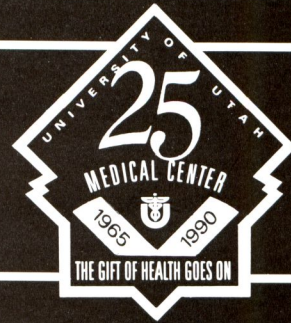


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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER



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Medical Center Briefs

• **Some 141 units of blood** were donated by medical center personnel during last month's drive, according to **Jessie Clawson**, blood donor recruiter. "Every few minutes a hospital patient receives blood. To keep up with the amount used, volunteer donors are needed to keep the lifeline flowing," she says.

• **Utah Symphony's Beat Beethoven 5K** race registration continues through next week. Shirts and forms are available in community relations, medical illustrations and the cafeteria. The race is Sept. 1. Help the medical center continue its four-year streak as corporate winner for greatest participation. Entry fee is \$10.

• **President Chase N. Peterson** will be on the health sciences campus Sept. 5 for his annual fall staff briefing, 8 a.m. in the Browning Auditorium, Maxwell M. Wintrobe Research Building.

• **Safety classes** required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health-care Organizations (JCAHO) will now be offered on an as-needed basis. To schedule a class, contact **Consuelo Alires**, personnel, x1-2300.

• **A medical terminology course** begins Oct. 2. It will be taught by **Marlene Tucker**, Classroom C, Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m., for 10 weeks. Participants receive a certificate upon completion. Cost of the course is \$30; text is \$17.50. To register, call **Kathy Del Rey**, personnel, x1-2300.

• **"Puttin' on the Hits,"** the lip-sync competition to be featured at the Medical Center's 25th Anniversary Sock Hop, is looking for acts. If you have an act, contact **John Zastowney**, director of linen services, x1-2128. P.S.: There're some great prizes for the winning acts.

• **Bargains await you** in the cashier's office! Discount tickets are on sale for Trappers' baseball; Mann, Cineplex Odeon and Century theaters; 49th Street Galleria; Raging Waters; and Seven Peaks Resort. The office also sells bus passes and 25th anniversary T-shirts.

• **Women in the military**, dependents of active-duty personnel and retirees will benefit from a new program at Hill Air Force Base, a cooperative effort between the U Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Hill Air Force Base Hospital.

According to **Michael W. Varner**, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, who helped establish the program, the affiliation not only will benefit Hill patients, but also represents a valuable teaching program for UUMC students and residents.



Camping Care: University Hospital recreational therapist Susan Binch organizes an annual outing to Rockport Reservoir for rehab patients. Above, she is joined by former rehab patient Charlie Angel and John Butler, engineering, who volunteers every year, in setting up camp. This year's weekend campout attracted more than a dozen rehab patients and their families, giving them a chance to fish and enjoy the great outdoors.

• **Employee-of-the-Month nominations.** If you know someone whose middle name is "Extra Effort," nominate him or her for employee of the month. Forms are available from community relations, x1-7387.

• **The 1990 Holiday committee** will hold its first meeting Aug. 30, 9 a.m. in the dean's conference room. If you'd like to help with the dinner or decorating contest, you are invited to attend. For more information, call **Deelayne Hutton**, x1-2282.

• **Red Butte Gardens Sunday Concert**, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. "Texas Songwriters' Evening: Guy Clark, Robert Earl Keen and Townes Van Zandt," country and folk music. Cost is \$8.

U Medical School Receives \$50,000 Cancer Grant

The U School of Medicine has been awarded a \$50,000 Institutional Research Grant from the American Cancer Society (ACS), which will provide important seed money to help young University scientists develop cancer research projects.

The grant, previously held by the University, had lapsed for several years before being renewed two years ago.

The initial two-year grant funded research for 10 new investigators at the University. One such benefactor was **Richard S. Lemons, M.D.**, a pediatric oncologist who is investigating the serious childhood disease acute myelocytic leukemia. The seed money helped Dr. Lemons finance

preliminary studies of the cancer, and subsequently led to his obtaining a Pew Scholarship and publishing a paper on the topic. The ACS grant also has aided in the preparation of a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health for major funding on the project.

"The American Cancer Society institutional grant provides support allowing researchers such as Dr. Lemons to go on to the next stage in their independent research programs," said **Raymond A. Daynes, Ph.D.**, professor of pathology at the U medical school.

This year's grant should allow six additional investigators to initiate important cancer research programs.

"Receiving this grant speaks highly of the University's research efforts in the area of cancer," Dr. Daynes said. "Maintaining grants of this type is becoming increasingly difficult, and we're currently seeing some reputable programs across the country lose their funding."

The ACS grant enhances the U's other cancer-related research efforts, which include a National Cancer Institute training grant that funds 10 graduate students and 10 post-doctoral fellows each year, and the Utah Regional Cancer Center, which coordinates cancer research efforts at the University of Utah and compiles local cancer data.

U Launches Interdisciplinary Genetics Program

An interdisciplinary Human Molecular Biology and Genetics Program has been initiated at the U as part of the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Institute of Human Genetics.

Stephen M. Prescott, M.D., has been named director of the new research program. A professor of internal medicine and adjunct associate professor of biochemistry at the U medical school, Dr. Prescott's research has focused on the mechanisms by which hardening of the arteries occurs and how these processes lead to heart attacks and strokes. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and, in 1987, received an Established Investigator Award from the American Heart Association.

"This new program in human molecular biology and genetics is a hybrid," Dr. Prescott said. "It creates a unique intellectual environment by bringing together researchers who have good perspectives on both clinical medicine and basic scientific research, those who treat patients for disease and those seeking scientific knowledge for its intrinsic value," he said. "It will make the clinic and the laboratory, particularly in the fields of human biology and genetics, more relevant to each other."

The HMBG program initially will focus on cardiovascular research, cancer and cell development, and arthritis and inflammation. The program also will train young academicians to conduct research.

"This interdisciplinary effort will give the U a tremendous advantage in recruiting some of the best young scientists focusing on human diseases," he noted.

The program eventually will support 20 researchers who will have academic appointments in regular departments, usually within the medical school, and five-year appointments to the HMBG program.

Hospital Netters Win

Odds 'n' Ends, a U Hospital volleyball team, won the campus intramural volleyball championship last week, completing both the regular season and tournament undefeated.

The team was made up of employees from nursing and engineering, including team manager **Murray Hayward, Julie Thompson, R.J. Sauve, Sandy Tinker, Steve Hayward, Hal Whitlock and Sue Canterini.**

A new indoor league will begin Sept. 4. For information, or to sign up a team, call Murray Hayward, x1-2877.

Shelter for Smokers

Smokers at University Hospital will have a sheltered place to light up this fall as the weather turns wintery. A smoking hut is under construction and should be ready by mid-September.

Located off the bridge on the A level, the shelter was built on the recommendation of a task force that hospital administrators organized last fall to study the smoking issue at U Hospital. The hut is open to allow fresh air flow and will be equipped with heating devices for cold weather.

When the smoking hut opens, smoking will no longer be allowed near hospital entrances.

According to associate administrator **Dave Larsen**, the hospital still is strongly committed to making the hospital a completely smoke-free environment. When the smoking hut opens, the hospital will make smoking cessation classes available to employees.

UUMC Softball Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win/Loss</u>
Drug Runners	9-4
ARUP Pups	8-4
The Liners	8-4
Baby Boomers	8-4
ARUP II	7-4
Heartbreakers	6-6
Double Strands	5-10