Gov. Phil Bredesen will present the keynote address at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center graduation at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27 at the Mid-South Coliseum. The occasion marks the first time new UTHSC Chancellor William F. (Bill) Owen, Jr., MD, will participate as master of ceremonies.

Approximately 559 future healthcare providers will graduate from the seven colleges of UTHSC — Allied Health Sciences (119), Dentistry (68), Graduate Health Sciences (59), Health Science Engineering (21), Medicine (145), Nursing (53), and Pharmacy (94).

Among the many interesting stories of the graduates are those of Anita Nobel, who will receive her doctorate of nursing degree (DNSc), and Thuc (Anna) Thibich Le, who will receive her medical degree (MD).

Nobel completed the majority of her degree on-line for the past two-and-one-half years while teaching in Jerusalem. She reports that, until recently, much of her writing and on-line training at the computer was punctuated by television reports of terrorist attacks around her, contributing to a rather unnerving educational experience.

Le decided while she was in high school in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, that she wanted to by-pass her country’s more expedient route to a medical degree and instead, pursue a more rigorous course from schools in the United States.

Her goal required her to first study English and then to pass the English as a Foreign Language Exam before she entered undergraduate school where she ultimately excelled, graduating at the top of her class.

Additionally, graduating African-Americans represent 12 percent of the class, a percentage that has gradually increased over the past several years. Minority recruitment to healthcare professions is a necessary step to addressing the issue of healthcare disparities among African-American populations.

University of Tennessee trustees attending as special guests will include Johnnie Amonette, Rhynette Hurd and Jim Murphy; former student trustee Natalie Tate will also be in attendance.

Pharmacy Students Win Chapter of the Year Again

For the fifth consecutive year, UTHSC’s chapter of the Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) was named “Chapter of the Year” at the recent American Pharmacists Association (APhA) meeting in Orlando.

Represented by 61 UTHSC students, the chapter also received the Region 3 Operation Diabetes and Operation Immunization awards for their efforts in these areas.

Pharmacy students immunized 9,750 people last fall for pneumonia and influenza.

The Chapter of the Year Award reflects the efforts of the entire 426-member organization.
The College of Medicine Launches New Curriculum for Patient Safety

The College of Medicine is launching a new clerkship curriculum offering titled, “Patient Safety and Quality Improvement” and is making it a requirement for the class of 2006.

Students can either choose to join a patient safety or quality improvement project already underway in the University Medical Center, or create their own project. They may work on this project throughout their fourth year, or devote a month during their last year.

The new curriculum stems from UTHSC’s efforts as a charter group of schools that formed a collaborative with the support of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Efforts got underway nationally on May 4 and 5 as nursing and pharmacy schools joined medical schools in meetings to incorporate quality principles, such as safety, timeliness and efficient, effective, equitable and patient-centered care, into the health professions’ curricula.

A team of students, faculty and deans from medicine created the course which stresses the importance of interprofessional practice.

The clerkship is guided by Joe Duhig, with the University Medical Center Alliance; David Schlappy, vice president for quality management at Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center; Kristine M. Lohr, MD, associate dean for outcomes research and improvement; and Dr. Richard Pepller, PhD, associate dean of academic and faculty affairs in the College of Medicine. They will serve as coaches to students in improving the quality of healthcare for patients.
Rosloniec Receives Advisor Award

Dr. Edward F. Rosloniec is the first faculty member in the College of Graduate Health Sciences to receive the Annual Research Advisor Award, presented by the college.

The award is part of a program the college recently designed to emphasize the importance of a research advisor in training graduate students, and it recognizes a faculty member who has shown continued interest in the growth and development of graduate students.

Dr. Rosloniec, an associate professor of medicine and pathology, has been involved in the training of over 17 post-doctoral or pre-doctoral students.

He was selected for the award by a committee of students and faculty. One nominator stated “he is a patient mentor who stimulates and challenges his students to think on their own even if they have to learn from their mistakes.”

A plaque and stipend will be presented to Dr. Rosloniec at a pre-commencement luncheon, Friday, May 27.

Researcher Develops Human Eggs from Stem Cells

For the first time, human eggs have been produced from ovarian stem cells in laboratory research conducted by Antonin Bukovsky, MD PhD, DSc.

Dr. Bukovsky is a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive biology at UT (Knoxville) Graduate School of Medicine.

The findings could lead to significant breakthroughs for women’s health; for example, extending a woman’s fertility for a decade and delaying natural menopause by up to 12 years.

The research team points to the possibility that fertilized laboratory-grown eggs could also provide embryonic stem cells for other medical applications and basic research.

Dr. Bukovsky has been investigating female infertility for 20 years. Ten years ago, he and his colleagues published studies that showed that ovarian epithelium cells, called “OSEs,” grow into human eggs. Last year their research found that women produce eggs throughout life, reversing the long-held conclusion that women were born with a set number of eggs.

Recent Grant

$5,000 or more

Monica Jablonski, PhD
National Eye Institute
“Differential Proteomics of the Xenopus Leavis Retina”
$428,800

On Memoriam

The UTHSC community extends condolences to:

The family and friends of, Lt. Stephen Scott, who served on the Campus Police Department until his death on Sunday, May 8.

Lt. Scott joined the Campus Police Department in November 1994. He died from an extended illness.

Louis Patterson, with the University Center Store, on the loss of his mother, Rosetta Patterson, who died on Saturday, April 30.

Congratulations!

Graduations

Levoris Spencer, RN, who is the nurse supervisor at UT Family Practice at St. Francis, will receive her BSN from Union University in Jackson on May 21.

Cedrick Durrell Wooten, son of Hattie Wooten, an operator receptionist in the College of Dentistry, graduated on Sunday, May 8, from the Cecil C. Humphrey’s School of Law at the University of Memphis.

Ebene Yates, daughter of Verna Yates, a senior phlebotomist at UT Family Practice at St. Francis, will graduate from Whitehaven High School on May 21. Ebene will attend UT-Chattanooga in the fall majoring in pre-med.

Konshela Meshee’ Maiden, daughter of Tanya Zsa-Zsa Brown, a senior dental assistant in the College of Dentistry, will graduate with honors from Ripley High School on May 19 and will attend the University of Memphis this fall.
Med Students to Study Health Policy

Ten first-year College of Medicine students have been selected to enter the second class of the college’s certificate program in health policy and health systems leadership.

The program, which is coordinated by the Center for Health Services Research, offers students with special interests in health policy and leadership additional experiences in state government and health systems.

The students entering the program include Esmond Arrindel, Lauren Cooper, Janet Eicholz, Julia Fischer, Elizabeth Fleming, Richard LaRue, Michael Lee, Erin McBride, Elisha McCoy and Duy Toan Vu. They join nine students in the current second-year class.

An advisory committee — which includes Dr. Robert Shreve, with the College of Medicine; Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, with the University of Memphis; Dr. Stephanie Connolly, in the Department of Preventive Medicine; and Dr. David Mirvis, with the Center for Health Services Research — guides the students.

During the next four years, the students will observe agencies of state government, attend leadership seminars and participate in a rotation with a senior leader of a local health care system.

In addition to their MD degree upon graduation, they also will receive a certificate of special accomplishment.

General Stores to Close for Annual Inventory

June 27 - July 1, 2005

As General Stores prepares to complete inventory, stock will be allowed to run low, so make plans to order any needed items before June 27. Once closed, no merchandise can be taken from the storeroom.

Dates to remember when ordering stock include:

• Orders for stock merchandise to be delivered should be placed by 4 p.m., Thursday, June 23. If the item is out-of-stock and backordered, it will be delivered and billed in the next fiscal year unless canceled by the customer.

• Merchandise to be billed on the current fiscal year can be picked up from the storeroom until 5 p.m., Friday, June 24.

• Special items from Fisher Scientific may be ordered until 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 21. Special orders for other scientific products, unless otherwise listed, must be placed by 3 p.m., Friday, June 17.

• Frozen or refrigerated items from Invitrogen, Promega, NEB or Roche must be ordered by 2 p.m., Thursday, June 23. Sigma and Qiagen must be ordered by 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 22.

• Apple computer orders need to be at General Stores by the end of business on Friday, June 17. Please remember that orders for computers over $1,000 need to be faxed to General Stores at 8-8747 on a computer acquisition form accompanied by the appropriate asset number. Special order software will also need to be ordered by Wednesday, June 22.

• All other computer equipment or scientific equipment needs to be ordered by Friday, June 17.

These deadlines are set to allow enough time to order, receive and bill the merchandise prior to closing, and so that funds can be expended this fiscal year.

Dry ice sales will continue during this time!

Imhotep Society Spring 2005 Inductees

The Imhotep Society recognizes students who, because of their service and leadership, have significantly contributed to student life on this campus. The following 2005 Spring Inductees were recognized at the Student Government Association Executive Council & Faculty Awards Banquet in April.

College of Allied Health Sciences
- Amber M. Bernardi
- Ashley Nicole Lohman
- Emilee Marshall
- Angela D. Phillips
- Airica Brooke Puckett
- Laura Leonor Sandoval
- Teleana Kaye Tatum
- Lindsey B. Ward
- Antigua L. Wilbern

College of Dentistry
- Nick A. Fong
- Brandon Heath Horton
- James Bradley Hudson
- Alix H. Sanders, Jr.
- Ben Scott
- Lucy S. Williams
- Lacey Katherine Winford

College of Graduate Health Sciences
- Robert A. Borgon
- Tyson D. Chappell
- Sandra L. Holmes
- Ioana Moisini
- Marie van der Merwe

College of Medicine
- Tiffany Baldi
- Svetang Vijay Desai
- Cheryl D. DeWitt
- Kathryn Cody Eckstein

College of Nursing
- English Allison Rockholt
- Hayden Smith
- Jason Wayne Stoneback
- Marie Isley Winestone

College of Pharmacy
- Kathryn J. Cooper
- Lesa Hughes
- Shannon Kelley

College of Social Work
- Victoria M. Spearman
Receiving Complaints
The billing compliance/patient privacy officer of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is responsible for receiving and investigating all complaints regarding the university’s policies for billing and patient privacy compliance.

Complaints can be submitted the following ways:
• Call Carolyn Moffitt, billing compliance/patient privacy officer at (901) 448-1672.
• Call the hotline numbers: (901) 448-4900 or (901) 448-1700.
• Access the compliance website, www.utmem.edu/compliance, to complete a complaint form and forward to cmoffitt@utmem.edu
• Advise your supervisor of the complaint by completing the form provided at www.utmem.edu/compliance.

No Intimidation, Retaliation or Request to Waive Rights
Employees, patients and visitors have a right to file complaints with the billing compliance/patient privacy officer and with the government.

Employees of the university must act cooperatively with patients who wish to file a complaint. The university cannot intimidate, threaten, coerce or take any retaliatory acts against the patient for filing a complaint with the university or with the government. The university cannot treat patients who file complaints differently than other patients. The university cannot ask patients to waive their right to complain to the government or the university.

The university also cannot retaliate against other individuals (including employees) for participating in the complaint. For example, the university cannot discipline or terminate an employee for cooperating in an investigation.

The university must take complaints regarding privacy practices of alleged violations by the university’s business associates. The billing compliance/patient privacy officer must investigate all such complaints.

Department of Psychiatry Update
Here’s an inside look at what’s happening with the UTHSC’s psychiatry department:

Arthur M. Freeman, MD, has celebrated his first anniversary as chair of the Department of Psychiatry, during which there has been a significant increase in research activity. He also serves on a committee dedicated to bringing neuroimaging to this campus, to assist with the study of neurodevelopmental disorders.

Renate Rosenthal, PhD, professor and director of medical student education, is working to integrate psychiatry into all four years of the curriculum in a way that is useful and practical, regardless of students’ future specialty choice.

As the number of graduating students selecting psychiatry as a career continues to be above the national average, the psychology internship, under the direction of William Murphy, PhD, fills each year with highly qualified trainees from all over the country.

Neil Edwards, MD, professor, is in the midst of an NIH-funded project to investigate the genetics of schizophrenia in the African American population.

Drs. Dan Goldowitz, Arthur Freeman, and Fred Palmer have formed the core of an interdisciplinary study group for autistic spectrum disorders, which will produce a number of research protocols.

This is the first of two installments highlighting the Department of Psychiatry, which was submitted by the department.
Minutes/Policies

Library Advisory Committee
April 20, 2005

Present: Dr. Naseem Amarshi, Dr. David Armbruster, Ms. Lois Bellamy, Dr. Theora Evans, Dr. George Harwell, Mr. Richard Nollan, Dr. David Nutting, Dr. Waldemar de Rijk, Dr. Tom Singarella

Absent: Mr. Himanshu Bhattacharjee, Mr. James Kitchens, Dr. Charles Mansbach, Dr. Muriel Rice

Guest: Jennifer Watson

Dr. Singarella called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. He stated that Dr. Zeeman, chair of the committee, retired on March 31.

Dr. Singarella welcomed the committee, provided an overview of the library budget and discussed that the library is running a significant deficit due to journal and electronic database inflation cost increases, and that this has been communicated to the chancellor’s office.

He discussed journal and electronic databases, and that the library faculty continue to evaluate online resources. The library expects to drop a number of print titles in favor of online access only in order to decrease expenditures.

Dr. Singarella stated that he and the library faculty will be meeting with the chancellor in the near future, at the chancellor’s request.

Dr. Singarella discussed several additional items, including a scheduled presentation on the library and institutional repositories to the Faculty Senate IT Committee on May 13.

The library has recently purchased a pay-for-print system called Go-Print that will be installed this summer to charge for public computer printing. A library committee (including a student representative) will develop the policies and business plan for the system.

The library is actively recruiting to fill the position of Web Services Librarian but will not hire someone until after July 1.

Jennifer Watson, Electronic Services Librarian discussed the work of Electronic Resources Selection Committee, whose purpose is to aid in evaluating and selecting electronic resources for the library.

Questions from the committee centered on library resources, the needs of the library and the relationship between the St. Jude Library, Methodist Library, and the UTHSC library. The committee expressed support for the library and the resources it makes available to faculty and students.

This being the last Library Advisory Committee of the academic year, Dr. Singarella thanked the committee members for serving and encouraged them to share information about the library with their faculty and areas represented and to answer questions about library matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Happy Memorial Day Weekend !!

Saturday, May 28 - Monday May, 30

UTHSC will be closed Monday, May 30 for the holiday.
16 “New Lessons on Virus Entry from Studies of Retroviruses and Ebola Virus”  
Dr. Judith M. White  
3 p.m., Link Auditorium  
More info: cmire@utmem.edu

17 “Origin of spontaneous bursting and pausing by striatal cholinergic interneurons”  
Dr. Charles Wilson  
Noon, Link Auditorium  
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

18 “Hirsutism: more than cosmetic concern”  
(Medicine Grand Rounds)  
Dr. Robert A. Wild  
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium

19 “First, Do No Harm”  
(Chancellor’s Hours Activity)  
Film Series on Patient Safety  
Part 3: Healing Lives, Changing Cultures  
Noon -2 p.m., A 102 GEB  
More info: mmrobinson@utmem.edu  
Clarion Competition Presentation  
UTHSC’s 2005 team  
12:30 p.m., A-302 GEB

23 “Lysophospholipid growth factors: from bench to the clinic”  
Dr. Gabor Tigyi  
4 p.m., Link Auditorium  
More info: mradic@utmem.edu

24 “Amyloidogenic processing of Alzheimer’s disease amyloid precursor protein in lipid raft microdomains”  
Dr. Gopal Thinakaran  
Noon, Link Auditorium  
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

25 “Gastrointestinal Manifestations of Diabetes Mellitus: Diagnosis and Management”  
(Medicine Grand Rounds)  
Dr. Richard W. McCallum  
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium

27 Graduation  
1:30 p.m., Mid-South Coliseum

31 “Bioterrorism Update”  
Dr. Michael Gelfand  
Noon, Coleman North Auditorium  
More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu