A MESSAGE FROM ACTING CHANCELLOR HERSHEL P. WALL, MD

I have met individually with all the deans and held discussions with the vice chancellors and other members of the leadership team. As a result of these meetings, we decided to stream line the reporting structure. Chief of Staff Ken Brown was appointed to the additional post of interim executive vice chancellor and, in this capacity, all vice chancellors now report to him.

Executive Dean Steve Schwab, MD, who is responsible for supervising all three College of Medicine campuses in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga, has agreed to serve in a dual role. For the time being, he will also serve as interim dean for the College of Medicine, Memphis. The deans of our six colleges – Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy – will report to me. At least once a month, we will meet to coordinate organizational initiatives and set our agendas as we continue to move forward. We also plan to hold quarterly meetings that will include the deans, vice chancellors and various other senior team leaders.

As educators first, we understand that our students are our raison d’être – our reason for being and our greatest resource. We should be dedicated to nurturing and guiding them because they are our future. The university will continue to foster and support close, collaborative relationships with students and their leadership.

You can be assured that open communication will remain a central component of my administration as interim chancellor. We will work with the Office of Equity and Diversity to select dates for quarterly Chancellor’s Breakfast Chats. Faculty Senate members and I will meet on a regular basis to discuss mutual concerns and issues.

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MAJOR RENOVATIONS TO BEGIN AT COLEMAN BUILDING

Tucked on the northeast quadrant of the UTHSC campus, the Coleman Building, located at 956 Court Avenue, doesn’t look like it gets much attention, but that’s about to change. Like many places that were shiny and new 30 to 35 years ago, the Coleman Building is showing its age, especially in its antiquated heating and cooling systems. Starting in May, a massive renovation will take place at the site with the removal and replacement of all the deficient HVAC – heating, ventilating and air conditioning – systems on the second and third floors.

A building’s HVAC system is sometimes referred to as “climate control” and is particularly important in the design of medium to large industrial and office buildings. Anyone who has inched a home thermostat up or down knows that keeping every one happy with the temperature is no easy task.

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NEW NURSING DEGREES LAUNCHED

and health care administrators were CON alums, as well as nursing leaders from across the Memphis health care spectrum. This UTHSC College traditionally has been a national force in innovative nursing education; however, Dean Donna Hathaway, PhD, RN, decided that the introduction of the Clinical Nurse Leader CNL master’s and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees required extra fanfare. The CON communications team selected a marketing firm, the Tombras Group, in February and, with the assistance of UTHSC’s Communications & Marketing Department, were off and running with a slogan, “Be More,” targeting new recruits to the CNL program. A second phase to the marketing campaign targets nursing leaders and hospital administrators with the slogan, “Expect More.”

The plan is, first, to get the word out to the local health care community that the UTHSC nursing programs are changing; and secondly, to start recruiting students to the programs by the spring of 2009. Responding to national, institutional and community demands for change in nursing education, the CON’s 2010 plan focuses on filling the “leadership gap” only 13 percent of nurses in Tennessee hold a master’s or doctoral degree. More specifically, the gap needs to be filled by critical thinking nurses who can address the national and local call to improve the quality of health care delivery. This challenge requires front line, generalist medical surgical nurses with strong clinical skills and the ability to coordinate patient care.

The Clinical Nurse Leader master’s level and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees will meet this leadership gap, as well as the calls for improvement in quality health care, which are expected to increase in the next decade.

The 2010 plan includes two noteworthy changes regarding the CNL:
- Transitioning the professional entry program from the current bachelor’s in Nursing to a master’s level CNL.
- Admitting students with a bachelor’s degree or higher in any field to the CNL program.

“The beauty of these new programs is that ultimately greater numbers of professional entry and graduate prepared nurses will be produced,” said Dean Hathaway. “The length of the CNL program, two years, is no greater than other nursing programs, and the graduates will be better prepared to meet the increasingly complex health care needs emerging as people live longer.”

HHoward Baker to Receive

Honorary Doctorate from UTHSC

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., former U.S. senator, will receive an honorary Doctorate of Healthcare Leadership from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. UTHSC at its graduation at 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 25 at the FedEx Forum.

One of four generations of University of Tennessee alumni, Baker will also give the commencement address to the 365 members of the UTHSC Class of 2007. These students will help fill an acknowledged gap in the health care workforce in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and a variety of allied health professions.

The UTHSC doctorate marks the fourth major recognition by the UT system of its distinguished alumnus. In 2005, Baker received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Tennessee. In 2003, the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy began operations at UT Knoxville. The rotunda at the UT College of Law on the Knoxville campus, where he received his law degree in 1949, is named for him.

Baker served in the Senate from 1967 to 1985 during which time he was both minority leader 1977 to 1981 and majority leader 1981 to 1985. He gained national prominence in 1973 as vice chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee. From February 1987 to July 1988, he served as President Reagan’s chief of staff. Baker held the position of U.S. ambassador to Japan from 2001 to 2005.

Among the many awards Baker has garnered are the 1984 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award, and the Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Performed by an Elected Official.
UTHSC found several ways to express support to those affected by the April 16 Virginia Tech tragedy. Flowers, condolence letters and a fundraiser were just some of the methods that faculty, staff and students found to share their empathy for the families and friends of those who died at Virginia Tech.

Students arranged for a floral wreath to be placed in a memorial site on the campus of Virginia Tech. A table was also set up in the General Education Building, which allowed people to add their condolences to an open letter from the Acting Chancellor to Virginia Tech, expressing sympathy for those affected by the shootings on the campus. Acting Chancellor Hershel P. Wall’s letter included the following:

“We are distraught at the unspeakable horror of this crime and at the extent of your loss. The courage, strength and solidarity that you have all shown...in the wake of this terrible attack are a testament to the indomitable spirit of your campus and your people. You have our empathy, our support and our respect.”

In addition, the Student National Medical Association SNMA led a campus fundraiser for families of the victims. Student organizations from the UTHSC campus came together from April 30 to May 3 to raise over $500 for the “Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund.”

SNMA President Bryan Payne said, “I attended Virginia Tech for two years as an engineering major. I’m still very attached to the school through friends and memories.”

After the shootings, Payne read about the memorial fund on the Virginia Tech Web site. Said Payne, “I thought this would be a great way for not only me to show support, but also for UTHSC to show their kindness. I’m glad that I was able to express my sympathy for the families of the victims in more than just words.”

The fund, established at Virginia Tech to support the families and victims, will cover expenses such as grief counseling, memorials and comfort services. More information on the fund can be found at the following Web site: http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund.php.

From left: Jessica Cummings, first-year medical student, and Bryan Payne, SNMA president, host the table for the “Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund.”

NEW WEB SITE DESIGN AND CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLANNED FOR UTHSC

First impressions are important. People used to have two ways of meeting someone: by a phone call or in person. Now, with the Internet, colleges have a third way to make a first impression on future students and faculty: the Web site.

These ideas voiced recently by UTHSC Chief Information Officer Taylor Strickland, express a growing trend as universities rely more on the Web or World Wide Web as their means of communication. Often, large Web sites contain broken links or outdated pages that do not give the reader the kind of impression intended.

With the UT System’s launch of the branding campaign, the campuses of the Health Science Center began to consider a consistent look for their three Web sites. The UTHSC Web Task Force has been meeting regularly since November to create consistent standards for the three campuses. The Web Task Force formed two subcommittees consisting of students, faculty and staff—one for policies and procedures and one for design. Now the policies and procedures have been submitted to the administration and are waiting for approval.

“The design committee has narrowed the home page choices to three possibilities. Strickland said they want to involve the entire campus in making the final choice, by meeting with small focus groups to discuss the design and content of each option. The student focus groups from each college have now met, and faculty, staff and alumni groups will soon be forming.

Once the final design is chosen, the new site will be integrated into a content management system. This user-friendly system will allow each college to maintain Web pages more efficiently, making outdated pages obsolete. With the content management system in place, which is anticipated this summer, the entire campus will transfer to the new Web pages.

Todd Barber, IT analyst III in Information Technology Services and webmaster for the campus, wants to empower those currently maintaining UTHSC Web pages to use the new content management software. “It’s a win win for both the IT world and the user,” said Barber, adding, “It will make life easier for the people who add the content.” Information Technology Services will offer training for the content management software. “A template with a consistent style—color, header and fonts—will allow users to log in and add content in a data entry fashion,” said Barber. “We want to bring a standard feel to the Web pages without taking away the identity of the colleges. We’re all part of the Health Science Center.”

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THE RECORD GETS NEW EDITOR

Responsibility for The Record was passed to new hands this issue. Leslie Terrell, who was hired in February as the new editorial and design specialist in the Communications and Marketing Department, is taking over as editor. Terrell, who came to the department after working in an administrative position for Zheng Fan, PhD, in the Department of Physiology, stated, “The Communications and Marketing Department is a great team. I am impressed with the sincerity and dedication of those at UTHSC. Their commitment and their involvement in the community is inspiring.” Terrell received her bachelor’s in English at the University of Memphis, where she is pursuing her master’s degree through night and online classes. To ensure that The Record continues to be a vital publication, story ideas can be sent to lterrell@utmem.edu.

Rebecca Ennis, former editor, continues to work in the Communications and Marketing Department, focusing on graphic design for marketing materials, as well as editing and writing for Medicine and other alumni journals.

UT CANCER INSTITUTE DEVELOPS MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINIC

Lung cancer continues to grow as a worldwide and U.S. public health problem, increasing the importance of timely intervention by a diverse set of specialists. The Mid South Multidisciplinary Thoracic Clinic began a weekly clinic in March to address many of the challenges in cancer care, allowing key practitioners from a wide range of health care areas to interact with patients and their caregivers.

Ray Osarogiagbon, MD, FACP, assistant professor in the UT Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology, and hematologist and medical oncologist at the UT Cancer Institute, developed the weekly clinic, stating, “Two international trends are guiding our approach: centralization of care within high volume centers, and the institution of an early multidisciplinary approach to care. We have moved in this direction, with the twice monthly lung conference at the Methodist University Hospital, since February 2006, and a conference with the UT pulmonologists in the radiology suite at the Regional Medical Center. This has helped identify the various specialists who are truly interested in caring for lung cancer patients.”

The clinic is staffed by many talented health care professionals with diverse backgrounds. Dr. Osarogiagbon encouraged public participation in the clinic and the conferences, saying, “We are carrying out a ‘road show’ in the tri state area to increase awareness of the service that can be provided to primary care and emergency care practitioners through this model of care. I urge everyone to support the clinic and conference and the research endeavors that will be spawned by this process, all of which will go a long way to serve the greater UT mission of high quality patient care, excellent teaching, active research and comprehensive community service. Fasten your seat belts! This rocket is taking off!”

FREIRE ADDRESSES READERS’ SLEEP ISSUES IN ONLINE BLOG

Amado Freire, MD, MPH, FACP, FCCP, chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the UT Health Science Center, took his medical expertise to the World Wide Web this March at the online site, “Healthy Memphis Blog,” where he answered readers’ questions about sleep problems in response to his article in The Commercial Appeal.

Readers’ concerns varied, from one woman’s snoring husband to another person with difficulty sleeping because she was a light sleeper. Dr. Freire discussed topics such as sleep environment, which includes room temperature, light and other stimuli, and other medical problems that could lead to sleep problems.

Dr. Freire is the fourth UTHSC faculty member to be featured as an expert on The Commercial Appeal blog in the last six months.

PDQ UPDATE

The Position Description Questionnaires (PDQ) audit has been completed for the Health Science Center campus. The next step is to review the results with the deans, vice chancellors, directors and business managers. Full dissemination of these results to all employees is expected soon thereafter. If you have any questions, please call Human Resources at 448-5600.
ALVIN CRAWFORD, MD: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND HIS SUCCESS

Alvin H. Crawford, MD, spoke in April on "Osseous Manifestations of Neurofibromatosis" at the UT Health Science Center, a lecture sponsored by the Bluff City Medical Society. His accomplishments are impressive, including the 2007 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons AAOS Diversity Award and the Navy Commendation Medal for establishing the First Pediatric and Orthopedic and Scoliosis Clinic for the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. He has authored 195 scientific publications and seven textbooks on pediatric orthopedics, and supervised more than 30 fellows from all over the globe, just some of the achievements listed on his CV, which is the size of a small book.

He was also the first African American to be admitted, and graduate, from the University of Tennessee Medical School.

Growing up in Orange Mound, a segregated area of Memphis in the 1950s, Dr. Crawford said, "We were isolated in our neighborhood, so I was the best I could be in my environment." In high school, Dr. Crawford found more inspiration in his band director, Richard "Tough" Green. "Richard Green taught me to take on any challenge to succeed," he said. "We had the best band in the Mid South," said Dr. Crawford, who played clarinet and saxophone. "If we made a mistake during half time, he would make us stay after the game and get it right. He didn't expect the best. He demanded the best. I entered college as a music major to pursue a career in performance."

Dr. Crawford's inspiration to become a physician came during his undergraduate years. "I never wanted to be a doctor," he explained. "I never put bandages on dogs or dolls as a kid." While in college at what is now Tennessee State, Crawford was playing in a nearby club one night when his brother, in the audience, asked him if he wanted to be a school band director. When Crawford admitted he was more interested in playing music than teaching it, his brother asked if he'd ever thought about pursuing a medical degree. "I thought, well it's a challenge," laughed Crawford. By the end of his freshman year, he entered the physics program with several music credits.

Why did he get into orthopedics? "I didn't have a good feel for the sick and chronically ill," explained Crawford. "The orthopedic guys made people better." Soon after, he fell in love with children and decided to focus on pediatric orthopedics. Spending almost 30 years as director of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, he also built and sustained a superb teaching program in pediatric orthopedics at the University of Cincinnati. He sought men and women from all branches of orthopedics and backgrounds, teaching orthopedic surgery to students and younger surgeons regardless of their home country, culture or gender.

Crawford commented on his philosophy on diversity, stating, "I want to enable people without a good pathway to become orthopedic surgeons. I've had about 38 fellows from many countries. I've found them a safe haven here in Cincinnati and looked for people who may have been considered marginal. I look for MIID." Crawford explained MIID as "motivation, industry, integrity and desire," saying that these four characteristics are most important in his ability to train someone.

Asked about his plans for the future, he replied, "The future is now." Although he has been very active surgically, Crawford admits, "It's a young man's game. I want to focus on assisting fellows and postgraduates and play lots of music. Currently in four bands, Crawford appreciates diversity in his musical style as well, playing classical clarinet for the Queen City Concert Orchestra and alto sax in a jazz band.

Reflecting on how he got to where he is now, Dr. Crawford talked about his feelings when returning to Memphis. "I was overwhelmed when I came back and attended the Black Student Association Ball. The crowded ballroom of students was overwhelming emotionally," he said. "To have come that far in 40 years; they filled the entire ballroom of the Marriott." The only African American graduate student from the class of '64 asked quietly, "Should it have taken 40 years?"

Preferring to focus on his accomplishments and the good he's been able to do as a physician, rather than dwell on his past obstacles, Crawford said of his experience, "I don't take myself lightly and I'm up for any challenge that comes my way. As much as I endured you want to put that in the back ground. I graduated. My environment is the only one I know. I have very strong feelings for this university and am fortunate enough to see a positive change in the culture during my lifetime."
UTHSC VENDOR NAMED TBE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Don in the tunnels of the GEB is a room stacked to the ceiling with candy, chips and sodas. Surrounded by bags of Fritos and cases of Cokes, Richard Harris, who supplies the campus with most of the snack food, shared his excitement at being nominated as Manager of the Year by Tennessee Business Enterprises. “It feels good to be recognized by your peers,” exclaimed Richard, who won his distinction both regionally and statewide for 2007.

Diagnosed as a young man with Usher II Syndrome, a disorder that includes hearing loss and retinitis pigmentosa RP, an eye disease that causes degeneration in the cells in the retina and decreases peripheral vision, Richard lost his job in an aircraft parts department in 1989. He began looking for a job in a warehouse. “Every one of them had an opening for a forklift driver. Of course my vision is closing in – I can’t see in front, can’t see to the side,” he said, laughing at the irony.

He decided to find out what the Memphis Human Services for the Blind had to offer. They talked to Richard about becoming a blind vendor with TBE. “When they told me about becoming a blind vendor, my first thought was they’re going to give me a pup tent and put me on Third Street selling pretzels and newspapers, and I’m not going to have it,” he remembered. As Richard looked into TBE’s program, he found they offered insurance benefits and a potential to develop a vending business. In 1991, after six weeks of training, he started managing the vending machines at the IRS Memphis location.

When he was awarded the UTHSC location in 2000, his wife, Sarah, became his full-time assistant as his vision declined. “The hardest thing to give up was my driving,” he stated. The couple now handles about 34 vending machines on campus. They have both enjoyed the relationships with the people they have met on campus.

Mike Rebich, TBE supervisor for the Memphis region, commented, “Richard’s work ethic and compassion for his customers is evident in his service to the faculty and students at UT. He has overcome many challenges in becoming a successful and well respected TBE manager.”

UTHSC WELCOMES GOLDEN-YEAR GRADUATES

After graduation, friends may lose touch and years turn into decades all too quickly. This May, the College of Health Graduate Health Sciences class of ’57 will return during commencement to be honored for its role in the history of the college, which awarded its first degree in 1928.

Four doctoral graduates have been invited to celebrate their 50 year anniversary with a luncheon and dinner in their honor, continuing the tradition started by the college in 2002. “Drs. Agersborg, Daigneault, Hobbs and Woychik have distinguished themselves since graduating from UTHSC,” remarked Dick Peppler, PhD, dean of the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

Donald Hobbs, PhD, one of the two “golden graduates” who was able to attend, first came to Memphis from Canada, where he was born. The University of Alberta graduate received his doctorate in the UT College of Health Sciences and went on to enjoy a successful career at Pfizer Inc, as a biochemist and later as director of the Drug Metabolism Department. While in Pfizer’s Biochemistry Department, he invented a semisynthetic penicillin still used today to treat infections. Active in retirement, he enjoys woodworking, genealogical studies, traveling and authoring crossword puzzles for magazines. Accompanied by his wife of 55 years, Donna Thompson, Dr. Hobbs looks forward to returning to his alma mater, saying, “Although I drove by about two years ago on my way to Arizona, I haven’t seen the campus since graduating.”

Also anticipating his visit, Helmer P. K. “Hank” Agersborg, PhD, was an assistant in the UTHSC Department of Physiology from 1954 57, as well as an instructor in the department from 1957 58. Dr. Agersborg began to work for Wyeth Laboratories, a major pharmaceutical company, as a clinical physiologist in 1958. In 1960, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, as a result of the thalidomide scandal, began to deplore the lack of preclinical testing by pharmaceutical companies. This resulted in a major reorganization of the Food and Drug Administration and a call for more toxicology efforts by the companies. Dr. Agersborg founded and led Wyeth’s toxicology section and chaired the industry committee designing the U.S. guidelines for preclinical trials. Dr. Agersborg and led Wyeth’s toxicology section and chaired the industry committee designing the U.S. guidelines for preclinical trials. In 1975, Dr. Agersborg was promoted to vice president, Research and Development for Wyeth, later to executive vice president and finally to president of the Research and Development Company. After retirement, he began an association with several venture capital groups interested in companies involved with drug development, remaining active on the boards of two companies. Dr. Agersborg is married to the former Marcella Felchlia. They will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary this year with their three children and two grandchildren.

Two graduates who are not able to attend are Ernie Daigneault and John Woychik. “We are very proud of our graduates’ accomplishments, and each serves as a role model for currently enrolled students to emulate in their future careers,” stated Dr. Peppler.
The image of librarians is changing. She’s no longer perceived as the stereotypical finger wagging matron with glasses dangling on the end of her nose. Today’s librarian has evolved from past preconceptions into a technologically savvy professional with plenty of people skills. She, or he, is ready to inspire and encourage those who come through the door. The UT Health Sciences Library and Biocommunications Center hosted a forum in March to discuss recruitment efforts for the next generation of librarians from Memphis City and Shelby County Schools.

The High School to Health Sciences Librarianship and Informatics Project, which promotes careers in health sciences librarianship and informatics to young people, was highlighted by UTHSC project investigators Brenda F. Green, MLS, associate professor and coordinator of Instructional Services at the library, and Tajuana O. Redmond, MAEd, program coordinator in the College of Medicine, Office of Medical Education Teacher Education and K 12 Programming.

City school students, teachers and UTHSC employees listened to a review of the project’s progress, discussing Job Shadow Day for local city school students and honoring the two interns who participated in the project in the summer of 2006. These two young women recap their experiences, discussing topics such as plagiarism, verbal reasoning, GRE preparation, and a trip to Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center.

Ashley Howard and Tangela Dover, from Memphis City Schools, each received a 1,529 stipend through the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences grant. The 21,087,684 grant was introduced in 2005 to 37 universities, libraries and institutions nationwide to educate underrepresented high school students and recruit them to the profession. Both Ashley and Tangela plan to return this summer.

Three UTHSC faculty received the UT National Alumni Association’s 2007 Outstanding Teacher and Public Service Awards. The awards were presented at the Ninth Annual Student Government and Faculty Senate Awards Banquet held in May at the Student Alumni Center.

Allen O. Battle, PhD, professor in the Department of Psychiatry, was selected for the Public Service Award by a UTHSC campus wide faculty committee for his significant contributions to public service that go beyond the usual scope of his position.

Dr. Battle received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry and philosophy at Siena College in Memphis, earning his masters’ in clinical psychology and his PhD in clinical psychology and anthropology at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Barry M. Wall, MD, professor in the Division of Nephrology, and Nancy Farrell, MSN, clinical instructor in the Acute and Chronic Care Department were selected for the Outstanding Teacher Award by students in their respective colleges of Medicine and Nursing.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in science from Southwestern at Memphis, Dr. Wall received his medical degree from UTHSC and completed his internship and residency here. He obtained a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham before returning to the Division of Nephrology at UTHSC.

Farrell received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from UTHSC and her master’s from Union University. In addition to her teaching position, she is a developmental specialist in the Clinical Education Services at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis.
HAMilton Eye INSTITUTE SELECTED AS MACULAR DEGENERATION TRIAl SITE

More than 30 percent of people over the age of 75 develop age related macular degeneration, but warning signs can be detected at a much earlier age.

The UT Health Science Center Hamilton Eye Institute has been selected as one of the sites for conducting the Age Related Eye Disease Study 2 (AREDS2). This first ever trial of age related macular degeneration to be held on the UTHSC campus has two goals. The first goal is to assess the effects of two oral supplements on the progression to advanced age related macular degeneration AMD. The second goal is to study the effect of these supplements on the development of cataracts. AREDS2 is a multi-center, five year, randomized trial sponsored by the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

Researchers plan to enroll about 100 Mid South subjects in this study, and follow them on a yearly basis for at least five years.

“We are confident that all eye care providers in our community will see this trial as a positive opportunity. We are counting on their continued support to meet and exceed the trial’s recruitment goals,” said Barrett G. Haik, MD, UT Hamilton Professor and chair of the UTHSC Department of Ophthalmology. “AREDS2 gives all area ophthalmologists and optometrists the unique opportunity to have their patients take part in a carefully designed, standardized study, devoid of biases. The yearly exams planned during the trial will add to, but will not replace, the essential role that the community eye care providers play in the treatment of these patients,” he noted.

On May 7, President Petersen returned to the Memphis campus to support the Health Science Center in the search for our next chancellor. The president and UT Executive Vice President David Millhorn charged the 18 member committee to conduct a national search to identify candidates who can bring the highest caliber leadership to UTHSC. The committee members are:

The team of researchers is led by Alexander Iannaccone, MD, MS, AREDS2 who stated, “Our selection as a study site is a great success for the entire community. The ability to use the latest technology at the Hamilton Eye Institute surely contributed to our competitive ness in the selection process.”

Researchers hope to hold periodic town hall meetings, which would include members of our staff. In an effort to reach out to community leaders and demonstrate our sensitivity to their concerns and perceptions about the Health Science Center, the Chancellor’s Roundtable meetings will continue as well as more focused meetings as indicated and appropriate.

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Dr. Iannaccone is joined in this effort by co-investigators Edward Chaum, MD, PhD, Hamilton Eye Institute; Karen C. John

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT SEES OBSTACLES AS ADVANTAGES

Students overcome many challenges in their search for education. Brandon Griffith, a dental hygiene student at the UT Health Science Center in the last semester of his junior year, sees these obstacles as advantages: the challenges as a single dad, his disability from active duty in the military and now his journey into a career traditionally pursued by women.

Many students say that envisioning a better life helps them persevere. Brandon's vision includes his 6-year-old son, Brody, who was in his full custody before beginning the program. When Brandon got his acceptance letter from the dental hygiene program in the College of Allied Health Sciences, he worked with Brody's mom, who lives in Florida, to keep their son while he is in school. "It was the hardest decision I ever had to make," he said. Now Brandon, from Dyersburg, Tenn., looks forward to the day he graduates and can be a full-time dad again. "I want more for myself and especially for my son," he explained.

Disabled while on military assignment in Al Jaber, Kuwait, Brandon suffers from complications that include pneumothorax, resulting from chest trauma. Now active in the Veteran's Vocational Rehabilitation program, the former military policeman is set to graduate in May 2008. He stated, "I am on my way to a promising career. I am grateful to my classmates and faculty. Without their support, I wouldn't be talking to you right now."

On being the only male student in his program, Brandon observed, "My mother taught me to respect women; the military taught me to depend on women; and those in my program have taught me to appreciate women as well." His favorite part of his dental hygiene education is the clinic, where he gets to work on real people.

Cassandra Holder Ballard, RDH, MPA, EdD, associate professor and interim chair and program director in the Allied Health Sciences Department of Dental Hygiene, said, "Brandon is a delightful student with a strong work ethic. He is a meticulous clinician, who demonstrates empathy and concern about the patients in his care. I am confident that he will contribute greatly to the dental hygiene profession."
RECYCLING PROGRAM COMES TO UTHSC

If you’ve ever had a printer shoot massive amounts of paper at you – paper that you accidentally printed or you really didn’t need then you have probably also wished that there was a recycling program on campus. Now there is!

The energy management area within the Department of Facilities is implementing a system for students to recycle paper on campus. First initiated by the student body, the idea began when students noticed a large amount of paper being thrown away in the computer labs. Within the next few weeks, bins will be placed in the GEB and SAC computer labs. Custodial staff members will collect paper during their regular rounds to pick up trash.

As the facilities department implements this new recycling program for students, it would also like to assess how many employees would be interested in having this service extended to other areas on campus.

Any employee who is interested in participating in the recycling program can send an e-mail to recycle@utmem.edu. Facilities will then use this feedback to determine to what extent the recycling program will expand to other areas of the Health Science Center.

“It is important that UTHSC get involved because we need to be an example to the community in ways that we can protect the environment,” said Emile David, energy manager and coordinator of the recycling program. “Recycling saves natural resources and energy, prevents environmental problems that come from landfills, prevents pollution and creates jobs.”

Recycling paper expands conservation efforts that are already underway on campus. Currently, UTHSC also has an aluminum can recycling program.

STUDENT ATTENDS GRADUATE EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATION

According to U.S. Census data, a master’s degree increases lifetime earnings by 400,000 and a doctoral degree by 1.5 million. In Tennessee, tuition and fees for graduate schools generate more than 147 million for the state, with more than 37,650 students nationally and internationally seeking their graduate education in Tennessee. Governor Phil Bredesen officially proclaimed the week of April 2 through 6 as Graduate Education Week in Tennessee.

Tennessee universities celebrated graduate education with events including research forums, roundtable discussion, recruitment fairs, exhibitions and scholarly presentations. In addition, one graduate student from each Tennessee university was chosen to present their research on April 4 in the form of a poster presentation at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville.

The College of Graduate Health Sciences’ Christy Wilson, PhD candidate in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging, was chosen by a panel of five faculty members to represent UT Health Science Center in the poster presentation on April 4 in Nashville.

Her presentation, “Irradiation-Induced Vascular Changes Can be Abrogated with Anti-TNF alphas or Anti-ICAM-1 mAb Treatments,” was displayed in the main hall of the legislative plaza and viewed by the education committee. The goal of her study is to improve the side effects of radiation on normal brain tissue.

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

UTHSC students drew for door prizes at Student Appreciation Day, held in Forrest Park in April. The Office of Student Life and Student Affairs sponsored the drawing, with students enjoying a free lunch provided by Corky’s, balloon slides from Party Bounce Rentals and dessert from DANN D Fruitful Bars. Danny Morse, research associate in the Department of Physiology and “balloonologist” also created balloon art for students.

UTHSC IT SERVICES EXPLAINS NEW TECHNOLOGY TO SHELBY CO. SCHOOLS

UTHSC Information Technology Services IT Administrator IV Rick Sipes (left) explains the advantages of using a thin client computer — cutting-edge technology that reduces cost and increases computer life-span — to Shelby County School Information Technology personnel, (right) David Bradford (rear, left to right) Jarvis Harris Otelia Hudson and Jalona Edwards.
FIVE-STATE DEMO FOCUSED ON NEED FOR INCREASED TELEMEDICINE FUNDING

State and national government officials met in April at a video teleconference in the Hamilton Eye Institute, hosted by the UT Health Science Center Telemedicine Program. The event featured a brief multi-state demonstration on how telemedicine is used to deliver specialized health care from academic medical centers to underserved rural hospitals and clinics in Colorado, Louisiana, Minnesota, Tennessee and Virginia. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns via video teleconference from Washington, D.C., USDA Under Secretary Thomas C. Dorr and USDA Rural Development State Director Mary Ruth Tackett both in Memphis spoke at the event, discussing proposed increases in funding for telemedicine, distance learning and critical access hospitals in the 2007 farm bill proposals now before Congress. The need for additional federal funding for Telemedicine and Distance Learning is addressed in the proposals.

This event provided an opportunity to discuss the proposals and demonstrate the value of telemedicine technology. USDA recommends an infusion of $500 million to address the backlog of applications for rural infrastructure grants and loans, including eligible Telemedicine and Distance Learning grant applications. Additionally, USDA calls for $1.6 billion in Rural Development direct and guaranteed loans to complete the reconstruction and rehabilitation of all 1,283 currently certified rural critical access hospitals. More information on the 2007 Farm Bill proposals is available at: www.usda.gov.

JOURNAL CLUB & GRAND ROUNDS TO MEET

The College of Medicine’s Division of Endocrinology announces its Journal Club will meet every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in F302 Coleman. Grand Rounds will meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in F302 Coleman.

Speaker TBA; more info: bmscott@utmem.edu

EMPLOYEES HONORED AT EAP AWARDS CEREMONY

Four UT Health Science Center employees were honored at the Employee Assistance Program EAP Awards Ceremony this April in Nashville, Tenn. The ceremony was held to recognize institutions promoting EAP during the month of March. Cynthia Tooley, employee relations coordinator, and Tiffany Trice, administrative aide, both in the Office of Equity and Diversity, coordinated EAP awareness activities, booths and displays for UTHSC employees. They received the Outstanding Participation trophy for the university’s commitment to promoting the program.

Michael Alston, director of the Office of Equity and Diversity, stated, “During EAP month, the goal was to re-energize Health Science Center employees about EAP being a confidential counseling resource, a human resource consultation tool for managers and supervisors and an inexpensive training and education resource for the organization as a whole. Based on the campus’ participation, we achieved statewide recognition for the third consecutive year. I believe this accomplishment is the result of Cynthia and Tiffany doing a spectacular job in their promotion of EAP as a problem solving tool and resource for employees when there is a need.”

Carole Rhodes in Human Resources and Wanda Thompson in Campus Security also received individual certificates for the “Preparing for a Major Change” essay contest. They described how they dealt with the stresses of change, and they also identified skills they used to keep themselves and others functional. Carole and Wanda received this honor in 2006 and this year.
GRANTS

Congratulations to the following UTHSC team members who have recently received grants totaling more than $5,000.

Marshall Elam, MD, PhD
National Institutes of Health
“Regulation of SREBP 1c Processing by Insulin and Cyclic AMP”
$268,330

Terrance Cooper, PhD
National Institutes of Health
“Regulation of Nitrogen Catabolic Gene Expression in S Cerevisiae”
$350,400

Charles Leffler, PhD
National Institutes of Health
“Control of Neonatal Circulation”
$365,000

Gadiparthi Rao, PhD
National Institutes of Health
“NFATs and Vascular Injury”
$344,880

Robert Waters, PhD
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
“Mechanisms of Large-scale Reorganization in Rat Forepaw Barrel Subfield Cortex”
$252,401

Jonathan Jaggar, PhD
National Institutes of Health
“Solamre OLC100 Nipkow Spinning Disk Confocal Unit”
$229,690

Brain Awareness Week was a great success in March, as more than 200 teachers, parents and health care professionals attended a symposium on ADD and ADHD at the Urban Child Institute in Memphis.

The symposium, co-sponsored by UTHSC Neuroscience Institute and the Urban Child Institute, was an effort by the Neuroscience Institute to present advances in understanding and treatment of ADD and ADHD.

William E. Armstrong, PhD, director of the Neuroscience Institute and acting chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, moderated the symposium. The featured presentations were by David Kube, MD, associate professor of Developmental Pediatrics at UTHSC, who discussed updates on current diagnosis criteria, behavioral medication and home management, and Margaret Semrud Clikeman, PhD, professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at Michigan State University, who spoke on the recent advances in understanding the neurological basis for ADD and ADHD using advanced imaging techniques. The symposium was coordinated by Paul Herron, PhD, of the UTHSC Neuroscience Institute, and Brenda Williams of the Urban Child Institute.
PEOPLE

**Jon H. Robertson, MD**, was named president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons AANS at the AANS Annual Meeting, "Celebrating AANS' Diamond Jubilee," in Washington, D.C., in April. Professor and chair of the Department of Neurology, he has been an active member of the AANS since 1983. He is also chair of the Development Committee, and a member of the following committees: Executive, Finance, Long Range Planning, Neuro KnowledgeTM Advisory Task Force, and the NeurosurgeryPAC Board of Directors. He served as chair of the Annual Meeting Committee in 1994. Dr. Robertson has been a practicing member of the Semmes Murphey Neurologic and Spine Institute since 1979.


**James Wheless, MD**, was featured on PBS’ “Healthy Body, Healthy Mind,” on May 12 on WKNO Channel 10.

For thousands of years, seizures were blamed on everything from evil spirits to mental illness. Now, groundbreaking technology is revealing the true nature of epilepsy, a brain disorder that affects more than 1 percent of the population.

Dr. Wheless is chief of Pediatric Neurology and holds the Le Bonheur Chair in Pediatric Neurology at UTHSC. He also serves as director of the Neuroscience Institute and the Le Bonheur Comprehensive Epilepsy Program for the Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center. He is clinical director and chief of pediatric neurology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

**Jude Children’s Research Hospital.**

**James E. Bailey, MD, MPH, MK**

Callison Associate Professor in General Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine, and coauthor

**David Mirvis, MD**, professor in Preventive Medicine, were published in the April 2007 edition of Preventing Chronic Disease, an online journal of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The article is “HealthCARE Principles: A Model for Healthy City Collaboratives.”

**Clark M. Blatteis, PhD**, professor in the Department of Physiology, was the keynote speaker on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Institute for Occupational Health of the University of Guanajuato, in Leon, Mexico. The Institute is a component of the university’s medical school. Dr. Blatteis delivered three sequential lectures, on successive days, on the pathophysiology of infectious fever and was awarded a diploma in recognition.

**James J. Neutens, PhD**, was appointed dean for the Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville, by Steve J. Schwab, MD, executive dean of the College of Medicine for UTHSC. Dr. Neutens has served as interim dean of the UTHSC Knoxville campus since 2005.

“...the national search conducted for this position by the Knoxville campus of the College of Medicine and Parker Executive Search identified a group of outstanding medical leaders. The search committee, lead by John Neff, MD, professor in the Department of Pathology, selected a group of exceptional candidates who made several visits to the Knoxville campus. This search process revealed that Dr. Neutens possessed the strongest combination of skills and practical experience to meet the needs of the Knoxville campus community.” Executive Dean Schwab stated. In his role as executive dean, Dr. Schwab supervises UTHSC medical college campus locations in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

**Robin L. Morgan, MD**, has joined the Pediatric Neurology Division at UT Medical Group Inc. She has also been named assistant professor at the UTHSC College of Medicine.

Board certified in neurology with special qualifications in child neurology, Dr. Morgan has a special interest in pediatric neurology, tic disorders/Tourette Syndrome, pediatric headache, and autism spectrum disorders. She earned her medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine, and completed her neurology residency and fellowship training at the Medical College of Virginia, followed by a pediatric residency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

**Eldridge F. Johnson, PhD**, professor of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, UTHSC College of Medicine, gave the keynote address, “Health Disparities in Tennessee,” at the 2007 Tennessee

**ISPOR STUDENT CHAPTER SELECTED OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR**

The UTHSC International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Student Chapter was selected in April for the Outstanding ISPOR Student Chapter of the Year for 2006–2007. This was the first award to be given since this Distinguished Service Award was instituted to recognize ISPOR Student Chapters providing exemplary service to their university, community and ISPOR. The chapter has been active in the community and within the student network, working with the Shelby County Government in their Medicare Mates Program. This program assists seniors in the community to navigate through Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits.

A plaque and $500 to support the activities of the student chapter will be presented to Joyce Addo-Atuah, doctoral candidate in the Health Science Administration graduate program and the current president of the UTHSC ISPOR Student Chapter, at the ISPOR Students’ Leadership Retreat on May 20, in Arlington, Va.
in endoscopic surgical research to a SAGES member who is either in surgical training or who has completed training within the last five years. The selection is based on research submitted to SAGES, evidence of current and previous investigation, and a demonstrated interest in becoming an active participant in the SAGES organization.

Donald B. Thomason, PhD, professor in the Department of Physiology, has been appointed the associate dean of students for the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

Dr. Thomason came to UTHSC in 1990 following a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. A native of Richland, Wash., he obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his doctorate at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Thomason teaches in the colleges of Medicine and Dentistry and serves on faculty committees for students in the colleges and for students at the University of Memphis. He was appointed chair of the Curriculum Committee for the College of Graduate Health Sciences in 2005. In addition to participating in numerous campus organizations, he chaired the Chief Information Officer Advisory Committee and served on the Animal Care and Use Committee.

“I am delighted that Don has accepted the position as associate dean of students,” stated Dick Peppler, PhD, dean of the College of Graduate Health Sciences. “He has been very instrumental in the improvements with the curricula in the various programs of the college, and I look forward to working with him as he enhances the admissions process and environment for students in the different graduate programs within the college.”

Brent Reed, a second-year student at the UTHSC College of Pharmacy, has been elected national president-elect of the Academy of Student Pharmacists, the student branch of the American Pharmacists Association. He will serve as president of APhA ASP in 2008-09. Reed, from Spring City, Tenn., earned his BS in biology at UT Knoxville in 2005.

During his term, he will be the leader of every pharmacy student in our nation, which is quite an honor and quite a responsibility, but we are confident that Brent is up to the task.”

FAMILY NOTES

Belinda Loyd, administrative assistant to the dean, College of Nursing, announces the birth of her granddaughter. Abigail May Loyd, in January. Belinda’s son David and his wife Mandy are the proud parents.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Earle Bowen, Jr., PhD, passed away on April 14 after a long illness. Dr. Bowen came to UTHSC in 1972, where he played an integral part in the construction of the Humphrey’s General Education Building designed to support pre clinical educational experiences of six colleges on the UTHSC campus. From 1970-1981 he served as the vice chancellor for Administration.

In 1986 Dr. Bowen assumed the position of vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, where he remained until his retirement in 1998.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, June Montgomery, of Seattle and one grand daughter, Abigail May Loyd, in January. Belinda’s son David and his wife Mandy are the proud parents.

Abigail May Loyd
STUDENTS AWARDED HINMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Two University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry students - Jason A. Blair and Nathan R. Hamman - have been awarded scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. The awards were presented at a special luncheon held at the 95th Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.

“The Hinman Dental Society has been a great partner with the UT College of Dentistry for many years,” said Russell O. Gilpatrick, DDS, dean of the College of Dentistry. “Through these scholarships, Hinman recognizes academic excellence and leadership skills and introduces students to organized dentistry. Jason and Nathan are exceptional students and represent the college well as Hinman scholars. I am extremely proud of them.”

Jason is the current vice president of the Honor Council for the College of Dentistry, serving as the president of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at UTHSC. A recipient of the Cicily A. Tipton scholarship and the 2007 Kramer Award, he will be applying for a residency in Pediatric Dentistry after graduation.

Nathan, recently inducted into OKU Omicron Kappa Upsilon, which is a dental honors fraternity, will be starting an orthodontic residency here at UTHSC.

SPECIAL EVENTS CONTACT:

In an effort to provide current and accurate information to the Chancellor’s Office regarding campus events, please include Pam Houston, UTHSC special events coordinator, on all announcements or invitations. The goal is to have one source available to the chancellor for information regarding every Health Science Center event. Please send all event information to Pam at Hyman, Suite 214 or phouston@utmem.edu.

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that affect UTHSC. In addition, we hope to hold periodic town hall meet ings, which would include members of our staff. In an effort to reach out to community leaders and demonstrate our sensitivity to their concerns and perceptions about the Health Science Center, the Chancellor’s Roundtable meetings will continue as well as more focused meetings as indicated and appropriate.

On May 7, President Petersen returned to the Memphis campus to support the Health Science Center in the search for our next chancellor. The president and UT Executive Vice President David Millhorn charged the 18 member committee to conduct a national search to identify candidates who can bring the highest caliber leadership to UTHSC. The committee members are: Johnnie Amonette, search committee chair and longtime member of the UT board of trustees; Neal Beckford, MD, board member, Regional Medical Center at Memphis The MED; Phillip Burns, MD, professor and chair, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine, Chattanooga; George Cates, longtime Memphis businessman and community leader; Wisdom Coleman, associate professor and associate dean, UTHSC College of Dentistry; William Evans, PharmD, director and CEO, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; James Chris Fleming, MD, a UTHSC alumnus who is vice chair for clinical affairs in the Health Science Center’s Department of Ophthalmology; Dick Gourley, dean, UTHSC College of Pharmacy; Margaret Peg Hartig, PhD, professor and chair, Primary/Public Health Department, UTHSC College of Nursing and president of the Faculty Senate; J. R. Pitt Hyde III, Memphis entrepreneur, philanthropist and CEO, Pittco Management LLC; James Neutens, PhD, dean, UTHSC College of Medicine, Knoxville; Stephen Reynolds, president and CEO, Baptist Memorial Health Care; Gary Shorb, president and CEO, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare; Steve J. Schwab, MD, executive dean for all three UTHSC College of Medicine campuses Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga and interim dean for the College of Medicine in Memphis; Paul Tennant, president of the UTHSC Student Government Association Executive Council; Stanley Tyler, senior grounds maintenance, UTHSC Mechanical Services Department; Philip Wenk, DDS, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Tennessee; and Diane Wyatt, associate professor in the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences.

The committee will work in concert with leaders in the Memphis community and seek other local input to develop a qualified, diverse pool of leaders to consider for the position of UTHSC chancellor. A competitive bid process will be undertaken to engage a professional search firm to assist in this important effort. Search committee members will review and screen all potential candidates, both those identified by the search firm and those identified independently. It is anticipated that the search process will last for several months, with finalists possibly named in the fall. Please check the UTHSC Web site, which will be revised and updated as information warrants, for periodic updates on the search for the new chancellor.

As we proceed through this transition period together, I thank all of you in advance for your professionalism, positive spirit and support. Our talented faculty, staff and students have much work to do as we continue to move full speed ahead in fulfilling our mission, enhancing a statewide health science enterprise of which we can all be proud.

I look forward to working with you in the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of us.

Editor’s note: Until the end of June, Dr. Wall is referred to as the acting chancellor. As of July 1, Dr. Wall will become the interim chancellor until the selection and arrival of the new chancellor.
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task. In the average 2,500 square foot house, two thermostats may control the climate in all the rooms. Invariably there are cold and hot spots depending on who you talk to and what part of the house they are in. The same principle applies to the Coleman Building where each thermostat controls more than 1,875 square feet, which could include three, four, or five different office suites.

“For the most part, temperature control in the periphery of the building has been inadequate for many years,” said Steve Tom, director of Space Planning and Utilization for the past year. Howard Carman, staff engineer and project manager said, “The existing heating system provides limited zone control, which causes significant HVAC problems on the perimeter of the building. The new system will be a variable air volume reheat system, which will allow each zone thermostat to provide heating and/or cooling, as needed.”

Currently, each floor has only eight zones with a matching number of thermostats. Post reconstruction, each floor will have more than 40 zones. “As a result, suites of offices will have much better control of their own temperatures,” Tom stated. “It will be like having one control for your kitchen and breakfast room and a separate one for your bedroom and bathroom.”

When the Coleman Building opened in 1979, it became the home of many of the clinical departments of the College of Medicine. The second and third floors were designed with labs in the center and offices on the outer edges of the structure. Several years ago, UTHSC administrators submitted refurbishment of Coleman as a capital project. After a number of tries, the project was funded and is now coming to fruition.

“Everyone who has an office on the periphery of the building on the third floor will have to move out for four to six months while we remove and replace the systems. Plans are for them to move back in October or November,” said Tom. The departments on the second floor of Coleman will be moving permanently to space elsewhere on campus.

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— Steve Tom

Approximately 120 people will be displaced while the 33,000 square feet of office and mechanical room spaces are renovated. Departments will move out in shifts. The revitalized space should be ready for occupation again in four to six months. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by January 2008.

Announcements will be made via listserv both as departments depart the Coleman Building and when they are re-settled in permanent locations. Phone numbers for individuals and departments, and employee email addresses will remain the same. Only locations will change. Every ceiling and the entire infrastructure above the ceilings in every office on the periphery of the Coleman Building will be removed and replaced. Demolition crews will remove ceiling panels and grids, light fixtures, electrical wiring, plumbing, ventilation, and even the old telephone system. “There are five or six systems coming out of the ceiling,” Tom observed. “It will all be rebuilt with modern equipment that works more efficiently and for more comfort for our faculty and staff.”

Tom stressed that re-allocating the refurbished Coleman space will require a different set of puzzle masters—the UTHSC deans and chairs. “Over the years, assignments to one building or another evolve sometimes based on opportunity rather than logic,” Tom observed. “New faculty members arrive and you put people in places because spaces were available, not necessarily because that was where they should be. In other cases, some departments shrink and where there were six people sharing space, there are now three or four in the same space.”

He noted, “This mass relocation out of Coleman provides the opportunity for divisions to be placed in a more rational configuration and for a reason, rather than have space assignments evolve in a haphazard way.”

UTHSC COLLEGE OF PHARMACY HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

The issue of children neglected in pharmacological studies and drug labeling was the topic of the 2nd Annual Stevens Professorship in Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Symposium held in May at the Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center. The symposium, presented by the UTHSC College of Pharmacy, discussed the historical problems in testing drugs in children and examined efforts and international goals for developing new initiatives in pediatric pharmacotherapeutics.

David Stevens is a private investor who envisioned and funded the Stevens Professorship through the Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare Foundation, to address the serious need to enhance research and education in this unique field.

Keynote speaker, Stephen P. Spielberg, MD, PhD, dean of Dartmouth Medical School and pioneer in pediatric pharmacology, was presented with the Stevens Distinguished Visiting Professor Award. Dr. Spielberg discussed the history of pediatric drug development, beginning with the earliest legislation of the 1930s.

Dr. Spielberg also recognized the success seen since the 1997 FDA Modernization Act was approved, which established new guidelines for children. He introduced the need for global collaboration for standards in research, saying, “We need to bring together industries and regulatory agencies, establishing ground rules that could be shared across the world, coming to agreement on what is scientifically valid.”

Michael Christensen, PharmD, BCNSP, who joined the UT College of Pharmacy in 1990, spoke further on the future of pediatric pharmacotherapeutics, focusing specifically on neonatal clinical pharmacology. Dr. Christensen is the Stevens Professor of Pharmacy and Pediatrics and director of Pharmacy at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center.
SGA & FACULTY SENATE AWARDS BANQUET
The Ninth Annual Student Government Association and Faculty Senate held their awards banquet on May 7. Student leaders displaying significant service in student life on campus were inducted into the 2006-2007 Imhotep Society, and UTHSC. Chief of Staff Ken Brown was presented with the 2007 Imhotep Award. The UT National Alumni Association also presented three awards — story, pg. 7. Other awards are as follows:

FACULTY SENATE AWARDS
Senator of the Year: Jon Jaggar, PhD
Administrator of the Year: Ken P. Brown, MPA, JD
Presidential Citation Awards: Cheryl Sheid, PhD, and Law rene M. Pfeffer, PhD
Exceptional Meritorious Achievement Award: Joseph M Sturdivant

OTHER AWARDS
Phil C. Webb Award: Lisa Emerson
Meritorious Service Awards: Cheryl Scheid, PhD, and Neal Smith
Certificates of Appreciation: Jiddy Maxwell, Patricia D. Cunningham, DNSc, APRN, and Audrey Zucker Levin, PhD, PT, GCS
Student Trustee Certificate: Joe Sturdivant

IMHOTEP INDUCTEES
College of Medicine: Van Morris, Crystal A. Smith, Paul Ten nant, and Elisa Young
College of Dentistry: Lale O. Adams, Curtis J. Holmes, and Hunter Thomas McCord
College of Pharmacy: Monica Carnahan, Shanea A. Gethers, Holly R. Hardin, Jodi Lynn Leke, Jeffrey Allan Lewis, LaCresha Skillern, and Margaret Thomson
College of Nursing: Patricia R. Keene, Aaron Ketcher, and Corey Smith
College of Graduate Health Sciences: Robert Anthony Borgon
Social Work: Sara J. Creecy

SGAEC EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD WINNERS
College of Allied Health Sciences: Judy K. Clift and Bar bara L. Dubray Benstein, PhD
College of Dentistry: Kenneth M. Anderson, DDS, and Rus sell A. Wicks, DDS
College of Graduate Health Sciences: Shelley I. White Means, PhD, and Frank A. DiBianca, PhD
College of Medicine: Ira Keith Ellis, MD, and Murthiah P. Murthiah, MD
College of Nursing: Jacqueline Burcham, DNSc, and Cheryl C. Stegbauer, PhD
College of Pharmacy: Stephen L. Foster, PharmD, and Andrea R. Franks, PharmD
College of Social Work: Gregory Washington, PhD

UTHSC HELPS JUDGE LOCAL SCIENCE FAIR
The Memphis City and Shelby County School District’s 2007 Elementary Science Fair was a great success in part because of UTHSC volunteer judges. For the past two years, volunteers have shared their time and expertise. The College of Medicine’s Office of Medical Education extends a sincere thanks to all those who participated.

UTHSC 2007 Volunteer Judges for the 28th Annual Elementary Science Fair
Anand Kulkarni, MD, College of Medicine
Kelly Filipski, College of Graduate Health Sciences
John K. Duckworth, MD, College of Medicine
Katherine Ayers, College of Graduate Health Sciences
Matthew A. Dress, MD, College of Medicine
Stanley Tyler, Maintenance Department
TaJuana O. Redmond, MAEd, PC, College of Medicine
Missy Robinson, College of Medicine
Leroy Moore, MEd, Office of Health Careers Programs
Ja’ Wanda Grant, College of Pharmacy
Abbie Hayes, College of Graduate Health Sciences
Stella Nwokeji, College of Nursing
Christine Shook, College of Dentistry
We Li, PhD, College of Pharmacy
Brenda Green, MLS, Health Sciences Library
Jasmine Bagay, Health Sciences Library
Tommie Norris, DNS, RN, College of Nursing
Fazle Elahi Chowdury, College of Graduate Health Sciences
Earnestine Hayes, College of Medicine
Asad Taherbhoy, College of Graduate Health Sciences
Brett Balderson, College of Pharmacy
Bhram Dahi, College of Medicine
Christy Wilson, College of Medicine

FAREWELL RECEPTION
Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend a farewell reception for William F. Owen, Jr., MD, on Thursday, June 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the SAC.