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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety and Security Parking Measures

Many vendors and some employees are leaving their vehicles unattended in non-authorized Medical School areas while they make quick deliveries or unload materials for a presentation or office delivery. As we continue our state of heightened security, these unattended vehicles pose a security concern and the DPS has informed us that they will be less lenient in overlooking these violations.

DPS has asked that vendors, as well as staff, park at loading docks or in marked loading zones while making deliveries.

-Memorandum dated 4/10/03 from Bonnie Brown, Facilities Manager

Credit Union News

UMHS Financial was officially launched on April 1, 2003. Health Systems members should have received a letter the week of April 14th detailing the new brand. If you have not received any information, and would like to, please contact Midwest Financial Credit Union at 769-4607. We have designated this brand because the University of Michigan Health Systems is a major sponsor of the Credit Union, formerly known as the University of Michigan Hospital Credit Union, then Hospitals and Health Services Credit Union, and presently Midwest Financial Credit Union. Our Credit Union was established in 1938 by a group of Hospital employees.

May 1st will kick off the membership drive earmarked for UMHS employees. For any member that joins during May and June, a donation in the amount of \$15.00 will be made in that member's name to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Coupled with the membership drive, the Credit Union will be having a two-day sale, May 9th and 10th, offering a rate of 2.9% on all loans (excluding home equity loans, mortgages and credit cards) and 2.9% on two-year certificates.

This is a great time to learn more about UMHS Financial, a brand of MWFCU. Call a member services representative at 734-769-4607.

-Eugene J. Napolitan

Change in Health Care Coverage Premiums

In response to health insurance costs that have doubled in the past five years, the University will soon begin a two-part plan to slow the rate of increase of its expenditures for employee health insurance. In a preliminary step, the University will require most employees and retirees to pay a share of the cost of health insurance premiums, beginning January 1, 2004.

In 2004, many employees (approximately 70%) who do not pay any health insurance premium will and the University will pay the remaining portion. Employees who now pay a co-premium most likely will see no change in the proportion of the contribution they make toward their insurance premium.

In addition to the change, the University will eliminate the \$6 per month flex credit that was initiated for employees in 1995.

As this process continues, updates are available at www.umich.edu/~benefits.

- E-mail from Lazar J. Greenfield, M.D., Interim Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Kudos

Andrea Irwin and Susan House were presented with "Key to the Future" by the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. The awards are given to members who are newly active and are potential leaders. Please take time to congratulate Andrea & Susan.

-Suzanne Butch

Welcome Our New Employees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Title</u>
Akinwale, Temitope	10-28-02	Cytogenetics	Cytogenetics Technologist
Alvarez, Ruth	7/9/2002	Dr. Nunez	Research Fellow
Aukerman, Timothy	4/7/03	Hematology	Medical Technologist
Bailey, E. Scott	2/24/2003	Dr. Giordano	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Baldwin, Cynthia	11/4/02	Surgical Transcription	Word Processing Operator
Balliu, Blerina	11/11/2002	Dr. Duckett	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Banka, Dianna	10/1/2002	Laura Hessler	Academic Secretary III
Barnes, Theresa	2/17/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Bergeron, Lisa	10-28-02	Point of Care	Clinical Lab Associate II
Bhagavathula, Srilakshmi	7/24/2002	Dr. Chinnaiyan	Res Assoc I Hlth Sci
Bishop, Nedine	4/7/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Carpenter, Kristin	10/14/2002	Dr. Hogaboam	Res Assoc I Hlth Sci
Chamaillard, Mathias	1/6/2003	Dr. Nunez	Research Fellow
Chan, Anne	1/6/03	Microbiology	Medical Technologist

Clayton, Sybil	12/02/02	Outpatient Phlebotomy	Clinical Lab Associate I
Coloff, Joseph	2/17/03	Surgical Transcription	Word Processing Operator II
Connolly, Patricia`	3/10/03	Administrative Suite	Academic Secretary IV
Cynar, Carol	11/1/2002	Dr. Varani	Res Assoc II Hlth Sci
Czerski, Lech	9/9/2002	Dr. Nunez	Research Fellow
D'Agostino, Jennifer	12/02/02	Hematology	Medical Technologist
Davis, Denise	11/18/02	Chemical Pathology	Medical Technologist
Derdowski, Chad	1/27/03	Surgical Pathology	Clinical Lab Associate II
Devall, Larry	12/9/2002	Dr. Remick	Sr Res Assoc Hlth Sci
Devon Ferrante	4/21/03	Chemical Pathology	Laboratory Technologist
Doherty, Penny	3/17/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Dziadzio, Grant	3/24/03	Point of Care	Clinical Lab Associate II
Ernesto Hernandez	4/21/03	Hematology	Medical Technologist
Freedman, Leah	3/10/03	Inpatient Phlebotomy	Clinical Lab Associate I
Gao, Hongwei	9/30/2002	Dr. Ward	Research Fellow
Getchell, Hume	9/3/2002	Doug Gibbs	Comp Systems Consultant I
Harrison, Amy	2/10/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Hwang, Debbie	11/4/2002	Dr. Cooling	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Jennifer Guthrie	4/21/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Kim, Doyeob	2/3/2003	Dr. Dressler	Research Fellow
Knakiewicz, Judith	3/17/03	Histocompatibility	Medical Technologist
Knudson, Lynn	4/14/03	Cytogenetics	Cytogenetics Technologist
Kuffa, Peter	9/30/2002	Dr. Nunez	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Love, Tiffany	2/24/03	Outpatient Phlebotomy	Clinical Lab Associate I
McCain, Lynn	1/13/2003	Dr. Ward	Exec Medical Secretary
McDonald, Christine	2/17/2003	Dr. Nunez	Research Fellow
Mullins, Leina	1/6/03	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Newman, Megan	12/23/02	Surgical Pathology	Histotechnologist
Ozoren, Nesrin	7/1/2002	Dr. Nunez	Research Fellow
Pebley, Cristey (rehire)	3/1/03	Blood Bank	Medical Technologist
Pennington, Toby	12/16/02	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Qiu, Su	9/25/2002	Dr. Inohara	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Robichaud, Patrick	1/2/2003	Dr. Remick	Res Assoc I Hlth Sci
Sassanella, Timothy	6/3/2002	Dr. de la Iglesia	Sr Res Assoc Hlth Sci
Schairer, Karen	1/6/03	Blood Bank	Clinical Lab Associate I
Simmons, Carissa	1/6/03	Inpatient Phlebotomy	Clinical Lab Associate I
St. Martin, Janette	11/4/02	Microbiology	Medical Technologist
Stegg, Crystal	12/23/02	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Thomas, Teresa	12/16/02	Point of Care	Clinical Lab Associate II
Thornton, Tanya	11/18/02	Central Distribution	Clinical Lab Associate I
Topper, Leana	11/1/2002	Dr. Wilson	Research Fellow
Wang, Lei	2/24/2003	Dr. Chinnaiyan	Res Asst II Hlth Sci
Wei, Chuen-Long	10/14/2002	Dr. Michael	Laboratory Assistant

Yu, Zhigang	11/1/2002	Dr. A. Lieberman	Research Fellow
Yucel, Taskin	10/1/2002	Dr. Varani	Research Fellow

Welcome Our New House Officers

House Officer I's

Sui, Bun Brian
Hall, Diane
Stanchina, Dionne
Wu, Angela
Matacol, Matthew
Przybycin, Christopher

House Officer V

Rhode, Michael

Bring Your Child to Work Day

On April 24, thanks to the excellent planning and organization skills of Rebecca Roberts, you may have seen around 60 children visiting the Department of Pathology. The children toured the laboratories and had a pizza lunch. At the end of their lunch, they were presented with ID's, certificates of appreciation, and small gifts. Every single child seemed to have a wonderful time!

Thanks to Rebecca Roberts and everyone who volunteered their time to make this day a success.

-Beverly Smith

Laboratory Week

It wasn't a little gnome who crept into the hallways and posted all the information about National Laboratory week and our shining stars and it sure wasn't the "Invisible Man" who puts together the daily newsletters that come out full of information! The thanks can go to Deborah Jansen, who does a remarkable job, along with several volunteers, putting together activities, ideas, and information about National Laboratory Week. We all owe her a huge round of applause for her tireless efforts!

-Beverly Smith