ON May 30, UTHSC officials welcomed donors, guests and “American Idol” Top 10 contestant Lil Rounds for the Campaign for Tennessee Celebration.

That evening the university announced that it has raised $99,585,662 or 77 percent of its $130 million goal. The funds are part of the five-year $1 Billion Campaign for Tennessee.

During the live Webcast, Lil Rounds presented a plaque to her father, David L. Coburn, a UTHSC paint shop supervisor, honoring him for his dedication as a 27-year UTHSC employee and as a supportive parent. The presentation was followed by songs from Rounds’ former singing group, Verity, a band consisting of her three sisters. At the event’s conclusion, Rounds signed photos as a special token for participants.

Each year, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Nursing honors two alumni recognized by the UT Nursing Alumni Association Board of Directors as distinguished contributors to the nursing profession. This year, Suzanne Meeks, MSN, MA, BSN, has been selected to receive the Most Supportive Alumna Award, and Mona Newsome Wicks, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN, is winner of the Outstanding Alumna Award. On Friday, May 8, the honorees received their awards at The Hilton Memphis, during an alumni awards and reunion luncheon. The event was part of the college’s annual “Nursing Alumni Day” activities.

Suzanne Meeks started her career as a nurse practitioner, but moved her expertise into nursing instruction, management and independent practice administration. She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1956 from the University of Cincinnati, a master’s degree in gerontology from the University of South Florida in 1971, and a master’s degree in nursing from the UT Health Science Center in 1977.

FeaTUtHE Faculty Senate Names New President

Each May the UTHSC Faculty Senate changes leadership as a new president steps in. This year the gavel passed, as planned, to Parker Suttle, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology. He noted that the way the Faculty Senate functions will change in only very subtle ways.

“I am pretty much on the same page as Dr. [Karen] Johnson,” said Dr. Suttle of working with his predecessor. “She was very inclusive of the other officers in the Faculty Senate, and I want to continue that legacy. I appreciate the way she involved me as president-elect, and accepted my advice and opinion, even if she didn’t ask for it” Dr. Suttle added.

Because the Faculty Senate operates under bylaws and a procedures manual, the standard operations and committee structure do not change. Even the meeting dates and times will remain the same. The Faculty Senate convenes on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00. However, revised goals and objectives are laid out for each of the senate committees for each academic year.

Dr. Suttle has several areas he would like to focus on this coming year. One key
H1N1 Update

As the world’s attention turned to the Novel Influenza A/H1N1 (swine origin) at the end of April, many Shelby County residents looked to the UT Health Science Center and its experts to find out more about this outbreak.

A number of UT researchers and clinicians were called upon by the local media to provide insight and precautionary instruction to help contain the spread of this flu. The virus, which first surfaced in Mexico, stretched to the United States, with positive cases even reported in Shelby County.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the influenza A/H1N1 is a human infection with swine influenza viruses. Early testing revealed that the virus contained genetic pieces from four different virus sources. What added more to the challenge is that the particular combination had not been seen in the United States or elsewhere; thus, a vaccine was not available.

At press time, 43 states had reported cases of infection with 1,639 total confirmed cases and two deaths in the United States Health officials were also still working to develop a vaccine.

Locally, the UT Health Science Center launched a Web site (www.utmem.edu/h1n1flu/) to help keep the campus and community informed. Links to the CDC, as well as the Shelby County Health Department and World Health Organizations were also made available.

Mack Land, MD, an infectious disease specialist with UT Medical Group and professor at UTHSC, was one of the Health Science Center’s professionals who were called upon to answer questions. Dr. Land stressed the need to practice proper hygiene of washing hands frequently and thoroughly, as well as correct etiquette, covering one’s mouth when coughing or sneezing.

Though the strain of flu does not appear as strong as officials once feared, health officials are encouraging the public not to panic, but continue to take precautionary steps to protect themselves. In fact, some officials have warned that this strain of flu may appear again next season, so the public should not let their guard down.

In the meantime, national health officials are taking aggressive action to reduce the spread of the A/H1N1 virus and are continuing to work toward development of a vaccine. Local officials are also continuing to educate the community about the virus.

Other UTHSC faculty members, who have answered questions about the virus and offered protective tips, include:

- John P. DeVincenzo, MD, pediatric professor and researcher in respiratory viruses

Decreased Crime on Campus

Crime on the UTHSC campus has decreased and according to a recent report released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) so has crime on all Tennessee college campuses.

Officials believe that this is due to increased security measures taken by the UTHSC Campus Police Department and the diligence of the staff. You see them on bikes, in cars and on foot patrolling the campus, keeping outsiders from coming in and maintaining order in Forrest Park, buildings and parking lots.

As security measures and manned patrols have increased at UTHSC, reported incidents on all college campuses dropped more than six percent in 2008. The decrease includes a 33 percent drop in crime at UTHSC in 2008.

UTHSC employs 32 police officers and 16 security officers, who work around the clock to combat theft, burglary and vandalism. In a continuous effort to decrease crime, UTHSC has added additional police officers, surveillance cameras, and new video and radio equipment rooms. The new equipment increased monitoring capability from 160 areas to up to 260 areas.

Judging from the statistics, increased security is having measurable impact. In 2006 there were 151 incidents of crime on the UTHSC campus. The majority of the incidents were break-ins to parked cars and thefts from buildings. In 2007, only 83 crimes were reported to Campus Police, a more than 43 percent decrease.

By May of 2008, 45 crimes were reported. Compared to May of this year, 30 crimes were reported, which is a more than 33 percent decrease. The majority of these crimes are thefts from buildings and thefts of motor vehicle parts.

UTPD is working with students, faculty and staff to make sure that ID badges are visible at all times. They are also encouraging the use of UT Text Alert, which is a text message notification that participants
UT Hosts Community Health Care Initiative Breakfast

Merging the gap between health care and the community is an initiative that UTHSC plans to actively pursue in the near future.

To get the ball rolling, UTHSC hosted the Community Health Care Initiative Breakfast on May 20. This initiative is an effort to bind UTHSC with the neighborhood and the entire health care community. In attendance was Yvonne Madlock, director of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department. Guest speaker was Cynthia Boyd, RN, PhD, FAAN, fellow, Great Cities Institute; director, Great Cities Neighborhood Initiatives; assistant dean, Community Health Initiatives and Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow.

The breakfast was the first step in building lasting community relations.

Campus Police Department Observes National Police Week

Flags flew at half-staff on May 15 in the UTHSC quadrangle located next to A-Lot to commemorate police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. The annual event is observed at UTHSC during National Police Week and recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement.

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America’s law enforcement community.

The UTHSC Campus Police Department invited the entire community to participate through the “Fly Blue Ribbon Campaign.” In an effort to heighten awareness, the campaign encouraged law enforcement personnel to tie blue ribbons to cruiser antennas, while UTHSC faculty, staff and students were encouraged to tie blue ribbons to their car antennas. These blue ribbons are a reminder of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and in honor of the men and women who serve their communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year in and year out.

Centralized List for Research Studies

In recent months, participants attempting to volunteer for studies have called UTHSC in response to a PSA, press release or other form of communication and have been turned away. This happens because the appropriate office is not aware of the various studies that departments are having. This causes frustration for the caller and it also causes researchers to lose potential volunteers for studies.

To remedy this problem the Preventive Medicine Recruitment Office is forming a centralized list to assist callers inquiring about studies. If you are involved in any research study that is actively recruiting participants, please send the name of the study, a short description, the contact person and correct phone number to the Department of Preventive Medicine by calling (901) 448-1669.

UTHSC Welcomes Google

If you have visited the UTHSC home page, you may have noticed a change. On June 1, UTHSC changed the search engine functionality to use the Google search engine. The home page and any redesigned pages have already begun to use this functionality.

The quickest way to search from these pages is to type in your query in the search field, then choose either campus or system. As you may have realized the process to search is the same, the only difference is the results.

By choosing campus you will be searching anything in the utmem.edu domain of pages. By choosing system you can search all the other UT campuses as well as the various institutes, initiatives and athletics sites.

This change in search engine is only a local change and the old search engine is still available by going to http://search.tennessee.edu. For further information, please contact UTHSC webmaster Todd Barber at cbarber@utmem.edu.
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the UT College of Nursing, providing occasional lectures and seminars on developing an independent nursing practice.

Mona Newsome Wicks approaches her roles as a nursing researcher and instructor with a focus on the highest levels of quality. The well-trained professional received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Memphis in 1981, a master’s degree in medical and surgical nursing from the UT College of Nursing in 1987, and a doctorate degree in nursing from Wayne State University in 1992.

On the faculty of the UT College of Nursing since 1987, Dr. Wicks is currently a professor and associate dean for research. She mentors students in the college’s doctoral program, acts as guest lecturer for doctoral courses, and mentors minority undergraduate students for nursing careers.

Dr. Wicks’ research and publications are focused on minority health and patient-caregiver issues that involve chronic lung disease or end-stage renal disease. She is currently conducting a study funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research to test an intervention for reducing depression and anxiety in African-American women caring for relatives receiving hemodialysis.

Dr. Wicks speaks nationwide on teaching cultural competency and conducting family-based research, and has been recognized locally, regionally and nationally for her teaching and mentoring skills. Her awards and honors include: finalist, Memphis Business Journal Health Care Heroes (non-physician) in 2008; the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Leader Fellowship Award for 2008-2011; the UTCHS Chancellor’s Distinguished Educator Award in 2003-2006, and the Faculty Mentor of the Year Award in 2002 from the Southern Regional Educational Board’s Compact for Faculty Diversity Division.

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will receive during emergencies.

The administration of UTHSC is committed to maximizing our resources to deter and prevent crime. The Campus Police Department is dedicated to keeping UTHSC a secure and pleasant learning and work environment for all students, faculty and staff.

For the TBI’s full report, visit http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/divisions/isd_csu_sac.htm and click on the “Crime on Campus” report for 2008.

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Hershel “Pat” Wall, MD, chancellor of UTHSC, and UT Acting President Jan Simek both spoke at the event and thanked donors, recognized community leaders and public officials, and discussed what the “Campaign for Tennessee” means for both the UTHSC and UT system.

Class of 2009 graduates from each of the six colleges gave presentations on what an education at the Health Science Center means for their futures as health care experts. Third-year medical student Brad Postlethwaite and his band Snowglobe who are featured in the MTV series “$5 Cover” performed throughout the evening.

The “Campaign for Tennessee” is an extraordinary fundraising initiative that began in 2005 to advance UT system endowments. This event launches its final phase, which concludes in 2011. The year 2011 also marks the 100th anniversary of UTHSC. The Health Science Center’s participation in the $1 billion campaign places it among select universities preparing to endure economic trials well into the future.

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goal is to enable the senate to be more proactive – getting involved in campus issues at the beginning; not just reacting to items that don’t seem to go as faculty might wish. This is one way to fulfill the senate’s basic responsibility for shared academic governance of the university.

“The Faculty Senate has stated responsibilities in the Faculty Handbook. These responsibilities can just be passed over if we don’t step up to the plate and do our job. Working with the administration for shared governance is especially important in the period of financial crisis when we are facing discontinuance and reorganization of academic programs,” Dr. Suttle emphasized.

In connection with improving communication, Dr. Suttle would like to enhance coordination with senators at the Knoxville and Chattanooga campuses. “The Health Science Center is statewide. We need to better represent all of the faculty across the state.” To this end, the senate is working toward video-conferencing the senate meetings so senators at distant sites can participate more directly.

Dr. Suttle also wants to develop more interaction with the Student Government Association.

The Faculty Senate and the president in particular work as liaisons between the faculty members at-large and the administration. Dr. Suttle urges the faculty to bring concerns through their senator to the Senate Executive Committee where they can be discussed and brought to the attention of the administration. The senate also hosts open forums such as town hall meetings with the chancellor and UT system president where current issues can be discussed and questions answered.

Communication also flows from the top down. Chancellor Wall holds monthly meetings with the Senate Executive Committee and he has invited the Faculty Senate president to join in the Chancellor’s bi-monthly meetings with the deans and vice chancellors. “Dr. Wall has been extremely open, and there is open access to Drs. [Ken] Brown and [Cheryl] Scheid,” explained Dr. Suttle when citing communication improvements over past years.

In addition to working with the administration, Dr. Suttle also oversees progress of the Faculty Senate committees. Each committee within the Faculty Senate has a list of responsibilities along with specific goals and objectives for the year. “It is the work that is done by the committees that really determines how effectively the full senate operates. My job is to help them meet their responsibilities and keep them on track to accomplish their goals,” Dr. Suttle stated. The Faculty Senate is also called upon to help review and coordinate intercollegiate and campus-wide projects and processes.

Though the title of Faculty Senate president is new, Dr. Suttle has had varied experiences serving his colleagues on campus. In fact, during this past year as president-elect, Dr. Suttle stepped into the role of president for six weeks during the unexpected absence of Dr. Johnson. He has also served as a faculty senator for eight years, has been on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for four years, has also served as a faculty senator for eight years, has been on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for four years, has been on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for three years, chaired the Educational Policy Committee for three years, served as Senate parliamentarian for three years, and served on the Faculty Handbook Committee for “as long as I can remember.” Dr. Suttle has been a UTHSC faculty member since December 1995.

He is scheduled to serve as president of the UTHSC Faculty Senate until the next Faculty Senate Annual Business meeting in May 2010. At that meeting the gavel will again pass to the next Faculty Senate leader.
Make Promotional Items Work for You and UTHSC

Giving and receiving promotional materials is always fun. But these appealing items have an important message to share about our organization. When logos are misused or information is missing, it dilutes the image and impact of our identity.

When properly used, promotional products are a form of marketing that can also educate. Therefore, the Communications and Marketing Department wants to maximize the impact of Health Science Center giveaways.

According to the UT system’s graphic and editorial Web site, there are three main reasons for establishing and following such guidelines: for consistency, to illustrate unity of purpose, and to use resources efficiently and economically.

Because “every communication from the university reflects upon the institution as a whole,” it is essential that each college and department send the same message of what the Health Science Center is and does. (http://www.tennessee.edu/identity/index.shtml) This is not to say that promotional items cannot be personalized. Instead, contact Communications and Marketing at (901) 448-5544 or communications@utmem.edu. Promoting UTHSC is a central mission of the department.

Kosten Pancreatic Cancer Research and Treatment Symposium

On March 18, UTHSC held the Kosten Pancreatic Cancer Research and Treatment Symposium. John P. Hoffman, MD, chief of Pancreatobiliary Service of Surgical Oncology at Philadelphia’s Fox Chase Cancer Center, was this year’s guest distinguished lecturer. His topic was “Proper Staging, Resection and Processing of Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma.”

The event was free and open to the public.

The Kosten Pancreatic Cancer Research and Treatment Symposium brings to the university distinguished lecturers who are not only national figures but internationally renowned for their expertise in the field of pancreatic cancer and other related diseases. It is an excellent educational opportunity for our faculty, residents, medical students and the private medical community to learn of cutting-edge research and treatment being performed both in the United States and around the world.

Nearly 38,000 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year. The mortality rate of these patients is less than eight percent after diagnosis. Helping pancreatic cancer patients and their families is the focus of the new Herb Kosten Pancreatic Cancer Support Endowment at UTHSC. Dr. Stephen Behrman, associate professor of Surgery in the College of Medicine, has been selected to help direct the new endowment.

Through the Kosten family’s generous donation, UTHSC is a leader in the research and treatment of this disease. “Our family wants to honor Herb’s memory by enabling Dr. Behrman to enhance his pancreatic cancer research and develop outreach programs for pancreatic cancer patients and their families,” said Alan Kosten, brother of Herb Kosten, who died of the disease at age 67.

Behrman has established a support group for patients with pancreatic disease and recruits nationally recognized leaders in pancreatic cancer research to headline the annual symposium. The endowment also supports fellowship training for future pancreatic surgeons.

Herb Kosten was a multi-sport star at Central High School in Memphis in the 1950s and was later named to the all-century University of Alabama baseball team.

Dr. Hoffman entered the field of surgical oncology in the mid-1970s. It was the field most interesting to him and the one that needed the most work. His father developed a metastatic colon cancer in 1978, which gave him further motivation to work in this field. This happened when he was in his first year of Surgical Oncology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. While there, he took an extra year of training in pancreatic and liver surgery.

Dr. Hoffman’s first job after fellowship was the director of the Division of Surgical Oncology at Loyola University School of Medicine in Maywood, Ill. Much of his time and effort over the past 20 years have been spent on the development of treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Williams, PhD, Appointed to Governor’s Chair

Steve J. Schwab MD, executive dean of the College of Medicine at UTHSC, and David Millhorn, PhD, executive vice president for the University of Tennessee system, announced the appointment of Robert W. Williams, PhD, to the Governor’s Chair in Computational Genomics at UTHSC and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). The appointment is the first Governor’s Chair in this area of specialty to be awarded to a researcher on the UTHSC and ORNL campuses. Dr. Williams is also the Dunavant Chair of Developmental Genetics in Pediatrics and professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at UTHSC (Memphis campus).

Governor’s Chairs are prestigious appointments established by the University of Tennessee (UT) and ORNL. The appointments are given to leaders in science to develop and direct research programs that benefit both institutions. Dr. Williams’ appointment to the Governor’s Chair is a milestone in a long and highly productive collaboration between UT and ORNL in genetics and biomedical research.
More than 200 family, friends and supporters of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center gathered for a 5K Run/Walk on April 26 to raise awareness and funds for the UT College of Dentistry.

Preparations for the event began shortly after UT Annual Health Awareness Month. Organized by Pam Houston, special events coordinator for UTHSC, several individuals were involved in the many different aspects of the race from the logistics, such as creating a course and raising funds, to promoting the event. Everything was planned in a way that would raise the most support for the College of Dentistry.

A few minutes before the race, participants of all ages stretched to the warm up exercises of Olympic Gold Medalist Rochelle Stephens. Dee Griffin, ABC24/CW30 news anchor and reporter, emceed the event. The run started in front of the Hyman administration building on South Dunlap while the walk began on the south side of Forrest Park.

Participants weaved through the course in humid yet breezy, 84-degree weather. Kenneth Boone, first-place runner finished the race in just 20 minutes and 43 seconds. Boone signed up for the race after hearing about it through media affiliates.

The support of the university dental community was evident not only in their promotion of the race but also in their personal testimony. “The event had something for everyone, from the serious runners to the kids. Overall, everyone seemed to have a good time. There was a really good vibe and sense of camaraderie, whether a part of the UT family or a guest,” said Brad Anderson, editorial and design specialist at UTHSC who came in third overall.

UT Health Science Center is proud to provide quality dental services at a reduced price to residents in Memphis and surrounding areas. With more than 7,000 graduates, the UT College of Dentistry is the oldest dental school in the South (established in 1878). More than 75 percent of all the dentists now practicing in Tennessee are graduates of the college. A significant number of the dentists practicing in Arkansas are also UT graduates.

Through the dental clinic, students – under close faculty supervision – provide more than 39,000 patient visits each year to support oral health care in the Memphis area.

Sponsors were Delta Dental of Tennessee, Lenny’s Sub Shop, Rockin’ Robbin’s DJ’s and The Arc of the Mid-South.

**Campus-wide Evacuation Plan Begins with Hyman**

The UTHSC is boosting its emergency preparedness and response efforts by initiating campus-wide, building-specific emergency evacuation plans. John Bossier, UTHSC safety officer, is leading the effort starting with the Hyman administration building.

The Hyman building is one of the oldest operating structures on campus, built during a time when safety features such as smoke detectors and alert notification systems were not mandated by code. “Because Hyman lacks those features, it was the ideal place to start and take the lead for other buildings to follow in our campus-wide safety effort,” Bossier stated.

Bossier said the process begins with the appointment of an emergency coordinator from each building. “The emergency coordinator will assist the Office of Safety Affairs in the development of an evacuation plan as well as assemble a safety committee of occupants from their building,” Bossier stated. “Each structure will have its own set of interpersonal and structural dynamics to consider when developing plans, so it is important to have occupants of each building involved. Essentially, this is their plan, and we are here to assist and provide them with what they need.”

Brad Anderson, an editorial and design specialist in the Communications and Marketing Department, volunteered as safety coordinator of Hyman. After recruiting a safety team and holding a few initial meetings, Anderson said the Hyman evacuation plan is beginning to take shape.

“Hopefully, we will never have to act out our plan, but if we do, our team will be ready to safely evacuate everyone out of the building in an orderly fashion, as if it were second nature,” said Anderson. “We decided to take a floor-by-floor specific approach. We have two safety monitors per floor, each devising their own ways of working together toward our ultimate goal – making sure that everyone is directed to the appropriate evacuation route and destination and then have everyone accounted for,” he further explained.

Anderson noted that the Hyman safety committee has also established secondary goals in addition to their main responsibility of evacuation. “Evacuation is our main priority, however, as a committee we see the importance of keeping our co-workers current and aware of overall safety issues and learning opportunities. Once again, we feel this is best accomplished on a floor-by-floor basis, where co-workers are a more tight-knit group making information easier to pass along and explain. We are also planning interim methods of alerting and notifying others in case of an emergency while our building is awaiting safety upgrades.”

According to Bossier, the next buildings to follow in the development of an emergency evacuation plan are Boiling and Wittenborg.

In addition to Anderson, the Hyman safety committee consists of Vicki Bass, Kelley Evans, Ken McCune, Byron Porter, Jane Poulos, Leigh Rawlinson-Stubbs, Sharon Richardson, Linda Risby and Steve Rowland.
Giving Hope a Home

On April 22, bright sunlight and a warm spring breeze danced around the nearly 125 guests and local dignitaries who attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the American Cancer Society Harrah’s Hope Lodge at 718 Union. The three-story, $860,000-square-foot building will serve as a “home away from home” — at no cost — for cancer patients who are receiving treatment in Memphis. UTHSC leased the land at the northwest corner of Union and Manassas for a nominal fee ($1 a year) to support the project.

Among the dignitaries attending the event were R. Scott Barber, board of trustees, Harrah’s Foundation; Dr. Irvin D. Fleming, campaign project chairman who is affectionately referred to as the “Godfather of oncology” for his lifelong devotion to fighting cancer; Dr. Willie W. Herenton, mayor of Memphis; Forrest Jenkins, chairman of the board of directors, Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc.; Valerie Morris, advisory board member, Harrah’s Foundation, and regional vice president of Sales, Communications and Community Affairs, Harrah’s Entertainment, and A C Wharton, Jr., mayor of Shelby County;

Harrah’s contributed $2 million, the single largest grant ever from its foundation, to the Hope Lodge campaign. The Assisi Foundation contributed a $500,000 grant to the project and is now reviewing a second grant of that same magnitude.

“Can you imagine cancer patients driving hundreds of miles for daily treatments because they cannot afford a local hotel?” asked David Popwell, chief operating officer, Banking, First Tennessee, and capital campaign chairman for Harrah’s Hope Lodge. “Would you believe cancer patients are sleeping in their cars, too exhausted to drive home? It’s mind-boggling, but true.

“Those of us who live here and have immediate access to incredible medical facilities may not realize how many people drive to Memphis for treatment,” he said. “So, to have a place where these patients can stay and feel comfortable, and be among others who are aware of their needs, is vital to this region.”

Popwell explained that Harrah’s Hope Lodge will be more than just a place to stay. “It will mean that patients will have someone to hold their hand … to read with them … to pray with them and offer encouragement when it’s needed most.” Family members of adult cancer patients will also be able to stay at the facility.

Cancer treatment is often a long process and an emotional experience. “Meeting the medical needs of cancer patients is only part of the cure,” said Peter Pettit, partner, Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC, and capital campaign co-chairman. “Addressing the human needs is also critical and that’s what the Hope Lodge has been about since the first one opened 39 years ago in Charleston, South Carolina.”

The American Cancer Society Harrah’s Hope Lodge joins twenty-eight other Hope Lodges throughout the United States; all with the singular commitment of providing a home-like, supportive environment designed to ease some of the stress, inconvenience, and hardship that cancer treatment demands.

“I’m pleased that our Health Science Center family can make a contribution to such an important initiative,” Chancellor Hershel P. Wall, told the group. “The UT Health Science Center has been a thriving part of the fabric of health care in this city, state and region for almost 100 years. Our contribution of this plot of land for Hope Lodge is another tangible symbol of our unwavering, long-term commitment to the health of our community… and to the well-being of our neighbors who come here to benefit from the quality care that Memphis health care providers offer.”

Dr. Wall continued, “For those who don’t know it, let me take a moment to inform...”

College of Dentistry Conducts Dental Screenings at Sisterhood Showcase

On June 6 and 7, the UT College of Dentistry was on hand at the 14th Annual Sisterhood Showcase to focus on health and wellness. Crowds of mostly women and children stopped by a well-staffed booth consisting of UTHSC dentists, professors, staff and students to receive free dental screenings and referrals. In addition, participants were given toothbrushes, floss and brochures on oral health.

This year the team conducted 643 dental screenings, which surpassed last year’s total of 531. A dental screening is an inspection of the mouth to see if there are any oral/dental problems. It does not take the place of an annual/bi-annual examination by a dentist and no x-rays were taken.

There were no dull moments at the UTHSC booth. By Saturday at 3:30 p.m., the staff had already administered more than 500 screenings. The wait time was fairly short and screenings lasted about 10 to 20 minutes, unless participants had specific questions or dental needs.

Children were excited to be seen by the dental professionals. “The most common problems that children have are tooth decay (caries) and misguided tooth eruption,” said third year UT dental student Valentine Emechete. Valentine was present both days to assist the rest of the faculty and staff.

Adults who stopped by the booth showed genuine concern to their oral health. That concern was met by the attention and thorough knowledge of the team. “They are always so nice and seem so concerned,” whispered a participant as she walked away from the UTHSC booth with her mother and daughter. This is the fifth year the 27-year-old mother of three has attended the showcase and she said she visits the College of Dentistry booth each year.

The booth also provided an opportunity for recruitment. It allowed an avenue for faculty and staff to offer career information on the dental profession.

The team encouraged participants to schedule regular screenings with their dentist or with the College of Dentistry. Dental professionals recommend an annual dental screening for children and adults to prevent pain and suffering due to dental problems and to encourage early dental treatment.

The Sisterhood Showcase is presented by Grace Magazine and was created to show women positive ways to change their lives. This year’s theme was “Living a Life of Quality – Not Quantity.” The showcase offered participants ways to gain happiness without...
Workshop Brings Teaching Techniques

The April Faculty Development Workshop, designed for UT Graduate School of Medicine faculty and volunteer faculty by the Academy of Scholars Committee, provided an opportunity for dynamic exchange of teaching knowledge and techniques.

The free CME workshop welcomed guest speakers Patrick Alguire, MD, American College of Physicians, who presented Teaching in the Office, and Martin Eason, MD, James H. Quillen College of Medicine, who discussed Teaching with Simulation. Both speakers provided one-on-one and hands-on presentations and challenged the attendees to examine their teaching styles and level of knowledge in important areas. Learners participated in simulation and teaching scenarios and gained from open discussions and demonstrations.

Additional topics included Giving Feedback, The Challenging Student, Teaching in the OR, and Bedside Teaching. The next Faculty Development Workshop will be held in fall 2009.

Patents Demonstrate Advances

Two researchers at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville, received patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for medical research that will improve the study of and search for cure for Huntington’s and other neurological disorders and will improve methods for using radioisotopes in nuclear medicine.

Valerie Berthelier, PhD, assistant professor and director of the Conformational Diseases Research Lab, UT Graduate School of Medicine, developed new methods to study particular inherited neurological disorders, including Huntington’s disease. The invention will help researchers analyze specific proteins known to be associated with these devastating disorders and could lead to the development of new treatments or cures.

“Due to this development, we were able to identify a small number of promising compounds that affect protein aggregate formation,” said Dr. Berthelier.

George Kabalka, PhD, Robert H. Cole Distinguished Professor of Neuroscience, director of Basic Science Research Department of Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine, received a patent for new methods for incorporating short-lived radioisotopes in molecules of use in nuclear medicine and biology. Short-lived radioisotopes are required by new nuclear medicine imaging techniques, such as positron emission tomography and single photon tomography.

“The methods described in the patent offer entirely new approaches to preparing radiopharmaceuticals for use in nuclear medicine imaging,” said Dr. Kabalka.

Patents are awarded for unique technologies and ideas and serve to protect inventions that can benefit society. The process for receiving a patent is lengthy and difficult: fewer than 10 percent of the discoveries made at the University of Tennessee are eventually granted patents from the USPTO.

Drs. Berthelier and Kabalka are among 20 Knoxville-area UT researchers who were honored recently by the UT Research Foundation (UTRF) for receiving patents from the USPTO on discoveries that could transform the lives of people in Tennessee and the nation.

Not only do patents benefit the university through external funding, but they also have the potential to stimulate economic development through the generation of licensing revenues, which can be the basis for starting new companies.

The remaining scientists who were honored include 11 researchers from UT Knoxville and seven researchers from the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA).

System-Wide Access at Library

On June 3, system-wide access was granted to all faculty, staff and students at University of Tennessee campuses across the state to borrow library materials at any UT campus by presenting the identification card from their home institution.

Previously, borrowers needed to obtain a special card at their home institution’s library circulation desk before visiting another UT campus for materials.

This is another step in current system-wide efforts toward efficiency and increased resource sharing between campuses. The effort grew out of employee feedback.

Physicians Serving the Community

The latest edition of Frontiers magazine, a publication for alumni and friends, produced by University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville, is available at UT Medical Center, UT Graduate School of Medicine and online at http://gsm.utmck.edu/news/frontiers.cfm.

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Earth Day 2009

On April 22, faculty, students and staff celebrated Earth Day 2009 in Forrest Park by spreading awareness about sustainability efforts. The UTHSC family was asked to participate in the efforts by recycling old cell phone batteries.
UT Genetics Center First in Region to Offer New DNA Tests

The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine Genetics Center in Knoxville, Tenn., is the first in the region to offer two new genetic tests in its laboratories. The two tests, Warfarin Mutation Panel and KRAS Gene Mutation Analysis, analyze DNA for variations to indicate how patients would respond to certain therapeutic drugs.

Specifically, the Warfarin Mutation Panel analyzes DNA variations to determine sensitivity to warfarin treatment (also called Coumadin®). Warfarin is an anticoagulant, which decreases the risk of blood clots for individuals at high risk for clot formation and is commonly given following surgery. Some patients, however, have genetic variants requiring warfarin doses different from those usually given to the general population. Sensitivity to warfarin may lead to increased and possibly life-threatening bleeding and often requires extra visits to physicians for changes in the dose of the drug.

The KRAS Gene Mutation Analysis analyzes DNA variations in colorectal tumor cells, which predict patients’ tolerance and possible success with specific types of chemotherapy.

“With these tests, the Genetics Center helps physicians make better informed decisions for their patients and increases patient understanding of their treatments, leading to improved outcomes,” said Karla Matteson, PhD, co-director, Genetics Center, professor, Medical Genetics, UT Graduate School of Medicine.

Referrals for services at the Genetics Center are accepted from physicians, school systems and other public or private agencies at toll free 1-800-325-3894 or 865-305-9030 locally.

The UT Graduate School of Medicine Genetics Center is the only genetics center in the 16 counties of Middle-East Tennessee. It is the metabolic center for the 34 counties of East Tennessee and the sickle cell center for Middle and Upper-East Tennessee.

The Genetics Center provides clinical genetic care and genetic laboratory services to infants, children and adults with confirmed or possible genetic disorders; individuals with a family history of a genetic disorder including familial cancer syndromes; and preconception or prenatal counseling for couples at risk for the birth of a child with a genetic disorder. For more information about the UT Graduate School of Medicine Genetics Center, visit http://gsm.utmck.edu/genetics.

Ties to ‘American Idol’

In April, David Coburn, a 27-year employee at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center who had never flown before, took his first trip on an airplane—to Hollywood. He flew west to see Lil Rounds perform on “American Idol.” More than a dedicated fan, Coburn is the proud father of Rounds whose top performances moved her into the final eight contestants of the national competition. The UTHSC paint shop supervisor could not pass up the chance to support his daughter face-to-face in Hollywood.

“Using her voice to make it is her dream and I think it’s just her time,” said the father of the talented 24-year-old. “She’s always been a bubbly, happy girl, but she thought a singing career wasn’t possible after she started a family. I support her and miss her, so I got up my nerve to fly. I liked it. I enjoyed Hollywood and seeing my little girl.”

Coburn’s daughter has been singing since age three. Rounds’ father, who had never traveled that far away from Memphis, stayed with cousins near Hollywood to tour the “entertainment capital of the world” and to witness his daughter’s on-stage performance in front of millions of television viewers. He rarely takes time off from his painting schedule at UTHSC, but when Lil Rounds’ name is mentioned, Coburn lights up.

Due to individual work demands, the UTHSC employee and his wife, Dolline, have separately visited Hollywood to see their daughter perform. Their day-to-day life at home is now filled with numerous phone calls, cards, letters and e-mails of support.

Child Care Program Maintains Rating

The UTHSC Child Care Program housed in the Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities once again received three stars from the State of Tennessee rating system. This means that the program met all state standards.

Accredited by the National Childcare Association, the 27-year-old child care program continues to meet the needs of children in the Memphis area including those whose parents are employed with UTHSC and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The center also houses long-term employees including teachers who have been with the center for more than 20 years.

The center is currently in the process of applying for reaccreditation with the National Childcare Association. For more information, please contact Marsha Ewart at (901) 448-4926.

Postdocs Host Career Day

The UTHSC Postdoctoral Association hosted a career day on May 1 to showcase the various positions in medical research. The event was open to all postdoctoral trainees, research associates and specialists within the university system. Participants received insight on various research careers, including bioinformatics, teaching, international community outreach, administration, biotechnology and industry.

The two-hour event also included three informative speakers who provided knowledge on the research industry and tips to become successful in any position. The speakers during the session included Dr. Chanchai McDonald, assistant vice chancellor of institutional research and educational technology and associate professor of preventive medicine, Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald, professor of anatomy and neurology. The guest speaker was Dr. Divyen Patel, founder and CEO of Genome Explorations Inc. Genome Explorations provides academic and industrial institutes with a complete solution for genotyping, gene expression and miRNA profiling.

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Pharmacy Exhibit, Pink Palace Museum

Pharmacists know more than most professions about how drug development has evolved. This is because they have been the ones to make the advancements. But if one ever wants a reminder of how far drug development has come, a well-stocked pharmacy of the early 1900s is not far away. A drive through the core of Memphis will lead you to the store-front pharmacy, right inside the Pink Palace Family of Museums.

Located on Central Avenue in the historic district of Chickasaw Gardens, this city-operated museum is frequented by more than 250,000 visitors each year. It is one of the city’s oldest museums that offers a wide variety of new and existing exhibits.

The museum’s mission is to inspire people to learn how history, science, technology and nature shape the Mid-South. Through rich collections, thought-provoking exhibitions, and engaging programs, it encourages the community to reflect on the past, understand the present and influence the future.

Using the history of health care in Memphis as a theme, the Pink Palace Family of Museums has duplicated the triumph and tragedy of the medical arena in the exhibit, “From Saddlebags to Science: A Century of Health Care in Memphis, 1830-1930.” It is a compilation of dramatizations, items and images that tell the story of health care in Memphis during that century. The exhibit features many artifacts donated by the Health Science Center.

Since the early 1970’s the exhibit has intrigued museum visitors. A nurse’s cap, old bottles of medicine, graduation invitations, caps and gowns, football paraphernalia from the “UT Docs” team, and a yearbook are just some of the items that have been donated to the growing collection during the past 30 years.

The exhibit is located upstairs in the east wing of the museum. It includes dioramas that portray a frontier doctor “leeching” a woman with tuberculosis, a Civil War amputation, a 1890’s doctor’s office and a 1920’s dentist’s office.

Many of the artifacts located in the exhibit’s apothecary belonged to Ralph Julian, PharmD, who collected the items and placed them in a museum in the basement of his drugstore in Morristown, Tenn. After his death, funds were made available by the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association for the Health Science Center to purchase the items.

During this time, a volunteer worker and longtime friend of members of the Health Science Center faculty took a keen interest in the artifacts. According to Mary Boles, who was on the Pink Palace Family of Museums committee for 22 years, once the items were shipped to Memphis, they were stored in a damp area and were damaged. “Along with a group of women, we cleaned and catalogued more than 3,000 items over a three-year period. It was a chore and one that I enjoyed,” she said.

Boles is noted for her outstanding cataloguing of shop furnishings, apothecary bottles, equipment and archival materials. The history of the exhibit grew out of the work of Boles, and her colleagues. She meticulously continues to collect pharmacy items from around the world.

The museum is in the process of planning a new medical awareness exhibit. Medicine has changed significantly. To show the contrast, Stephen Pike, director of the Pink Palace Family of Museums, is working to include an exhibit that will allow visitors to see current health care practices.

“The new exhibit will be science-center focused and teach people about nutrition, diabetes, obesity and stroke. I want to see the Memphis community take a more proactive approach to combat these current issues, and the Pink Palace will provide the space for it,” said Pike.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center will soon open a museum of its own. Located in the new pharmacy building due to open in Spring 2010, the museum will showcase artifacts that were not donated to the Pink Palace Family of Museums.
Lawrence Pfeffer, PhD, professor of Pathology and director of the Center for Cancer Research at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and Andrew M. Davidoff, MD, newly appointed chair of the Department of Surgery at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, have been awarded a more than $2.7 million grant to study new strategies for treating glioma, a type of brain cancer. The five-year grant, which began on March 1, was awarded by the National Cancer Institute, a component of the National Institutes of Health. Total amount of the grant is $2,755,230.

“Malignant glioma is an incredibly devastating type of cancer since 90 percent of those who are diagnosed with the disease die within two years,” Dr. Pfeffer said. “Surgery only helps a limited number of cases.” The disease has been in the news since spring 2008 when Senator Ted Kennedy was reported to be suffering from a malignant glioma, for which he underwent brain surgery.

The goal of the study, for which Drs. Pfeffer and Davidoff are both principal investigators, is to determine whether interferon may have some efficacy in defeating the growth of cancer cells. Interferons are natural proteins produced by the cells of the immune system of most vertebrates. Dr. Pfeffer calls them the “first line of defense against any infection.” He has been studying interferon since 1977. In 2002, Dr. Pfeffer earned an endowed professorship, the E. Eric Muirhead Chair of Excellence in Pathology, and has held that distinguished chair ever since.

Dr. Davidoff’s academic interests at St. Jude are focused on clinical and translational investigation and treatment of pediatric solid tumors, neuroblastoma in particular. Neuroblastoma is the most common extracranial solid cancer in childhood and the most common cancer in infancy. About 650 new cases are diagnosed in the United States every year. Dr. Davidoff’s research is focused on the development of two newly emerging strategies for the treatment of neuroblastoma (and other tumor types) – antiangiogenic therapy and gene therapy. In addition, his research also involves the use of gene transfer for hemophilia B and other monogenic disorders.

Three years ago, Dr. Davidoff contacted Dr. Pfeffer and asked him to apply his expertise in measuring the levels of interferon in lab animals (mice and rats).

“Cancer is so smart that it has found pathways to stop interferon from working as well as it can,” Dr. Pfeffer explained. “We want to find ways to overcome cancer’s resistance and perhaps help interferon induce the death of cancer cells.”

The Center for Cancer Research at the UT Health Science Center is the only adult cancer research facility in the Mid-South. “St. Jude does amazing work in pediatric cancer and there are a number of high quality clinical centers in the area for treating adult cancer patients,” Dr. Pfeffer noted. “but our Cancer Research Building is the only facility dedicated to laboratory discovery for adult cancers, and the development of new therapeutics and new protocols. We hope that, in five to 10 years, local clinicians will be implementing what we discover on our campus,” he added.

Deaths due to cardiovascular disease, stroke and infectious diseases have dropped dramatically since 1950; however, cancer death rates remain unchanged. Cancer deaths among men and women continue to increase.

Cancer mortality in the USA ranks Tennessee number 43 in incidence and 5th in the nation in mortality. Both numbers suggest much work needs to be done, Dr. Pfeffer noted. “The people of our state suffer from one of the highest incidences of cancer and one of the lowest survival rates,” he observed.

Over the years, the NCI has evolved into the world’s pre-eminent cancer research organization.

$2.7 Million Grant to Fight Cancer

Left to right Spencer P. Thornton, MD, clinical professor of Ophthalmology at UT Hamilton Eye Institute; Jerre M. Freeman, MD, clinical professor of Ophthalmology, UT Hamilton Eye Institute; Claes H. Dohman, MD, PhD, professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; Peter A. Netland, MD, PhD, Siegal Professor of Ophthalmology UT Hamilton Eye Institute, and Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACI, department chair and Hamilton Professor, UT Hamilton Eye Institute

On May 14, Claes H. Dohman, PhD, the Eighth Sir Harold Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor for Creativity and Innovation in Ophthalmology, was welcomed to the Hamilton Eye Institute to present his lecture on keratoplasty, keratoprosthesis, and the prevention of corneal blindness.

A professor of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dr. Dohman’s surgical innovations in keratoplasty and keratoprosthesis have made him internationally recognized as the founder of modern corneal science. It was our honor and pleasure to present Dr. Dohman with the Ridley medal in recognition of his achievements and congratulate him on joining the seven previous Ridley Professors.

Time for CITI Training Renewal

It has been three years since UTHSC mandated individual participation in Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). For many of you, it is time to take the refresher version of the human subjects’ protection courses. They are one-page modules that end with one or two test questions.

You will receive an e-mail reminder from CITI 90 days before your certificate expires. This reminder will explain how to take the refresher courses or retake the basic course, if necessary. Courses pertaining to Good Clinical Practices (GCP) and Research Misconduct are now available to each of you and may be found under the “optional” menu. Documentation of up to date CITI training is required for all faculty, graduate students, principle investigators, co-investigators, all study staff, IRB members and personnel. It also is required for anyone using data for purposes of independent research, faculty sponsors and persons receiving grant monies for human subject research. UTHSC requires renewal of individual certifications every three years.
As an overview of the upcoming academic year, UTHSC would like to inform the entire campus of the semester schedules for each college. The College’s Academic Calendar contains key dates important to every student, including the start and end dates of classes, holidays, exam days, registration dates, and financial aid deadlines, among others. The academic calendar below can be found in the Event Calendar section of the UTHSC Web site.

Figure 1: 2009-2010 Academic Calendar Overview Chart

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### Table 2. Pattern of Official Start-End Dates for Future Academic Calendars

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<td>FALL - START</td>
<td>Fall #1</td>
<td>First day of July</td>
<td>Wed, Jul 1, 2009</td>
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<td>Fall #2</td>
<td>First day of August</td>
<td>Sat, Aug 1, 2009</td>
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<td>Fall #3</td>
<td>Monday of 18th (or 19th calendar year) before administrative holiday break</td>
<td>Mon, Aug 17, 2009</td>
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<td>FALL - END</td>
<td>Fall #1 &amp; #2 &amp; #3</td>
<td>Last day prior to administrative/holiday break</td>
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<td>SPRING - START</td>
<td>Spring #1 &amp; #2</td>
<td>2nd calendar day after New Year Holiday, unless 3rd day on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday — in which case, start on following Monday</td>
<td>Mon, Jan 3, 2010</td>
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<td>SPRING - END</td>
<td>Spring #1</td>
<td>Last day of June</td>
<td>Wed, Jun 30, 2010</td>
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<td>Spring #2</td>
<td>Last Friday in May (i.e., Spring Graduation Day)</td>
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<td>SUMMER - START</td>
<td>Summer #1 &amp; #2</td>
<td>2nd weekday after Memorial Day Holiday, unless 3rd day on 3rd Monday after Spring Graduation Day</td>
<td>Wed, Jun 2, 2010</td>
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<td>Summer #3</td>
<td>2nd weekday after Independence Day Holiday, unless 2nd weekday on Friday — in which case, start on following Monday</td>
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<td>Summer #4</td>
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### Table 3. Academic Calendars through 2012-2013

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<td>Mon, Apr 6, 2010</td>
<td>Mon, Apr 5, 2011</td>
<td>Tue, Apr 5, 2012</td>
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- Operating Guidelines: Operating guidelines associated with 2009-2010 academic calendar were also developed (e.g., fee payment, financial aid disbursement, course scheduling, grade submission, etc.) and distributed to colleges as List 1.

2. College and Program Commitments

- Specific College/Program Commitments: All UTHSC colleges and programs have committed to some combination of official start-end date options as shown in Tables 1a, 1b, & 1c.

3. Pattern of Start-End-Dates for Future Academic Calendars

- Future Academic Calendar Pattern: A pattern for setting start-end dates for future academic calendars is shown in Table 2.

4. Academic Calendars 2009-2013: Academic calendars based on Table 2 pattern through 2012-2013 are shown in Table 3.
History-making Contract Provides Database To All Campuses

University of Tennessee administrators led an effort championed by campus librarians to bring the popular electronic research database Web of Science to all UT campuses, marking the first time a contract has been purchased by the system for use statewide.

Web of Science is a science citation index similar to Scopus. It indexes more than 9,000 science and biomedical journals from 1989 to the present, as well as proceedings from conferences, workshops, and other meetings. Titles covered include New England Journal of Medicine, Drugs, Journal of Advanced Nursing, Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Physical Therapy. A complete list of titles appears online at http://scientific.thomson-reuters.com/mjt/wos_scie_a5021_final.pdf. The wide array of materials includes coverage in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Previously, this resource was available only on the Chattanooga and Knoxville campuses.

A powerful feature of the database is that it allows users to determine which journal articles are being cited and the impact of specific journal articles. Unlike PubMed, which presents just a list of articles with no indication of impact, Web of Science users can focus their searches on highly cited articles. Additional relevant articles can be identified using the Related References feature that finds articles that have cited references in common. The citation information can also be used to identify the leading researchers in a field of study or institution. Data can be presented in text or graphic format.

Librarians from across the University of Tennessee are excited about this first system-wide purchase and hope it leads to other purchases. The UT library directors from across the state met by teleconference last January to discuss other possible purchases including journal packages from Elsevier Science Direct, American Chemical Society, and Wiley. Biological Abstracts, CINAHL, and APA PsycINFO/PsycARTICLES are also on the table. The group is continuing its discussions by e-mail and will meet again. In the meantime, the Health Sciences Library is continuing to purchase selected resources jointly with other UT campuses. These include New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA & Archives, Journal of Clinical Oncology, and CINAHL.

“I’m pleased that we have been able to collaborate with our campuses to fulfill a need they have for this valuable resource – one of the most important databases that supports the mission of the institution, and in the process we’re cutting costs and making resources available to all students, faculty and staff,” said Bonnie Yegidis, PhD, vice president for academic affairs and student success.

“This is the only way that all campuses could have access given the budget constraints,” Dr. Yegidis added.

System funds slated for initiatives supporting education and research in high-need areas will be used to provide access to the database, at a cost of $188,000 annually. The new contract covers maintenance costs for UT Knoxville and UT Chattanooga, expands access at Chattanooga, and opens the database for the first time to UT Martin and the UT Health Science Center.

This arrangement saves money by combining multiple site access in a single contract rather than separate contracts for each site.

Previously, UT Knoxville had full access to Web of Science, and UT Chattanooga could view only a portion of the files. All campuses wanted access, but affordability was an issue, especially during the current tough economic times.

A task force co-led by Dr. Yegidis and University of Tennessee Knoxville Dean of Libraries Barbara Dewey identified Web of Science as the highest priority for faculty and students. Officials then negotiated a three-year contract with Thomson Reuters to expand access all across the UT system.

In three years, the contract will be renegotiated.

UTHSC ASP Chapter Wins Awards

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) recently announced that the University of Tennessee ASP (Academy of Student Pharmacists) chapter won the National Patient Care Award, the National Immunical Award, the Regional Operation Diabetes Award and one of the 10 Project Chance Safety Net Organization Awards at the 2009 APhA Awards and Honors Program in San Antonio, Texas.

The UTHSC chapter has won a national award for 10 of the last 11 years. Executive Associate Dean in the College of Pharmacy James C. Eoff III, PharmD, was elated about the involvement and achievements of UTHSC. “Dean Gourley and I attended our first APhA meeting in 1969 in Montreal, Canada, the first year we had official student pharmacist representation in the association. In the past 40 years, I have never been as proud to be a University of Tennessee alumnus as at this year’s annual meeting in San Antonio,” he expressed.

No other chapter has had such a prolonged record of achievement. Congratulations to all ASP members and Josh Ogle, ASP president. The College of Pharmacy would like to extend a special thanks to Stephanie Phelps, PhD, as faculty advisor and all other faculty who work with the many ASP committees.

Pink Palace cont. from page 10

Jim Eoff, PharmD, professor in the UT College of Pharmacy, was responsible for requesting some of the items from the UT Alumni Association that are currently in the Pink Palace. “The Pink Palace has a great exhibit. The artifacts that will be on display in the new pharmacy building will provide an avenue for pharmacy students to see the evolution of their profession. The museum will take up little space and will serve as a teaching component,” he said.

Dick R. Gourley, PharmD, dean, College of Pharmacy toured the Pink Palace exhibit and recognized some of the artifacts. He said the exhibit provides a way to help people understand the road the field of pharmacy has traveled to get where it is today.

Aside from the many exhibits and attractions, the Pink Palace Family of Museums is home to the Crew Training International IMAX Theater and the Sharpe Planetarium.
Faculty Papers Earn Accolades

A team of faculty members from the University of Tennessee and the University of Memphis will be awarded the 2009 AACP Rufus A. Lyman Award, honoring the best paper published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. The award was presented at the 2009 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting and Seminars Closing Banquet on July 21.

“The Economic Impact of a College of Pharmacy” was authored by Dick R. Gourley, PharmD, and Shelley I. White-Means, PhD, both of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and Jeff Wallace, PhD, of the University of Memphis. The paper quantifies the dollar value of economic returns to a community when a college of pharmacy attains its four-fold mission of research, service, patient care and education.

Gourley’s pharmacy career spans nearly four decades, having first served as a clinical faculty member at Mercer University from 1970 to 1972, founding chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Nebraska Medical Center from 1972 to 1984 and professor and dean of the Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from 1984 to 1989. Since then, Gourley has served as professor of pharmacy and dean of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He is the author or co-author of 69 manuscripts, 11 proceedings and 16 books, and is the recipient of more than $9 million in grants and contracts.

As professor of health economics in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UTHSC’s, White-Means’ research publications focus on racial and ethnic health disparities; labor market and retirement implications of care giving; and health and medical care utilization of underserved populations including the aged, women and ethnic minorities. She is a past-president of the National Economic Association and a 2007 recipient of the University of Tennessee Student Government and Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

Supported by Merck & Company, Inc., the award is presented annually as a framed certificate along with a stipend of $5,000 to be shared by the authors of the paper.

Founded in 1900, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) is a national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education and educators. Comprising 112 accredited colleges and schools of pharmacy including more than 5,500 faculty, 50,000 students enrolled in professional programs and 3,900 individuals pursuing graduate study, AACP is committed to excellence in pharmacy education. To learn more about AACP, visit its Web site at www.aacp.org.

New IT Acceptable Use Policy in Effect for All UT Campuses

The University of Tennessee system adopted a new Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources policy (ITO110), effective March 12, 2009. The policy replaces the “Acceptable Use” policy dated 2006 and more definitively defines the responsibilities of users. The text of the policy can be found at http://www.tennessee.edu/policy.

Responding to compliance requirements with both federal and state antimusic piracy laws, the policy contains new sections on “Copyrights and Licenses” and “Sanctions.” Also, the policy lists specific actions “Users will” do and “Users will not” do, as well as a new section on “Personal Use.” Questions about this policy may be addressed to the CIO, Taylor Strickland or Joe Morrison, IT Security Officer.

Resource Guide for Teens with ADHD

The Assisi Foundation of Memphis and Growing Up recently released the book and video, “Teens, ADHD & Life-What Adults Need to Know.”

This 74-page guide includes a 25-minute DVD. Both have been created in an effort to help counselors, teachers, principals, parents, coaches, caregivers and bosses better understand the life of a teen living with ADHD. Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is the most common neurobehavioral disorder of childhood.

The DVD offers a firsthand look at life with ADHD, from the perspective of Drew, Colin, Natalie, and Walter. The four share their thoughts and feelings about ADHD, so adults (like parents, teachers, bosses, coaches, and caregivers) can get a better idea of what it’s like being a teenager with ADHD at home, at school, and at work.

The book is spiral bound and each chapter is tabbed for ease of use. Contents include ADHD and home-life, school-life, work-life, social-life, risky behaviors, treatments, and additional tools.

The book and DVD were created by a team of professionals who organized the group Growing Up. The group consists of doctors and professionals who are passionate about assisting communities with today’s health and behavior practices. The group currently includes Jerry Heston, MD, Melissa Hoffmann, PhD, and Malrie Shelton, LCSW, as well as Susan K. Howe, president and CEO of Communication Associates.

To order a copy of this book and DVD or for more information, please visit http://assisi-resources.org.

No Charge for Transporting

As of April 1, Facilities Administration will no longer charge for the pick-up or delivery of surplus property. This change will not affect the steps in Fiscal Procedure F610, which outlines the policies and procedures for the disposition of surplus property. If you have any questions about surplus procedures please call (901) 448-2955.
### People

**Quan Anderson**, catering director and executive chef in catering services, was recognized for his community service initiatives in the local newspaper, *The Commercial Appeal*. The February 23 article highlighted his appearance at the Children’s Cottage of Memphis to help in the event “Cook like a Chef” for local toddlers.

Anderson plans to start a local outreach program for children ages 10 to 16, entitled, “Culinary Outreach Ministry Academy.” The program will teach children how to grocery shop and prepare balanced meals, while being cost efficient and learning life skills.

**Belinda Donaldson**, graduate from the University of Memphis, is a member of ADEA since 1983 and has served diligently in the Department of Dental Hygiene, was recently elected as officer and Morrison was recognized as a co-author in the manuscript entitled, “Eye Cells Believed to Be Retinal Stem Cells Are Misidentified.” The manuscript was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS) journal and received national media coverage, including over 4,000 hits on the Google network.

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**Dr. Dominic Desiderio**, PhD, professor in the Department of Neurology, presented lectures in Seoul, Korea, at Konkuk University in October. Desiderio’s lecture covered human nitroproteomics. He recently completed another lecture on plenary at the Korean Human Proteomics Organization Meeting in mid-March.

**Nadia Jones-Hussey**, accounting assistant in the Bursar’s Office, graduated from Union University with a bachelor’s of Science degree in organizational leadership. She plans to continue her education at Union and pursue a master’s in business administration. Following the completion of her master’s, Hussey plans to gain more experience in her desired field and further her career with UTHSC.

**Monica Fleming, MS**, administrative aide in the Chancellor’s Office graduated from the University of Memphis in December 2008. She earned a Master’s of Science in Leadership and policy studies. Since graduation, Fleming has excelled as the newest Star Achievement moderator, where she motivates and teaches UTHSC administrative professionals the tools to succeed, while being exemplary in their attitude, work ethic, daily life and reaching their full potential. During her final semester in college, she co-authored an article with her professor entitled, “Mission Possible: Transforming Women and Building Communities,” in the *Journal of Adult Learning*.

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**Cynthia Herrington**, research nurse coordinator in the Department of Urology, has been recognized in *The Commercial Appeal*, for her bravery in helping save a young boy’s life.

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**Marie Bredy**, APRN-BC, has joined the UTHSC Health Services staff. Bredy is a nationally certified family nurse practitioner and has three years of experience in primary care.

She is a graduate of the University of Memphis, where she earned her MSN and BSN. The staff of UTHSC is excited to have her on board and look forward to learning a lot from her skills and what she will add to the mission of the department.

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Kitabchi Named Maston K. Callison Professor

In April, Guy L. Reed, MD, Diggs Professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, announced that Abbas E. Kitabchi, MD, PhD, has been appointed the Maston K. Callison Professor of Medicine in Endocrinology for the Department of Medicine in the UT College of Medicine. Dr. Callison was a former dean who made significant contributions toward enhancing research and teaching at the College of Medicine.

Dr. Kitabchi has ably led the UTHSC Division of Endocrinology in the Department of Medicine for more than 35 years. He has stepped down as division chief to devote more time to his highly successful research endeavors. He was originally recruited to the Health Science Center as director of Research at the Veterans Administration Hospital, served as director of Endocrinology from 1973 to 2009, and was director of the General Clinical Research Center from 1973 to 1991.

Dr. Kitabchi completed his graduate and medical degrees at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation where he was the first to isolate the product of lipid peroxidation – malondialdehyde – from the liver of vitamin E-deficient animals (Kitabchi et al J Biol Chem., 1960).

Dr. Kitabchi’s appointment to the endowed professorship is a testament to his extensive career accomplishments as well as his dedicated service to UTHSC. His numerous honors and awards include a special National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fellowship in Endocrinology (with Dr. R.H. Williams) 1966 to 1968, and an American Diabetes Association (ADA) Charles H. Best Medal for Distinguished Service. He appeared on the Best Doctors in America list for three consecutive periods, 1999, 2000 and 2002. After the year 2000 awards, the Best Doctors previously annual recognition has been bestowed every other year.

“Dr. Kitabchi is an internationally known physician-scientist who has made fundamental contributions toward improving the care of patients with diabetes” stated Dr. Reed.

Dr. Kitabchi has received multiple NIH grants as principal investigator (PI). At present he is the PI on three grants including the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcome Studies, and ACT NOW for prevention of diabetes by pharmaceutical agent.

He is the author and co-author of more than 250 peer-reviewed articles, chapters and reviews on the subjects of diabetes, endocrinology, acute and chronic complications of diabetes, mechanism of insulin resistance, obesity, and the role of antioxidants in oxidative stress.

Grant Awards

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

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Health Awareness Month

UTHSC kicked off the month of April by declaring it Annual Health Awareness Month. Each Tuesday consisted of all-inclusive ways to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper diet and exercise.

There were classes in the park and exhibits in the SAC dining hall that gave participants information on how to obtain and maintain healthier ways of living.

Easy Way, Smoothie King and others were on-hand for demonstrations and to give away fresh fruit. The month ended with the First Annual 5K on April 26. Proceeds were used to support dental programs offered by the College of Dentistry.

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UT Medical Group Inc. (UTMG) has assumed management of Harbor of Health, a primary care medical office at Harbor Town on Mud Island.

“We examined opportunities to expand our primary care presence in the midtown/downtown market and determined that joining UT Medical Group with Harbor of Health would provide benefits for both,” said Steven Burkett, UTMG president and chief executive officer. “Harbor of Health is a unique, service-oriented primary care practice with a focus on health maintenance, wellness, and personal responsibility for one’s health care. We are delighted to have it become a part of the UTMG network of services.”

Harbor of Health opened in 2005 as a partnership between the Church Health Center and downtown area businesses. Clinic features include same-day appointments, a comfortable office environment, and exceptional customer service. Last year, the facility logged more than 8,400 patient visits, with 80 percent of patients seen within about five minutes of their appointment time.

UT Medical Group has retained the Harbor of Health name and its focus on same-day appointments and comprehensive health care. Dr. Susan Nelson continues to serve as medical director for the facility. The staff also includes licensed advanced practice nurse Melody Breeden, clinic manager Maggie Schmitt, and support staff.

The clinic is located at 718 Harbor Bend Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and most insurance plans are accepted. Appointments are available at 901-522-1555.

Dagogo-Jack Named A. C. Mullins Chair

Guy L. Reed, MD, Diggs Professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, has appointed Samuel Dagogo-Jack, MD, to the A. C. Mullins Chair in Translational Research, an endowed professorship. Dr. Dagogo-Jack has also been named chief of the Division of Endocrinology for the Department of Medicine in the College of Medicine.

Since joining the Department of Medicine in 2001 as a professor, Dr. Dagogo-Jack has served as program director for the Fellowship Training Program in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism; deputy director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, and associate director of the General Clinical Research Center. He completed residency training in internal medicine at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, University of Newcastle, UK, earning certification by the Royal College of Physicians in 1982. He underwent bench research training at the University of Newcastle and earned a Master of Science in Medicine degree from the University of Newcastle and a research Doctor of Medicine degree (equivalent to U.S. PhD) for his work on epidermal growth factor.

Dr. Dagogo-Jack served on the faculty of Washington University for 10 years. He was principal investigator for the Washington University site of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Diabetes Prevention Program from 1997 to 2000. He was professor of Medicine and director, Diabetes Program at the University Medical Center, Jackson, Miss., before joining UTHSC. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism.

“Dr. Dagogo-Jack is a proven clinical researcher and has championed multiple successful clinical trials throughout his career,” Dr. Reed said.

He is the principal investigator for the NIH Diabetes Control and Complications Trial/Epidemiology of Diabetes Interventions and Complications study at UTHSC.

Dr. Dagogo-Jack’s publications include 16 book chapters and more than 200 scientific papers and abstracts. He was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and received the 2008 Distinction in Clinical Endocrinology Award from the American College of Endocrinology.

Core Liquid Scintillation Counter Now Available

The Radiation Safety Office would like to announce the establishment of a new core resource for investigators. A Packard 2100 TR Liquid Scintillation Counter is now available for use by UT researchers. The unit is located in the Van Vleet building – Radiation Safety Office. The counter has recently been serviced by Packard and is in excellent working order. If you are interested in using the unit to count samples or wipe tests, you should contact Radiation Safety at rad safety@utmem.edu or (901) 448-6114.

No More Paper Pay Statements

In July, the University of Tennessee will transition to on-line pay statements. For payrolls paying in July, employees will continue to receive printed pay statements through the normal payroll distribution process, but they will also be able to view the pay statements securely through the Internet. Employees will be notified via email before each pay day that the pay statements are available for viewing online. Departments will receive the detailed check register with the payroll distribution for July as usual.
Suicide Conference at UTHSC

Anchor Ernie Freeman of Fox 13 News inspires an audience of about 400 to discuss suicide prevention during the fourth national “Suicide and The Black Church Conference.”

Suicide is on the rise in the African-American community and UTHSC was on hand June 18 to lend support in raising awareness to issues surrounding the growing epidemic. The Fourth National Suicide and the Black Church Conference’s plenary, luncheon and workshop were held at the Student-Alumni Center. This was the second day of the event, which started June 17 at The Healing Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Titled “Beyond the Storm,” conference speakers included Sean Joe, PhD, LMSW, assistant professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan; Virginia Trotter-Betts, MSN, JD, RN, FAAN, commissioner, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and Allesa Jackson-English, MD, PharmD, director or Residency Training in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Tennessee.

Obese But Healthy Needed for New Study

Can a person be obese and healthy? This question is discussed frequently among peers, and one UTHSC researcher is addressing this topic as he studies the perplexity of women who are overweight but do not display any signs of major health risks such as stroke or diabetes.

Abbas Kitabchi, PhD, MD, professor of medicine and molecular sciences and Maston K. Callison Professor of Medicine, was awarded a grant in the amount of $579,960 by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for his study – “Effect of Diet Composition on Weight Change and Metabolic Parameters in Women.” This study will compare a traditional weight-loss diet based on recommendations from the ADA (55 percent carbohydrate, 15 percent protein, and 30 percent fat) to one with more protein and less carbohydrates (40 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent protein, and 30 percent fat).

The overall goal is to take a proactive approach to prevent pre-diabetes through diet and exercise. Researchers will also determine if diet and exercise will help prevent stroke and cardiovascular problems. Dr. Kitabchi seeks highly dedicated women for the study because “women, usually prepare food and are more sensitive to meal planning,” he said.

Dr. Kitabchi and his team plan to enroll 24 overweight but healthy women between the ages of 20 and 45. During a six-month period, the women will be randomly assigned to receive weekly nutritional counseling from a nutritionist at the UT Clinical Research Unit. Participants will undergo metabolic testing at baseline, at the end of the six months, and periodically in between. While on their assigned diets, participants will also receive prepared meal plans for three meals a day.

Many studies have compared weight loss among various diets; however, this study is unique in that it goes further. In addition to evaluating weight loss, this study will also track body composition, bone mineral density, insulin sensitivity, protein and muscle breakdown, lipoprotein metabolism and basal metabolic rate, and markers of oxidative stress.

For many individuals it is unclear how added bulk may affect humans over time; however, extra pounds can bring other health risks. This study may show that some people who carry excess weight currently have as healthy cardiovascular and metabolic profiles as those considered at normal weight. But because the precipitating factors of obesity often lead to health problems, this study will address the fact that these risk factors can be avoided by applying proper eating habits and exercise to everyday lifestyles.

For more information or to participate, please call (901) 516-2212 or (901) 516-2753.

UTHSC Receives ADHA Funding

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) Institute for Oral Health, in conjunction with the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation (NCOHF), is pleased to announce that UTHSC is among five dental hygiene programs that were awarded the necessary funding for start up costs to join the NCOHF Affiliate Network. The selected programs, among the first to receive the ADHA Institute/NCOHF Affiliate Network Grants are:

- Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, Ill.
- The University of Missouri Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.
- Central Community College, Hastings, Neb.
- Owens Community College, Toledo, Ohio
- The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tenn.

These schools will be a part of the continuing efforts of ADHA and the NCOHF America’s Tooth Fairy Campaign to eliminate pediatric dental disease, which affects millions of children throughout the United States.

Funding for ADHA Institute/NCOHF Affiliate Network Grants is provided through a generous donation of $17,500 by the ADHA Institute for Oral Health. The funding will help provide educational curriculum materials and valuable tools to ensure that student dental hygienists are properly equipped to address the community’s needs.

The ADHA Institute for Oral Health Board of Directors has recently established the ADHA Institute/NCOHF Affiliate Network Grant program, which will provide future opportunities for additional dental hygiene programs to join in the effort to eliminate pediatric dental disease.

The National Children’s Oral Health Foundation was established with the sole purpose of eliminating the number one chronic childhood illness — pediatric dental disease. ADHA is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of the more than 150,000 dental hygienists across the country.

For more information about ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit http://www.adha.org/ <http://www.adha.org/>.
"I know something you don’t know," teased Owen Phillips, MD, associate dean for student affairs in the College of Medicine, as approximately 125 fourth-year medical students waited anxiously at Match Day to find out where they were going to spend the next few years of their lives.

Each March the National Residents Matching Program pairs graduating medical students to residency programs throughout the country. As Dr. Phillips spoke on March 19 at the Cadre building in downtown Memphis, white envelopes were distributed to the gathered COM class of 2009. Waiting for everyone to receive his or her individual envelope, Dr. Phillips gave the green light with the declaration: "You may open your envelope." What began as a low mumble and shuffling papers, soon erupted into a roar and screams of excitement as these soon-to-be graduating medical students read and realized where they would receive their residency training.

"Relief" and "excitement" are the two words Bryan Sabbe, M4 and vice president of student affairs for the COM, used to describe his feelings after finding out that he would be going to Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston for his residency. But that is not how his day started. "I was awake at 6 a.m. out of anticipation and nervousness," said Sabbe. And then he went running to release some of his nervous energy.

The residency programs also ranked the students, and a computer matched them accordingly. Then a designated day in March was set for all medical students to find out where they are going. Administrators of the colleges of medicine get a sneak peak and find out a few days before their students.

Mechelle Elsiebo, M4, had a similar feeling. "I got my No. 1 choice so that’s pretty exciting," Elsiebo will be at Eastern Virginia working in a dual family medicine and internal medicine residency.

The excitement was evident as M4s were smiling and hugging, looking for classmates to find out where they were going, calling family members on their cell phones. Some even did a little dance.

"It’s a relief; It’s excitement all wrapped together," said Anthony Hollins, who will be working at the Campbell Clinic here in Memphis for his residency in orthopaedics. This year 48 percent of the class will remain in the state of Tennessee, while the other 52 percent will be moving to various parts of the United States. Forty-two percent of the class will be pursuing primary care specialties, including family medicine, internal medicine, medicine-pediatrics, obstetrics & gynecology, and pediatrics.

No matter where they go or what they study, Dr. Phillips reminded the students that they would be ready. “You will be well prepared, and you will remember UT as the place that launched your career.”

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**An Exciting Career in Dentistry**

Joi Stallworth, a UTHSC dentistry student in her third year, has applied for the National Health Service Corps. (NHSC), scholarship program. Joi has exemplified excellent interpersonal communicative skills and collegial interaction with all of her classmates and professors. She is also recognized for her excellent work habits in the preclinical environment, which sets the foundation for positive conveyance of skills to the clinical patient-care arena.

Taking an enormous interest in NHSC, the Memphis native is committed to a career in oral health care geared towards the underserved. Her enthusiasm in public health dentistry derived from her mother’s career as a public health nurse. Stallworth recalls growing up shadowing her mother at numerous health centers and the priceless rewards it provided her mother and patients.

While being very active, dedicated and a studious individual, her active role in research at UTHSC College of Dentistry earned her a research award.

The UTHSC College of Dentistry was founded in 1878 making it the oldest dental college in the South, and the third-oldest public college of dentistry in the United States. The college maintains a four-year dental program totaling approximately 320 students. In addition, students in postgraduate dental programs and dental hygiene are included. The college is dedicated to providing professional, graduate, and postgraduate education; conducting dental research; and delivering state-of-the-art patient care and public service.

**2009 BSA Awards Ball**

The Black Student Association held its 17th Annual Awards Ball in the Student-Alumni Center on April 25. The awards banquet is designed to honor African-American students within the six colleges for academic excellence and community service initiatives.

The speaker for the evening was Richard D. Meekins, Jr., DDS, assistant professor at UTHSC in the College of Dentistry. Dr. Meekins is a board-certified oral surgeon in private practice at the Center for Oral and Facial Surgery. He served as the past president of the Shelby County Dental Society and is currently an active member of World Overcomers Ministries Church. A native of Memphis, he received a bachelor’s degree in vertebrate zoology, University of Memphis and a dental degree from Howard University.

Dr. Meekins spoke to students about reaching their highest potential and to always strive to be the best.

The awards banquet ended with honoring two dedicated advisors from UTHSC, Elise Moore, coordinator of health affairs programs and Michael Alston, director of Equity and Diversity.
Defining the Best in Health Care

On May 29th at the FedEx Forum UTHSC held its 98th graduation, with 614 students collecting their health care credentials. The commencement ceremonies were conducted and degrees conferred by Chancellor Hershel P. Wall. Alongside the graduates being honored were nine of the university’s professors who were awarded endowments for various chairs and professorships.

The ceremony also featured Methodist Healthcare CEO Gary Shorb as the guest speaker. Commenting on the relationship between Methodist and UT, Shorb called the partnership “mutually beneficial and key to us achieving our vision of being the best.” In his speech he stressed Methodist Le Bonhuer’s important link to UTHSC saying, “When you look at the top 25 hospitals in the country, every one is owned by, or affiliated with, a strong academic enterprise committed to research, education and clinical care.” Shorb described for the graduates the three features that he believes separate good health care professionals from great ones: collaboration, compassion and giving back to the community. “These are true regardless of what happens with health care reform, and I am confident at this point no one knows what that will look like. We will have reform but these traits will still define the best.”

Shorb highlighted the ability to work and be part of a team, the desire to foster open communication and mutual respect. He praised those who use collaboration to truly provide outstanding care because they work in tandem not just with the health care team but with the families of their patients. Collaborators always take time with their patients and their families. Collaborators recognize that “many are smarter than one and they take advantage of the collective intellect of the team.”

The final trait he ascribed to all great health care professionals is the ability and willingness to give back. He named Church Health Center founder Dr. Scott Morris as an example of someone who created a way for himself and dozens of other health care professionals to give back to the Memphis community. With some 60,000 patients who would not be able to afford traditional health coverage, the Church Health Center and its more than 600 volunteers play a vital role in serving Memphis families. Shorb then mentioned a certain pediatrician who has organized the scheduling of volunteers for the Church Health Center for the past 21 years. And when volunteers can’t be found, that physician takes on the work himself. That volunteer and organizer is UTHSC Chancellor Pat Wall whom Shorb referred to as a “magnificent professional...We are all pleased and grateful for what he’s done for our community.”

The nine UTHSC faculty members whose dedication and diligence earned endowed professorships or chairs received special hoods and certificates to commemorate their honors.

Samuel E. Dagogo-Jack, MD – A.C. Mullins Professorship in Translational Research
Matthew Ennis, PhD – Simon R. Bruesch Professorship in Anatomy
James C. Fleming, MD, FACS – Philip M. Lewis Professorship in Ophthalmology
Donna K. Hathaway, PhD – Ruth Neil Murry Chair in Nursing
Natalie C. Kerr, MD, FACS – Roger L. Hiatt Professorship in Ophthalmology
Abbas E. Kitabchi, MD, PhD – Maston K. Callison Professorship
Giancarlo Mari, MD – Baptist Memorial Healthcare Clinical Professorship in Maternal/Fetal Medicine
Guy L. Reed, MD – Lemuel W. Diggs Professorship in Medicine
Robert W. Williams, PhD – Governor’s Chair in Computational Genomics

Each of the 614 graduates and the nine faculty members who crossed the stage to be recognized and to shake hands with the leadership of the university has made a commitment to being a resource – a commitment to improving the lives of others. And although the new graduates and faculty are in very different phases of their careers, that shared commitment to the well-being and health of others is the tie that binds.

BGSA Hosts Motivational Speaker Series

On April 3, the UTHSC Black Students Association presented the second annual Motivational Speakers Series in the Student-Alumni Center dining hall.

The series provided a platform for presenters as well as a space for students, faculty and staff to unite and discuss an array of topics that will aid in the understanding surrounding the medical treatment of minorities over the past 100 years.

The 2009 keynote speaker was Harriet A. Washington, best-selling author of Medical Apartheid. The book is the first and only comprehensive history of medical experimentation on African-Americans.

Washington began her lecture by discussing her book and the history and unfair treatment of African-Americans by Western researchers. Her timeline dates back to the 1840s. “It’s difficult and painful to discuss and not particularly easy to listen to. But it can help remedy some of the problems minorities face,” she said.

Her lecture, very much like her book, details the ways both slaves and freedmen were used in hospitals for experiments conducted without their knowledge — a tradition that continues today within some minority populations. It reveals how African-Americans have historically been prey to grave-robbing as well as unauthorized autopsies and dissections.

Moving into the 20th century, she explained how the pseudoscience of eugenics and social Darwinism was used to justify experimental exploitation and shoddy medical treatment of blacks, and the view that they were biologically inferior, oversexed, and unfit for adult responsibilities. Shocking new details about the government’s notorious Tuskegee experiment were revealed, as were similar, less-well-known medical atrocities conducted by the government, the armed forces, prisons and private institutions.

Washington has been a fellow in ethics at the Harvard Medical School, a fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a senior research scholar at the national Center for Bioethics at Tuskegee University. As a journalist and editor, she has worked for USA Today and several other publications.

HR 128 hours were available for UTHSC faculty and staff and lunch was provided for the first 50 participants.
Emeritus Vice Chancellor Succumbs

William "Bill" Robinson, 79, Emeritus Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, died on April 29 at Baptist Memorial Hospital after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Bill and Sylvia, his wife of 43 years, came to Memphis in 1962 when Bill was hired by the UT Medical Units as assistant director of Student Welfare. That launched a 36-year career with the university which had numerous highlights including the six-year design, planning, and building of the Wassell Randolph Student-Alumni Center and Fitness Center, which Bill then had the responsibility for managing.

He was later appointed vice chancellor for Student Affairs and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1998. Upon his retirement, the university honored him by naming the school’s athletic facility (gymnasium, swimming pool, exercise facilities and racquetball courts) the “William C. Robinson Student Recreation Center.”

“During his decades here, Bill was better known than any other member of the Health Science Center staff,” stated Chancellor Hershel P. Wall. “Naming the athletic building after him was a lasting and appropriate tribute for his many contributions to this university. For years Bill was, for students in all of the colleges, the face of the university while they studied here.”

Dean Hathaway Appointed to Endowed Chair in Nursing

Hershel P. Wall, MD, chancellor of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, has named Donna Hathaway, PhD, FAAN, dean and professor in the College of Nursing, to the Ruth Neil Murry Endowed Chair in Nursing. Dr. Hathaway has led the College of Nursing as dean since August 2000, extending its national recognition as a change agent in nursing education. The college is the leading producer of graduate nurses and nursing faculty in the region.

“Having known and worked with Ruth Neil, I can say she would no doubt have agreed that you are deserving of this recognition,” said Chancellor Wall. “This chair was funded to enable future deans of the College of Nursing to continue the legacy of educational excellence started by Ruth Neil Murry.” Murry became the first dean of the college in 1949, serving until her retirement in 1977. As a trendsetting educator, her leadership was instrumental in establishing the College of Nursing as an autonomous unit.

Dr. Hathaway joined the UT College of Nursing in 1984 as an assistant professor and subsequently was promoted to associate professor and professor. During this period, she was also appointed as a professor of Transplant Surgery in the College of Medicine where she held a position as director of Clinical Transplant Research. She has also served as director of the PhD program.

Dr. Hathaway has actively held positions in a variety of professional organizations; is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing; serves as a consultant to government, industry and educational institutions, and has served on several National Institutes of Health (NIH) review panels and workgroups. She is also a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow 2002 Cohort.

Her research, which examines quality of life and bio-behavioral outcomes following organ transplantation, has been funded since the late 1980s and is widely published in professional journals. As part of this program of research, Dr. Hathaway has sponsored several NIH grants that allow her to mentor junior and minority investigators. In addition, she has mentored numerous pre and postdoctoral nurses, as well as pre and postdoctoral transplant research fellows.

Dean Hathaway received her baccalaureate and master’s degrees in nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her PhD in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. During her career, she has held a variety of clinical positions working primarily in post-surgical units and has taught in all levels of nursing schools.

Physiology Ranks Fourth Nationwide

The Physiology Department at UTHSC is ranked fourth in the nation for 2009 by the Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology, an affiliate of the American Physiological Society. The department’s high ranking is the result of a survey based on data from 15 private and 36 public medical schools. This year’s survey is published in the June issue of The Physiologist.

The UTHSC Department of Physiology has consistently ranked in the top 15 among its competitors nationally, but this year, it moved up three rankings from seventh to fourth. “The new ranking is a testimony to the innovation in the department,” said Hershel P. Wall, MD, chancellor of UTHSC. “It is extremely gratifying that our Physiology Department is increasingly viewed by its peers as one of the top research and teaching programs in the country. The department is an important piece of a much larger and growing research enterprise.”

To keep the department competitive, Gabor Tigyi, MD, PhD, professor and chair of the UTHSC Department of Physiology, strives to generate an ongoing stream of outside funding sources. With a total budget of $14,072,936, the Physiology Department has produced $9,043,448 in research dollars through funded grant proposals. “Our high ranking is an awesome achievement for us, especially since federal grant funding levels are at a historic low and economic conditions at state-funded institutions are so challenging,” said Dr. Tigyi.

The department consists of an 18-member faculty who excel, not only in research, but also in teaching and service to the university. Major research areas include vascular biology, electrophysiology, corneal research, respiratory epithelial biology and gastrointestinal mucosal biology. The research combines whole animal studies with investigations conducted at cellular and sub-cellular levels using cutting-edge molecular techniques. Faculty, postdoctoral fellows, technicians, students and support staff bring the total department membership to about 100. During the summer, this number increases to more than 130 as the team is joined by high school and college students participating in several special programs, as well as by medical students conducting summer research projects.
Regional Biocontainment Laboratory Means More Jobs for Memphis

The grand opening of the new Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (RBL) on the UTHSC campus means more job opportunities for Memphians skilled in biomedical research and technology. Researchers, technicians, lab assistants, facilities support personnel and administrators will work in the 30,315 square foot building, working to fight naturally occurring infectious diseases and to protect citizens against bioterrorist attacks. Each position created by the RBL will require unique training and Mid-Southerners should prepare now.

Memphians of all ages interested in science can become a part of the immense UTHSC research enterprise by honing their skills in scientific studies and technology. “Science and technology courses at college and graduate school levels can prepare individuals for solid careers in biomedical research and technology,” said UTHSC Chancellor Hershel P. Wall. “Now is the time for high school students to plan ahead by taking as many classes as possible in biology, chemistry and computer technology. We are actively informing local students that career opportunities will be available for those who are ready for the new biomedical and biotechnology era.”

“Initially, we plan to hire about 120 research and trade professionals over the next two to three years, and that number will increase as our efforts continue,” said Gerald Byrne, PhD, UTHSC professor and chair of molecular sciences, and director of the RBL. He added, “The RBL is an important achievement for Memphis, because it opens the door for our partner hospitals, schools, higher education institutions, corporations, and citizenry to engage in biomedical research and technology, the future of science and medicine.”

The RBL’s grand opening celebration was supported by Congressman Steve Cohen, as well as representatives from the City of Memphis Office of the Mayor, the Shelby County Health Department and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The RBL is funded by the NIH and is located on the UT-Baptist Research Park adjacent to the UT Health Science Center campus in the Memphis Medical Center.

Leading Care for Injured Children

The Audiology and Speech Pathology Department at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center has been designated as the State Lead Center of Excellence for Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury (PABI). The department is one of a network of 52 institutions, one in every state as well as in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, selected for this designation by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation. The Audiology and Speech Pathology (ASP) Department is located in Knoxville, Tenn., and the ASP program is administered by the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences from the main Health Science Center campus in Memphis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization, brain injury is the number one cause of death and disability for children and young adults through 25 years of age in the United States. The CDC reports that for children aged 14 and under there are 2,685 deaths, 37,000 hospitalizations and 435,000 emergency room visits attributable to traumatic brain injury (TBI) annually.

In 2008, the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation (SJBF) assembled the nation’s leaders in PABI and together co-authored the first draft of the National PABI Plan. The foundation was started by Patrick Donohue, father of Sarah Jane Donohue, who was violently shaken by her baby nurse when she was just five days old, sustaining a massive brain injury. Sarah Jane is 4 years old now and cannot walk, talk, crawl, chew solid food or even sit up on her own. The Sarah Jane Brain Project aims to help all children like Sarah Jane who suffer from PABI by creating a model system — something that has never been done before.

The mission of the PABI Plan is to develop a “seamless, standardized, evidence-based system of care universally accessible for all children/young adults and their families regardless of where they live in the nation.”

“The Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the University of Tennessee is excited to be a part of this national effort,” said Ilisa Schwartz, head of ASP. Each State Lead Center will have certain essential, desirable and optional capabilities with the main responsibility to develop and implement a Statewide Master Plan to accomplish the goals and premises as outlined in the PABI Plan.

The university provides an emergency alert notification system to all faculty, staff, and students. It is an “opt in” program. Currently we have only 1,381 users and of these 367 are either in an invalidated status or their subscription has expired. Receive campus-wide emergency alerts instantly through text messaging, RSS feeds, e-mail and more.

If you have subscribed to this service, please go to the UT home page. You will find the Campus Police link under Campus Administration. Once on the Campus Police home page, click on the Emergency Alert icon on the right side of the page. Log into your account to verify that the account is current. If it is either invalidated or expired, please follow the on-screen instructions. You can refer to the FAQ section for additional information. You can also visit, http://www.e2campus.com/my/utmem/.
Right Here in Memphis

In February, UTHSC launched its “Right Here in Memphis” ad campaign, which has generated more than 3.7 million impressions and significantly increased traffic to the UTHSC home page. This ad, produced in honor of the 2009 graduating class, appeared on local TV Websites, on Google Network sites and in selected print media.

Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk

Left to right: John Carroll, director of Marketing, American Diabetes Association; Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, and Beverly Williams-Cleaves, MD, associate professor, Medicine and Endocrinology were, in attendance to celebrate the success of the Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes. Dr. Brown was honored for his pivotal role in involving UTHSC in the 2008 diabetes walk. This year’s event is scheduled for September 19 and will be held at the UT Medical Group-Germantown location. For more information, please visit http://stepout.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/.

Acupuncture Demonstrations

On May 15, Dr. Alexander Ly, Certified Acupuncture Specialist, demonstrated the art of acupuncture in the Madison Plaza Lobby for UTHSC employees. Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, the event was held in observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a national celebration honoring Asians and Pacific Islanders who have made contributions to the United States.

UT Plaza Dining Ribbon Cutting

UT Plaza Dining recently held its grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration. Located at 920 Madison Ave., the new eatery includes Einstein Bros Bagels, Madison Café and Mondo Subs.

UTHSC Participates in Green Campus Initiative

On May 15, UTHSC participated in E-Waste Recycling Day. Partnering with East Tennessee State University, Tennessee Board of Regents, University of Memphis and University of Tennessee – Knoxville, the initiative provided local colleges and universities the opportunity to recycle old computer equipment at no cost. Since April 2005, surplus has paid to redistribute more than 200,000 lbs. of computers, monitors, printers and surplus equipment. In an effort to save money, the Facilities Management Department and the Surplus Department delivered 22 pallets totaling 13,000 lbs. of equipment to the drop off site located at The University of Memphis. Recycling services were provided courtesy of Apple.