Message from the Chair

**Seasons of Hope**

*Hope is brightest when it dawns from fears.* —Sir Walter Scott

A lot of people are extremely angry these days. No, they’re not somewhat annoyed, or mildly irritated, but irate. Over the years I’ve known our population occasionally to become discontent, or openly critical. But never broad, full-fledged anger and, as a prevailing public sentiment, this is quite disturbing.

This disquieting type of public outcry has prompted me to ponder two questions. First, why anger? Second, can anger alone help resolve the huge challenges before us? The “why” is simple: with all that is happening in today’s world, frankly, it’s easy for any of us to find a current issue that will likely fuel some degree of anger. But whether anger can, or should, play a role in effectively addressing our issues is not so clear.

Immediately post-Ike many at UTMB exhibited anger toward our sudden misfortune and, honestly, this initial emotional response was understandable. The institutional and/or professional changes suddenly thrust upon all of us were daunting: drastic personnel/faculty downsizing, limited resources with which to care for our patients (funded and indigent), the radical disruption of all educational and research missions, and an abrupt cultural transformation that imposed strict department/individual accountability across all sectors coupled with an uncertain future.

Once we got beyond our early bitterness, however, it was not anger, but our collective, concerted and well-orchestrated efforts that brought us to where we are today...invigorated educational programs, rejuvenated research activities, a rapidly growing island and regional clinical enterprise, aggressive personnel/faculty expansion initiatives, and an institution (and department) that ended the fiscal year in the black for the first time in more than a decade.

Anger, if it is truly intended to motivate, may serve a limited purpose. But anger, alone, will never constitute the spirit needed to actually get things done. On August 5, thirty-three Chilean miners were feared lost; then, they were found trapped in an unfathomable situation that demanded the patience, resolve and ingenuity of a country (and the world). We all marveled at the precision and efficiency of a rescue effort that culminated in a glorious outcome, and well we should: it was a great day for mankind. But as we revel in this triumph, let’s also bear in mind that not once during the media-dominated, emotion-filled weeks of uncertainty did any of the Chileans (miners, mining company, government, relatives, or public) ever hint that anger was a part of the process.

New Faculty

We are pleased to welcome two new faculty members to DOSR:

**Kenneth Brooks, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Dr. Brooks’ areas of interest include Orthopaedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, Hip and Knee Replacement and Reconstruction. He will provide patient care at the Orthopaedic South Shore Clinic and at Victory Lakes in League City.

**Thomas L. Jones, II, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Dr. Jones’ areas of interest include spine surgery, orthopaedic trauma, and minimally invasive and motion preservation surgery of the spine. He will provide patient care at the Orthopaedic South Shore Clinic and at Victory Lakes in League City.


**Publications**


**Presentations**

**Honors and Awards**

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Smith for his nomination to the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management Course at Rice University. Dr. Smith is one of five nominees from UTMB selected by the Dean of Medicine to attend.

Dr. Smith was also nominated as an at-large Member during the annual MSRDP meeting on September 14, 2010.

DOSR graduate Mark T. Scarborough, MD, has been appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, the University of Florida. He is the Eugene L. Jewett Professor, University of Florida Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute.
John Kosty MD received a “Thank you” from a General at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, for performing a hip replacement surgery for him 24 years ago. The former patient called to say that “the hip replacement is still doing good.”

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (DOSR) received a resident education grant from Stryker Orthopaedics to fund travel for DOSR residents, including Dr. Dan Weglein and Dr. Ben Turnbow, to attend the 2010 Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) meeting in Baltimore, MD.

DOSR also received an Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) Resident Journal Club grant for the 2010-2011 academic year. The grant was awarded through PGY5 resident Sean Burns, MD, and provides funding for resident education activities such as Journal Club and Grand Rounds lectures.

The DOSR recently received the following letter from a patient:

Our family is very appreciative for all the assistance and support you and all others on the UTMB team have provided for our daughter. Thank you very much for accepting her into the UTMB program. We are grateful for everything you all have done to provide the urgently needed care for her seriously broken shoulder area. The UTMB medical staff of doctors and nurses have all been great!

UTMB is a very good example of going the extra mile and providing excellent service.

Thank you very much.

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (DOSR) offers outpatient services at the new Victory Lakes Specialty Care Center.

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Distinguished Guest Lectureship Series at Victory Lakes

On July 20, 2010, **Gordon Klein, MD**, DOSR Voluntary Faculty, presented a lecture titled “Burns as a Model of Pediatric Bone Disease”.

On August 10, 2010, **Maharaj S. Gupta, MD**, Practice Owner, Orthonova Hospital, Panchkula, India, presented “Proximal Tibial Fractures and Some Cases Managed in the Indian Scenario”.

On September 21, 2010, **Anne Hollister, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA, presented her lecture entitled “Ultrasound in the Orthopaedic Clinic: The Eye on the End of Your Finger”.

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