

Academic Administration Restructuring

UTMB is integrating academic support services into three component groups to improve the way these services are administered across the four schools.

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CALENDAR

Garage repairs

The Administration Building Parking Garage at UTMB is being closed for repairs for three consecutive weekends. The garage is located on the corner of Market Street and University Boulevard. The work began on Feb. 9.

During this time, alternative parking will be available in the surface lot directly south of the Sealy and Smith Professional Building at University Boulevard between Market and Mechanic streets.

Following is the remaining scheduled closing:

- From Friday, Feb. 23, 5 p.m. to Monday, Feb. 26, 4 a.m.

Employees who park in the Administration Building garage will be asked to relocate their cars as soon as possible after 5 p.m. on Friday.

While repairs are being made, there will be no charge for parking in the surface lot on weekends and until 9 a.m. on Mondays. Parking in other areas of the campus will not be affected during this time. According to university officials, repairing the garage now will enable UTMB to avoid more costly repairs in the future.

For additional information, call ext. 24786 or ext. 21581.

Exhibit to exemplify "Spirit"

Moody Medical Library will once again host the work of local artist, Dr. Miriam Brysk during the month of March. This exhibit entitled, "Spirit," is influenced not only by her survival of the Nazi Holocaust as a child, but by a deeper awakening to the meaning of life.

She describes this awakening she describes as "an attempt to hear the notes of the music of the soul, a knowing that is simply awareness, an expression of form and color that is unencumbered and free."

A reception will be held Tuesday, March 6, 5-7 p.m. in the lobby. "Spirit" will be on view during regular library hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-midnight.

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Changes in Office of the Vice President for Research

After nine years of outstanding service to UTMB, Dorothea Wilson has decided to return to North Carolina. Wilson, who assumed the duties of vice president for research in April 1998, will leave UTMB on March 2. She previously served as assistant vice president for research.

In announcing Wilson's decision, President John D. Stobo said, "Dorothea has been a passionate and tireless advocate for the research community of UTMB. She has worked with scientists here to create opportunities and establish priorities with

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Wilson

Sealy and Smith building set to come down

By Cathy C. Nall

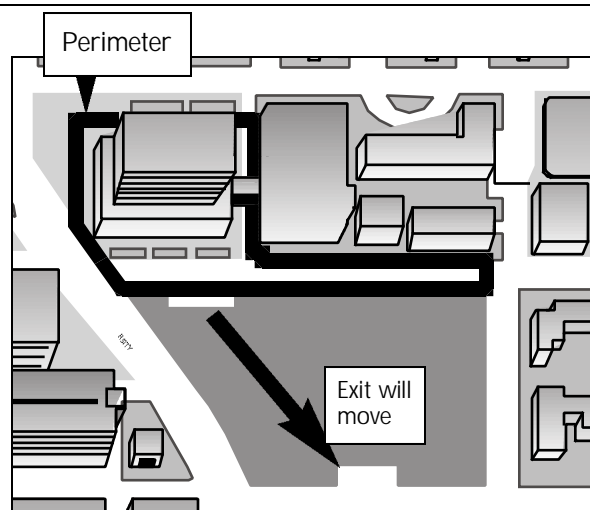
After 36 years of gracing the UTMB campus, the Sealy and Smith Professional Building closed its doors to tenants in December. Demolition begins this month.

"We are in the process of completing our selection of a general contractor and hope to have a signed contract by the end of February," said Executive Director Mike Doherty of the Sealy and Smith Foundation.

Once the contract is signed, Phase I will begin. The initial phase includes interior demolition and asbestos abatement. "The majority of the materials removed during the demolition will be reclaimed," said Doherty. "The contractor will attempt to salvage everything that is free of asbestos."

Before Phase I begins, the contractor will fence off the perimeter of the building, said Ken Cary, UTMB project manager. "It's a safety issue," he added. "Through most of the demolition activity, the stretch of Darrell Royal Boulevard between University Boulevard and Fifth Street, will be closed to all traffic." The handicapped accessible walkways, as well as the parking garage adjacent to the building will remain open.

Phase I will take approximately 60 days to complete. The actual structural demolition will begin in the next phase. "In Phase II, the floor slabs will be 'peppered' with a 5,000 pound ball to release the tension and removed a piece at a time," said Cary. This method will allow the contractor to remove two floors at a time from the building's 10 stories. "We anticipate the project to be complete by late summer," he added.



For more information, contact Ken Cary at ext. 25389 or kcary@utmb.edu.

OHRP closes investigation

The Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) has notified UTMB that, "effective immediately," the agency was closing its compliance oversight investigation of how UTMB interprets and implements the federal policies governing research subject protection.

The decision came as a result of steps the university took to address procedural issues the OHRP raised in a letter dated Sept. 14. The agency approved UTMB's corrective action plan a mere 12 days later, thereby enabling research studies involving human subjects to move forward. UTMB's subsequent progress report, dated Dec. 14, resulted in the OHRP's recent decision to lift the restriction and close the investigation. In his letter to university officials, Dr. Sanford Leikin, OHRP compliance oversight coordinator, again recognized UTMB's "contin-

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Submissions

The deadlines for submissions to be considered for the Calendar, People and Briefs sections of the Feb. 26 Impact is noon, Feb. 21. Submissions should not be more than 100 words for Briefs or 75 words for People items.

Inclusion of all other articles is determined by the Public Affairs staff. Content is generally scheduled two to four editions in advance.

Items submitted for consideration are subject to editing for style and length.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

ACADEMIC RESTRUCTURING



Christiansen

Editor's note: Dr. Charles H. Christiansen is dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences and current chair of the Academic Executive Council.

For the last 18 months, several task forces have been working on a set of plans that will not only enhance UTMB student and academic support services, but also improve the way these services are administered across the four schools.

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A learner-friendly environment

What is the Academic Executive Council?

The Academic Executive Council, or AEC, is the executive body that formulates university academic policies pertaining to all four schools. It provides oversight of academic support services and serves as a communication forum for senior academic leadership. The membership of the AEC includes the deans of the four schools and the vice president for business and administration in an ex officio capacity. The council has a rotating chair, with each member serving a year as chief academic officer.

How will restructuring of Academic Support Services benefit UTMB faculty and staff?

The restructuring initiative is designed to identify and provide services that are needed but are presently unavailable, to improve coordination between existing services and to facilitate service access and convenience. For example, the initiative hopes to make a computer-based testing facility available to all faculty, and to organize services that support the use of distance learning technologies, such as Web-based coursework and interactive TV.

How will restructuring benefit students?

Students will benefit through improved coordination of services that address convenience and access. The goal is to create a learner-friendly campus environment. For example, initiatives currently under way will ultimately lead to reduced paperwork in applying for admission to

UTMB programs and financial aid by using Web-based procedures and improved information sharing between offices.

Why are Academic Support Services being restructured?

Academic support services are being restructured to improve coordination and access, to reduce duplication and provide more user-friendly support to both faculty and students.

Ultimately, the goal is to provide an academic environment that improves the support for faculty to teach and creates an environment that facilitates learning for students.

When will the task force recommendations be implemented?

Some recommendations concerning academic support units have already been implemented. For example, it was recognized that no single office existed to collect, analyze and report academic information on campus to accrediting agencies, the legislature and state agencies concerned with higher education. The Office of Institutional Analysis, already created as the result of faculty and staff recommendations, will provide a means for accessing reliable information about the university's teaching mission. This, in turn, will improve decision-making about performance and needed services and resources. Additional changes are expected to take place in the coming months.

UTMB to host tomorrow's scientists during symposium

By Alicia Simmons

Advances in scientific research are taking place more rapidly than ever before. Increased numbers of scientists, including those who reflect the diversity of today's society, are needed to fill the demands of the new millennium and to continue the progress in such areas as HIV and cancer research. Dedicated to helping meet this challenge, the UTMB Committee for Diversity in Graduate Education will host the 15th annual UTMB Undergraduate Research Symposium March 1-2.

Sponsored by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and hosted by its Committee for Diversity in Graduate Education, the two-day symposium provides

outstanding college students from across the country an opportunity to discuss their research experiences in such biomedical fields as neuroscience and biochemistry, present their findings and explore their interests in graduate education.

During the symposium, students will participate in orientation, research presentations, a panel discussion by graduate students, a round-table discussion with undergraduate advisors, a campuswide poster session and campus tours to view UTMB's state-of-the-art facilities and programs.

In addition, students will also have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the GSBS's new curriculum, the Summer Undergraduate Research Program, applica-

tion processes, and assistantships and scholarships, as well as the communities both on and off campus.

This year's speaker is Dr. Milton J. Hernandez, director of the Office of Special Populations and Research Training at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. For more information about the UTMB Undergraduate Research Symposium, contact Dr. Victor Reyes at vreyes@utmb.edu or Tino Gonzalez at tfgonzal@utmb.edu. You may also visit the Undergraduate Research Symposium's official Web site at www.utmb.edu/oma.

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PEOPLE, NEWS AND EVENTS

PEOPLE

The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) announced last month that Dr. Gregory J. Locksmith (Gynecology and Obstetrics) was one of 20 scholars selected for the APGO/Solovay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Development Program. Locksmith will take part in the program designed to help obstetricians and gynecologists become better teachers and leaders in the field of women's health.

Locksmith was selected from a competitive group of applicants across the country based on their credentials and demonstrated commitment to women's health education. As a long-term goal, program graduates are expected to share the knowledge gained from this program within their communities.

Locksmith specializes in maternal-fetal medicine at UTMB. He takes an active role in resident education and is currently the assistant residency program director. He has also implemented a resident didactic lecture series in obstetrics and a third-year lecture series, which he now directs.

Dr. Join Y. Luh (Internal Medicine) placed first at the 94th Annual Scientific Assembly of the Southern Medical Association's Physician's-in-Training Competition, Dermatology Section, for his abstract "Craniofacial Hyperhidrosis Successfully Treated with a Topical Anticholinergic."

Dr. Kenneth J. Ottenbacher (School of Allied Health Sciences) recently received the 2000 Association of Academic Physiatrists Excellence in Research Writing Award for his paper "Functional Assessment and Care of Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities."



Ottenbacher

The winners of the first TEXAS drawing during January's Town Meeting were Julie Sweeten (TDCJ Nursing Service), Teasee Foreman (Healthcare Information Systems), Raul Castro (Physical Plant/Construction Service), Barbara Stathakos (TDCJ Utilization Review/Case Management) and Kim Meek (Pulmonary Therapy). The winners received a \$1,000 gift certificate.

BRIEFLY

John Sealy Hospital renovations

Renovations have begun in the main lobby of John Sealy Hospital. The project is the first step in a multiphase renovation to improve the main corridor of our hospital. Project components include the installation of a fire sprinkler system, new lighting and flooring, expanding the gift shop and chapel, and other new features.

In this first phase, temporary partitions will be built around the west wall of the lobby and the wall across from the three patient elevators. Upgrades will be made to the walls, in preparation for the additional work to come. The wall renovations in the lobby are scheduled to be completed April 1.

For more information, contact Susan Smith, Facilities Operation and Management project manager, at ext. 21031.

Correction: A Jan. 29 article about the John P. McGovern Endowed Professorship in the Healing Practices of Nursing incorrectly stated the year in which Dr. McGovern's Houston allergy clinic became the nation's largest in that specialty. The correct year is 1967.

President's Cabinet award winners announced

By Christian Messa

Six UTMB faculty members and a student have been honored with President's Cabinet Awards for their efforts to develop progressive plans related to health care. The awards were announced during a recent reception at the Lone Star Flight Museum.

The plans, which addressed such health concerns as caring for the medically underserved patients in the Rio Grande Valley and improving immunization rates in Galveston County, were selected by members of the UTMB President's Cabinet from a pool of public health proposals submitted by UTMB employees and students.

The President's Cabinet is an organization of UTMB alumni, faculty, staff and supporters, including community and business leaders, that helps advance the mission of the academic health science center, one of the oldest and largest in the nation.

President's Cabinet awards provide "seed money" grants to get the chosen plans under way. Such funding also helps plan organizers secure additional grants from foundations and other philanthropic organizations to further develop and maintain their initiatives.

Focused on the central theme, "Creating a Healing Environment at UTMB," this year's awards were bestowed upon the following:

- Dr. Clifford Houston, associate vice president for educational outreach and diversity and Herman Barnett Distinguished Professor in Microbiology and Immunology, for his "Science Education Programs for the 21st Century." Two well-established science education programs at UTMB have enriched the lives of more than 400 students and 20 teachers during their operation. With President's Cabinet funds, this program will expand to channel more local students into the health sciences field—ultimately fortifying the future health sciences work force.
- Doris Chimera, administrative director of the behavioral medicine service line, for "Behavioral Medicine Service Line Discharge Placement and Community Resources." Indigent patients often face many challenges

after they are discharged from UTMB. This program will provide an interim solution of temporary housing and transportation to treatment programs. The ultimate goal is to establish a long-term, collaborative effort between community and religious organizations for a model transitional housing program and treatment programs.

- Temoor Anwar, a third-year School of Medicine student, for "Frontera de Salud." Anwar accepted the award on behalf of Frontera de Salud President Maria Munoz. Frontera de Salud is a collaborative service organization founded and staffed by UTMB students. These medical, nursing and allied health students offer primary health care to underserved patients in the Rio Grande Valley, where an estimated 54,000 working poor live. Funds provided by the President's Cabinet will allow students to expand patient care programs, enhance students' technical training and instill a team approach to care giving.
- Jennifer Zirkle, a surgical intensive care unit nurse manager, for "Beyond the Doors: Embracing the Needs of Our Families and Visitors." President's Cabinet funds will create a caring and comfortable environment for the friends and family members of intensive care patients through a remodeling of the visitors' lounge. Plans include a handicap-accessible shower and bathroom, vending machines, television, drinking fountain and new furniture. Kelly Buchanan and Ticia Rice, nurse clinicians in the surgical intensive care unit, were also present to receive the award.
- Vicki Elliott, a community health care events manager for the Office of Community Outreach, for "Galveston County Immunization—Centralized Data Management, Follow-up and Tracking." Only 56.2 percent of children under the age of 2 in Galveston County have been adequately immunized. That figure is even lower for the city of Galveston—49.3 percent. These statistics are well below the national goal of 90 percent set last year. The award will establish a collaborative effort among UTMB, the Galveston County Immunization Coalition, and the Jesse Tree to increase these numbers through a Web-based system to manage, track and follow-up with patients.

PEOPLE

By Doris H. White

Berniers on eve of retirement



Drs. George and Mary Jane Bernier at the Salute to Nursing sponsors party in 1999.

To hear Drs. George and Mary Jane Bernier tell it, they're a quiet twosome who, like a lot of dual-career couples, work long hours and like nothing more than to kick back at home with a simple meal of homemade soup and bread, perhaps followed by a round of golf.

On the eve of their respective retirements from UTMB, it may take a little prodding to get a full sense of the contributions the pair have made over the last 40 years to health care in general and their six years at UTMB in particular. But it does not take long to see that their accomplishments are outshone only by their modesty.

George Bernier, a renowned hematologist/oncologist, is currently vice president for education and a professor of medicine. He came to UTMB in 1995 and served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of medicine until 1999. His retirement will become effective at the end of March. Mary Jane, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing. She will phase out her position during the spring and summer in order to complete her current responsibilities, including serving on two doctoral dissertation committees and the search committee for the new dean of nursing.

Although Mary Jane, an accomplished cook who estimates she owns 150 cookbooks, says she looks forward to having more time to entertain friends and the

luxury of reading until 2 a.m., she admits that she and her husband won't really stop working. She will continue her research on home-based rehabilitation programs for those suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and plans to write educational materials to help patients understand their condition and work with their health care providers to enhance their care.

George, who was appointed last year by President Clinton to the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine, will continue in that role as well as serving a three-year term on the National

Board of Medical Examiners. He will also continue on the Environmental Protection Agency Special Committee on Pesticide Education and Practice.

When asked which accomplishments at UTMB have given them the most satisfaction, both of the Berniers cite their contributions to education. George says that he has had "a long interest in medical education and curriculum issues" that dates back to his days as a medical student at Harvard.

While still in medical school, he and a faculty member co-authored a light-hearted article about the value of an integrated curriculum. The article, entitled "Homunculi: The Anatomy of the Curriculum" and published in the *Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin* demonstrated through text and drawings how "the Curriculum might look quite peculiar if each department were represented as a little man, with the various organs drawn in proportion to the time allotted." For instance, one figure possesses a "somewhat simian proportion of the upper limb, compared to the lower," which "probably stems from the fact that the upper limb is taught first, hence the lower can be dealt with more rapidly."

Such early writings contributed to a lifelong focus on education. While at the University of Pittsburgh, where he served as dean of medicine for nine years before coming to UTMB, he instituted a major curriculum reform in the School of Medicine, where a fully integrated, problem-based learning model was adopted. He brought problem-based learning to UTMB as well. This method of teaching relies less on traditional lectures and more on self-directed examination of case studies. It also integrates basic science case studies with studies of the various body systems, such as the nervous system and the digestive system.

He notes that curriculum reform has been his "biggest pleasure" and says he has been impressed with the "fantastic way the faculty has risen to the challenge and developed an outstanding curriculum."

Dr. Bernier was also responsible for bringing the White Coat Ceremony to UTMB. This highly moving ceremony, during which entering medical students are presented their white coats as the symbol of their commitment to compassion and excellence, has been enthusiastically received not only by students and their families but also by alumni and the community as well.

During his welcome address at the third UTMB White Coat Ceremony in August 1998, Dr. Bernier impressed upon that year's incoming students the integrity each student must maintain in becoming a physician: "The patients, in whose care you participate, deserve your respect, trust, care and your ability to hold in absolute confidence what you learn from them and about them. By participating in today's ceremony, you are accepting a new professional responsibility."

According to President John D. Stobo, this focus on high standards has been one of Bernier's hallmarks. "George came to UTMB after a distinguished career at Dartmouth Medical School, where he was professor and chair of the Department of Medicine, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he was dean of the School of Medicine. He is also a distinguished scholar who has made an indelible

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SOM's Donovan retiring after 28 years at UTMB

By Christian Messa

After 28 years of facilitating the professional lives of physicians, researchers and educators at UTMB, Claire Donovan will now be responsible for facilitating only one person's time—her own.

Donovan retired in January after working in administrative roles in the UTMB president's office, the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science and in the School of Medicine dean's office where, over the course of her 21 years of service there, she assisted three deans—Drs. George Bryan, George Bernier and Stanley Lemon.

Friends and co-workers gathered at her retirement luncheon to share warm remembrances and best wishes with her, including Bryan and Bernier, the former deans, and Lemon, the current dean.



Donovan

Donovan's years of experience proved to be invaluable to the deans, according to Bernier. "She educated a substantial number of deans who profited greatly by her knowledge of the institution and office," he said.

"My colleagues and I learned a lot from her and wish her continued success."

Added Bryan, "Her ego never got in the way of encouraging members of the office and others to grow in their professional lives, even if it meant that our office was short-handed and her workload was greater ... she demonstrated absolute integrity."

Lemon described Donovan as having the essential traits needed to make an office function well. "Claire benefited from a strong sense of what is appropriate in academic administration, combined with a deep fund of institutional knowledge tempered with a good understanding of human psychology—all in all, an unbeatable combination," he said.

Elizabeth Livaudais worked with Donovan in the SOM dean's office and described her as a dynamic person with strong moral character. "She's just not going to allow anything to be done, that she had any control over, that wasn't correct, legal and ethical," Livaudais said. "She just instilled that in her staff."

Although she will miss her staff and the countless other friendships she has made over the years at UTMB, Donovan said she is looking forward to her retirement. "I really loved my job, especially facilitating the work of educators, researchers and physicians in the School of Medicine, but I wanted to travel and to finish reading a book in a week instead of a year," she said.

In addition to catching up on her reading, Donovan said she intends to plan a few trips in the coming years to Europe and different regions of the United States.



Three School of Medicine deans attended Claire Donovan's retirement luncheon in January to wish her well. Donovan was the assistant to all three during her 21 years in the SOM dean's office. Pictured from left, Dr. George Bernier, former dean; Dr. Stanley Lemon, current dean; Donovan, and Dr. George Bryan, former dean.

The Bryan, Texas, native never considered she would one day live in Galveston, let alone work at UTMB. While attending the University of Texas at Austin in the 1960s, she worked for the Texas Legislature in the House secretarial pool. Ironically, Donovan eventually worked for state Sen. A.R. "Babe" Schwartz during her employment at the state capitol. Schwartz, now retired, represented the Galveston area.

Donovan, a journalism major, decided to explore the world of newspapers and joined her hometown newspaper, the *Bryan Eagle*. She worked in many different departments at the newspaper, quite literally doing almost everything—from administration, advertising and page layout to writing obituaries and book reviews. She held positions at various other Texas newspapers, including *The Dallas Morning News*, *Huntsville Item* and *Abilene Reporter-News*.

Then fate intervened. In 1972, the thought of living an island lifestyle beckoned when Donovan learned of an employment opportunity in UTMB President Truman Blocker's office, working for the director of development. The following year, she became the office supervisor in the Department of Psychiatry business office, later rising to director of the billing office. In 1978, Donovan moved back to the president's office to work with then-President William Levin. She spent a year there before becoming an administrative assistant and then assistant to the dean in the SOM dean's office, where she remained until her recent retirement.

Donovan quickly became enamored with UTMB and the island. She recalled how much the historic Strand district

has improved since she arrived in Galveston in the early 1970s. Back then, she said, the Strand mostly had boarded-up buildings and exuded none of the liveliness and animation associated with the area today.

The atmosphere at Donovan's retirement luncheon grew rather animated itself when she learned that an endowment was established in her name.

"I was in a state of shock when I heard it," she said, referring to the Claire Donovan Medical Education Scholarship Fund. "I thought, 'Surely that wasn't what I heard.' I'm just thrilled to have such an honor."

Lemon said the act was only fitting. "The endowed scholarship fund that has been created in her name from the personal contributions of staff and faculty of the School of Medicine attests to the esteem in which she is held by her former colleagues; we will miss her," he said.

In this new stage of life, Donovan said she will enjoy reading, being "educated" by her 4-year-old grandson, Liam, and continuing to work closely on the growth of HRA Village, an assisted-living facility for residents with developmental and physical disabilities. Donovan is president of the HRA Village board of directors, and her son, Mike, lives there due to injuries he suffered in a car accident 20 years ago. Donovan also intends to take vacations with her husband, Harvey Bunce III, who is chairman of the UTMB Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and SOM senior associate dean for administration.

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mark on American medical education. We at UTMB have benefited enormously from his being here. We will miss him greatly."

Mary Jane's primary educational focus at UTMB has been teaching courses in research. She has taught these courses on every level at UTMB, including to doctoral and master's students, as well as to students in the Flexible-Option track, in which R.N. nurses pursue a bachelor's degree. Last semester she taught a completely Web-based research class. The students, who met their teacher for the first time at graduation, expressed their gratitude for the ability to take the class electronically and for the individualized attention they received. Bernier notes that students said they had "never had this much faculty dialogue" in traditional style classes.

The ability to be flexible throughout her career has contributed greatly to Mary Jane's success. In a usual show

of humility, she says that many others have helped her along the way at UTMB. In a recent announcement issued to SON nursing faculty and staff, she said: "I am so grateful for the wonderful opportunities that I have had at the school during the past four years." She added that the research support she has received from Dean Mary Fenton and Dr. Robin Froman, associate dean, "has allowed me to achieve important goals that have provided enormous personal and professional satisfaction. There is so much more for me to say about how I feel about all of you..."

Fenton says that Mary Jane's qualities of compassion and leadership have contributed greatly to the school's progress. "Mary Jane has taught in almost every program in the School of Nursing. She has developed and taught core courses in the doctoral program, served on dissertations committees and hired doctoral students to work on her research grants. She has also taught research in the master's and R.N. Flexible Option track. At the

same time she has served as chair-elect of the SON's newly formed Assembly and continued her research in rehabilitation of the chronically ill respiratory patient. Her involvement and passion for nursing and for our students has touched us all and we will miss her personally as well as her outstanding contributions."

As their plans for the future unfold, the Berniers are embracing their new life to come. They look forward to spending more time with their children and two grandsons. Their daughter, Elizabeth Lamont, who lives with her family in Chicago, is following in her dad's footsteps as an oncologist/hematologist. Son George is in Washington, D.C., working as a senior legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum.

And enjoying a somewhat slower pace will be a welcome change as well. As Mary Jane says, "For the time being, we will remain in Galveston, where it will be fun to behave as tourists for a change. It is a happy time for us as we prepare to move into the next stage of our lives."

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multidisciplinary approaches to important scientific issues. She has also provided the tools necessary for individuals and programs to more effectively coordinate their research agendas. Since she first came to UTMB in 1991, NIH support for research at UTMB has tripled. This could not have happened without Dorothea."

Dr. Adrian A. Perachio has been named vice president for research effective March 5. Stobo noted that "Adrian brings great energy, commitment and knowledge of the scientific community and will build on the multitude of accomplishments in the Office of Research. He will enhance research programs being established in all the schools at UTMB as well as extend our collaborations with other institutions."

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ued commitment... to the protection of human subjects."

President John D. Stobo thanked OHRP officials for working closely with their university counterparts throughout the process and described the end result as a model program for the protection of human subjects.

"The safety of those participating in the important research taking place at UTMB was and will remain our highest priority," he said. "We applaud the OHRP for its renewed focus on their protection, and we are delighted with the outcome of this investigation."

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