UT Cytotechnology Program to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A celebration to mark this event is planned to take place in conjunction with the Southern Association of Cytotechnologists (SAC) annual meeting in Nashville, TN on August 8-11, 2002. The meeting will take place at Union Station Wyndham Hotel.

We hope many of our alumni will attend a special reception on August 10, 2002 at 3:00 pm. We will have an opportunity to reminisce and commemorate this significant milestone in the history of this program: one of the oldest cytotechnology programs in the country.

As a public service feature, Barbara Walker Hummel, Miss America of 1947, interviews Dr. Cyrus C. Erickson, Associate Director, Institute of Pathology, University of Tennessee, to explain screenings for cervical cancer in 1951.

Medical Technology’s Linda Ross: Bioterrorism Expert

Our country has changed since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and issues that were not particularly timely before then are now becoming a national focus. Linda Ross, (MT 75), interim chair of the CLS Department and Associate Professor of Microbiology, has been asked to speak at numerous professional meetings and community groups to inform both laboratory professionals and the public at most likely the appropriate that made in bioterrorist an excellent us to tell the world of the important role that the clinical laboratory plays in a crisis. Another issue that has been brought to the public’s attention is the vital role that laboratorians play in providing a safe and adequate blood supply. The recent response to our national crisis highlighted the role of the blood bank in emergency situations and certainly reflected well on our profession.

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New Faculty

Welcome to Dr. Surya Shah who joins the Department of Occupational Therapy faculty from England. Dr. Shah’s Ph.D. is in neurological rehabilitation from the University of Teesside in England. Appointed a first professor of Occupational Therapy in England, he worked there for five years before joining UTHSC.

Dr. Shah has published prolifically in contemporary journals and has presented numerous workshops all over the world on stroke rehabilitation measurement and outcomes. His current research interests are stroke rehabilitation outcomes, functional and neurological measurement, functional outcome following brain trauma, cross-validation of functional indices, and quality of life of the elderly.

Welcome to Susan McFadden who joins the Department of Occupational Therapy faculty on a part-time basis. Susan is the former Director of Regulatory Affairs for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Susan holds a B.S. degree in Occupational Therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University and a M.Ed. from The Pennsylvania State University.

She has been elected to the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Roster of Fellows and was recognized as Outstanding Occupational Therapist of the Year in Tennessee.

COTS Program receives grant to help homeless

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center’s Community Occupational Therapy Services (COTS) program received a two-year grant totaling $211,475 to continue to provide occupational therapy services to homeless clients of local agencies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funding (HUD) in collaboration with the Partners for the Homeless, The Greater Memphis Interagency Coalition for the Homeless, the Grant Center, the City of Memphis, and Shelby County.

COTS has now trained 42 students in community-based occupational therapy from Texas all the way to Hartford, CT. Funding for a pilot project in partnership with the Dental Hygiene Department and the Dental College to provide free restorative dental care for homeless uninsured men and women is underway. COTS is also partnering with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) to provide free dental care to mentally ill clients housed in a transitional facility which COTS serves. COTS Program Director Gretchen Stokes, Fieldwork Coordinator, Mary Elizabeth Gibson along with Debbie Follis (OT ’99) Memphis, Foundations Associates Director (OT ’78), and Dr. Ann Nolen, OT Department Chair, will be presenting these innovative community programs at the AOTA national conference in May.

OT Grads 2001

Ann Nolen congratulates 2001 Achievement Award in OT winner Kristie Moore. Kristie graduated first in the class after a year of driving in from Atwood, TN each day, a 220 mile round trip.

Student News

In October, student Shelley Brock (OT02) coordinated participation in the American Walk for Diabetes. OT students raised contributions in excess of $700.

UT OT Students judged the science fair at J.P. Freeman in February 2002. J.P. Freeman is the College’s adopted school and Freeman students do well in the county science fair.

Standing left to right
Nicole Marino, Brandi Hudson, Candace Brewer, Yolanda Holley. In front Kavindra McKnight

Shelley Smith received the Leadership Award. Shelley served as class president.

Congratulations to Class of 2000

Congratulations go to the class of 2000 on their 100% pass rate on the National Board of Certification Licensure Exam.

Successful OT Alums

Lesley Parker (OT 00) has joined Denise Higdon (OT 91) at her successful Worksite Consultants. Another entrepreneur Julie Dixon (OT 91) opened the new facility, Memphis Hand Center, and expanded to Jackson and Dyersburg. UT grads Kelly Zellers (OT 01) and Amy Green (OT 01) have their first job experience working in Julie’s thriving practice.
Shortage of Laboratory Personnel and Recruitment Opportunities

The shortage of certified laboratory personnel continues both locally and nationally. The MT Program here at UTHSC is looking for more qualified applicants to admit into each of our classes to help ease this situation. If you find that you have opportunities to recruit persons into the profession and/or into the UT program, feel free to contact us for recruitment materials. The faculty is also available for speaking engagements and is interested in talking to individuals about the program and the profession as well. We have spoken to students at the high school and college level, to science teachers and high school and college career counselors and advisors, to community groups, and served as professional resources in many other settings. One such setting was when students from Christian Brothers University were invited to our campus to tour our laboratories and hear about the laboratory professions as part of a class called “Career Options in the Biomedical Sciences”. It is to everyone’s advantage that we take every opportunity to get our information about careers in the laboratory to the public and recruit others into the field.

Connolly Honored by APTA

Barbara Connolly has been elected as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association. This award was established "to recognize those persons whose work has resulted in lasting and significant advances in the science, education and practice of the profession of physical therapy." Qualifications for selection include:

"contributions to the profession through leadership, influence and achievements, demonstrating frequent and sustained efforts to advance the profession..."

Barbara will be presented with her award at the APTA Annual Conference and Exposition, June, 2002.

Mulvany Completes Hemophilia Study

Ruth Mulvany recently completed a funded study on the effects of exercise on individuals with hemophilia. Physical therapy students from the MPT class of 2002 conducted a portion of the study using the Gaitrite® system to analyze changes in gait as a result of exercise. Ruth will present her results at the World Foundation for Hemophilia in Seville, Spain.

Garcia Receives APTA Minority Scholarship

Avari Garcia, (MPT 02) has received the APTA 2002 Minority Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence. In addition to scholarship funds, Avari will receive a medallion and certificate in commemoration of the Award. The Awards will be presented at the Recognition Ceremony of the APTA 2002 Annual Conference and Exposition. Congratulations to Avari from all of the faculty, students and staff.

Casey Malone: Born to Run

Casey Malone (MPT 03) has made a name for herself and for physical therapy by completing and often winning grueling athletic events such as the Liberty Land Race and a Marathon Bike Event. Between classes, clinics and home life, she manages to find time to train and perform as an elite athlete.

Faculty News

Judy Clifft and Ann Coleman are involved in a multicenter study to determine the effects of nutritional supplements on children with Duchenne’s Muscular Dystrophy. Judy recently presented a continuing education course for O.T.s and COTA’s for certification in electrical stimulation.

Susan Appling and Rick Kasser recently published a home-study course through the APTA on management of the foot and ankle. Check out their work on the orthopt.org site!

APTA Student Conclave

Several UT Students attended the APTA Student Conclave in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pictured with Ben Massey, APTA President, are Brandon Gray on left, Jenny Puff and Kimberly Franco from the MPT class of 2002.
MHIMA Donates Proceeds of Workshops to HIM Program

The membership of the Memphis Health Information Management Association voted to donate a portion of the proceeds from the Winter Update meeting the CPT coding workshop to the UT HIM program. The total amount donated was $5288.00.

Current Board members are all UT alumni and include Stephanie Midyett (HIM 83), President; Nikke Mitchell Schilling (HIM 94), Vice President; Sherry Powell (HIM 83), Treasurer and Tina Mitchell (HIM 99), Secretary; Amy Tritt McIntosh (HIM 92), Past President.

Nikke Schilling, (l) (HIM 94), Vice President of the Memphis Health Information Management Association, chaired the Program Committee for the Winter Update meeting. Kam Shams, (r) President of the Shams Group was the keynote speaker and presented a session entitled “Knowledge Management.” Mr. Shams, also presents a yearly seminar on data warehousing to the UT HIM students.

Bob Blackwell: Super Recruiter

Mr. Bob Blackwell, Vice- Chancellor for Business and Finance, is pictured with his daughter, Elizabeth, right (HIM 00) and Gloria Peete, left (HIM 01). Blackwell has been a great recruiter for HIM. He encouraged employees in the Business and Finance area, including Gloria and Beverly Robinson (HIM 02), to attend classes to pursue a B.S. degree. He also encouraged his daughter Elizabeth to follow this educational path. Elizabeth works as a manager in HIM at Baptist Memphis. Gloria is employed at the Newborn Center at UT. Beverly is a current student. All credit Mr. Blackwell with launching their HIM careers.

Alumni Holiday in Memphis

Cathy Ingram Doyle, (r) (HIM ’69) and Linda Harkrider Hutton, (l) (HIM ’69) are pictured during the holiday break here in Memphis. After graduation from the program at Baptist Memorial Hospital, they each worked in various positions in the HIM field.

Recent Graduates Enjoy First National Alumni Reunion

Elizabeth Blackwell (HIM 00), Kristen Lilly (HIM 99), and Stacie Jowers (HIM 99) attended the 2001 AHIMA national convention in Miami Beach, FL. They are pictured at the University of Tennessee, University of Alabama reunion held at the Loew’s Hotel.

TN HIM Association Meeting in Memphis in May 2002

After an absence of many years, the THIMA is returning to Memphis for its annual meeting. The meeting will be May 8 through 10, 2002 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Memphis. The UT HIM department, the Memphis Health Information Management Association and the UT alumni association are sponsoring a welcome brunch on Wednesday morning May 8, 2002.

Rebecca Reynolds (HIM 91) is the state president.
Dental Hygiene Update 2002

Dental Hygiene Update 2002 is scheduled for Friday, July 26 at the Holiday Inn East in Memphis. Rebecca Wilder, RDH, MS will speak on "Periodontal Treatments For Your Patients: What's the Future and What's the Risk?" She will focus on current periodontal therapies and avoiding legal risks when treating patients. For more information about the one day seminar, contact Dr. Judy Mills at (901)448-5386.

New State of the Art Lab

Dental hygiene students have recently had the opportunity to receive their instrumentation instruction in a new state of the art lab. The new classroom is in the General Education Building.

MEN AGAINST PLAQUE

UT Dental Hygienists get their message across using humor. Dressed as "Men Against Plaque," they presented an educational program in Dyersburg, TN during Dental Health Month.

Standing left to right
Ashley (Allman) Trans (DH 00),
Elizabeth (Evans) Dickerson (DH 83),
Nancy (Thweatt) McCoy (DH 84).
In front Shaw Dickerson

December Graduation ‘01

Mary McCain, Professor and Chair (left) and Beth Bowman, Professor (right) congratulate Samantha Sloan, the THIMA Outstanding Student for the HIM Class of 2001 at the UT Center for Health Sciences. Samantha is a manager in the HIM department at Jackson-Madison County Hospital in Jackson, TN.

The HIM class of 2001 lines up for graduation.
Mary McCain, left congratulates Tonya Swagerty, President of the HIM class of ‘01. Tonya is now working at St. Francis Hospital.

December 2001 Graduates Invited to Join Alpha Eta

Alpha Eta is the national honor society for Allied Health. Pictured from left to right are the December 2001 graduates invited to join Alpha Eta: Samantha Sloan (HIM), Kristie Moore (OT), Laura Newman Dawson (OT), Summer Whitehead Britton (OT) and Kelly Zellers (OT). Not pictured is Desiree Hutson (HIM).
Cytotechnology Students Receive Scholarships

Mandy Dyer and Paul Stevens (CT 02) are recipients of the Erickson-Rube Cytotechnology Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is for tuition and expenses.

The scholarship fund is named for Dr. Cyrus C. Erickson, former medical director of the program (1951–1973) and Irma F. Rube, former program director (1951–1985). Dr. Sidney Coleman, medical director from 1973 to 1991, instituted the award to recognize the two founders of the cytotechnology program.

Cytotechnology Program Receives Generous Donation

Charlie Harvison (CT 65) and Thomas E. Hanes M.D. gave a generous donation toward the addition of another head in our yet to be completed ten headed microscope. The support of our alumni is extremely beneficial to the educational development of our students. Microscopic sessions are held daily to solidify key cytologic criteria.

1957 CT Program faculty and students

Barbara Benstein and Dr. Sidney Coleman in the 1980’s

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Regena Jones Hardaway (HIM 81) is the new Director of Health Information Management at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Karen Simmons Proffitt (HIM 82) is working as a software analyst for McKesson in Alpharetta, GA. for their STAR Medical Record products. Her son Austin is a sophomore in high school.

Beverly Jane Vance Hasson, PT (PT 82) is the Assistant Manager of Rehabilitation at Gastonia Memorial Hospital in Gastonia, NC. She and her husband, Eric, are proud to announce the August 24th birth of their first child, son Cameron Nathan.

Stephanie Bivens Midyett (HIM 83) is President of the Memphis Health Information Management Association. She works in Reimbursement at St. Jude Children’s Medical Center.

Jackie Garrett Willett (HIM 86) is the new Manager of Coding and Systems in the HIM Department at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Cindy Hmielewski Nixon (HIM 87) is a Tennessee delegate to the AHIMA. Cindy works as Director of HIM at Cookeville General Hospital in Cookeville, TN.

Tonia Black Poteet (HIM 87) is the new Director of Health Information Management at Lakeside Behavioral Health in Memphis.

Denise Lipsey Cornelius (MT 88) is living in the Atlanta, GA area and working for Takeda Pharmaceutical Company as a sales representative.

Stephanie Holt Bledsoe (MT 89) welcomed her first child, Jack Edward Bledsoe, this past summer. Stephanie and family are now living in St. Louis, MO.

Penry Head PT, ATC (PT 89) is director of rehabilitation at Campbell Clinic in Memphis. She has been involved in research projects with UTPT faculty, Audrey Zucker-Levin and Ruth Mulvany.

Kelly Basore Milam (HIM 90) is President of the Middle Tennessee Health Information Management Association and a delegate to the American Health Information Management Association House of Delegates. Kelly is Director of HIM at Summit Medical Center in Hermitage, TN.

CLASS NOTES

70’s

Jody Limbaugh Nelson (HIM 72) has a new grandson, Chad Arnold Casey II born on November 8, 2001. Jody is working on her MBA and is teaching medical terminology at a community college.

Penny Flanagan Fortune (DH 73) lives in Cordova, TN with her husband, Rick, and practices dental hygiene part-time. She received a B.A. degree in Anthropology from University of Memphis. Her studies allowed her the opportunity to spend a month in Costa Rica learning about the people and the country. Upon her return, she sent packages of toothbrushes to some of the friends she made there.

80’s

Donna Murphy Andrews (HIM 80) is the new Privacy and Compliance Specialist at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis. She is teaching the Health Information Technology course for the HIM students.

90’s

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Dean’s Message

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I recently had the opportunity to review a list of the College of Allied Health Sciences alumni who make annual gifts to the college. My first thought was, “Isn’t it wonderful that so many alumni support the college and the program from which they graduated.” My second thought was, “How can I help ALL of our alumni know how much an annual contribution, regardless of the amount, means to the college?”

Taking a cue from David Letterman, I have put together a “Top 10” list of why all alumni should consider an annual gift in support of the college or program.

10 My career in healthcare has been rewarding.
9 Employers respect a degree from the University of Tennessee.
8 The faculty provided me with an excellent education.
7 I recommend UT to others interested in entering a healthcare field.
6 I know money/equipment donated is put to good use.
5 I know I can always call the faculty if I have a problem or a question.
4 Tennessee will need more healthcare professionals in the future.
3 When I need healthcare services, I want to count on a UT grad.
2 We need the best and the brightest students in the healthcare fields.
1 I AM PROUD TO BE A UT ALUM!

The College has nearly 5000 alumni. If each alum donated one day’s pay each year, it would be enough to fund an entire program, provide 100 students with full scholarships, replace aging equipment and much, much more.

As you are making your decisions about charitable giving this year, please keep us in your minds and hearts.

Alumni Recruiters Needed

If you are located near or attended one of the following colleges, we need you to help us introduce students to the allied health fields. There are a variety of ways to assist us including giving tours of departments or practice sites, representing UT at career fairs, and by being a contact for advisors. We need alumni recruiters for UT Knoxville, East Tennessee State University, UT Martin, Middle Tennessee State University, Carson-Newman, Belmont, David Lipscomb, Austin Peay, Sewanee and all of the community colleges in the state.

Please call 901.448.5581 or email us if you can help. Elaine Freiden, Recruitment Coordinator.

Keeping Up

We are soon launching a new college website at utmem.edu. We will be including news of interest to alumni. If you will e-mail us at smansfield@utmem.edu or ahcareers@utmem.edu, we will begin compiling a list so that we can let you know when there are updates of interest on the webpage.