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**Memorial Day is  
May 29  
Be Safe!**

# USU Newsletter

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## Congratulations to USU's 2006 graduates

*By Tech. Sgt André Nicholson  
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More than 240 students graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) during its 27<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., Saturday, May 20.

The commencement not only recognized the extraordinary accomplishments of the graduates, but it also marked the first time that the Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) bestowed the Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing Science degree. Four students were the recipients of the Ph.D.

"Each year at graduation,



we as faculty and administrators in the Graduate School of Nursing are so proud of the achievements of the students who are about to move into the next phase of their lives," said Karen Elberson, Ph.D., R.N., associate dean, associate professor, and director of the Ph.D. in Nursing Science program. "In addition to their achievement of competencies in their respective advanced practice specialty (nurse anes-

thesia, family nurse practitioner, or perioperative clinical nurse specialist), our masters students have demonstrated leadership and scholarship throughout their educational process."

"This year marks a milestone for the Graduate School of Nursing as we graduate the first students with a Ph.D. in Nursing Science degree," Dr. Elberson said. "Each doctoral student has focused their own dissertation on research relevant to issues in the military and federal healthcare. They are blazing new trails and, in doing so, are enriching the history of the GSN and the university and increasing the

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## USU medical team aids three injured workers in scaffold collapse

*By Tech. Sgt André Nicholson  
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Medical teams assigned to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) rushed to the aid of injured construction workers after the collapse of a scaffold outside the university's administration building May 5.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:20 a.m. as a construction crew worked on exterior brick replacement for USU's Building A. One female and two male workers were injured in the scaffold collapse. Faculty physicians Col. R. Dana Bradshaw, U.S. Air Force and Cmdr. Sara Kass, U.S. Navy, heard a loud noise, immediately responded to the scene and were quickly joined by other physicians, nurses and emergency medical personnel employed at the university.

"I was in the west hallway just when the scaffold collapsed with a great noise into a



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Steele*

**Three construction workers were injured in the collapse of the scaffold pictured above. The incident occurred outside of Building A, May 5. All three workers were taken to Suburban Hospital.**

tangle of metal," Dr. Bradshaw said. "We immediately looked to see if anyone was trapped or injured, and noted two workers pinned at the

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# INTEGRATION— As I See It

## WHERE IT CAME FROM

By Vern Schinski, Ph.D.  
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BRAC Integration

The pressures for integration come from many vectors. As early as World War II Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was looking for a way to get the medical assets of the services to work more closely together.

Attempts at joining the medical activities have cycled through the system every few years ever since. When the down-sizing began after Vietnam, many people began to sing “Consolidate to avoid duplication.” This became a favorite hymn of the Pentagon and both the White House and Congress often requested it.

When planners and programmers look at the number of defense personnel devoted to medicine and the percentage of the resources going to provide the medical entitlement, integration to provide

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cost savings comes immediately to mind. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) expenses, led to CHAMPUS Reform, which led to TRICARE, but costs kept increasing and joint TRICARE regions were developed to save costs. This became another form of integration.

Congress is so intent on integration of the military medical activities that it directed the Joint Chiefs of Staff to develop and submit a plan for a unified medical command structure by the end of this fiscal year. This level of unification of the command structure will surely lead to increased integration at the facility level.

The expected costs of modernizing the Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus became a giant force for local integration. Navy pressures to move medical assets to Portsmouth, Va., and San Diego, Calif., to make them more available to the fleet, did not lessen the requirements for health care in the National Capitol Region.

Those of you at the university will be familiar with the pressure to create the medical school to assist in solving the shortage of physicians when the draft went away. In a similar manner, graduate



education is seen as one of the essential drawing cards for medical recruitment and retention. Since the late eighties, the Residency Review Committees have been calling for increased opportunities for scholarship in training programs. Many U.S. Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs have become linked to academic and research institutions. In the National Capital Area (NCA), many of the residencies have been consolidated under the university sponsored NCA Consortium. Therefore, GME has become another pressure that is shaping the form of integration.

At the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) we have clearly identified the need to preserve educational opportunities for our undergraduate medical students, our residents and fellows, and for our nurse practitioners, as vital to our very continuation under integration. Therefore, Charles L. Rice, USU president, has decided to make integration a university priority.

With all this and more in the background, and with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) effort on the horizon, Maj. Gen. Kenneth Farmer and Rear Adm. Adam Robinson made the decision to move toward the integration of Walter Reed and Bethesda Medical Center Programs. Then following the announcement of the local BRAC consolidations, the Department of Defense’s leadership spoke of inclusion of USU to form the DOD’s Academic Health Center. At this point Dr. Rice became a member of the flag oversight group. BRAC and Air Force decisions about Air Force health care at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, also led Brig. Gen. Thomas Travis to join the Flag Integration team.

Stay tuned to read what has happened and what is planned.

# Medical, nursing students honored at 2006 graduation awards ceremonies

By MCSA Raul Zamora  
Staff writer, Office of External Affairs

Both the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine (SOM) and the Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) held their annual graduation award ceremonies in honor of the 2006 graduates, May 12 and 16, respectively.

Larry M. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the SOM, welcomed students, instructors, faculty and guests with opening remarks during the SOM awards ceremony.

"This ceremony is a longstanding tradition and we are proud of our students," Dr. Laughlin said. "Their use of talent and knowledge is what sets them apart."

More than 30 individual awards and 50 citations were awarded to students including the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF) award, which was presented to U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Stephen Harper. The SMCAF award is presented to



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Steele

Colonel Richard Ricciardi, Army, (in uniform) received the Military Officers Association of America award from retired U.S. Public Health Service Rear Adm. Julia Plotnick (far left), as Dr. Charles Rice, USU president, and Dr. Karen Elberson, associate dean, associate professor, and director of the Ph.D. in Nursing Science program for the GSN, offer their congratulations.

Public Health Service Ensign Samuel McArthur.

"Your outstanding record has made your university, your teachers and me truly proud, and that's one reason I came here today to give you my thanks and congratulations," said Charles L. Rice, M.D., USU president.

The GSN, which held their honors and awards ceremony the following week, recognized more than 50 students and faculty members.

Karen Elberson, Ph.D., R.N., associate dean, associate professor, and director of the Ph.D. in Nursing Science program for the GSN, addressed the students.

"True leaders know how to build relationships and you are now true leaders," Dr. Elberson said.

The GSN presented awards in the Ph.D. and Master of Science programs. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) also honored the university and the school of nursing for the first time by presenting awards.

The MOAA Distinguished Student award is the highest academic honor graduating students can receive. The award is presented to graduating students who demonstrate the highest level of academic performance while simultaneously demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. Recipients of the award are: Army Col. Richard Ricciardi, Air Force Maj. Lori Adams, Air Force Lt. Col. Annette Gablehouse, and Air Force Maj. Lisa Cole.

Each year the university holds the awards ceremony prior to commencement to recognize the accomplishments of the students and faculty.



Photo by HM1 Jason Wright

Army 2nd Lt. Stephen Harper (in uniform) received the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces award from retired Army Maj. Gen. Michael Scotti, as Dr. Charles Rice, USU president (far left) and Dr. Larry Laughlin, dean SOM, offer their congratulations.

the medical student who achieved the highest level of academic performance over all four years. Lieutenant Harper is also the 2006 SOM class valedictorian.

Other awards included the Surgeons' General awards, which are presented by the four surgeons general (U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Public Health Service) to the medical students of their respective services whose university careers have been characterized by academic achievement, military medical professionalism, and an exemplary commitment toward enhancing the mission and goals of their services. This year's recipients are: U.S. Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Jamey Brown, U.S. Naval Reserve Ensign Michael Arnold, U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Jennifer George Chang, and U.S.



Alumni  
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# USU alumni promoted to O-5

*Congratulations to the following USU alumni who were selected for promotion to O-5 (lieutenant colonel), medical corps, U.S. Army. There were 170 selections made overall, and 54 of them were USU M.D. alumni, and one Master of Public Health (MPH) alumnus.*

*Three of the 170 officers selected for promotion were through Below The Zone. All three are USU alumni.*

- Arciero, Cletus** - 98 - surgery
- Barnhart, Vincent** - 95 - family medicine
- Barrett, John** - 95 - family medicine
- Barry, David** - 95 - emergency medicine
- Beardmore, Anthony** - 95 - orthopaedics
- Cain, Jeffrey** - 98 - emergency medicine
- Cartwright, Victoria** - 95 - pediatrics
- Combs, John** - 98 - radiology
- Croll, Scott** - 95 - anesthesia
- Earwood, Scott** - 95 - family medicine
- Earwood, Mary Ellen** - 95 - physical medicine and rehabilitation
- Faught, John** - 95 - family medicine
- Fincher, Roger** - 95 - medicine
- Gallo, Dominic** - 95 - surgery

- Gillman, John** - 92 - physical medicine and rehabilitation
- Grady, James** - 95 - family medicine
- Greenwald, Scott** - 95 - radiology
- Guerrero, Melanie** - 95 - pulmonary medicine
- Harvey, John** - 97 - pediatrics (neonatology)
- Helwig, Michael** - 96 - family medicine (Below Zone Selection)
- Holt, Kurtis** - 95 - emergency medicine
- Huber, Michael** - 95 - medicine
- Kane, Shawn** - 95 - family medicine (sports medicine)
- Keenan, Sean** - 95 - emergency medicine
- Klem, Christopher** - 98 - surgery
- Koff, Stacey** - 97 - urology
- Littrell, Anthony** - 95 - preventive medicine
- Malik, Jamil** - 95 - cardiology
- Meyer, Michael** - 95 - surgery
- Moore, Kevin** - 95 - family medicine
- Moran, Kimberly** - 95 - infectious diseases
- Munaretto, Joseph** - 95 - pathology
- Page, Neil** - 95 - family medicine
- Phelps, Shean** - 96 - family medicine (Below Zone Selection)

- Psolka, Maximilian** - 95 - ophthalmology
- Rayfield, John** - 96 - emergency medicine
- Reed, Mark** - 96 - family medicine
- Sauer, Samuel** - 96 - aerospace medicine (Below Zone Selection)
- Sears, Stephen R.** - 95 - gastroenterology
- Sebesta, James** - 95 - surgery
- Shanley, Elizabeth** - 95 - family medicine
- Singer, Darrell** - 95 - preventive medicine
- Suh, Ryung** - MPH 05 - occupational/environmental medicine
- Tanksley, Steven** - 95 - emergency medicine
- Tobler, Steven** - 95 - preventive medicine
- Topp, Raymond** - 97 - orthopaedics
- Torres, Rolando** - 95 - emergency medicine
- Tremaine, Ladd** - 95 - pathology
- Uithol, Dawn** - 95 - family medicine
- Wallace, David** - 95 - family medicine
- Walts, Michael** - 95 - pathology
- Wenzel, Robert** - 95 - family medicine
- Whitcomb, Bradford** - 95 - obstetrics/gynecology
- Wieman, Jason** - 95 - preventive medicine
- Wool, Ronald** - 95 - medicine



## University Faculty, Staff Promotions

Congratulations to the following USU faculty and staff officers on their selection for promotion. Selected for promotion to Navy captain: **Kenneth Yew**, **Gary Hook** and **Patricia Kelly**. Selected for promotion to Army lieutenant colonel: **Amy Asato**. Selected for promotion to Army captain: **Kassandra Robinson**.

**John Fischer**, - 88, U.S. Air Force, MC, was promoted to colonel May 12. **Brian Unwin**, - 88, U.S. Army, MC, was promoted to colonel May 15.

# USU hosts annual Research Week

By MC3 Kory Kepner  
Staff writer, Office of External Affairs

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) CEO and Executive Publisher of the prestigious journal, *Science*, Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., addressed attendees at this year's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) research symposium.

The three-day symposium was held Tuesday through Thursday on the USU campus. This year's theme was "Global Public Health: The Changing Role of Military Medicine." The annual event is designed to showcase the research interests and achievements of the scientists at USU and its affiliated institutions, including the National Institutes of Health, and to promote collaboration both within the university and with the adjunct faculty at a variety of federal, state and private-university research facilities.

Research Week activities included school-specific programs and university-wide events: On Tuesday the Graduate School of Nursing held its Research Colloquium, the School of Medicine held its Graduate School Colloquium Wednesday, and the Faculty Senate Research Day was held Thursday. These events highlighted presentations by researchers across the university.

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knowledge base in nursing and healthcare. We are confident that our doctoral and masters graduates will make significant contributions in service to their country and will serve as ambassadors of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences."

Another first for the ceremony was the presidential address delivered by Charles L. Rice, M.D., USU president. Dr. Rice, a Navy-trained surgeon and researcher, was installed as USU's fifth president in February.

"You, our graduates, have chosen the

path of public service and are dedicating your life's work to the greater good," Dr. Rice said. "It is both an awesome and a noble choice, which demands humility and sacrifice, and which brings untold rewards."

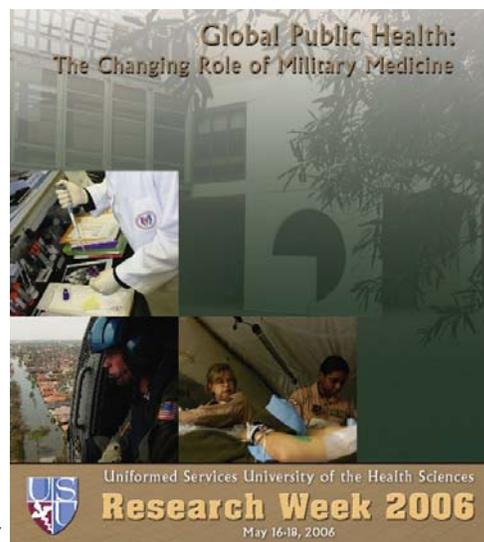
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., also addressed the graduating class of medical, graduate, and nursing students during the commencement exercise.

The F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine awarded 159 Doctor of Medicine and 38 Biomedical Sciences graduate degrees, while the GSN awarded 49 Master of Sci-

The program included symposia featuring USU faculty and affiliated faculty speakers, poster presentations by faculty and students, and oral presentations by graduate students in both basic sciences and nursing research.

Dr. Leshner, a scientist whose groundbreaking research in mental health on drug habituation has stirred national controversy and contributed greatly to national drug treatment policy, delivered the plenary address Thursday. As CEO of AAAS and publisher of *Science*, he has led the national dialogue on publication of publicly-supported science.

Solomon H. Snyder, M.D., distinguished professor of neuroscience, pharmacology and psychiatry and director, Department of Neuroscience, at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, gave this year's Bullard Lecture: "Neural Messengers of Life and Death."



Graphic design by Deborah Ford, HJF

ence degrees in the family nurse practitioner, perioperative clinical nurse specialist, and anesthesia nursing disciplines.

Since the school of medicine's first commencement in 1980, more than 3,900 Doctor of Medicine degrees have been conferred. The SOM has also conferred nearly 1,000 graduate level degrees.

The Graduate School of Nursing has conferred nearly 300 Master of Science in Nursing degrees since the school's establishment in 1993.

Degrees were conferred by USU Board of Regents Chair Everett Alvarez Jr., J.D.

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legs and waist in the jumble of metal and planks. A couple of the other workers were trying to get to them. At the time we didn't know if anyone else was in the pile, and my biggest concern was if the pile would collapse further while they were trying to extract the folks from it."

The workers fell approximately 60 feet, according to eye witnesses.

"There was a potential for massive injuries," Dr. Kass said, referring to the protruding metal beams and broken wood platforms that could have caused puncture wounds. "We're thankful because the injuries could have been a lot worse."

The first responders, included Drs. Kass, Bradshaw, and Bill Sykora, as well as medical technicians Master Sgt. Robert McCreary and Staff Sgt. Michelle Rogers, and other contractors on the project. All those involved with the rescue efforts were mindful of

spine and head injuries. The patients were transported to awaiting ambulances on backboards and wore neck braces as a precaution.

The injured workers were taken to nearby Suburban Hospital, where one male worker was treated and released the same evening. The other two workers suffered concussions and remained in the hospital overnight for observation, according to the superintendent in charge of the construction.

"The cause of the collapse is still under investigation by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) officials," said Mr. John Pomerville, assistant vice president for Environmental Health and Safety, director for Environmental Health and Occupational Safety. "When contractors are involved, this is the normal procedure. The debris pile must be removed and analyzed. Once all safety conditions required by OSHA and NAVFAC have been met, the brick resurfacing project will be allowed to continue."



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*Steven Kaminsky, Ph.D.*

## Laboratory renovations almost complete

*By MC3 Kory Kepner  
Staff writer, Office of External Affairs*

Faculty, staff and students at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) are witnessing a rebirth at the school.

The university wide renovation program is being coordinated by three offices at USU including: the Office of Resource Management, Facilities, and the Office of Research.

Steven Kaminsky, Ph.D, vice president for Research at USU, has stated that these are total renovations with the goal of replacing all of the infrastructure within a single lab and developing a new design to meet the faculty’s specific research.

Thirty-nine labs totaling 15,730 square feet have undergone renovation and five are currently being renovated.

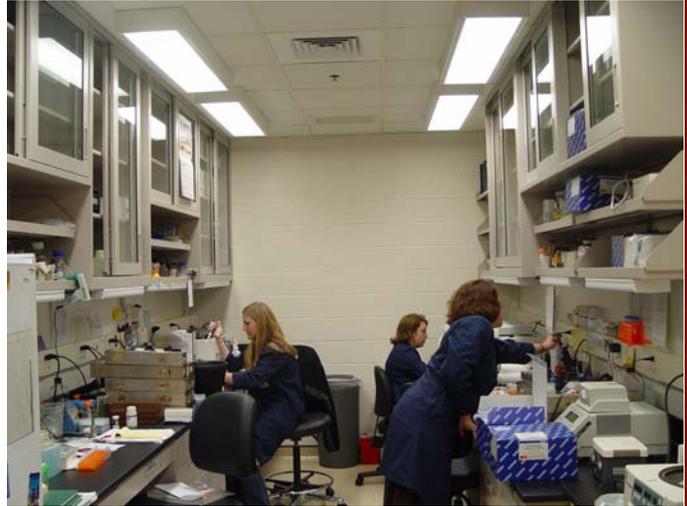
On Aug. 3, 2003 the first hammer swung into action beginning phase one of the ongoing renovations. After the seventh phase is complete a total of 18,385 square feet of teaching and learning space will have been renovated.

“The renovations will keep the school competitive,” Dr. Kaminsky said. “When students and faculty come in and see a new lab, it’s impressive. It’s the same feeling you have when one buys a new car.”

The new designs are more open and conducive to collaborative research endeavors. Faculty and staff in the new labs point out that there is enough space to work on a project and still carry our scientific discussions in the labs.

“They are total renovations,” Dr. Kaminsky said. “They go and take down all of the old cabinetry, all of the old infrastructure and floors. The goal was to make the labs better from the standpoint that they ergonomically design and incorporate the staffs and students needs into one idea. For instance, the labs now have sit down space whereas before if someone wanted to sit down to work they would have to bring in there own desk.”

“The design is so much more efficient in bench and desk space,” said John WU, Ph.D, Obstetrics and Gynecology instructor. “The new layout also makes the work flow better. It allows for the techniques we use to work better. The new labs are not



*Photo by MCSA Raul Zamora*

### Members of the microbiology department work in their newly renovated laboratory

only cleaner looking, but the new materials make it so much easier to keep dust and dirt out of the labs.”

The renovations were needed because the labs were beginning to show signs of aging after 25 years of use. “The good news is the buildings are 25 years young. The bad news is the buildings are 25 years old. Something had to be done,” Dr. Kaminsky said.

That’s when Dr. James Zimble, former USU president, and Dr. Larry Laughlin, dean of USU’s School of Medicine, set up a committee to look into renovating the labs. The nine-member committee looked at special criteria for the renovation of the labs. Everything from the recruitment and retention of staff to new requirements for use of laboratory space was looked into.

“The lab renovations were long overdue and greatly appreciated,” said Anthony T. Maurelli, Ph.D., Department of Microbiology and Immunology. They allowed us to incorporate changes that improve lab safety while making more efficient use of space. The renovations will significantly enhance our research program and training of graduate students.”

Dr. Kaminsky said the whole project was, and is, a team effort. It starts with the principle investigators and works its way up. When undertaking a project like this it’s all about teamwork.

## Look Who's Talking... As a kid what did you want to be when you grew up?



"I wanted to be a baseball analyst, being on TV, and traveling the country. We'll see how military medicine goes."

*2nd Lt. Timothy Ori  
SOM student*



"I always wanted to help other people so I wanted to be a doctor. That wasn't possible in Ethiopia so I came here and became a corpsman."

*HM1 Araya Amdetsyon,  
NCOIC, GSN*



"I grew up taking care of my mom... I never lost the passion for helping people so I wanted to be a doctor."

*2nd Lt.  
Joshua Duncan  
SOM student*

## University Spotlight



**Recognition:** The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists named an award after USU's **William H.J. Haffner, M.D.**, professor of Obstetricians and Gynecology.

**Diane Lynn Padden, B.S.N., M.N., Ph.D.**, assistant professor and director of the Graduate School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner program, received her doctorate of philosophy degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., May 13. Dr. Padden was also awarded the Janet Rexrode Southby Prize in Nursing Research. She will become the GSN's Chair of the Department for Health, Injury and Disease Management, June 1, 2006.

**Dr. William Sykora** was recently appointed assistant dean for Curriculum.

**Army Capt. Robert Cybulski**, a second year graduate student in the Emerging Infectious Disease program, ran the Boston Marathon in a time of 3 hours and 18 minutes.

In honor of the national observance of Mental Health Month in May, an essay titled "The Minds and Hearts of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and their Families," by **Robert Ursano, M.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Psychiatry, director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, is featured on the American Psychiatric Association consumer website: [www.Healthyminds.org](http://www.Healthyminds.org).

**Hails and Farewells:** Congratulations to **YN1 Douglas Smith** of MILPO, who is retiring after 20 faithful years of service in the U.S. Navy. Please welcome the new USU chaplain, **Chaplain Timothy Janning**, CHC, U.S. Navy.

## Letter from the editor

hard to bring you the latest in university happenings.

As stated in previous issues of the newsletter, our goal is to use this publication to highlight the extraordinary people and work being done at the university.

It has been more than a month since the first issue of the USU Newsletter was published and our staff continues to work

This newsletter is for every member of USU to use as a tool to receive information about what is taking place around the university as well as provide information to our staff so we can recognize those people who are much deserving.

Not only do we welcome constructive criticism of this publication, we encourage readers to send letters to the editor. Your letters can and should speak on any topic you feel is relevant to this university and this publication.

We strive to incorporate as much about

individual recognition and accomplishments as possible, but if we don't know about it, we can't include it. Therefore, it's imperative that you submit information in a timely manner and in the most detail possible to prevent a misunderstanding.

As editor, I truly look forward to hearing from you and receiving your input.

Please send letters to the editor or article submissions to: [usunewsletter@usuhs.mil](mailto:usunewsletter@usuhs.mil).

*Air Force Tech. Sgt. André Nicholson*

## Letter to the editor

I've seen your newsletter and just wanted to say I love it (it makes great nesting material) and wanted you to know a little about me and my family.

Canadian geese are a valuable natural resource that provide recreation and enjoyment to many of the USU family. The sight of the distinctive V-formation of a flock of Canadian geese always brings a special thrill. Our calls herald the changing of the seasons.

While most of you find us acceptable, I know we can cause some problems. Our droppings can become excessive (a goose produces a pound of droppings per day). Just like most parents we can be over-protective of our children and can become aggressive if you get too close, so just remember to watch us from at least 10 feet away. I also want my children to eat healthy so please make sure your trash and cigarette butts go where they

belong. I return to USU every summer and I want it to remain beautiful.

Also, remember that we are protected by federal and state laws, so doing anything to our feathers, nests, eggs, etc., could get you in a lot of trouble. After my little goslings hatch we may move considerable distances from our nesting areas to brood-rearing areas, appearing suddenly "out of nowhere" at ponds bordered by lawns. So if you see us wandering around the old golf course,

(bet you didn't know USU was built on a golf course did you,) just use common sense because I would hate to become aggressive towards you.



*Sincerely,  
"Gracie" the Grey Goose*





# Calendar of Events



<b>May</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<p>Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Presents "Mitotic Regulation of the Nuclear Pore Complex" by Stephen A. Osmani Ph.D. Dept. of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University 11:30 a.m. Rm A2011</p>	<p>Asian Pacific Islander History Month Celebration 9 -10 a.m. USU Cafeteria Keynote Speaker Franklin S. Odo, Ph.D. Director of the Asian Pacific American Program Smithsonian Institution</p> <p>Toastmasters Meeting at AFRI Noon - 1 p.m. AFRI Small Conference Room</p>	<p>5K Fun Run/Walk at 12 p.m. at the Comfort Zone</p> <p>Dept. of Pediatrics Research Conference "Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine" 7 - 10 a.m. Lec. Rm C</p>		
28	29	30	31	<b>June</b>	2	3
	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<p>NCA BRAC Integration Planning Conference All day Location to be announced</p>	<p>NCA BRAC Integration Planning Conference All day Location to be announced</p>		<p>Dept. of Medicine Research Seminar To be announced Presented by Dr. Vasilios Kytтарыs 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Rm A2053</p> <p>Regularly scheduled Investigator and Animal Handler Training Course 8:30 a.m. - noon Rm A2054</p> <p>Spine Workshop: Cervical Course USU Anatomical Teaching Laboratory</p>	<p>Spine Workshop: Cervical Course USU Anatomical Teaching Laboratory</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Spine Workshop: Thoraco-Lumbar Course June 4 - 6 USU Anatomical Teaching Laboratory</p>	<p>Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology Seminar: 11:30 - 1p.m. Lec. Rm C "Visualizing and Profiling Second Messenger Dynamics and Kinase Activities in Living Cells" presented by Jin Zhang, Ph.D., Asst. Prof., Dept. of Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences, and Dept. of Neuroscience, John Hopkins University School of Medicine</p>		<p>Dept. Representative Meeting 11 a.m. Lec. Rm B</p> <p>Toastmasters Meeting at USU Noon - 1 p.m. Rm A2015</p>			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			<p>Toastmasters Meeting at AFRI Noon - 1 p.m. AFRI Small Conference Room</p>		<p>Dept. of Medicine Research Seminar To be announced Presented by Dr. Krishnamurthy Govindaraj 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Rm A2053</p>	<p>Hospital Corps Birthday Ball 6 p.m. Doubletree Hotel Rockville, Md.</p>