

Campus Connection Friday, Nov. 21, 2008

Your biweekly source of news on UNT Health Science Center people, plans and progress.

Town Halls next week

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join President Scott Ransom for his latest Town Hall Meetings on Nov. 24 and 25. President Ransom will highlight the UNT Health Science Center's growth and answer your questions. Alan Podawiltz, DO, acting dean of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, also will speak at each meeting, and a video celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will be shown. Come early... food will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

November 24

noon – 1 pm

Luibel Hall

Pizza will be served.

November 25

7 – 8 am

Luibel Hall

Doughnuts will be served.

Construction Update: Building A is taking shape

Over the past few weeks, activity at the Building A construction site has really picked up. Crews brought in more than 35,000 cubic feet of dirt to level the site. This week, crews started drilling 20-foot-deep (or more) holes for the 79 piers that will support the structure. Up next for the project: constructing grade beams that will connect the piers together to support the walls. Beginning in February, Building A's structural steel will be assembled.

For a bird's-eye view of the progress from the roofs of the EAD and PCC, check our two construction webcams.

You can also keep up with the project with the newly redesigned [Campus Facility Update Web site](#), which launched this week.

SACS 2010: QEP selected

Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is a crucial step in the Health Science Center's journey to the Top 10. According to **Warren Anderson, EdD**, dean of the School of Health Professions and leader of the UNTHSC's previous SACS accreditation efforts, reaccreditation will underscore the Health Science Center's place among top-tier academic institutions and convey its high standards for academic excellence and best practices. Plus, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) portion will help UNTHSC launch new initiatives to improve quality teaching and create better learning opportunities for our students. The Health Science Center is slated for reaccreditation in 2010.

Preparation for SACS reaccreditation has been underway for several months

On Nov. 5, the QEP Team selected “Technological and Other Educational Advances for Curricula in Health: Development of Technology-Mediated and Competency-Based Instruction with an Emphasis on Critical Thinking” (TEACH-HSC) to be developed into the UNTHSC QEP for submission to SACS. The TEACH-HSC team is lead by Dr. Richard Kurz and includes Daniel Burgard, Robert Wright, Hank Lemke, Robert Woelfel, and Drs. Jerry Alexander, Warren Anderson, Bruce Dubin and Patricia Gwartz. For more on the Health Science Center’s QEP and TEACH-HSC, [click here](#).

Also, several faculty and staff have been drafting an initial Compliance Certification Report, which supplies documentation that the Health Science Center meets SACS’s requirements. For more on the Compliance Certification Report, [click here](#).

The Health Science Center’s SACS reaffirmation efforts are being lead by [Doug Mains](#), DrPH, associate director of the Office of Strategy and Measurement.

Save the date: UNTHSC holiday events

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and the elves at the Health Science Center are planning several holiday events for faculty, staff and students. Mark your calendars, and don’t miss out on the fun!

Dec. 1

EBAC Holiday Tree Trimming

3 – 5 pm

Help trim our 20-foot tree at the Atrium. Refreshments will be served.

Dec. 2

Waffles and Wii

7 – 9 pm

Students are invited to enjoy waffles and games at the Founders’ Activity Center.

Dec. 3

UNTHSC Employee Holiday Lunch

11 am – 2 pm

Barbeque and live music at the Atrium. For employees only.

Check the schedule for your department’s lunch time.

Dec. 5

UNTHSC Annual Craft Show

10 am – 3 pm

Craft and handmade items for sale at the Atrium. Vendor items on the mezzanine.

Contact [Janet Brandenburgh](#) for more information.

Dec. 5

Casino Night

7 – 11 pm

Casino night and dinner at the Fort Worth Zoo. Students are free. Faculty, staff and guests can get dinner tickets for \$5 each. Contact the [Office of Student Life](#) for tickets and information.

Dec. 17

Office of the President's Holiday Open House

2 – 4 pm

Swing by the eighth floor of the EAD for refreshments and holiday hospitality from the Office of the President and other departments.

NEWS BRIEFS

Buy groceries to support UNTHSC

Supporting the Health Science Center has never been easier. Now, all you have to do is buy groceries. UNTHSC has joined **Central Market's Fundraising Foodie Program** and **Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program**.

Central Market's Fundraising Foodie Program

Present your Fundraising Foodie card each time you shop at Central Market in [Fort Worth](#) or [Southlake](#) and five percent of your total purchase will be donated to the Health Science Center's [Go Centers](#), where UNTHSC students mentor local high school students. Don't have a Fundraising Foodie card? Get one for yourself and for your friends from [Susan Smith](#) in Institutional Advancement.

Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program

Commit this number to memory: **11977**. That's the number for the Health Science Center's [Tom Thumb Good Neighbor](#) account. Link this number to your Tom Thumb Rewards Card and a percentage of your grocery purchases will be donated back to the Health Science Center each time you shop at Tom Thumb. To link our account number to your Rewards Card, fill out [this form](#) and return it to your local Tom Thumb.

Groceries bought with UNTHSC P-cards are not eligible for either program. For more information contact [Susan Smith](#) in Institutional Advancement at ext. 2174.

Smoking shelter to be removed from campus

To support the Health Science Center's smoke-free campus policy, the smoking shelter on the circle drive near the Patient Care Center will be removed in the coming weeks. The policy,

which was created to ensure the health of our employees, students and visitors, prohibits smoking everywhere on the Health Science Center campus, including clinics, classrooms, buildings, state-owned vehicles and outside property.

The Health Science Center offers the PATCH (Positive Attitudes Toward Changing Habits) Program that includes group counseling and nicotine replacement therapy to help employees and students quit and stay tobacco free. The program is currently underway and the next PATCH session is scheduled for the spring of 2009. Watch Daily News for future opportunities to take part in PATCH and other smoking-cessation programs.

Show them that “UNTHSC Employees Rock!”

The holidays are the perfect time to show off your UNT Health Science Center Pride! Send us photos of yourselves wearing your Employee Appreciation Day 2008 T-shirt at holiday events, at work, on vacation, around town, with your family ... anywhere. We'll post them here in Campus Connection. Send them to news@hsc.unt.edu. Check out previous submissions [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

Faculty members in the news

The *Star-Telegram* noted the Health Science Center's recent \$2 million grant to study aging from the Reynolds Foundation, and **Elena Bastida, PhD**, associate dean for research in Social and Behavioral Sciences, was quoted in the *Star-Telegram* and STLToday.com on the critical need for attention to obesity in Hispanic Texans.

Also in the *Star-Telegram*, **Scott Stoll, DO, PhD**, chair and professor of OMM, explained the benefits of flotation therapy, and **Janice Knebl, DO, MBA**, professor and chair of Geriatrics and distinguished chair of Clinical Geriatrics, was quoted on the effects of art on patients with Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Bob Lanier received broad coverage on recent research on Xolair. He is identified as medical director of the North Texas Institute for Clinical trials and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

President Ransom's latest column

Several newspapers picked up the story about **Dr. Scott Ransom**, UNTHSC president, speaking at a Controversies in Childbirth Conference, and his monthly column focusing on the dilemmas

associated with the uninsured was published in the *Fort Worth Business Press* on Nov. 10. Read his column [here](#).

DNA lab on America's Most Wanted

An Angleton, Texas, news site outlined an ongoing capital murder case quoting **Farah Plopper**, forensic technologist, on DNA evidence, and the DNA lab was mentioned in an America's Most Wanted segment out of Arkansas.

Employee Profile

Tommy Hawkes (Robert T. Hawkes)

Photo Supervisor

Biomedical Communications

When did you begin worked here and what did you do before you joined the Health Science Center?

I came to work at TCOM on March 1, 1977, and worked here until the summer of 1984. I returned to UNTHSC in April of 2000. Prior to 1977, I worked as a photo journalist for one of my family's small-town newspapers, *The Citizen-Journal* in Arlington. Between 1984 and 2000, I worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and JPS Health Network.

What are you duties as Photo Supervisor?

My duties at UNTHSC have changed some over the years. I have always done photography work at the school, but the emphasis in those early years was to support the teaching effort. We created slides and photos used in classes and printed materials. One month alone we created over 36,000 35mm slides for library and classroom use. I have always taken pictures at school events, and four of the five Presidential Portraits in the eighth-floor boardroom are my work. I am the official repository for the schools' diploma records, and, along with ID photos and portraits, I also make passport photos.

What do you enjoy most about working at the Health Science Center?

People who are associated with health care tend to be more caring, and I discovered when I left in the '80s that I missed the warmth and comfort of my fellow workers. I realized that some of the finest people I had ever met made up the staff and faculty of this school and had become like family to me in so many ways. When I was fortunate enough to be able to return in 2000 I realized the school had grown and changed, but that underlying concern for others still existed at the base. After a few weeks, my wife asked me what it was like to go back after nearly 16

years, and I replied, “It must be like moving home to a small town where people greet you with, ‘I haven’t seen you in a while. What have you been up to?’”

I liked working at the Bowling Alley building, but I am proud of what this campus has become and the work that goes on here. One of my good friends and his wife, Ray and Edna Stokes, were the first and second employees of the school, and they set a high standard for the quality of the people which make this an environment of good character, personal dedication and the best place I have ever worked.

What do you like to do when you aren’t at the Health Science Center?

I do enjoy my time away from here, and I stay busy in my off time. My wife and I live on eight acres south of here near Rendon. There is always something to be done with that much land, but we do manage to stop and enjoy the sunsets nearly every day. I was the president of Arlington Sportsman’s club last year, and I teach Hunter’s Education for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. I enjoy the outdoors and take family and bridal portraits outside whenever possible. I like woodworking, and I will be setting up a woodshop in my barn next year. We enjoy traveling. This will be our 14th year to host trips for my cousin’s travel business. We would like to go to Europe, but one of my goals is to see the last 13 states in the U.S. that I have never been to. I would like to spend more time with my grandkids and our church friends in the future, and we would like our home to be the place our friends and loved ones come to “get away.”

Know someone with an interesting story? Send us an e-mail: news@hsc.unt.edu

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Campus Pride prize drawing winners

This year’s **Campus Pride Annual Giving Campaign** was a huge success, with 83 percent of our employees donating to either the UNTHSC Foundation or the State Employee Charitable Campaign. As part of the Campaign, several prize drawings were held. Here are the winners:

Weekly drawings (All Campus Pride participants were eligible):

Cynthia Dilldine

I-Fen Chang

Jan Stanton

Samantha Page

Lane Nestman

Stanley Weiss

Cancun trip (Employees who made a \$5 donation to Campus Pride were eligible):

Ali Winters

Pizza party (Departments with 100 percent team participation were eligible):
Team Captain **Karen Caddell** and her Campus Pride team in Internal Medicine

Tayson DeLengock, DO (TCOM '02), had an article published in the October 2008 *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* (JAOA). You can read the full article: "Complete Ophthalmoplegia With Pupillary Involvement as an Initial Clinical Presentation of Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus" on the [JAOA Web site](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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UNT Denton

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UNT Health Science Center Winter Holidays

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Campus Connection is published the first and third Fridays of each month by the Office of Marketing and Communications for UNT Health Science Center employees, students and friends. Please feel free to forward this e-newsletter to others and print it for those who don't have access to a computer.

Our goals are to:

- Keep you informed about the Health Science Center's strategic plan, priorities and goals.
- Promote the UNTHSC values of compassion, integrity, teamwork, innovation, pride and excellence.
- Demonstrate how the people and programs of the Health Science Center really do make a difference.
- Enable you to be a well-informed UNTHSC ambassador.

You're invited to contribute to the continuous improvement of this e-newsletter and other UNTHSC Family communications by sending story ideas, news, suggestions and questions to news@hsc.unt.edu.

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