



Governor Approves Funding for New Pharmacy Building, Raises

At the Feb. 3 meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Chancellor’s Roundtable, UT interim president Joe Johnson announced that Governor Phil Bredesen has made several recommendations that will positively impact UTHSC projects and staff.

Johnson’s most encouraging announcement was that the proposed budget calls for a cut in funding of .8 percent for the UT system, rather than the expected 5 percent cut. The budget is pending approval from the state legislature.

The governor recommended an allocation of \$42.8 million for the construction of a new College of Phar-

macy building. The budget calls for the state to match \$2 for every \$1 raised for



Interim UT president Joe Johnson addresses the Community Relations Committee.

the construction, meaning UTHSC will have to raise approximately \$14 million before construction can begin.

The governor also recommended \$38 million for capital maintenance to go to projects like upkeep of elevators and roofs, as well as other general building maintenance needs.

Additionally, the budget calls for a 3 percent raise for UT faculty and staff in fiscal year 2005.

Johnson commended UTHSC for its commitment to the community, especially for the partnerships with Methodist University Hospital and the Memphis Biotech Foundation.

He also praised UTHSC for flourishing, despite recent difficulties, by recruiting and graduating more students than ever before, as well as increasing research initiatives.

UTHSC Inclement Weather Closing Policy

Since this is the time of year when we can expect winter weather events, it is important for everyone to know the Health Science Center Policy and Procedure regarding inclement weather conditions. The policy is covered in detail in Section 320 of the Personnel Procedures Manual and may be accessed by going to: www.utmem.edu/policies/Pers/pers.html on the web site.

The Health Science Center will close only in the most severe weather conditions.

UT personnel housed in facilities not operated by UT will be subject to the policy and procedure of the facili-

ty in which they are housed. Neither UT Medical Group nor the Bowld Hospital is covered by the Health Science Center procedures.

UT patient care programs will close only if adequate notice can be provided to all scheduled patients.

The Child Development Center is subject to Health Science Center procedures, except for closings during regular hours. In the event the Health Science Center closes during regular hours, the Day Care Center will remain open until arrangements have been made to secure the safety of each child.

If the Health Science Center is closed, essential services will remain

open. These activities include those that maintain the campus environment, ensure its safety, and provide patient services, as well as those that maintain and operate critical research resources.

Health Science Center students, faculty and staff will be informed of the campus’ status in several ways: (1) a telephone “hot” line with up-to-the-minute information – 44UT ICE (448-8423), (2) the Health Science Center web site – www.utmem.edu, (3) WREG Channel 3 television station, and (4) FM 100 radio station. Please note: since the hot line can provide the most up-to-date information, it will be the official source.

You're Invited...

to a retirement
reception honoring
Jim Gibb Johnson, MD
for 38 years of service to
UTHSC.

*SAC - Room 305
Friday, Feb. 27
1 - 4 p.m.*

The Record

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Memphis Healthcare Providers Aim to Heal Children Internationally

A team from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital recently traveled to Guatemala to educate and equip physicians in the small, Central American country battling one of childhood's most vicious "sight-robbing" diseases —retinoblastoma.

This was the first of several trips planned in a collaborative effort to establish clinics in Central America, which has a high rate of the disease. The most common eye cancer in children, retinoblastoma is 100 percent fatal if not treated.

Memphis volunteer team members included Barrett Haik, MD, Hamilton Professor in Ophthalmology, UT ophthalmology department chair, and St. Jude Ophthalmology Division chief; Judy Wilimas, MD, medical director of the St. Jude Central American International Outreach Program; Matthew W. Wilson, MD, UT assistant professor in ophthalmology; Blanca Phillips, UT Eye Tumor Center Coordinator; and Raul C. Ribeiro, MD, Director of the St. Jude International Outreach Program. The project is coordinated through ORBIS International, Inc., a not-for-profit organization aimed at preserving and restoring sight.

According to Dr. Haik, this new program is unique because "it represents a seamless integration of several institutions working toward one common goal — the prevention of blindness and death in these unfortunate and afflicted children."

He commented, "The cost of bringing a single infant afflicted with eye cancer and one family member to the United States for six to 18 months of complex therapy can easily cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. For the same investment, Central American physicians can be flown to Memphis and undergo

intensive training at UT and St. Jude. Once we're sure they're comfortable with what they're doing, we go to their country for site visits. At that point, ORBIS International donates lasers, cryotherapy (freezing) units and a specialized camera for producing high-quality digital images of the cancers.

"By fully preparing these physicians with training and equipment, we are laying the foundation for working with them by using 'real time Internet viewing.' Thanks to a specialized electronic medical record developed by ORBIS, they will be able to send images to UT and St. Jude where we can continue to mentor the physicians, as well as share in the patients' progress." The St. Jude retinoblastoma clinic is one of the largest in the nation, and Dr. Haik currently sees 10 to 15 children with the disease a week.

In regard to working with the Guatemalan doctors, Dr. Haik commented, "I was amazed by their skills and enthusiasm, although I was saddened by the lack of equipment at their disposal," he said. "Thankfully, organizations like ORBIS are able to provide equipment so we can establish an entire program in these countries. This allows us to help hundreds of children for a minimal cost, while also improving that country's level of medical care."

According to Dr. Haik, researchers believe a high prevalence of retinoblastoma exists in Central and South America because of environmental and epidemiological factors. Genetic disposition can also play a key role in children being at risk for the disease.

If properly treated, 90 percent of the children can be cured of retinoblastoma through early detection and treatment of the affected eye. Historically, the disease was cured by removing the eye; today chemotherapy has proven to be an effective treatment.

People

Congratulations!

Anne Marie Estes, research assistant in the department of pharmacology, on the birth of her granddaughter, Kalei Marie, on January 28.

Barrett Haik, MD, Hamilton Professor and chair of ophthalmology was elected a trustee at large for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a society with over 20,000 members. He was also elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology.



In the last issue of *The Record*, **Surya Shah, PhD**, was incorrectly identified as an associate professor in occupational therapy. He is a full professor in both occupational therapy and neurology.



In Memoriam

The UTHSC community extends condolences to:

G. Bailey, lieutenant in campus police, on the loss of his wife, Charlotte Bailey.

M. Michal Davis on the loss of her brother, Timothy Lyn Blount.

Newly Elected Employee Relations Committee Members

Administration

Earl Terrell
Belinda Loyd

Business & Finance

Marion Grinston
LaQuencia Stigler-McNeil

Development

Pam Houston
Frances ONeal

Physical Plant

Kenneth Bradshaw
Stanley Tyler

College of Dentistry

Ronald Johnson
Nancy Wilson

College of Allied Health

Kim Griffin
Diane Garrison

College of Health Science Engineering

Jayne Collins
Susan Ledbetter

College of Medicine

Linda Bridgewater Andrea Kolen
Regenia Dowell

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Eloise Tate
Angela Cody

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Shurvon Lamar

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Beverly Avis
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Academic Affairs

Paulette Moore
Brenda Deane

EO3 Group (Comp. & Tel./HR/Res. Admin.)

Regina Johnson
Horace Mincey

Family Med.(Jackson/Tipton/ St.Francis/Billing)

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Everleen Morrison

College of Nursing

Teresa Glaser
VACANT

Wolf River (Preventive Medicine)

Lisa Anderson-Houston
Vada Singleton

Graduate Health Sciences

Patricia Hill
Carolyn Smith

College of Pharmacy

Laverne Jones
Faith Barcroft

Pauline Building

Sharon Ellis
Jackie McClarin

Newly Elected Exempt Staff Council Members

Administration

Mary Nease

Business & Finance

Melanie Burlison

Academic Affairs

Reggie Porter

College of Allied Health

Sherrie Gooch

College of Pharmacy

Bobby Thomas

Human Resources

Jerry Hall

Family Medicine Clinics

Phyllis Shoe

Computing and Telecommunications

Brad Terhune

College of Health Science Engineering

Helen Parsons

University Relations

Elise Moore

Development

Linda Henley

College of Medicine

Linda Mills

College of Dentistry

Diane Weber

College of Nursing

Marsha Choric

Research Administration

Jane Poulos

Preventive Med. – Wolf River

Carolyn Gresham

Graduate Health Sciences

Rebecca Brown

News Bites

Computing and telecommunications is pleased to announce a new collaboration with the department of digital media services at UT Knoxville. The purpose of digital media services (<http://digitalmedia.utk.edu>) is to provide a full range of digitization services to UT faculty, staff and departments. Digital media services can digitize text, images, video and sound. The digital materials are made available to students and faculty, both on and off campus, via the Internet. Digital media services also assists in securing copyright permissions, offers referrals to related media production and technology services, and provides CD and DVD duplication.

Services for instructional materials are provided at NO COST to faculty members except for related shipping costs to and from digital media services in Knoxville. Digitization and storage of media for non-instructional uses are available to UT faculty, departments and staff at competitive rates.

Projects usually take three to five days to complete once the materials are in-house in Knoxville. Large projects may have longer turn around times. Rush orders will be accommodated.

In an effort to provide safe access to various buildings on the campus, the Memphis Police Department has granted the Campus Police Department permission to issue City of Memphis citations for **non-moving** violations.

This citation procedure has been implemented to ensure immediate access to fire lanes and campus buildings, as well as to help maintain orderly parking on streets adjacent to campus.

City of Memphis citations cannot be paid or appealed through the UTHSC parking office. Any contested citation must be placed on the City of Memphis court docket. Please see any and all mail-in information on front of the citation.



UTHSC volunteers collected donations in the 920 Madison building on Friday, February 6, for the American Heart Association's Wear Red Day for Women, a national campaign to encourage support for the fight against heart disease. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the U.S. UTHSC collected \$800 in donations.

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Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award Nomination Deadline

March 10

The award recognizes outstanding community service by students, faculty and staff of Tennessee's higher education institutions.

Visit http://www.state.tn.us/thec/comu_serv_award.html for more information.

Computer Security

Support for secure socket layer (SSL) encrypted sessions is available to UTHSC e-mail users. In order to use SSL, it must be enabled on the e-mail client's account and the UTHSC server. When activated from the e-mail user's computer, it will provide security for data passed only between the e-mail user and the server. It does not encrypt outgoing e-mail. For details on how to configure your mail client please visit the computing and telecommunications website at http://www.utmem.edu/helpdesk/email/email_encryption.htm

Open House a Success



An open house held by the College of Allied Health to showcase their new facilities to the community drew approximately 125 prospective students and 50 family members.

Minutes/Policies

January

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Library Advisory Committee

Present: Lois Bellamy, Dr. Naseem Amarshi, Beth Bowman, Steve Golanka, Gwen Jackson, Dr. David Nutting, Richard Nollan, Dr. Waldemar de Rijk, Susan Selig, Dr. Tom Singarella

Absent: Dr. David Armbruster, Alan Levy, Dr. Muriel Rice, Dr. Hugh Vaughn, Dr. Herb Zeman

Dr. Tom Singarella called the meeting to order. Dr. Singarella discussed the library budget. Dr. David Nutting reported that president Joe Johnson recently announced that he is trying to re-

verse the proposed impoundment, that he was trying to get more money put into the capital improvements budget, and that he was working on the continuation of funding for the centers of excellence.

Dr. Singarella and Lois Bellamy, electronic services coordinator, are investigating the feasibility of only online journals. They are evaluating the print collection, as well as the personnel needed for a more highly technical procedure for procuring journals.

The library has joined the UT Knoxville libraries in a contract with BioMed Central and the online versions of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, and the *AMA Archives* journals.

The library is participating in the SACS accreditation process and has posted six goals on the UT SACS homepage. The library plans to develop a strategy.

Gwen Jackson, access services coordinator, and Steve Golanka, circulation librarian, gave a presentation on the library's interlibrary loan services, circulation policies and procedures, and test scoring. They distributed an information packet and demonstrated online registration.

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Faculty Senate Roundup

Announcements: President Mansbach was asked to pass on to the faculty senate that the \$2,000 UT National Alumni Association Public Service Award nominations are due in the alumni office no later than January 30. The criteria is very broad with emphasis on contributions to public service related to a full-time faculty or exempt staff member's profession or area of expertise. The chancellor, deans and past recipients are not eligible. A supporting letter and CV must be submitted for each nominee.

At the meeting next month, Dr. Palazzolo will attend and give a brief talk on the development of the Sabbatical Policy.

New Business: The executive committee will submit the names of their nominees and nominations will be taken from the floor for president-elect, secretary/treasurer, senator of the year, and administrator of the year, at the February meeting. The person nominated for president-elect and secretary/treasurer will need to send a one-page CV to Dianne so it can be sent to each faculty senate member, via e-mail, before the elections are held in March.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Budget and Benefits:

Senator Albritton stated that there were concerns regarding reductions in the base pay of some faculty who receive NIH grants. While one expects that the sala-

ries will return to base pay at the end of the grant, in terms of the portion paid by state dollars, this is not always the case. Reduction in base pay serves as a disincentive for affected faculty who participate in the research enterprise.

UTHSC has a sub-committee that plans on working with the administration to address this issue.

Computing and Telecommunications: Chairman Russell gave the following report:

UTHSC still does not have a campus chief information officer. There have been discussions with administration that someone would be appointed to fill that position, even if temporarily, but this has so far not occurred.

A new layer of IT governance has been established. Called the "health science center IT steering committee," this group is having its first meeting tomorrow. During last Friday's computing & telecommunications committee meeting, interim chief information officer Brice Bible discussed that university administrators decided to form this steering committee to take input from various campus constituent groups and oversee strategic decision-making about IT for the UTHSC campus. Mr. Fly approved a similar governing structure for the Knoxville campus as well. During tomorrow's meeting there will be a discussion of the operating plan for the committee, including committee operations, frequency of meetings, role of other IT advisory groups, and communications. Committee members include: Ray Colson (co-chair), Joel Reeves (co-chair), Mike Dockter, Joanne Hadley, Mark Patters, Cynthia Russell, Andy Spooner, and Rob Williams. Brice Bible, Ely Fly, and Bill

Rice will also be in attendance during the initial meeting.

In preparation for the 2004-2005 C&T committee, committee members are reviewing the goals of the committee and making recommendations for committee membership. The committee's membership includes faculty senators, as well as non-senator faculty, staff and students. Part of the goals for the C&T committee may be affected by the role of the UTHSC IT steering committee.

Vikki Mercer (blackboard support specialist), Vicki Murrell (director of instructional technology) and Larry Hak (past-president of the faculty senate) developed an efficient printing checklist that provides helpful suggestions on printing and file management to various campus constituents. The C&T committee reviewed and discussed this document and the developers are charged with deployment of the checklist across campus in the colleges.

The computing center directors (or their designees) attended the December C&T committee meeting and provided updates on their current activities. In addition, this meeting offered members and the directors an opportunity to dialogue about IT issues and challenges. Committee members appreciated the time spent by the directors in preparing for and attending this meeting.

Intellectual Property Sub-Committee/Library Advisory Committee Liaison:

Senator Nollan stated that he is finished with the intellectual property resource site, and is actively seeking

feedback before publishing. Go to: <http://library.utm.edu/HSLBC/ip/default.htm> and pass your comments to Senator Nollan (rnollan@utm.edu).

Educational Policy: Senator Suttle gave the following report: Senator Richard Farris is heading up the committee's efforts to develop procedures for the awarding of honorary degrees. One meeting has been held in which work began on committee structure, responsibilities and time frames for nominations. President Mansbach asked if this could be finished so a nomination could be made by December. Senator Farris stated it was doubtful if everything would be in place for a nomination by December 2004. It should be possible to have awardees identified and approved for the Spring 2005 graduation.

The education policy committee continues to work with Richard Nollan to educate faculty and students regarding copyright, fair use and TEACH Act issues. Dr. Nollan has set up a Web site to provide education, guidelines and links to other sites with information on these issues. Work is underway to add online exams and checklists that will assist faculty in the proper use of copyright material in classroom and distance learning situations. The senators are encouraged to check out the site and provide feedback. The URL for the site is <http://library.utm.edu/HSLBC/ip/default.htm>

The response to the e-mail survey regarding interdisciplinary education has been quite good. Peg Hartig has received over 60 responses. The responses will be sorted as to the college, curriculum type, number of people involved, etc. Once these responses have been organized and summarized, a more detailed report will be presented.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Bhattacharya stated that the faculty af-

fairs committee met and discussed the sabbatical policy. Dr. Palazzolo attended the meeting and he gave the committee the framework of the off-campus assignment in lieu of faculty sabbatical. The committee will meet with Dr. Palazzolo and give him suggestions to review before the next faculty senate meeting.

Dr. Palazzolo will speak at the next faculty senate meeting concerning the "off-campus assignment."

Faculty Communications: Senator Nutting gave the following report: Suggested revisions to the university policy on legislative and governmental contracts (Admin. Policy 2.178) made by this committee were given to vice chancellor Horton on November 25, 2003. Last week, vice chancellor Horton informed Dr. Nutting that everything was moving along and that he expects that the faculty senate will be pleased with the end result (i.e., that most of their recommended changes will be acted upon favorably).

The faculty communications committee has requested that faculty forums be restarted. Two have been proposed: (1) Development, Sue Harpole and (2) Community of Science (COS), by someone from the Library.

Faculty Research: Senator Cook stated that the research committee met in December and discussed the drafts of the research data policy and tangible research property policy. Mike Dockter attended the meeting and indicated that the research committee was not being asked to comment on the policies, but was being asked to indicate whether the policies were understandable as written.

With that in mind, the committee discussed one part (Part 3. ownership of research data) of the research data policy that stated, "The university is responsible for the accuracy and sufficiency of research records...Therefore the university owns research data developed by university personnel." The committee felt that the university is re-

sponsible for the "conduct of research" as it relates to misrepresentation of data collected by university employees or misconduct in the collection of data by university personnel, but is not responsible for either accuracy or sufficiency of the data collected. Furthermore, the second sentence of part 3 of the research data policy does not follow from the first sentence. The committee felt that the university might "own" research data because grants and contracts are awarded to the university, but only to the extent that is allowed by the wording of the specific award.

Legislature Resource Group:
None



Campus Calendar

FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 15 2004

February

- 16** “Role of Membrane Microdomains in Vesicular Stomatitis Virus Assembly and Pseudotype Formation”
Dr. Douglas S. Lyles
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
More info: rhorl@utm.edu
- 17** “Retinal Neuroprotection by Growth Factors”
Dr. Edward Chaum
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utm.edu
- 18** “Withholding Life-Prolonging Treatment and the Schiavo Case: Ethical and Legal Fog in the Sunshine State”
Dr. Terrence Ackerman
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
More info: bedman@utm.edu
- 19** “The Special Senses, Vision Hearing and Speech”
Dr. Tressa Eubank, Denice Perkins, Karen Clinton Brown and Memphis Oral School for the Deaf
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Boling Center 6th floor
More info: ljones41@utm.edu
- “Mad Cow Disease and the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies”
Dr. Linda Williford
Noon, A304 GEB
More info: jtidwell8@utm.edu
- “Aldosteronism: A Neuroendocrine-immune Interface”
Dr. Karl T. Weber
3:30 p.m., 516 Nash
More info: dnutting@physio1.utm.edu
- 20** “Visualization and Analysis of Iontophoretic Transport Across Skin by Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy”
Dr. Henry White
3:30 p.m., U of M Engineering Admin. Bldg. Auditorium
More info: mjames@latte.memphis.edu
- 23** “Is E. Coli Uropathogenesis a Matter of Having the Right Serine?”
Dr. Rod Welch
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
More info: rhorl@utm.edu
- 24** “Genetics of Taste and Ingestive Behavior in Mice”
Dr. Alexander Bachmanov
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utm.edu
- “Unequal Treatment: Healing Prejudice”
Rita Geier
Noon, SAC
More info: mclemmons@utm.edu
- 25** “Antibiotics and the Emergence and Spread of Multi-resistant Enterococci”
Dr. Louis B. Rice
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
More info: bedman@utm.edu
- “G Protein Regulation of Synaptic Transmission”
Dr. Heidi Hamm
12:30 p.m., Link Auditorium
More info: jfountain@utm.edu
- 26** “Lysophospholipids and Related Bioactive Lipids in Biology and Disease”
Dr. Timothy Hla
3:30 p.m., 516 Nash
More info: dnutting@physio1.utm.edu
- 27** “Detection of Changing Dynamics in Physiological Time Series for Biomedical Event Forewarning”
Dr. Lee Hively
3:30 p.m., U of M Engineering Admin. Bldg. Auditorium
More info: mjames@latte.memphis.edu
- 2nd Annual Dean’s Symposium (College of Medicine)
3 - 5 p.m.
Methodist University Hospital School of Nursing Auditorium
More info: ebeard@utm.edu
- 27-29** Mid-South Dental Congress
Park Vista Hotel, Memphis, TN

March

Continued on back

- 1** “Hepatitis C: Genetic Diversity in HVR1 and Therapeutic Response”
Dr. Vicki Park
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
More info: rhorl@utmem.edu
- 2** “Sleepless in Dallas: Potassium Channel-dependent Physiology of Motor and Sleep Behavior”
Dr. Rolf Joho
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu
- 4** “Hypothesis: How Too Much Insulin Turns Nitric Oxide from a Defensive to an Offensive Substance in Blood Vessels”
Dr. Aviv Hassid
3:30 p.m., 516 Nash
More info: dnutting@physiol.utmem.edu
- 8** “Emerging Infections”
Dr. Brian Mahy
4 p.m., Link Auditorium
More info: rhorl@utmem.edu
- 9** “Retinal Degeneration in an Animal Model of Smith-Lemli-Opitz Syndrome”
Dr. Steven Fliesler
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu
- 11** “The ER-derived Pre-chylomicron Transport Vesicle Utilizes VAMP 7 as a v-SNARE and Fuses with the Golgi in a Novel Fusion Complex”
Dr. Charles M. Mansbach
3:30 p.m., 516 Nash
More info: dnutting@physiol.utmem.edu
- 12** “The Development of Systems to Expose Cells and Animals to Electromagnetic Radiation. Engineering Experience and Summary of Biological Results”
Dr. Eduardo G. Moros
3:30 p.m., U of M Engineering Admin. Bldg. Auditorium
More info: mjames@latte.memphis.edu