Chancellor Owen initiated a new strategic planning process for the Health Science Center in April 2006. Approximately 70 team members from UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) participated in a two-day Planning Retreat titled, “Accelerating our Future Success,” held at the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health (VCBH) in Nashville. This was the initial step in our process for strategy development and resource prioritization. The retreat included representatives from all colleges, campuses from across the UT system, all levels of our organization (faculty, students, administrators, non-exempt employees), and partner healthcare delivery organizations (The MED, Methodist Healthcare, Baptist, UHS, Le Bonheur, St. Jude, VAMC, Erlanger).

Retreat goals were to:

1. Map the current and future environment for UTHSC
2. Develop high level strategies and goals for each of our four component missions
3. Identify approaches to accelerate their implementation (“leap frog” approaches)

The environmental scanning included healthcare concerns and confounders in Tennessee, current and future healthcare environment, healthcare delivery, academic health centers, health science education, and AHC organizational and leadership practices. This background activity was supplemented by the development of a futuristic view of the UTHSC in five years.

Having a more uniform assessment of our current state of affairs, vision and goals were developed for research, clinical care, education, community service, and leap frog efforts. For each topic, specific questions were posed to prompt focused thought. For example, the research group was asked to identify four to six areas in which world-class scientific excellence
I hope you enjoy reading this issue as it has been a real joy to gather the information for it. You will read about our students, faculty, 37 alumni and one former dean. With respect to students, the class of 2006 has already posted some impressive statistics even though it is 20 percent smaller in size than the class from last year. Forty-one students, 67 percent, are U.S. citizens coming from 14 states, and 56 percent of the U.S. students are residents of Tennessee. Other stats include 56 percent female, and 21 percent minority, which includes 15 percent African-American. Thirty students graduated in May, and you will also read about the achievements of many currently enrolled students recognized with scholarships, fellowships or awards at national meetings. Of particular interest with faculty is information about the second recipient of the Annual Research Advisor Award, Bob Waters, and the selection of Drs. Richard Lee and George Wood for the SGAEC 2006 Teaching Awards for the college. Congratulations to these three faculty members and to all faculty for what they do for the educational programs of the college. David Armbruster has assembled information about how the college first began having electronic theses and dissertations and how we are requiring that format for all students beginning in 2008.

I have had the honor meeting with many, many alumni since the last issue was published in February, and am elated to have information about 37 of them for you to read. In February, I traveled to California and met with Dr. Roland Alden who is doing well at the young age of 93 and with 15 alumni scattered between Los Angeles and Sacramento. I drove more than 500 miles and flew another 450 miles within the state to meet with these graduates and enjoyed hearing about their successes since graduation. I want to visit with more of you in the coming months.

At this time last year, the shell of the second largest private hospital spanned the area between Union and Madison Avenues. Today, the picture below shows the progress that has been made in razing the hospital and clearing the land. On this site will rise the new College of Pharmacy building, as well as research buildings for the UT-Baptist Research Park. What an exciting time to be at UTHSC. You can have an active part in the future of your college by contributing to funds earmarked for student scholarships or student travel awards. Just this past semester we awarded another three, bringing the total to 28 through your generosity.

Many of you have been very positive about the experience you had with your research advisors and have contributed scholarships in their honor. The Annual Research Advisor Award is looking for a donor and name to capture just that purpose. Thanks for all that you do for your college and for making my responsibilities easy and fun.
College Matriculates 61 Students in August

Sixty-one students matriculated into the seven programs in the college in August. Forty-one students, 67 percent, are U.S. citizens coming from 14 states; 56 percent of these U.S. students being residents of Tennessee. With respect to the international students, eight are from India, and eight are from China. Other countries of origin include Egypt, Lebanon and Pakistan. The average GPA and GRE score for matriculants was 3.4 and 1234 respectively. Demographically, 56 percent are female; 21 percent minority, which includes 15 percent African-American. Below is a list with the names, programs and state/country of origin for the matriculants of 2006. The size of this entering class is 20 percent less than that in 2005. We are very pleased to have each of them here at UTHSC.

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Thirty students received their degrees May 26, 2006, from the dean, bringing the total number of graduates to 1,237 in the college’s 78-year history. The Mid-South Coliseum was without power due to a bird flying into a transformer earlier in the day. Backup generators provided visibility for families to witness their graduates receive their hood and diploma. The inconveniences of the day did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance, and this will be a memorable day for all. Many of the graduates, their families and research advisors participated in a pre-commencement luncheon at the Holiday Inn complex at the University of Memphis. Several families traveled from afar for the celebration. The mother of Bo Jiang and the parents of his fiancée, Xudong Wu’s father and Xiaoyang Cheng’s father all traveled more than 5,000 miles from China to be present. Coming the farthest, more than 15,000 miles, was the family of Ajit Narang from India. In Tennessee, David Pond’s parents came from Kingsport, which is more than 500 miles. Some graduates who had left campus returned from postdoctoral experiences for their graduation. These were Shipeng Yu, who is in St. Louis with a pharmaceutical company, and Kei Yamamoto, who is in France. The distances many traveled are some of the examples of how special this day was for all of the 30 graduates.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Chad Batson (Posthumous)  
Justin Boyd  
Quanmin Chen  
Xiaoyang Cheng  
Bo Jiang  
Christy Lavine  
Xioafan Li  
Robert Moxley (Posthumous)  
Ajit Narang  
Blanca Padilla  
Michele Pritchard  
Felix Vazquez-Chona  
Lai Wei  
Linda Widjaja  
Xudong Wu  
Kei Yamamoto  
Shipeng Yu  
Yong Zhang  
Yanli Zhuang  

**Master of Science (Project)**

Nicholas Dieringer, MD  
Epidemiology  
Sranath Vangala  
BE&I*  
Karen Willis, MD  
Epidemiology  

*Biomedical Engineering and Imaging  
**Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences  

**Master of Science**

Charles Chance, DDS  
Orthodontics  
Jack Hou, DDS  
Orthodontics  
Jean-Max Jean-Pierre, DDS  
Periodontology  
Mary Elizabeth Martin, DDS  
Orthodontics  
David Pond, DDS  
Periodontology  
Michael Weathersby, DDS  
Orthodontics  

**Master of Science**

Alan Landers, OD  
IPBS**  
Kelly Matmati  
Anat. & Neurobiology
Rebecca Glatt New President of GSEC

Rebecca Glatt was elected president of the Graduate Student Executive Council (GSEC) in late Spring. Rebecca did her undergraduate training at Christian Brothers University and graduated with BS degree in 2003. She matriculated into the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences in 2004 and has selected to pursue her training in the Neurosciences Track in that program. Dr. John Boughter is her research advisor and Drs. Angie Cantrell, Dan Goldowitz, David Smith and Jeff Steketee are members on her faculty committee. When Rebecca isn’t busy in the laboratory or handling administrative responsibilities for GSEC, she likes to spend her time being creative - whether it be in art, or trying new recipes in the kitchen. She also spends time with her classmates playing volleyball, frisbee, and just being social outside of school.

CGHS Alumni Scholarship Awarded

Mitzi Dunagan, a first-year student in the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences, was awarded a CGHS Alumni Scholarship for the duration of her studies. Mitzi, a native of Franklin, Tenn., received a BS in Education from Cumberland College. Subsequently she received a MS in Biology from Vanderbilt University, which she accomplished by taking summer courses while teaching middle school math and science full time. She has done additional course work at University of Memphis and Austin Peay State University. In announcing the scholarship, Dean Peppler said, “These scholarships are available to all programs to recruit students into the college and specifically, their program. We will increase the number of these awards exponentially over the next few years.” To be eligible, students must have a certain undergraduate GPA and score at a certain level on the Graduate Record Examination.

Campus Strategic Planning

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could be achieved or maintained over the next five years. For clinical care, what disease areas and health disciplines need to be supported to optimize clinical revenue for our faculty? The results of this process were vetted repeatedly with the participants in a reiterative process and are available to the campus on a dedicated retreat Web site.

The second phase is in progress and is validating and refining the products from the retreat. Specifically, five task forces have been established – one for each of our missions and the leap frog. Task forces chairpersons have been identified and new campus participants with content expertise in these individual areas have been recruited. Drafts from these task forces will be distributed soon, and input will be sought broadly before executing on the prioritized implementation plan.
Joe and Pat Johnson Scholarships for 2006-2007

Chee Lam and Joe Falcone have been awarded the Joe and Pat Johnson Scholarship by the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association.

Chee hails from Cordova, Tenn., and did his undergraduate training at the University of Memphis. He had extensive volunteer and community activities while at UofM, where he was a member of the International Students Organization and Student Advocating Service, in addition to being a peer mentor.

Joe comes from Johnson City, Tenn., where he graduated from East Tennessee State University (ETSU). He was a McNair Scholar for two years and member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, as well as Tri-Beta, for which he served as vice president. Joe was the recipient of grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and ETSU Student Research Program.

Student Travel Awards for Fall Semester Announced

In 2000, Dr. John Autian, dean emeritus, established a student enrichment fund in the College of Graduate Health Sciences to be used to fund travel for students to national meetings. Students must be registered full time, have been admitted to PhD or MS candidacy, and have been accepted to present a paper, abstract or poster to be considered for the travel award. Through Dr. Autian’s generosity and that of others who have contributed to the fund the past years, the college awarded 12 travel grants in the 2004-2005 academic year and 13 in 2005-2006. For the Fall semester 2006, travel awards have been awarded to: Joyce Addo-Atuah, Health Science Administration Program; Erin Phillips, Molecular Science Program; and Jufang Sham, Interdisciplinary Program. The research advisors of these students are Drs. Dick Gourley, Peter McKinnon and Jie Zheng, respectively.

Student Updates

Mayola Rowser, PhD student in the Nursing Program, has received a $4,000 award for dissertation support through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Minority Fellowship Program. She also received a renewal to a grant for which she is the principal investigator titled, “Expansion of medical and mental health services to the detainees at the Vanderburgh County correctional facility in Indiana,” in the amount of $1.2 million over 5 years. Her advisor is Dr. Muriel Rice.

Sudhir Aggarwal, PhD student in the IPBS, and his wife, Dr. Ritu Aggarwal, have been blessed with a baby boy. This is their second son, and they have named him Arsh. The elder brother, Adamya, is also very happy to have a baby brother.

Belinda Fleming, PhD student in the Nursing Program, wrote an abstract, which has been accepted to the Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference, to be held at the University of Utah on October 19-20. The title of the abstract is, “The Rhetoric of Childhood Obesity: A Nurse and Rhetorician Interpret the Closing Book of Activity.” Her advisor is Dr. Patricia Cowan.

Steve Otieno, PhD student in the Molecular Sciences Program, received a Best Poster Award at
the 20th Annual Symposium of The Protein Society in San Diego. Steve’s research advisor is Dr. Richard Kriwacki in the Department of Structural Biology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Graduate students Jeri Bryant (IPBS), Bahram Dahi (BMEI) and Christy Wilson (BMEI), along with Faculty Advisor Dr. Vicki Park, brought the joy of science to fifth and sixth graders at KIPP Diamond Academy this past year. The students received recognition for their work on the Memphis Science Partners (MSP) project. The first accolade was a Certificate of Excellence in the Community Service Learning Project for the impact of the project on the community. The team was also awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Poster Presentation for an outstanding display summarizing their work.

Jeri Bryant, PhD student in the IPBS, received a fellowship from the American Psychological Association for the 2006-2007 school year. Jeri is the Bucovaz Scholar.

Dian Dowling, PhD student in the Nursing Program, has been awarded a Promise of Nursing for Tennessee Regional Faculty Fellowship for $2,000.

David Pond, DDS (MDS ’06) submitted an abstract of the research that he did for his master’s degree to the Balint Orban Competition. This is a research competition sponsored by the American Academy of Periodontology, and Dr. Pond was named a finalist. The competition is open to students enrolled in an accredited graduate or postgraduate program in periodontics. Out of the entrants, eight finalists (four in clinical research and four in basic science research) are selected on the basis of written abstracts and are invited to make oral presentations. David will be presenting in San Diego this fall. For 38 years the highly regarded Balint Orban Competition has unveiled many of the future leaders in periodontology, whether in academia, private practice, or at the American Academy of Periodontology.

Dr. Balint Orban earned his MD in 1922 in Budapest and again in 1930 in Vienna. A few years after the conclusion of World War I, Dr. Orban joined a group of research-minded dentists in Vienna. His endeavors led him to the Federation Dentaire International meeting in Philadelphia in 1926, where he was offered a position as professor of Oral Pathology at Loyola University in Chicago. Dr. Orban stayed in that position for two years before returning to Vienna to continue his research. In 1937, Dr. Orban moved back to Chicago and earned his DDS at Northwestern University and began a limited private practice. Dr. Orban was known as a dynamic and tireless investigator and writer in periodontal histology and pathology. At the time of his death in 1960, he had published 150 scientific papers and wrote and participated in a number of widely used textbooks. As Osler is considered the Father of Medicine, so too is Balint Orban viewed as the Father of Periodontology.

Students who matriculated into the IPBS program August 2006.

Students who matriculated into the Epidemiology program August 2006.
Dr. Robert S. Waters was selected by a committee of students and faculty in the College of Graduate Health Sciences as the recipient of the Annual Research Advisor Award at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The award recognizes a faculty member who has shown continued interest in the growth and development of graduate students, and whose concern goes beyond that of the average, but dedicated, member of the graduate faculty. This is the second year for the award.

Waters is a native of Delaware and received his BS degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Penn. Dr. Waters received his MA from Pepperdine University and his PhD from the University of Connecticut Graduate School of Biobehavioral Science. Subsequently, he received his postdoctoral research training at The Rockefeller University Laboratory of Neuroscience under Dr. Hiroshi Asanuma’s tutelage. He remained at The Rockefeller University as a research associate and then assistant professor in the Laboratory of Neurophysiology for three years. Bob came to UTHSC in 1985 and progressed through the ranks from assistant professor to professor of anatomy and neurobiology.

Dr. Waters has been involved in the training of over 12 postdoctoral or predoctoral students, as well as 25 students during the summer. One nominator indicated, “He is a passionate teacher and scientist. I owe my interest and career in research to this passion. Dr. Waters is generously patient, has a large heart, is a comforter and counselor, and ‘lives’ his life.” Another nominator stated, “What makes Dr. Waters an excellent research advisor is his eagerness to get students involved in research from high school to graduate school; his love for cutting-edge research; his concern for the intellectual development of his students; and his joy in the continued success of former mentees.”

The College of Graduate Health Sciences is the third-largest college with respect to student enrollment at the Health Science Center. This award is one of three aspects of a program the college designed in 2004-2005 to emphasize the importance of the research advisor and faculty committee in the training of graduate students. Dean Peppler stated, “I am delighted that Dr. Waters was selected as our second recipient for this prestigious award. He certainly possesses and has demonstrated what the research advisor should be within our educational programs.” A plaque and stipend were presented to Dr. Waters at the Student and Faculty Awards Banquet and he was also recognized at the pre-commencement luncheon on May 26.

Waters is married to Meg Waters, and they have one child, Meghan.

In accepting the award, Dr. Waters said, “I was fortunate to have two exceptional graduate school mentors, William A. Wilson, Jr., MD, PhD, and Martha Wilson, PhD, who cared very much for me as both a student and person, as well as providing the opportunity and support to learn new techniques outside the lab. As a beginning research associate at The Rockefeller University, my mentor, Hiroshi Asanuma, MD, taught me new electrophysiological skills and equipped me with a laboratory to begin my own independent studies. He also supported me in pursuing federal grant funding as a stepping stone to procuring a junior faculty position. I will always be indebted to my mentors and have tried to be a caring mentor to my own graduate students.”
Faculty Research Advisor Program

The college initiated a workshop to provide training for faculty who are newly credentialed to direct theses and dissertations. In the workshop, the leadership of the college discusses the processes involved in effective mentoring of students. The five faculty listed below attended this workshop in May 2006:

- Faculty Research Advisor Program
  - Faculty Member
    - Roland Dickerson, PharmD
    - Brian Kelly, PhD
  - Program
    - Pharmacy
    - Biomedical Engineering & Imaging
    - Nursing
    - Nursing

Thomason Streamlines Curricular Efforts

In 2005, Don Thomason, PhD, was appointed chair of the Curriculum Committee in the college. While he was figuring out all the players and procedures to propose a new course, get it reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Committee, list it in the UTHSC catalog through the registrar, and then get it on the course listing Web page for the right semester and in the correct program, he developed a streamlined, computerized protocol.

What was a cumbersome system of pushing paper to many and varied people in the process has been greatly simplified (and has saved lots of trees in the process).

Faculty proposing a new course provide required information on a web form, the program chair “signs off” by submitting the form, and the curriculum committee reviews and requests revisions online. Approved courses are dynamically listed on each program’s Web site, and, during a window of opportunity for each semester, program chairs select approved courses for offering in the upcoming term. When the window closes, the selections are transmitted to the registrar and dynamically listed on a Web site of offerings for the upcoming term. The automatically updated course catalog also becomes available for printing in “pdf” or “rtf” formats.

After beta testing in 2005-06, we’re now up and running, and those who have already been part of the process have expressed enthusiasm for the curriculum management program and its simplicity.

Dr. Thomason will present on this curriculum management program in Rochester, NY, at the HighEdWebDev Annual Conference in October. Dr. Thomason received a BA in biochemistry from the University of Virginia and a PhD in physiology and biophysics from the University of California, Irvine. He is professor of physiology at UTHSC and his research interest is in muscle cell signaling.
SGAEC Teaching Awards

The Student Government Association Executive Council recognized Dr. Richard Lee and Dr. George Wood with Excellence in Teaching Awards last spring. Drs. Lee and Wood are graduate faculty in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Program.

Dr. Lee obtained his PhD degree in organic chemistry at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, in June 1993. He then moved to a postdoctoral research fellow position from 1993 to 1996 in the laboratory of Dr. Patrick Brennan at Colorado State University studying mycobacterial cell wall biosynthesis. He then returned to the UK from 1996 to 1998 to take a postdoctoral fellowship in the Dyson Perrins Laboratory at the Oxford University under the direction of Dr. George Fleet studying design and synthesis of sugar-utilizing enzyme inhibitors. Subsequently, he moved to a research fellow position at the National Institutes of Health from 1998 to 2000 under the direction of Dr. Clifton E. Barry III helping to develop novel therapeutics to treat tuberculosis. In 2000 he joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UTHSC as an assistant professor and in 2005 was promoted to associate professor. His research focuses on the design and development of novel anti-microbial and anti-cancer therapeutics using advanced drug discovery technologies. He has published 43 papers and obtained more than $4.5 million in research funding. The nominators of Dr. Lee indicated, “He is an excellent educator who goes the extra mile to instruct the students in a topic in which he is skilled and excited. His enthusiasm of antimicrobial agents is reflected in his lectures and his ability to stimulate his students’ interest in the topic. This is reflected by their excellent academic performance in his section. Dr. Lee genuinely cares about his students’ performance and their futures.”

Dr. Wood obtained his PhD in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. His first faculty appointment was at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. He came to UT in 1974 and was promoted to professor in 1976. As department designations changed within the College of Pharmacy from then until the present, Dr. Wood has been a professor of drug and material toxicology, pharmaceutics, and, most recently, pharmaceutical sciences. Dr. Wood was acting chair of the Department of Molecular and Quantum Biology and of the Department of Drug and Material Toxicology from 1975 to 1981. He has received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Tennessee Academy of Health Education, as well as the Research and Education Awards from the Memphis Chemical Club. Dr. Wood has mentored more than 30 students at the University of Arizona and UTHSC. The nominators for Dr. Wood indicated, “He has dedicated his entire life to the welfare of students and in developing effective learning methods for students.” “Dr. Wood deserves this award because he is an excellent teacher and an outstanding researcher with genuine concern about student learning.” “Dr. Wood has over 30 years of dedicated service to the profession, meticulous care for the students, and hard work makes him the suitable candidate for the 2006 SGAEC excellence in Teaching Award.”

The college congratulates both Drs. Lee and Wood on this recognition and thanks them for their continued efforts with the educational programs in the college.

Faculty Updates

Drs. Eldridge Johnson (Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences), Muriel Rice (Nursing Program) and Shelley White-Means (Health Science Administration) were honored by the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as community leaders for service and commitment. Their names were added to the AKAdemy Hall of Fame at the Community Service Day Observance. Dr. Johnson was recognized for being director of the UTHSC Pre-Science Program in Health Care and Drs. Rice and White-Means as directors of the Mustard Seed Program.
Graduate Education Electrified

by David L. Armbruster, PhD

Having returned from a holiday trip, I called Dr. Peppler in early January 1997 to congratulate him on becoming dean of the College of Graduate Health Sciences. After thanking me, he said he wanted to discuss a matter with me. Within the week, I was agreeing to oversee format review for the theses and dissertations of the graduate students. Immediately after I agreed to do so, he asked whether students could do an electronic thesis or dissertation (ETD).

I suspect I must have looked incredulous; after all, both of us had been down the dissertation path some 25 years earlier, and although the typewriter was electronic, nothing else was. I had actually prepared my dissertation in five languages using a Selectric typewriter. Erasures and white-outs were forbidden, and pages had to be carefully adjusted for footnotes.

I agreed to look into the idea of an electronic dissertation, thinking the dean must have had too much cheer over the recent holidays. As it turned out, some forward-thinking academicians from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., were going to be at UT, Knoxville in about three weeks to discuss their electronic thesis and dissertation program and to develop interest among other southeastern universities. And the rest is history—almost.

By May 1999, the College of Graduate Health Sciences was the first college in Tennessee to have electronic dissertations on its Web site. We currently have 28.

Way back in 1999, faculty, students and journal publishers were struggling with issues of duplicate publishing (or prior publication). Publishing a dissertation on the Web was sometimes considered prior publication if you then tried to publish a portion of the dissertation in a peer-reviewed journal. So our program got off to a pretty slow start.

But more and more universities across the United States and around the world began requiring ETDs, and they weren’t experiencing any problems from the journal publishers. In addition, faculty and students became used to getting research results electronically from the library and other sources on their desktops. Why not dissertations?

Student who put their thesis or dissertation on the Web were getting interesting job offers and requests for additional information and data about their research. Others around the globe were actually accessing our ETDs—just as our faculty and students were accessing others’ ETDs.

Last spring, the Graduate Studies Council approved a policy requiring electronic theses and dissertations by May 2008. So now we’re preparing to move from paper to fully electronic theses and dissertations.

Larry Tague, research associate in physiology, has been integral to our program, dealing in particular with technology issues. Larry was also the impetus for hosting the first annual ETD conference in Memphis in 1997. Since then, the ETD movement has become international, with conferences already held in Australia, Canada and Sweden. Another is planned for England. Currently, thousands of ETDs exist in libraries and databases across the globe.

If you’d like to see some of ours, browse the list of ETDs at http://etd.utmem.edu/.
Lorna Malcolm has been appointed Director of Development for the college. She most recently served as the Associate Director of Development for CONNECT – a non-profit organization that advocates the early intervention and prevention of family and gender violence. In this capacity, she was primarily responsible for the day-to-day implementation of all annual fundraising including individual annual giving, foundation and corporation support, creating special events, direct mail and the solicitation of major gifts.

Previously, she served as Director of Development and Alumni Relations for Long Island University - Brooklyn Campus, where she was responsible for the cultivation and solicitation of alumni prospects and coordinating all alumni activities for the campus. With a portfolio of more than 400 prospects, Lorna raised money for scholarships and contributions for the university’s capital campaign, as well as planned gifts.

Prior to Long Island University, she served as Coordinator of Alumni Affairs at Metropolitan College of New York, formerly Audrey Cohen College, where she was responsible for all alumni relations and special events for the college. She was also very involved in the marketing and advertising process associated with the college’s name change.

Prior to Metropolitan College of New York, Lorna was a Development Officer at The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University, where she was the school’s alumni liaison. Among her responsibilities were the planning and management of all alumni events such as reunions, homecomings, and annual awards dinners; the development of new programming and marketing strategies that resulted in a significant increase in alumni participation; and the maintenance of the alumni relations Web site. Previously, she was Development Associate/Events Manager at the HealthCare Chaplaincy, where she implemented more than 25 events a year.

Dean Peppler indicated, “I am pleased to have Lorna as our director of development. She brings a wealth of experience in alumni affairs and development to the position, and will be vital for the college as we move forward with the capital campaign for the university.”

Lorna graduated from SUNY Buffalo with a BA in social science and international studies. She has a masters degree of social science/UN Certificate in Diplomacy from Long Island University, and a MPA in nonprofit management and fundraising from Baruch College.
Alumni Updates

**Nahed Ahmed** (PhD ‘75) is vice president for project planning and management for Amgen in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Nahed moved to California in October 2004 and enjoys her position and the state – weather and geography. She can be either in the mountains or on the beach in a reasonable amount of time. In her position, Nahed has more than 100 people reporting to her and is continuing to hire Ph.Ds, especially those who have coupled business (MBA) with science background. She can be reached at Amgen, One Amgen Center Drive, MS 38-2-D, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320-1799 (805-447-3966), e-mail nahmed@amgen.com.

**Paul** (PhD ‘91) and **Victoria** (PhD ‘91) Akins both are in practice in Sacramento, Calif. Victoria received her degree in physiology and had Steve Bealer as her research advisor. Paul’s degree was in anatomy, and he studied with Steve Kitai. Following graduation from UTHSC, Paul went to Washington University for his residency in neurology. Victoria matriculated into medical school there and then completed a residency in pediatrics in St. Louis. They migrated west and settled in Sacramento where Paul is working as a neurologist with a group of neurosurgeons. Victoria is a pediatrician with Kaiser Permente. Paul cares for patients with neurological diseases, is director of a nationally acclaimed, community-based stroke program at five hospitals in Sacramento, and does clinical research advancing care for stroke patients. Both Victoria and Paul are avid skiers, although Paul recently left part of his left ACL on the slopes at Tahoe and had to undergo some recuperation that ended his 2006 season. They have three children, two daughters and a son.

“I am very proud of my training at UT (both undergraduate, graduate, and clinical) and am glad to hear that the strong emphasis on clinical skills and hands-on experiences continues. I know from the newsletters that I receive, both from UTC and UTHSC, that state support of its education programs is not very strong and am impressed at how successful these universities remain despite the adversities.” Paul and Victoria can be reached at 430 Larch Lane, Sacramento, CA 95825 (916-641-8205), e-mail akins@surewest.net.

**Roland Alden** is 92 years young and still lives at 6081 Golden Center, Apt. 206, Placerville, CA 95667. His living room overlooks a schoolyard for an elementary school and he can see the activity that is occurring daily. His physician allows him a glass of sherry before lunch and a real dry martini before dinner. His daughter, Patricia, is a professor of English at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., and his son, Roland Jr., is in computers in Palm Desert, Calif. Roland has many fond memories of the time he spent at UTHSC from 1936 to 1978. A book about his life, The Bird Watcher, that includes a lot of history about UTHSC has been placed in the history of medicine, section of the UTHSC library. Roland’s e-mail is raldensr@ralden.com.

**Roopa Andhare-Nath** (PhD ‘01) is traveling between Bombay, India and San Francisco in her position as senior director of global technology development with Actis Biologics. What a small world it is. Himangi Jayakar’s (PhD ‘01) parents and Roopa’s live in the same building in India. Roopa recently had a grant funded by the Council of India. She is
busy establishing collaboration between scientists in the U.S. and in India. Her husband is also very busy with his own start up company based in India. Roopa can be reached at 348 Arkansas Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Len Blouin (PhD ’59) writes that he and his wife, Floyanne, are planning a rather long trip starting in Yosemite National Park, then to Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Chicago, Eastern Tennessee, down to Tampa (where Len’s older son lives), Mississippi, and Memphis (for a few days to visit with one of Floyanne’s cousin’s and with Sally Overman). They will visit their son in Austin after that and friends in Fort Smith, Ark., before returning to Tucson.

As a biologist, Marc Blouin studies sturgeon in the cold, murky waters of the Great Lakes. He also shares his technical expertise with other scientists by advancing in-place data-collection methods for other disciplines of study via scuba diving. Most recently, Marc has been helping develop methods to mount and deploy instrumentation that is used to study water quality and circulation for beach-health projects. He is the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scuba Dive Program Manager and is a member of the USGS dive-safety board, where he serves as the dive-safety officer. Marc also teaches water-related safety courses for USGS employees. He coordinates open-water checkout dives for research teams, teaches specialized scuba training, serves as an instructor for the Department of the Interior’s Motorboat Operations Certification Course (MOCC), and teaches the USGS “Over-the-Water” safety training class. Through his efforts, he helps spread the word about technical methods and safety near and in the water, both within and outside the USGS. Marc is currently serving on the board of directors for the American Academy of Underwater Sciences, an organization of diving scientists and safety officers committed to the advancement of underwater science and dive safety. He also is a member of the Watercraft Safety Committee for USGS.

In April, Marc participated as an instructor in a multiagency training workshop for “Scuba Lifesaving and Accident Management (SLAM).” This collaborative effort shared resources and expertise among the USGS, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Florida Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI), the University of South Florida, and the Scuba Scouts. The class taught students from the different agencies how to handle a scuba-diving accident, starting from an underwater rescue and ending with an air evacuation. Many of the students depend on diving skills as part of their daily jobs. To strengthen their skills, the SLAM class staged a mock scuba-diving accident that simulated an emergency in the open waters of Tampa Bay. The rescue procedures allowed the divers, boat crews, and helicopter pilots to practice their skills and gave everyone firsthand experience in a drill that could save their lives. Classroom training and pool sessions began April 8 at the FWRI in St. Petersburg, Fla., which prepared the participants for the open-water training exercise held on April 29. According to Marc, there is no substitute for hands-on training: “This type of training exercise is one of the best ways to prepare all of the agencies involved for dealing with the event of a real accident.”

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David Coulter received a PhD in anatomy from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in 1968. From 1968 to 1986 he taught various microscopic, neuroscience, and elementary gross anatomy courses in the Department of Anatomy of the University of Minnesota (Medical School) in Minneapolis, Minn. During that period he also served as a principal investigator for neuroscience research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He next taught in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons (1986 to 1988), and since then has practiced and taught a style of bodywork called Ohashiatsu® in New York City and elsewhere. Dr. Coulter has been practicing yoga since 1974. He was initiated by Swami Veda (formerly Dr. Usharbudh Arya of Minneapolis, Minn.), trained under Swami Rama from 1975 to 1996, and studied under Pandit Rajmani Tigunait at the Himalayan Institute since 1988. From the inception of his interest in yoga, Dr. Coulter has been committed to correlating his understanding of the practices of that discipline with accepted principles of biomedical science. He can be contacted at Body and Breath, Inc.; 1409 Westside Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431 (570-251-9914).

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Sreenivas Devidas, PhD (MS ’94) obtained his MS in Physiology from UTHSC and then went on to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine where he earned his PhD. His research advisor was Peter Agre, who won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2003 for his work on aquaporins. Sreeni published with Dr. Agre in Science. He can be reached at 8575 Window Latch Way, Columbia, MD 21045 (443-838-6260), e-mail sreenivasd@yahoo.com.

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Eddie Fincher, MD (PhD ’96) is a dermatologist in practice in Los Angeles. While at UTHSC, he studied with Jim Krueger in physiology. Eddie matriculated into the College of Medicine after completing his dissertation and then went to Stanford for residency training. Subsequently, he went to Los Angeles to learn some techniques, and both he and his wife Helen ended up in dermatology practice there. Eddie specializes in Mohs micrographic surgery, cosmetic surgery, laser treatment, liposuction surgery and dermasurgery. He has an appointment at UCLA where he teaches at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He and Helen have three children, two girls 6 and 2, and an infant son. He can be reached at 100 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 590, Los Angeles, CA 90024 (310-208-4342) or at home at 1825 San Ysidro Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (310-472-5052), e-mail efincher1@yahoo.com.

Malinda E.C. Fitzgerald (PhD ’86) was promoted to full professor at Christian Brothers University and also had her NIH training grant renewed. She has had this international research training grant since 2000. This grant allows her to provide summer opportunities for students going to Brazil and Uganda to conduct basic science, clinical, public health and field biological research. Malinda also collaborates with Dr. Tony Reiner in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at UTHSC. One can access her Web site at http://www.cbu.edu/~aross/biodept/MIRT-CBU.html. Malinda can be reached at Department of Biology, 650 E. Parkway So., Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN 38104 (901-321-3262), e-mail malinda@cbu.edu.

Donna M. Gandour (PhD ’82) originally hailed from Boca Raton, Florida when she came to UTHSC in the late ’70s. She studied with Bill Walker, who was her research advisor, and Preston Dorsett, who was on her committee. While in school, she also worked 20 hours per week as a phlebotomist at Baptist Hospital. Of note is the fact that she was working when Elvis was admitted to the hospital. After graduation she did a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford working with Dr. Sam Strober on total lymphoid irradiation. Subsequently, she took a position with BD Biosciences as a post-doc. She has had several different positions within the company (postdoc, application scientist, trainer, and technical publications writer) and is now a manager of customer education service for BD Biosciences in San Jose, Calif. Donna is responsible for the operator training courses, specialty workshops and on-site training in cell analysis using state-of-the-art flow cytometry equipment and methodologies. With diverse backgrounds in flow cytometry, from basic research to clinical laboratory experience, she oversees instructors who give students the optimal combination of flow cytometry theory and practical hands-on training needed to take full advantage of BD’s products.
Students gain the solid foundation it takes to stay current with the changing technology in this field. Outside of work, Donna is an aerobics instructor at the YMCA where she teaches step aerobics and cycling. The topography around San Jose readily supports her interest as an avid cyclist. She spent the holidays at the end of the last year with her two brothers in Florida and then went to New Orleans assisting the Humane Society with lost pets. She is active with the Humane Society in Mountain View, Calif. and teaches several fitness classes. Donna can be reached at BD Biosciences, 2350 Qume Drive, San Jose, CA 95131-1807 (408-954-6088), e-mail Donna_Gandour@bd.com.

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Andrea Kay (Callis) Hubbard (PhD ’80) is associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences and toxicology in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. Andrea received her BS from Lambuth College and her PhD from UTHSC in microbiology. Following a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, she accepted a position as research associate in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Arizona School of Medicine in Tucson. She moved to the University of Connecticut in 1988 and has been involved with the role of apoptosis in pulmonary inflammation and fibrosis; the effect of ambient/occupational air pollutants on asthma, immunotoxicology, and cellular and molecular biology. She can be reached at Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Connecticut, 69 North Eagleville Road, Unit 3092, Storrs, CT 06269 (860-486-2084), e-mail Andrea.Hubbard@uconn.edu.

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Myra Hurt (PhD ’81) received her BS in biology from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., prior to coming to UTHSC. She has been involved in medical education for more than 25 years, first at the University of Tennessee and later at the Baylor College of Medicine. Currently she is professor of biomedical sciences at Florida State University College of Medicine. She went to FSU in 1987 and joined the team of professors teaching biochemistry to medical students in the Program in Medical Sciences (PIMS). In 1992, Myra became the director of PIMS, working closely with the University of Florida College of Medicine to assure the quality of the first-year medical education program at FSU. In 1992, Dr. Hurt joined the faculty of the Department of Biological Science, where she earned tenure. She taught microbiology to undergraduates, advanced molecular biology to graduate students, and taught an honors seminar in the FSU Honors Program. She has served as acting dean of the new College of Medicine from 2000 to 2001 and was associate dean for student affairs, admissions and outreach from 2001 to 2004. In 2004 Myra assumed the role of associate dean for research and graduate programs and serves on the admissions committee for medical students, the accreditation task force and the building committee. She is the founding faculty member of the College of Medicine, and leads a molecular biology research group engaged in dissecting the regulation of cellular division at the molecular level and contributing to the under-
standing of the molecular basis of cancer. Myra’s research focus has been in the regulation of mammalian gene expression, specifically those events controlling transcription initiation in general and in the cell division cycle in particular. She enjoys working with students in the laboratory and has directed the research of six students who earned the PhD degree, one who earned an MS and 18 undergraduate researchers at FSU since 1992. She can be reached at 1721 Tarpo Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308 (850-386-6508) or at work at (850-644-8935), e-mail myra.hurt@med.fsu.edu.

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Matthew Kraynak (PhD ’56) celebrated his 50-year graduation this past May. Unfortunately, he was not able to travel from Norman, Okla., back to Memphis to be recognized in person. Matthew taught biochemistry at the University of California at San Francisco for four years following graduation. He also taught some in Indonesia. Subsequently, he was on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma for 28 years until he retired. While a faculty member he had a dual appointment – one in nutrition and the other in chemistry. Matthew instructed the dietician students before they did their internships, as well as the undergraduate and graduate chemistry majors. He has recently been in touch with Bob Pollock and Lorraine Kraus whom he was in school with at UTHSC in the ’50s. Matthew can be reached at 717 Chautauqua Avenue, Norman, OK 73069 (405-321-4708).

Lucie Kutikova (PhD ’01) is with Eli Lilly and she can be reached at 319 West St., Apt. 431, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (317-423-9070), e-mail kutikol@yahoo.com.

Bailey (Bubba) Lipscomb (PhD ’79) recently won the Chickasaw Golf Classic in Memphis. His research advisor when he was in school was Ken Avis, and he is most appreciative of the training he received with him. Bubba indicated that some familiar names popped up as he read the latest issues of CGHS Notes, such as Charlie Handorf, Marvin Meyer, Noel Florendo who taught him anatomy in pharmacy school, and John Autian. He even saw the name of a Munford person - Brenda Scott – where he now resides. “Those issues brought back memories of being in the Medicinal Chemistry Department in the Feurt Building and being associated with great people like Drs. Lasslo and Avis (my major professor). It was great to see how much the UT Graduate School has grown over the years, and it is obvious that it is flourishing.”

Bubba has been primarily working in the medical device industry since graduating with his PharmD/PhD in 1979. His work has focused on the clinical and regulatory affairs aspects of these products, primarily interacting with the FDA. His first position was with Buckeye Cellulose Company in Memphis, which at that time was a subsidiary of Procter and Gamble. He left Buckeye Cellulose in 1986 and joined Dow Corning Wright in Arlington, Tenn. In 1992, Bubba joined Medtronic Sofamor Danek, then Danek Group, Inc. Medtronic Sofamor Danek markets orthopedic medical devices that are primarily intended to treat spinal ailments. Currently, he is the Vice President of Clinical Affairs.

Bubba’s wife, Laura Lee (MS ’77), is also a graduate of UTHSC. After receiving a BS in nursing in 1974, she entered graduate school in the Department of Anatomy. Her major professor was Dr. Don Donaldson and she received a master’s degree in 1977. Laura Lee has since taught anatomy at a local junior college and now works part time as a nurse at Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Laura Lee and Bubba have two children. Mary (Sunny) has a BS in advertising and a MS in public relations from UT, Knoxville. She is currently an events coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Knoxville. Their son, Bailey, is a junior at Mississippi State University and is majoring in meteorology. Bubba and Laura Lee can be reached at Box 1043, Munford, TN 38058.
Emmett Manley, Jr., DPh (PhD ’64) a native of Jackson, Tenn., and a retired professor of the UTHSC College of Pharmacy was recently recognized as the 2006 UTHSC College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus. The recognition was based on his many contributions to the profession and to the education of future healthcare providers in many disciplines. This is the highest award given by the Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Emmett attended Lambruth University, the University of Memphis and Vanderbilt University prior to attending and subsequently graduating from the UTHSC College of Pharmacy in 1959. He completed his graduate training in Pharmacology/Physiology and was awarded his doctorate in 1963 from CGHS. He returned to UTHSC in the Department of Pharmacology after a two-year research fellowship in cardiovascular physiology at The Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University. He left UTHSC in 1975 when he became chair of pharmacology and academic associate dean at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. In 1985 he returned to UTHSC to serve on the faculty in the College of Pharmacy, where he was professor and assistant dean of education. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the UT National Alumni Association’s Outstanding Teacher Award. He retired from UTHSC in 1990. Since then he has been actively involved in presenting financial planning/investing seminars to medical and pharmacy groups and to decreasing his handicap score on the links around Memphis.

Emmett’s wife Rilla is a former nurse educator and administrator. Their son, Emmett III, a graduate of the UTHSC College of Medicine, is a family practice physician in Jefferson City, Tenn., and their daughter, Melinda, is a senior administrative assistant with Medtronic in Memphis. Emmett can be reached at 9631 Mosswood Lane, Lakeland, TN 38002 (901-372-2023), e-mail emanley1@midsouth.rr.com.

J. Perry McGinnis, DDS (MS ’74) was recently recognized as the 2006 Outstanding Alumnus for the College of Dentistry. Perry received his bachelor’s degree from UT, Knoxville and his DDS from UTHSC. He served two years on active duty with the Army Dental Corps and served in the Army Reserves until he retired with the rank of Colonel in 1996. He served as the commanding officer of the 323rd Medical Detachment Unit in Memphis, a unit in which Dean Peppler served as his executive officer in 1985-1988. Dr. McGinnis served on the faculty at UTHSC, Oral Roberts University and the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. At the latter, in addition to being a professor of diagnostic sciences, he was the associate dean for academic programs and, later, dean. He retired from that position in 2002. He received teaching awards at each of the institutions where he served and has received many other awards, both from his professional accomplishments as well as his military service. Perry is married to Carol Jean Golden McGinnis. They have two sons, Barron and Roland, and three grandchildren. He can be reached at 104 Cayuga Drive, Loudon, TN 37774 (865-458-2126), e-mail pmcginnisjr@aol.com.

Stephanie Scott (PhD ’99) can be reached at 2706 Wellesley Dr., Columbus, OH 43221. Jim Dalton, her husband, works part time here in Memphis for GTx, Inc. and is chair of pharmaceutical sciences at The Ohio State University.

Wei Shi, MD (PhD ’97) worked with Dr. Mullersman when he was at UTHSC. During this time his wife had an import/export business in the Los Angeles area, which she continues with today. Following graduation, Wei did a post-doctoral fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and then in 2000 was appointed an assistant professor of surgery & craniofacial molecular biology in the Developmental Biology Program. His office is in The Saban Research Institute of the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, where the view is magnificent looking out at the observatory and the Hollywood sign on the mountain near LA. He was funded with an RO1 in 2002 and has received a very good priority score for refunding. Wei and his wife have a son who is 12 and a daughter who is 6. They live in Cerritos, Calif., which is south of Los Angeles. Wei can be reached at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, Mailstop #35, 4650 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90027 or Post Office Box 54700, Los Angeles, CA 90054 (323-669-5430), e-mail wshi@chla.usc.edu.

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Elizabeth A. Stillman (PhD ’99) originally is from Fullerton, Calif., and did her undergraduate training at Pomona College. An advisor there recommended the Microbiology Program at UTHSC, and she matriculated here in 1993. Her research advisor was Dr. Michael Whitt, and Drs. Martha Howe and Jon Katze were also on her faculty committee. Following graduation she married and did a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University. Her husband developed leukemia and passed in 2003. Currently she is a research scientist with MedImmune, Inc., which is a leader in the development of vaccines and antibodies against numerous infectious diseases. The efforts of the company are especially focused on respiratory infections affecting young children. Elizabeth is very pleased with her position with the company and feels that her experience at UTHSC, especially with Dr. Whitt, trained her for her current position. She is one of an eight-member team (three scientists and five research associates) who are working on an anti-respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) that could more effectively reduce RSV virus in the lung and nasal passages of fragile infants. Elizabeth is engaged to be married this June. Her fiancé is a musician, and they met at “Table for Six”. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening around her home. Elizabeth lives at 1104 Beaumont Drive, San Jose, CA 95129 (408-996-1575), e-mail Elizabeth_stillman@yahoo.com or can be reached at: MedImmune Vaccines, Inc., 297 North Bernardo Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043 (650-603-2348), e-mail stillmane@medimmune.com.

Costellia Talley (PhD ’05) has had an abstract, “A Pilot Study of Quality of Life in Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease” accepted for poster presentation at the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nursing Annual Convention. The conference will be held in September in Philadelphia. Costellia has also been offered a teaching position at the University of Memphis in the School of Nursing.

Adam Willis, MD (PhD ’01) currently is completing his transitional year of residency prior to going to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine for a residency in anesthesiology. He resides at 211 MaryAnn Drive, Memphis, TN 38117 (901-418-8443).

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Jingsong Zhao (PhD ’95) went to the University of Southern California (USC) following graduation and left his position there in 2001. Since then he has been working as a senior scientist in I&D with Nuvolo, Inc., in San Carlos, Calif., and really likes it. Nuvolo was created in 2003 by the merger of Hyseq and Variagenics, two top biotech research and drug development companies. When formed, Nuvolo had a pipeline that included alfishmeprase, a potential clot-buster Hyseq had been developing. The drug, which has been granted fast track designation by the FDA, could treat acute peripheral arterial occlusion or leg attack. This condition involves the blood flow to the legs being cut off by a clot. Subsequently, the condition can lead to ulcers, gangrene and even limb amputation. The company also inherited a wealth of genetic data that had been researched and collected for licensing and proprietary development. Jingsong can be reached at 35471 Woodbridge Place, Fremont, CA 94536. (510-739-0264), e-mail jingsongzhao@yahoo.com.

In Memory

Sheng Ma (PhD ’97) who graduated from the Microbiology Program died of liver cancer at the age of 38 in Boston on February 22, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Yan Li, and two daughters. After finishing his studies at UTHSC, Sheng performed postdoctoral research at Harvard University. While studying for an MBA degree at Boston College, he was diagnosed with liver cancer in September 2005. Sheng is deeply missed by his family and friends. Contributions can be made to “Take a Swing at Cancer (TASC) - Sheng Ma Fund”, which is a non-profit organization serving the needs of families affected by cancer (www.takeaswing.org). They can be sent to Sheng’s wife at 668 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton, MA 01720 (978-263-6384).