a specified percentage of the estate or as a remainder beneficiary to receive funds after specific sums have been paid to individual beneficiaries.

- Gifts of Securities and Property – gifts of appreciated securities may offer substantial tax advantages. Many individuals transfer securities to fund Charitable Remainder Trusts and receive income from assets for their lifetime, qualify for a charitable deduction, and may save capital gains and estate taxes. After the donor’s lifetime and/or that of a loved one, the trust assets are distributed to the University.

- Charitable Remainder Trust – allows the donor to transfer assets to a trust that makes payments to the University for a specified number of years, after which time the assets are then transferred to the donor’s heir(s). This allows assets to be passed down to children and grandchildren and allows the donor to avoid capital gain taxes and reduce income and estate taxes.

- Charitable Gift Annuities – can be made through the University of Tennessee Foundation and provide secure, fixed annuity payments to the donor. A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between the donor and the foundation, whereby, in exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash or stock, the foundation agrees to pay one or two annuitants a fixed income each year over the donor’s lifetime. The older annuitants are at the time of the gift, the greater the payments the foundation can agree to pay. Please note that charitable gift annuities are not available in certain states.

Your gift to the College of Graduate Health Sciences can be made in a number of ways, and we would be honored to have the opportunity to work with you. If you are interested in discussing your philanthropic goals with us, please contact Lorna Malcolm, director of development at (800) 733-0482 or lmalcolm@utmem.edu.
Faculty at Graduate Studies Council

Inaugural faculty committee meeting for Rebecca Glatt.

Dr. E.J. Johnson and Rue VanMiddlesworth visit at a reception.

Left to right: Sahar Khalifa (admissions counselor), Mustafa Dabbous and Rue VanMiddlesworth

Left to right: Dr. Lester VanMiddlesworth, Dr. and Mrs. Clark Blatteis and Rue VanMiddlesworth

A Look Ahead

Coming in the August/September 2007 Issue:
• Tribute to Ed Schneider, associate dean for Admissions and Students, who is retiring in March 2007
• April 19 reception for graduates living in the immediate Memphis area
• Articles on our four, 50-year graduates: Drs. Helmer Agersborg, Ernie Daigneault, Donald Hobbs and John Woychik

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