

UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER at Fort Worth

Hispanic Wellness Fair attracts thousands

People began lining the sidewalks outside of the Will Rogers Convention Center at 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, waiting for the doors to open and the Sixth Annual Hispanic Wellness Fair to begin.

Organizers estimate that more than 15,000 people attended the fair. The health science center co-sponsors and helps organize the event.

The health fair opened with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. and officially ended at 4 p.m. Services were provided throughout the day free of charge to anyone who came to the fair.

Ronald Blanck, DO, health science center president, welcomed the visitors and talked about the growth and success of the Hispanic Wellness Fair over the last six years.

School supply packets were already in scarce supply by noon. The 1,150 supply packets were distributed free to school children who had already completed at least three health checks.

The Tarrant County Public Health Department saw 457 clients and immunized 415, with 797 total doses given. Participating hospitals performed a total of 2,402 glucose screenings for adults and children, 909 cholesterol screenings, and 46 diabetic foot neuropathy screenings.

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine students provided screenings for muscular and skeletal problems, and the School of Public Health screened children for diabetes risk factors. The Gerontology Assessment and Planning Program and *Háblenos de su Salud* also had booths at the fair.

Other health services included 250 children's physicals, child safety information and a wide variety of screenings, including vision, dental, breast and prostate cancer, HIV/STD, obesity, blood pressure, osteoporosis



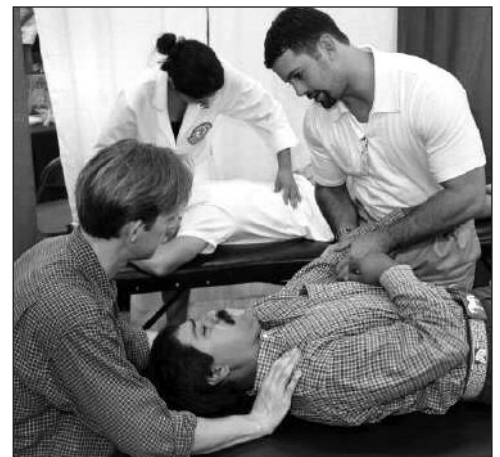
and bone density, and respiratory.

According to Bob Galvan, DrPH, associate SPH dean, the fair helps fill a vital need.

"For most of these folks, that's probably the only time they'll receive medical attention," Dr. Galvan said.

The fair has continued to grow in its six years, starting with about 2,000 participants in 1999.

"The reason it's grown is community trust," Dr. Galvan said. "We treat everybody and anybody who comes." ★



Campus Briefs

The health science center has received a **silver safety award** from the Texas Office of Risk Management. The award, recently presented to James Sims, PhD, safety officer, in Austin, was given for a 36.8 percent reduction in injury frequency rate during fiscal year 2003, Dr. Sims said.

Gold awards are given for a 50 percent or greater injury rate reduction compared to the previous five-year average, silver awards are given for a reduction rate between 30 percent and 50 percent, and bronze awards are given for 10 percent to 30 percent reductions, Dr. Sims said.

The health science center has received two gold awards, for 1993 and 1997; three silver awards, for 1998, 2002 and 2003; and two bronze awards, for 1995 and 2000, he said.

“Such a string of awards reflects a continuing long-term team effort on the part of line employees, supervisors and administration throughout the institution,” Dr. Sims said.

The annual **Convocation and White Coat Ceremony** will take place at the

Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium Friday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m. Students new to the health science center will don their white coats in a public ceremony signifying their entry into the academic health community.

During the ceremony, incoming students are “coated” with a white coat to symbolize humanism and professional ethics in medicine. Students also receive gifts that signify entry into their respective health professions.

A reception will follow at the Round-Up Inn.

Leonard Finkelstein, DO, will serve as the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Dr. Finkelstein is the former president and chief executive officer of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Honor the birth of a child, celebrate an anniversary or simply say thank you to a friend or colleague with a **tribute brick** placed in the courtyard outside the new Center for BioHealth. The bricks are available to faculty, staff, students, alumni and the general public by making a \$100 tax-deductible gift

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AOA commission renews TCOM's accreditation

The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was given a nod of approval by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation in June by renewing the school's accreditation through the 2010-2011 school year.

TCOM underwent a full survey evaluation in February and met the requirements set forth by COCA to garner the designation. These requirements include an identified mission, the resources necessary to accomplish the mission and a demonstration that TCOM has and will continue to accomplish the mission.

TCOM also had to show that it incorporates the science of medicine, the principles and practices of osteopathic manipulative medicine, and the art of caring and the power of touch into its curriculum.

Accreditation signifies that TCOM has met or exceeded American Osteopathic Association standards for educational quality in all areas of the institution, including governance, administration and finance; facilities, equipment and resources; faculty; student admissions, performance and evaluation; pre-clinical and clinical curriculum; and research and scholarly activity.

The process of accreditation is a cooperative activity calling for continuing self-assessment, periodic peer evaluation through on-site visits and other reviews directed by COCA. ★

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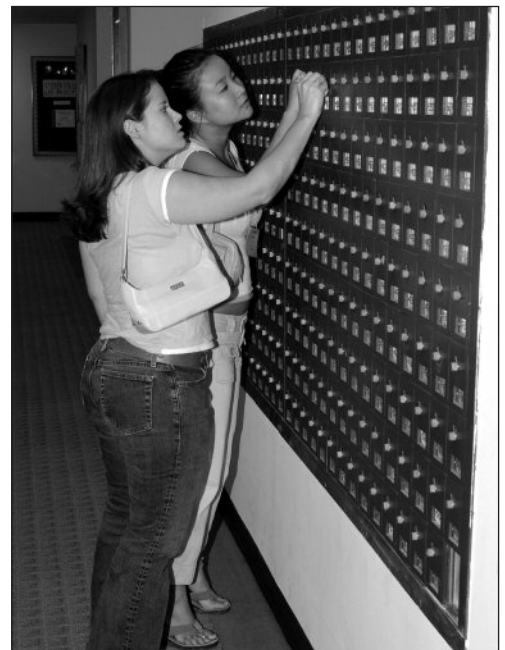
Don't forget to send us your information for the kudos column. Submit births, marriages, accomplishments and other big events to the News Office via GroupWise.

HSC welcomes new students

Top right: New students from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Public Health listen intently during orientation as Ronald Blanck, DO, president, welcomed them to campus Aug. 11.

Center left and right: Faculty, staff, students and their families headed out for a fun-filled party in the country at Ranchland Aug. 20.

They did the limbo, rode horses, played horseshoes and pool, and ate fajitas and hot dogs. **Bottom left:** The Atrium was jam-packed Aug. 17 when students spent the afternoon learning about the multitude of student organizations offered at the health science center at the Student Organization Fair. **Bottom right:** Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine students get settled into life on campus during orientation July 26–30. Students registered for classes and learned about campus safety, academic support services, laboratories, financial aid and more.



New program provides support, resources for employees

Health science center employees now have a new resource to help them in their efforts to care for older adult loved ones, an often stressful situation that many employees are dealing with.

Douglas Mains, DrPH, MBA, assistant professor of health management and policy, is co-investigator for the new program, Employee Care Lifesource, now offered to employees responsible for long-term or informal care of an adult aged 60 or older.

Dr. Mains and Sherizanne Edwards, MSW, the program's social services coordinator, provide resources and education for employees, as well as community resources for both the caregivers and those they care for. "Regardless of the services they utilize,

we hope to lessen the burden and stress level of the caregiver by helping connect them with resources they might not otherwise know are available," Dr. Mains said.

Many may not realize how much stress providing long-term care of an elder loved one can cause, Dr. Mains said. This stress can put people in the position of having to essentially choose and set priorities between their personal and professional lives, he said. "Elder-care issues may be somewhat similar to child-care issues; in fact, some employees—the sandwich generation—are likely faced with both issues," he said.

These stresses, coupled with the added burden of arranging home care,

transportation to medical services and the other daily needs of the older adult, can lead employees to decreased job satisfaction and productivity and increased employee absences, he said.

"It has been documented by studies of employee caregivers that organizations are affected by decreased productivity, unscheduled absences and unwanted turnover among this group," Dr. Mains said. A lack of access to or knowledge about community services and other resources is often a significant factor contributing to these problems, he said.

The Employee Care Lifesource program was created to help decrease this burden, and in turn, lessen the

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Kudos to...

Mike Kennedy, associate director of admissions and outreach for TCOM, and his wife, Mary Ann, on the birth of their son, Matthew Brooks Kennedy, July 20.

John Kane, PA 2007, and his wife, Terri, on the birth of their son, Mathew Tyler Kane, Aug. 7.

Diane Simmons, PA-C, instructor, on the birth of her grandchild, Madelynn Carol Simmons.

Kelly Fenimore, PA 2000, and David Gonzales, PA 2000, on their marriage May 15. ★

Tell us about yourselves!

We would like to include more stories in *Campus Connection* like the ones in past issues about Lee Tayon, Bradley Youngblood, Steven McGaw and Robert Kaman.

Let us know about other interesting campus personalities so we can share their stories with the campus community. Send an e-mail to the News Office via GroupWise.

2005 Holiday Schedule

Labor Day*

Thanksgiving Day*

Thanksgiving Holiday*

Christmas Holiday*

Winter Holiday

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New Year's Eve*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Memorial Day*

Independence Day*

Monday, September 6, 2004

Thursday, November 25, 2004

Friday, November 26, 2004

Friday, December 24, 2004

Monday, December 27, 2004**

Tuesday, December 28, 2004**

Wednesday, December 29, 2004**

Thursday, December 30, 2004**

Friday, December 31, 2004**

Monday, January 17, 2005

Monday, May 30, 2005

Monday, July 4, 2005

*Holidays to be observed by clinics. Clinics will be closed the afternoons of Dec. 24 and 31.

**State agencies must have enough employees on duty to conduct the public business of the agency. Employees shall be granted equivalent time off during the 12-month period following any holiday worked.

Employees may observe one or more of the following holidays or other traditionally recognized religious or cultural holidays (with supervisory approval) by substituting vacation or compensatory leave or by working one or more of the health science center holidays shown above.

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Good Friday

Cesar Chavez Day

September 16, 17, 2004

September 25, 2004

March 25, 2005

March 31, 2005



Ronald Blanck (third from right), DO, receives one of two checks from the Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. board (from left): Dan Radar, DO; George Clark, DO; J.L. Lemanna, DO; Don Vedral, DO; and Don Ellis, DO.

Dallas physicians group continues funding for two HSC programs

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. has awarded two gifts to the health science center to fund work in geriatrics and the continuing medical education program.

The organization pledged \$1.2 million in 2001, the largest gift in its history, for an endowed chair in geriatrics at the health science center. The latest check for \$125,000 will go toward that endowment.

Janice Knebl, DO, MBA, professor of internal medicine and chief of geriatrics, was named the first Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. Distinguished Chair of Clinical Geriatrics in 2003. Dr. Knebl's pioneering work in geriatrics has made her one of the leading geriatricians in the United States.

"The program she has built here over the past 16 years now boasts an international reputation for excellence," said Marc Hahn, DO, TCOM dean. "The program was also ranked as one of the top fellowship programs in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*."

The endowment builds on the health science center's commitment to addressing health issues affecting an aging population. The endowment is

intended to serve as a permanent way to expand clinical geriatric services to older adults and their caregivers in north Texas.

The second check presented to the health science center was for the Office of Professional and Continuing Education. The organization's \$15,000 check symbolizes a long-term commitment by the physicians group. Over the years, Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. has given more than \$1 million to PACE, providing loans and scholarships for medical students.

"We appreciate the support of Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. and look forward to a continued partnership," said Ronald Blanck, DO, health science center president.

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians Inc. is a leading contributor to nonprofit organizations in the Dallas area. Since its beginning in 1983, the organization has awarded more than \$13 million to more than 150 nonprofit organizations.

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians' mission is to improve the health, education and welfare of all Texas residents, with special emphasis on Oak Cliff and west Dallas residents. ★

In the News

Bruce Dubin, DO, JD, associate dean for medical education, and **Joanna Brochu**, TCOM 2005, were featured in a news story about the health science center's classes on bedside manners and the new simulation lab. The story was presented during the 6 p.m. news June 14 on KTVT Channel 11.

Arthur Eisenberg, PhD, associate professor of pathology/anatomy and director of the DNA Identity Laboratory, commented on KTVT Channel 11's 5 p.m. news July 6 on the first "cold hit" identification made in the laboratory. Using skeletal remains from an unidentified body and a DNA sample that a missing person's mother had submitted to the **Texas Missing Persons DNA Database**, researchers determined the identity to be that of Donna Williamson, who had been missing from North Richland Hills since 1982.

Brian Anderson and **Jennifer Thigpen**, both TCOM 2006, participated in Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's clinical rotations in pediatrics. They were featured in an article about the new program in the *Odessa American* July 16.

Kiran Nangrani and **Nashila Abdulrahim**, both TCOM 2007, were the subjects of a photograph that ran in *The Dallas Morning News* July 25. They were shown helping a man determine his body fat during a health fair at the 2004 Texas Association of Sports Officials state meeting in Arlington.

James Hall, PhD, associate professor of internal medicine, and **Adam Smith, DO**, associate professor of surgery, discussed how people cope in the aftermath of weight loss surgery, such as gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery, in the July 26 edition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. **Dr. Smith** talked about factors that derail patients' success following weight loss surgery, while **Dr. Hall** emphasized the importance of support groups during recovery.

The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* highlighted the success of the **Sixth Annual Hispanic Wellness Fair** on the front page of its Aug. 8 edition. Telemundo showed video from the fair and interviewed participants during its 5 p.m. news broadcast on Aug. 7. Other stories ran in *The Dallas Morning News* and *Diario la estrella* and on Univision. ★

Brother of fallen astronaut visits HSC

Carl McNair Jr. began his motivational speech to a captivated audience of summer program participants, graduate students and faculty members by asking for a moment of silence to honor the astronauts, including his brother, Ronald McNair, who were killed in the Challenger and Columbia space shuttle explosions.

Since his brother's death in 1986, Carl McNair has dedicated his life to assuring that his brother's accomplishments are not forgotten. He is the founder and CEO of McNair Achievement Programs in Atlanta, Ga., where he is a successful educator, businessman, consultant and professional speaker.

His mission on the June 17 visit to campus was to inspire the Summer Multicultural Advanced Research Training and Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Scholars to overcome their personal obstacles to achieve their goals. He told the story of his brother's life, from humble beginnings in a small South Carolina town long before segregation diversified public schools, drinking fountains and libraries to his second, and final, space flight.

Ronald McNair left South Carolina to pursue a bachelor's degree at the historically black university North Carolina A & M. He earned his doctorate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His brother described him as a family man and a man of spirit who always advocated education. He was a jazz musician, martial artist and motivational speaker.

Carl McNair gave the audience three steps to succeed in life:

Face your fears. Ronald McNair arrived at MIT with very little upper-level undergraduate training in physics. Rather than quitting, he took remedial classes.

Seize the opportunity. During his undergraduate education, Ronald McNair spent a summer performing

research at Duke University, the first time he had attended a predominantly white institution. He spent another summer at MIT before enrolling as a graduate student. He took full advantage of the opportunities he was given.

You have to reach the point where quitting is not an option. While at MIT, Ronald McNair and his fiancée were walking in the park. He put his duffel bag containing three years of dissertation research on the park bench and



Carl McNair Jr. (top) addressed a group of SMART/McNair students (bottom) during a visit to the health science center in June.

turned around minutes later to find it gone. He spent the next three months working day and night to reconstruct the research he had lost.

By the end of the lecture, 50 students were shouting, "Quitting is not an option!" on cue.

"If you don't have any resistance, you won't grow strong," Carl McNair said. He challenged the program participants to become role models them-

selves. To that end, he is compiling a book of essays written by McNair scholars across the country about their own challenges and experiences. He said he hopes this collection will inspire other young people to pursue their dreams.

"You cannot forget where you came from, what you have overcome and who helped you to get here," he said. "No one achieves success alone." ★

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Victoria Rudick retires after 31 years

Victoria Rudick, PhD, associate dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and associate professor of cell biology and genetics, will retire Aug. 31 after completing 31 years of service to the institution.

In 1973, the United States signed a ceasefire agreement ending the involvement of American ground troops in Vietnam, President Richard Nixon accepted responsibility for Watergate, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade* and nuclear magnetic resonance, the technology behind MRI scanning, was developed.

The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was in its third year of operation and had just been named a state institution. Several basic scientists were added to the faculty, including Dr. Rudick. She had completed postdoctoral fellowships at Ohio State University, where she earned her PhD, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

During her career at the health science center, Dr. Rudick has mentored medical and graduate students, served



Ronald Blanck, DO, health science center president, presented Victoria Rudick, PhD, with her 30-year service award last spring.

as department vice chair and director of the core microscopy facility, and directed developmental biology, embryology, genetics, cellular science and histology courses.

In 1999, she became assistant dean in the Graduate School of Biomedical

Sciences and was put in charge of the core curriculum and majors in biomedical sciences, including the post-baccalaureate program in pre-medical science, biotechnology, science education and clinical research management.

“The people I have met and worked with, particularly the students, will stand out in my mind when I think about my career at the health science center,” Dr. Rudick said.

Thomas Yorio, PhD, GSBS dean, said Dr. Rudick will continue to have ties to the institution after her retirement. “We’re keeping her on as an adjunct faculty member,” Dr. Yorio said. “We will rely on her advice and input for several years to come.”

Dr. Rudick is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, Michael, and their grandchildren at their new home in Connecticut. ★

DO/PhD alum completes residency, returns to Texas

Rob Dickerman, DO, PhD, GSBS/TCOM 1998, has just returned to Texas after completing three residencies: a traditional residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, followed by an NIH fellowship in brain and spinal cord tumors in Bethesda, Md., and, most recently, a neurosurgical residency at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New York.

He is currently undertaking a spine fellowship at the Texas Back Institute in Plano and investigating private practice opportunities.

“The biggest difference between Fort Worth and New York City is the

people. Texans are a lot friendlier than New Yorkers. The pace there is frantic, high stress, high pressure. The whole time I was there I was just working toward getting back home,” Dr. Dickerman said. “My friends back in New York say I already sound different, even though I’ve only been back in Texas a month. It’s not just the accent; it’s the environment.”

Dr. Dickerman had been at LIJ for just over a year when the Sept. 11 attacks happened. “My colleagues and I heard about it on the radio. We were in conference at another hospital, and all of our pagers were turned off,” he

said. “We actually saw the second tower fall from our hospital windows. It didn’t seem real; it was almost like watching it on television.”

It is common for any student to be insecure about how well prepared they are for their careers, and although he had completed a traditional residency at JPS, he was apprehensive about the NIH residency.

“The head of the program was just great. He was very supportive, and I learned a lot from him,” Dr. Dickerman said. “I figured if the chair of the NIH neurosurgical residency program

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Medical group honors Casey



Connie Casey

Connie Casey, clinical service representative II is the medical group Employee of the Month for May.

Casey has worked in family medicine at the Central Clinic for five years. "Connie maintains a very positive attitude and is devoted to taking care of patient care needs," said Sandra Booker, clinic supervisor III.

Casey's responsibilities include greeting and checking in patients, scheduling appointments, batching, and balancing charge tickets.

"Connie has received numerous compliments from patients for her kind and caring attitude," Booker said. ★

PA student receives DFW Hospital Council scholarship

Fara Crawford, PA 2006, was recently awarded the 2004 Rex McRae Student Scholarship by the DFW Hospital Council at its annual awards banquet. Crawford is the first health science center PA student to receive this scholarship.

The scholarship, created in 1998, is named for Rex McRae, who was president of Arlington Memorial Hospital for 28 years and board chair of the Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council in 1987. ★



Fara Crawford (second from right), and her husband, Michael Crawford (left); her father, Charles Rives (second from left); and her mother, Cynthia Rives (right).

PA Studies welcomes new instructors

New faculty member **Diane Simmons, PA-C**, instructor, works in Physician Assistant Studies and the surgery department.

She has been a physician assistant for nearly 20 years, and most of her experience has been in surgery. Simmons has worked in orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery and, most recently, bariatric surgery at her alma mater, UT Southwestern Medical

Center, where she has been adjunct faculty for seven years.

In addition to her surgical duties, Simmons will co-direct several PA courses and assist with lectures in others. Simmons also plans to seek a doctorate in public health.

Parvaneh Firozbakht, MMS, PA-C, instructor, another faculty member new to the health science center, co-directs and instructs courses for PA

Studies and sees patients in the Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

Firozbakht, who was born in Iran, received a midwifery degree in 1986 and then decided to join the rest of her family in the United States.

Firozbakht continued her education at Western Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical science and a master's degree in medical science. ★

Moving Day

Quynh Nguyen and Cathy Bell-Horner, both of pharmacology and neuroscience, pack up items from the laboratory of Glenn Dillon, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, for the move into the lab's new space on the fifth floor of the Center for BioHealth. The building officially opened for business with a dedication and open house on Thursday, August 26. (See the September Campus Connection for full coverage.)



DO/PhD alum

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Rob Dickerman

was happy with my work, I must be all right. Then I went to LIJ and found out I still had a lot to learn.”

Dr. Dickerman said his experience at the health science center gave him an advantage. “I was the only resident who had a PhD, so I already had experience writing manuscripts,” he said. “That definitely worked in my favor. I published quite a few

papers both at NIH and LIJ.”

Dr. Dickerman plans to collaborate on research with his former major professor, Walter McConathy, PhD, associate professor of internal medicine. He also intends to join a private practice specializing in complex spine and brain tumors. ★

Lifesource

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impact it has on an employee’s productivity.

As part of the program, health science center employees can receive one-on-one care coordination from Edwards, a licensed social worker with experience in gerontology. After determining employees’ needs as caregivers and the needs of their loved ones, Edwards will identify resources that can help them. Employees can meet with Edwards in person or by phone, Dr. Mains said.

Onsite educational and informational seminars provided by local experts with experience in aging and caregiving will cover such topics as Elder Caregiving: Work/Life Balance, Resources and Stress Management, Role of the Family Caregiver, Behavior and Emotions of Aging, Legal and Financial Planning, and Caring for the Caregiver.

Information on a wide range of issues is available 24 hours a day online at <http://www.elctcl.com>. “The Web site is a good source of information to caregivers about the specific needs of the elderly and the issues facing those who care for the elderly,” Dr. Mains said.

“We hope this program will establish a community resource, or hub, for employee caregivers, both at the health science center and other area businesses,” he said. ★

Faculty Advances

Rafael Alvarez-Gonzalez, PhD, associate professor of molecular biology/immunology, was an invited speaker for the 53rd Annual Fujihara Seminar in Tomakomai, Hokkaido, Japan, July 26-29. The scientific topic for the seminar was "New Challenges in Research of ADP-ribose Metabolism."

Gerry Burgess, RN, clinical research coordinator in internal medicine, presented "Targeted Tuberculosis Screening in Response to a Retrospective Analysis of Genotyping Data and GIS Data" at the National Association of County and City Health Officials 2004 Conference in St. Paul, Minn., July 15. The project was selected as "Best Public Health Practices" for Surveying High-Risk Population by NAC-CHO. **Patrick Moonan, MPH**, instructor of internal medicine, is first author, and **Stephen Weis, DO**, professor of internal medicine, is co-author.

Sharon Clark, DO, MPH, adjunct assistant professor in the School of Public Health, was named a fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Fred Downey, PhD, professor of integrative physiology, gave the plenary lecture, "Nitric Oxide Contributes to Right Ventricular Oxygen Supply-Demand Balance in Conscious Dogs Exposed to Hypoxia," at the Third International Conference on Endothelial Dysfunction in Vitebsk, Belarus, May 19-20.

Craig Elam, MLS, assistant professor of education and associate director for technical services for the library, was elected chair of the newly formed Council of Osteopathic Librarians at the Second Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in Baltimore, Md., June 23-26.

Shemedia Johnson, MS, GSBS 2004, a former McNair scholar, presented a paper, "Horse plasma HDL as drug carriers," at the recent meeting of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Boston, Mass. Johnson is a former student of **Andras Lacko, PhD**, professor of molecular biology/immunology.

Sue Gena Lurie, PhD, assistant professor of social/behavioral sciences, published "Homelessness and Urban Social Space" in the June special issue of *Open House International*.

Porunelloor Mathew, PhD, associate professor of molecular biology/immunology, is author of a paper, "2B4 Acts as a non-major histocompatibility complex binding inhibitory receptor on mouse natural killer cells," published in the May 3 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*. **Dr. Mathew** also gave an invited presentation on "Molecular

basis of cancer cell killing by natural killer cells" at the Regional Cancer Center, Trivandrum, India, June 7.

Wanda Medina-Ortiz, MS, senior research assistant in pharmacology/neuroscience, is co-author of the paper "Ependymin, a gene involved in regeneration and neuroplasticity in vertebrates, is overexpressed during regeneration in the echinoderm *Holothuria glaberrima*," published in the June 9 issue of *Gene*. **Medina-Ortiz** works in the lab of **Peter Koulen, PhD**, assistant professor of pharmacology/neuroscience. Edna Suarez-Castillo, PhD student in biology at the University of Puerto Rico is first author, and Jose Garcia-Arraras, PhD, of the University of Puerto Rico, and Jose Roig-Lopez, PhD, of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, are co-authors.

Thad Miller, MPH, research assistant in internal medicine, presented "TB surveillance, an economic evaluation" to the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga., July 29. **Miller** is supervised by **Peter Hilsenrath, PhD**, professor of health management/policy, and **Stephen Weis, DO**, professor of internal medicine.

John Schetz, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology/neuroscience, co-chaired a symposium, "Nexuses between dopamine and serotonin systems: implications for antipsychotic drug actions," and presented a lecture, "Molecular interaction sites for therapeutic agents targeting dopamine and serotonin receptors," at the annual American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics meeting in Washington, D.C., in April. In addition, **Dr. Schetz** and **Eswar Shankar, PhD**, post doctoral fellow in pharmacology/neuroscience, are authors of the paper "Protein expression in the *Drosophila Schneider 2* cell system," published in the issue of *Current Protocols in Neuroscience* now in circulation.

Albert Olivencia-Yurvati, DO, professor of surgery, was a speaker and section chair at the annual Therapeutic Filtration and Extracorporeal Circulation meeting at the Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College of Medicine in London, England, July 9.

Correction: A Faculty Advances entry in the May issue of *Campus Connection* incorrectly stated that **Sue Gena Lurie, PhD**, presented a paper with Lisa Henry, PhD, assistant professor, and Gordon Lurie, MA, adjunct instructor, both of anthropology at UNT Denton. Dr. Lurie co-chaired a session with Dr. Henry at the annual meeting mentioned in the entry, but Dr. Henry did not present the paper with Dr. Lurie. We regret the error. ★