

1970s

Decade of Progress

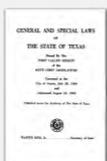
STAKING OUR CLAIM

FIRST STUDENTS DUE MONDAY

Med School 'Opening' Set
By PERRY FLIPPIN
Avalanche-Journal Staff

In 1926, when the first students enrolled, cotton fields were still blooming and cattle were still grazing between downtown Lubbock and the newborn college that was destined to become Texas Tech University.

The cotton fields and cow pastures are gone now, supplanted by a modern metropolis that serves as the hub of commerce, industry and learning for more than two million residents in West Texas and eastern New Mexico.



At 9:30 a.m. Monday, Lubbock and Texas Tech will host another event that many have hailed as the city's single most significant achievement since 1926 — the opening of the Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

By the most conservative estimate, the school will be bringing \$40-\$50 million annually to Lubbock by 1978 at a cost to Lubbock taxpayers of \$2 million per year. Health care is the second largest industry in the nation and the establishment of Tech's Medical School — in the tradition of Houston, Galveston and San Antonio, to name a few examples — heralds a new day of vitality and growth for Lubbock and the South Plains.

By almost any measure Tech's Med School stands to cast some of the most far-reaching advances in South Plains history. If the growth of the university itself is any guide, the school could well change the face of the Plains.



Some 250 university officials and students and invited guests are expected to be on hand for the formal opening ceremony Monday in the Student Reading Room of Drane Hall.

Dr. Paul J. Sarazano, associate deputy administrator for development of Health Services and Mental Health Administration in Washington, will deliver the keynote address. Bill Collins, president of university's board of regents, and Dr. Glenn E. Barnett, executive vice-president, will head the Tech contingent.

Like Tech's opening day in 1926, Monday's ceremonies will focus on the future — a future as grand as West Texas itself, as limitless as the dreams of those who build it. The event also will serve to mark Lubbock's commitment to the challenge of the future — a humanitarian commitment to provide the best medical and health care for all the people of the surrounding 110-county area.



The challenge is great:

- West Texas has less than half the number of physicians found in the national average.
- At least 5 West Texas counties have no physicians at all.
- More than half the physicians practicing in Texas were trained outside the state.
- Despite a critical shortage of physicians, medical schools in Texas are rejecting large numbers of qualified candidates each year.

Longtime Area Dream

As early as 1950, forward-looking residents in Lubbock and West Texas urged the establishment of a school of medicine at Texas Tech. Through the years, it became increasingly evident that other area's medical and health care facilities were not keeping pace with the demands of the area's growing population.

By 1963, the shortage of physicians and adequate health care facilities had become so critical that a large, well-organized group of West Texas supporters were converging on Austin with a plan for Tech's Medical School.

The 61st Legislature responded by approving a bill to create such a school, and it was signed into law on May 27, 1969. This authorized the planning, organizing and establishment of a state-owned and operated school. An appropriation of \$10 million was approved for planning and construction.

Hospital District Okayed

Earlier, Lubbock voters approved the creation of a hospital district that would, with their property tax dollars, construct and operate a teaching hospital for medical students.

In late 1970, an affiliation agreement was signed between the medical school and the hospital district. Plans began to take shape for the facility on land deeded to the district by the university. It would be staffed by medical school faculty members, and the university would retain

all authority over the hospital's activities and elected programs. On March 18, 1971, Gov. Smith signed the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1971, providing \$35 million for tuition-backed bonds for the construction of Tech's new School of Medicine, the only one in Texas to be located on the campus of a major university.

Now In "Dorm"

For the present time, Tech Med School is located in Drane Hall, a recently remodeled dormitory. Early next year, the school will open its temporary clinical facilities in Thompson Hall, another remodeled dorm, and staff physicians will begin seeing patients there with their students. Construction of the \$25 million Phase I-A facility is expected to be completed in late 1975, shortly after the graduation of the Med School's first all-Tech class. That class of 36 freshmen will be entering med school Monday along with 25 junior students set to graduate in May 1974. Eventually, the school plans to admit 200 med students per year, plus even larger numbers

of dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, rehabilitation, mental health and other specialties.

Already Makes News

Already the school has established a distinguished record in the remarkably short time that it has moved from a concept to an institution. Dean John A. Buessler, Tech Vice-President for Health Affairs, arrived at Tech in August 1970 to begin organizing the school.

Less than two years later, he opened the doors to the first students — a national record that was enhanced even more when provisional accreditation was granted by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association.

The school will also employ several new concepts of medical training:

Pared By One Year

- Unofficially dubbed "The Marcus Welby School of Medicine," Tech will emphasize the training of general practitioners of "family physicians" rather than medical specialists.

- Administrators have "collapsed" the traditional four-year program to three years by minimizing vacation time and increasing the intensity of instruction.

- A "tutorial team" system, whereby one physician-scholar works closely with some eight students as a mentor or tutor, is expected to improve the quality of training while decreasing the possibility of student drop-outs.



Texas Tech University School of Medicine BULLETIN 1973-74

Centers To Be Formed

Likewise, a key feature of Tech's concept is its program of "regional outreach" to organize and upgrade health care in smaller communities, while establishing "health care centers" in six regional cities — Amarillo, Abilene, El Paso, Midland-Odessa, San Angelo and Wichita Falls.

More than a dozen city and area hospitals have signed affiliation agreements with the school in order to participate in its educational efforts, which will include major research projects and a network of the most modern communications facilities to provide physicians with instant consultation, automated data banks and computerized diagnostic capabilities.

To symbolize this vast effort of medical training, Tech has chosen a variation of the familiar caduceus with its twin serpents coiled around a winged staff.

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal - Vol. 45, No. 50 - Lubbock, Texas Sunday Morning - August 20, 1972

1967 People of Lubbock County vote to create the Lubbock County Hospital District and approve the funding of a Teaching Hospital at Texas Tech University (TTU)

May 1969 Sixty-First Legislature passes Texas House Bill #498 creating the Texas Tech University School of Medicine and Governor Preston and signed it into law

May 1969 Texas Legislature authorizes Texas Tech to deed Teaching Hospital site to Lubbock County Hospital District

IN AUSTIN HEARING Lubbock Pushes Bid For Medical School

By SUE FLANAGAN (Avalanche-Journal Austin Bureau) AUSTIN — In an hour and 40-minute hearing, Lubbock put in its bid for a new medical school. The bill to create a Texas Tech School was referred to a subcommittee made up of Gene Hendryx of Alpine, Raleigh Brown, Abilene, and Randy Pendleton, Andrews.

Senate Okays Med School

Changes Returned To House Tech Bill Gets Another Boost

House Puts 'Okay' On Med School

LUBBOCK-AVALANCHE-JOURNAL Society General News Lubbock, Texas, Saturday Morning, August 25, 1971

Med School Gets Tentative Okay

LIAISON COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

Fort Worth STAR-TELEGRAM April 9, 1965 Tech Medical School Bill Avoids Veto

FOR HEARING TODAY Bill Creating Tech Med School Slated

(By United Press International) AUSTIN — The 59th Legislature moves into its ninth week today with hearings on bills creating a new medical school at Texas Tech, tightening the motor vehicle inspection law and creating eight new state schools for the mentally retarded. The legislature will reach its first milestone of the session Friday when the time expires for unrestricted introduction of

NEW THREAT REVEALED Solons See Defeat For Connally Plan

By JERRY HALL (Avalanche-Journal Staff) TWO LUBBOCK lawmakers predicted flatly here Friday afternoon that Gov. John Connally's proposal for three super-systems for state-supported colleges and universities "does not have the support to pass in the legislature."



Tech School Of Medicine Is Proposed By Blanchard

Newsletters

School of Medicine Receives Accreditation

Coordinating Board Authorizes TTU's Veterinary Facility

HIGHLIGHTS—THIS ISSUE

AREA HOSPITALS SIGN AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

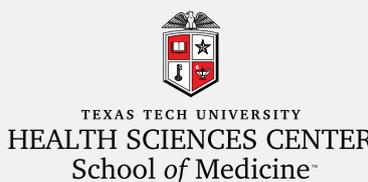
School of Medicine To Operate University Student Health Center

Associate Clinical Professors Named

MED SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

Faculty and Staff Now Total 64 Members

TTU's Medical Center Emphasizes Training For Family Physicians



Decade of Challenges

4 - January 30, 1986 The University Daily

Medical student receives kidney

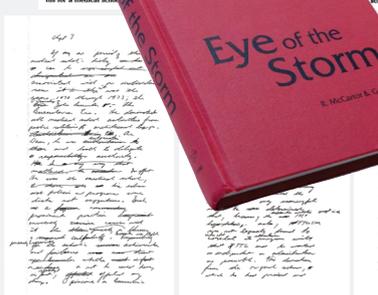
By SCOTT FARNS
12:30 p.m. and was functioning within 20 minutes.
Glass said the surgery took about 4 1/2 hours.

Book Documents History of TTUHSC

By SCOTT FARNS
The book includes the history of the school from its founding in 1890 to the present.

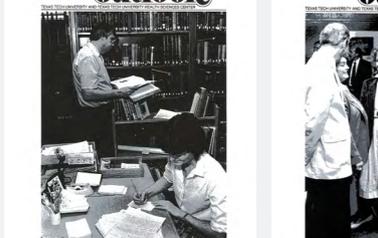
ONE MAN'S OPINION - 'Eye Of The Storm'

Kenneth May
'TUMOR, has swelled in and around Texas Tech University School of Medicine since long before it was created. The word is that the Health Sciences Center has produced a remarkably diverse and...



Unknown manuscript by Dr. George Tyler

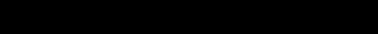
outlook



outlook



outlook



outlook

1990s FINDING OUR WAY

Years of Growth

Sick building syndrome eyed by architects

Health care facilities are being designed to be more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly, but architects are warning that these efforts could lead to sick building syndrome.

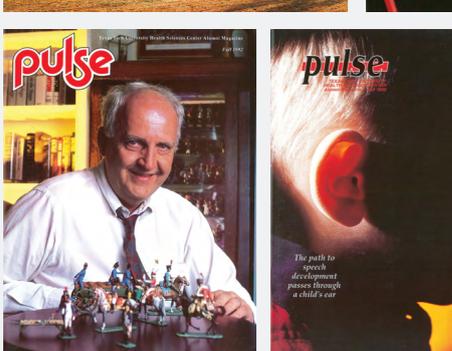


HSC researchers develop mold fighter

Researchers at the Health Sciences Center have developed a new method for fighting mold in hospital buildings.

Tech offers health organization management degree

Texas Tech University is offering a new degree program in health organization management.



UMC to establish fund Tech medical school to benefit from endowment

The University Medical Center is establishing a fund to support the development of a new medical school.



1995 to 1996: VIEWPOINTS

A series of articles providing perspectives on various issues facing the university and the health sciences center.



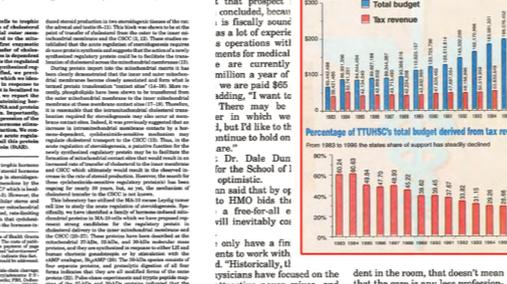
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center contemplate future of teaching

Officials at the Health Sciences Center are considering the future of teaching and research.



Big capital improvements ahead for Tech

Major capital improvements are planned for the Health Sciences Center.



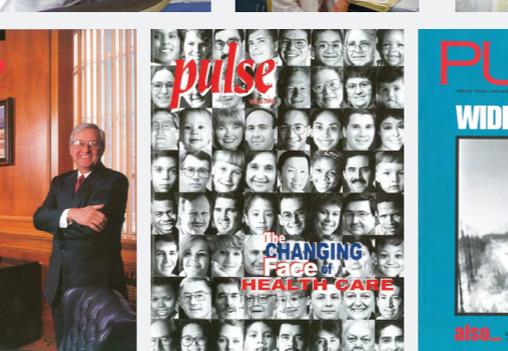
Tech approves ambitious development agenda

The Health Sciences Center has approved a comprehensive development agenda.



Appointment may improve UMC, HSC relations

A new appointment may help improve relations between the University Medical Center and the Health Sciences Center.



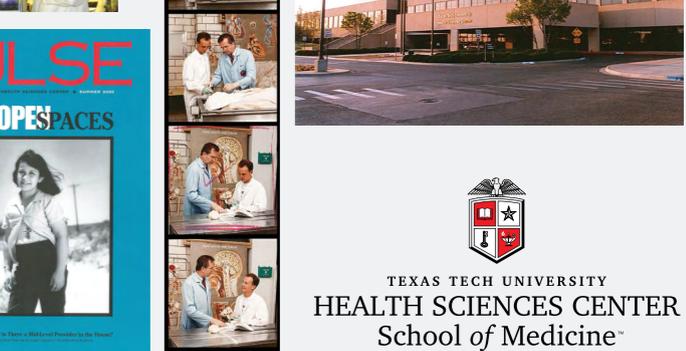
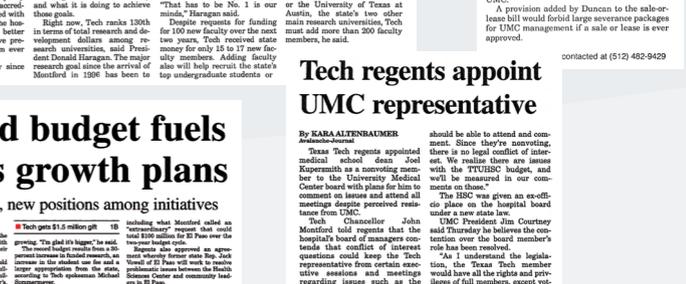
Tech fills presidential positions

Texas Tech University has filled several presidential positions.



County, HSC praise House 'solution'

Both the county and the Health Sciences Center praise a House bill as a solution to a problem.



2000s

REFORMATTING OUR DIRECTION

Renaissance Years

00

January 2000
John A. Buesseler Eye Clinic opens at Community Health Center of Lubbock

May 4, 2000
Texas Tech Medical Center Southwest opens

May 19-21, 2000
One hundred and nineteen students graduate in the 26th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

Summer 2000
Construction begins on Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center



Tech medical school dean steps down

By JOHN REYNOLDS
Associated-Press
The Joel Kuperminth, dean of the medical school at Texas Tech, resigned his post Monday afternoon for personal reasons.
The resignation is effective immediately.
Kuperminth said he has "really enjoyed Lubbock" and was "very proud" of his more than four years as dean.
"The medical school has risen to a higher level," he said. "We've come onto the national scene," Kuperminth, a cardiologist,

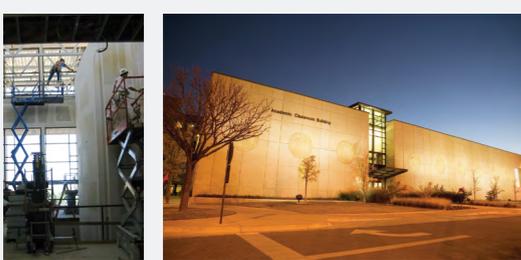
became the School of Medicine's sixth dean in June 1997. He oversaw operations of the medical school campus in Lubbock, Odessa, Amarillo and El Paso and served as vice president of clinical affairs.
Kuperminth said he and his wife, Dr. Judith Kuperminth, decided to return to the Northeast, prompting his resignation, a New Yorker, he still has family in the area and wanted to be closer to them.
"His decision was also influenced by a little bit by the events of Sept. 11," he said.
One of their sons lives in Battery Park City — a neighborhood just a few blocks from where the World Trade Center stood. He said their daughter-in-law was walking by World Trade Center when one of the planes hit. Judith Kuperminth notified him Monday afternoon that he would be resigning.
"I know he was pondering a number of things," he said. "When the day comes, you're never totally sure of what he's going to do."
Smith said Dr. Terry McFallon, associate academic dean of the medical school, would handle day-to-day responsibilities until Kuperminth's successor is named.
Smith said he has already started meeting with faculty members to talk about possible replacements.
See DEAN'S SA

Homan to step into dean's role at School of Medicine

Richard Van Ness Homan, M.D., Dean TTUHSC School of Medicine 2001-2006

Richard Van Ness Homan, M.D., is named Dean of TTUHSC School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (November 2001 - August 2005)

HSC granted seven-year accreditation



Images: Courtesy of TTUHSC Preston Smith Library Archives, TTU Southwest Collection, Tim Hayes & Margaret Vugrin

01

January 1, 2001
TTUHSC becomes smoke-free campus

Contract begins between TTUHSC School of Medicine and Lubbock County Commissioners Court to provide medical examiner services

April 2001
Collaboration between TTUHSC, TTU, and TTU School of Law establishes Institute for Forensic Science

May 18-20, 2001
One hundred and sixteen students graduate in the 27th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

November 1, 2001
Richard Van Ness Homan, M.D., is named Dean of TTUHSC School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (November 2001 - August 2005)

December 1, 2001
Construction of Academic Classroom Building begins in Lubbock

02

March 10-14, 2002
Site visit is made by Liaison Committee on Medical Education

May 18-19, 2002
One hundred and eight students graduate in the 28th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

May 10, 2002
David R. Smith, M.D., is named Chancellor of Texas Tech University System

June 11, 2002
Liaison Committee on Medical Education grants seven-year accreditation of the M.D. educational program

October 2-4, 2002
First Medical Education Summit begins long-term curriculum redesign process and is referred to as educational renaissance

03

January 2003
M. Roy Wilson, M.D., is named President of TTUHSC

March 10, 2003
Institutional Educational Vision, Goals and Objectives which guide M.D. educational curriculum are approved by Educational Policy Committee

May 18, 2003
One hundred and four students graduate in the 29th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

November 10, 2003
Ribbon-cutting ceremony is held for Academic Classroom Building in Lubbock

October 18, 2003
Gov. Preston Smith dies in Lubbock at age of 91

December 1, 2003
Construction begins on TTUHSC infrastructure project establishing new parking and traffic flow

04

May 13-14, 2004
Renaissance II Medical Education Summit begins integration of basic and clinical sciences curriculum with Curriculum Theme Teams focusing on teaching of body systems and disease processes rather than individual basic science disciplines

May 22, 2004
One hundred and fourteen students graduate in the 30th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

November 1, 2004
Construction of TTUHSC Clinical Tower/Research Center begins in Lubbock

05

March 8, 2005
U.S. Patent is issued to Samuel Prien, Ph.D., and Dustie Johnson, Ph.D., for collection device that improves quality of semen used in fertility treatments

May 21, 2005
One hundred and twenty-eight students graduate in the 31st graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

June 7, 2005
Renaissance III Year 3-4 Medical Education Summit examines clinical curriculum and establishes core manuals for required clerkships

September 2005
Bernhard T. Mittermeyer, M.D., named Interim Dean of TTUHSC School of Medicine (September 2005 - June 2006)

August 2005
Joehassin Cordero, M.D., performs first cochlear implant surgery at TTUHSC

September 2005
TTUHSC School of Medicine mobilizes several departments to assist Hurricane Katrina victims evacuated to Lubbock

December 9, 2005
Year 3-4 Renaissance IV Medical Education Summit continues to examine innovative structures and methods for clinical training

06

April 20, 2006
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves establishment of Department of Urology

May 20, 2006
One hundred and eighteen students graduate in the 32nd graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

June 1, 2006
Steven L. Berk, M.D., named Dean of TTUHSC School of Medicine

August 28-29, 2006
Renaissance V Medical Education Summit - Curriculum Redesign: Year 3-4 establishes Continuity Clinic and Integration Seminar to strengthen integration of basic sciences into clinical training

September 1, 2007
John C. Baldwin, M.D., is named President of TTUHSC

December 1, 2006
Former Senator and Dimmitt native Kent Hance is named Chancellor of Texas Tech University System

07

May 19, 2007
One hundred and thirteen students graduate in the 33rd graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

August 17-18, 2007
Renaissance VI - EPC/Curriculum Summit and Workshops finalizes expectations for clinical training in Years 3-4

August 24, 2007
Paul L. Foster donates \$50 million in support of four-year medical school in El Paso

September 1, 2007
John C. Baldwin, M.D., is named President of TTUHSC

08

March 6-8, 2008
Renaissance VII Medical Education Summit strengthens clinical training requirements and begins process to enhance cross-campus communication for Year 4 electives

May 17, 2008
One hundred and thirty students graduate in the 34th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

February 2008
Liaison Committee on Medical Education approves provisional accreditation for Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

May 12, 2008
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves request to establish Department of Neurology and Department of Psychiatry

July 1, 2008
Cancer Center is formed at TTUHSC School of Medicine to develop regional collaboration and to increase cancer research and treatment protocols

August 7, 2008
Women's Health Institute is renamed the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

September 2008
TTUHSC announces creation of the SimLife Center that will offer interdisciplinary clinical simulation in Lubbock to students of all schools

09

March 8-12, 2009
Site visit is made by Liaison Committee on Medical Education affirming success of curriculum redesign - formal accreditation is pending meeting of LCME in October 2009

May 16, 2009
One hundred and forty-four students graduate in the 35th graduation ceremony of TTUHSC School of Medicine

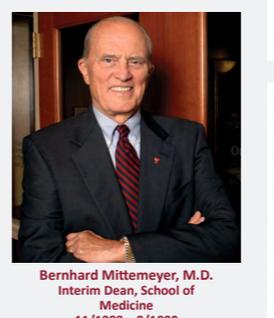
June 5, 2009
Researchers at TTUHSC School of Medicine Cancer Center develop new oral formulation of anti-cancer drug, fenretinide, making medicine more palatable for pediatric cancer patients

July 2009
Inaugural class of Year 3 students begins clinical training at Permian Basin campus in Odessa

August 31, 2009
Contract for medical examiner services between TTUHSC School of Medicine and Lubbock County Commissioners Court ends



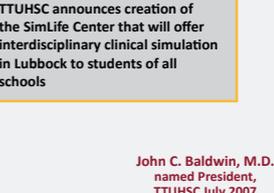
More Tech Doctors
The approval from the Texas Legislature for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to increase its number of medical students will be good for West Texas, but twenty percent of the doctors currently practicing medicine in West Texas are graduates of Texas Tech School of Medicine, but many Tech school grads have moved to other parts of the state. Increased recruitment of Tech medical students would mean more doctors in the region.
The current enrollment cap at the Tech medical school is 120 students per year. The school now has the enrollment for 20 students a year until it reaches 200 students, which matches the enrollment at the Texas University of Texas medical schools.
The Legislature approved the bill during a legislative session earlier this year. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for the TTUHSC School of Medicine, must also approve the bill. The bill will be introduced in the next legislative session.
Tech officials have requested a committee to determine how to add more students into the current school structure, and we hope that will be done in the next few months.
Increased enrollment would mean additional state funding for the TTUHSC, which is good. But the real beneficiary of Tech training more doctors is a state that is growing fast and will require more doctors in the future. The investment in West Texas Tech University is something that is needed.



New HSC dean adds regional perspective



Record \$5 million gift to HSC will be one for the aging



2000s

REFORMATTING OUR DIRECTION

Renaissance Years



Medical students are our greatest priority!

As educators we are judged by their ability to provide compassionate, skilled health care to their patients. Each student we graduate will practice medicine for 30 years or more and see thousands of patients, having an overwhelming impact on the quality of life. As dean, I hope to facilitate an exceptional learning environment by working with faculty, residents, hospital administrators and community leaders to continually improve the school.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
School of Medicine

Training Tomorrow's Physicians, Finding Tomorrow's Cures.



Steven L. Berk, M.D.,
named Dean, School of
Medicine and Vice President
for Medical Affairs
2006

TTUHSC is a unique place.

As I meet with our students, I ask them to support and help each other by treating one another with the same respect they plan for their patients. Students are not competitors, but rather colleagues working together to create a strong culture for learning.

Our society is changing, health care is changing and medical education must adapt to these changes. Ambulatory and chronic disease experiences must be improved and basic science must be integrated with clinical experience. Ethical issues and respect for cultural differences are vital. It is apparent that geriatric principles of care will pervade most clinical specialties. We must teach students to avoid errors and communicate well with patients using appropriate language and bedside manner, while adapting to the financial and time efficiency realities of our modern health care system.

Today's health care environment is experiencing exponential growth in the need for knowledge and technology amidst a diverse, demanding, educated and chronically ill population. Faculty members on all our campuses are engaged in an ongoing effort to evaluate and change curricula to meet the needs of medical students and enhance their future success as physicians. However, curriculum alone will not guarantee a first-class teaching program. Clinical teaching in a setting of high-quality patient care standards and patient satisfaction is imperative. Master teachers, who patiently care about the success of students require encouragement and development. Curious, enthusiastic, altruistic students who learn to become independent learners is our ultimate goal.

I believe we must engage our students as if they were our own children going into the medical profession. How do we want them prepared for this difficult line of work? This continuing quest requires that we guarantee outstanding role models and provide the types of experiences our students will need for lifelong success. In part, we will measure our achievement by theirs, benchmarked against United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) scores above the national average, evaluations by residency program directors, success in the National Resident Matching Program and a positive reputation in the community.

Together we are seeing these markers rise, and I look forward to the continued success of those we have trained.

Steven L. Berk, M.D.
Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
School of Medicine

The right people. The right ideas.

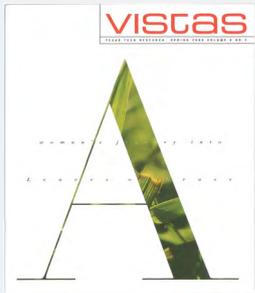
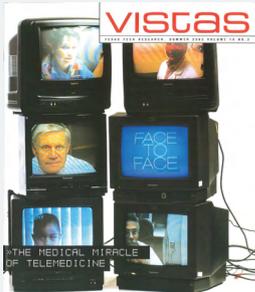
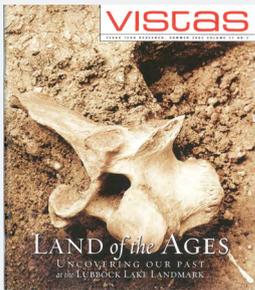
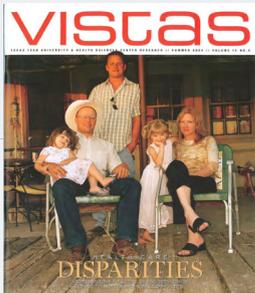
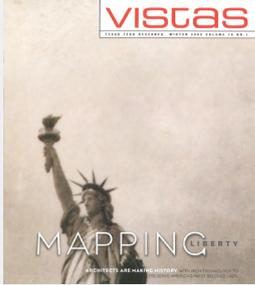


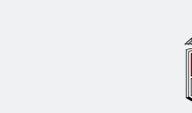
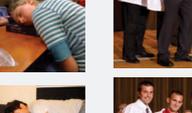
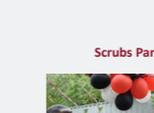
Photo courtesy of Dr. Rockefeller Young



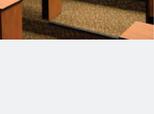
School of Medicine announces new cancer center, arrival of nationally recognized researchers, to work with and collaborate with our faculty and staff.



HSC Reunion 2005



Medical Student Aging Awareness Project



Scrubs Party

