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Highlights from the 2000 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting of TSAHP

Thank you!

Thanks to all those who helped to make the 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, held at the UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, such a smashing success! Thanks to the Dallas Fort Worth Area Health Education Center for co-sponsoring the 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, and to the South Texas Area Health Education Center (STAHEC), San Antonio, for providing financial support.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am honored to represent such a fine organization as TSAHP as your new president. This organization is truly unique in Texas, as it brings together schools and clinicians who represent diverse allied health professions. TSAHP extends the relationships and commitments that we have to our individual professional organizations by fostering a broader network of support and advocacy. It is stimulating to meet such a variety of like-minded professionals around the state and to hear of our common dilemmas and joys. Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, spoke at our well-attended Fall Conference in Dallas, about the need to increase the number of college students in Higher Education in Texas. We also heard about the results from Dr. Marilyn Harrington's study of the reduction in applicants to Allied Health programs in Texas and the rest of the country. These messages speak to the gap that needs to be bridged between expectations and program realities. The changes in the health care arena have significantly impacted all the programs in Allied Health, to varying degrees. Because of this, it is a critical time for our professions in TSAHP to become more cohesive and proactive.

Another message heard from Dr. Don Brown was that of increasing diversity in our applicant pools to correspond to the demographic projections for Texas. Keeping with this message, we will hold the next TSAHP conference, for the first time, at The University of Texas Pan American (UTPA), which is located on the Texas-Mexico Border. Mark your calendar now to attend this Conference on October 4 - 5, 2001. The theme of the Conference is "Creating Partnerships: Crossing Boundaries, Crossing Borders."

Aggressive marketing of TSAHP and facilitating communication are two goals of the TSAHP Board of Directors this year in order to increase participation from all Allied Health Schools,

especially community colleges. It was wonderful to see some new faces at this year's Conference, and hopefully they will return next year. Regretfully, we missed some familiar faces and look forward to seeing them again. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions. My e-mail address is hara-don@uthscsa.edu.

Best wishes,
Gale

TSAHP FALL CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, held on the campus of UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas on Thursday and Friday, October 12-13, 2000, was a huge success. The theme of the Conference was "New Technologies/ New Partnerships: Opportunities for Allied Health." Attendance at the Conference was at a near record level and included many new TSAHP members. The educational content of the program was excellent and featured a workshop on Thursday morning, entitled "Instructional Technologies and the UT TeleCampus: Managing Online Instruction," given by Dr. Darcy Hardy, Director of the UT TeleCampus, and members of her staff. The workshop was followed by a keynote address given by Dr. Hardy, entitled "Online Learning and New Opportunities for Allied Health."

Dr. Hardy's keynote address was followed by a very informative "Information Technology Panel" discussion, moderated by Dr. Hardy and including additional members of the UT TeleCampus staff. Concurrent sessions of invited papers and posters on informative topics, related to online instruction and information technology, rounded out the afternoon's program. A delicious Awards Buffet Dinner, held on Thursday evening at the plush Faculty Alumni Center on the UT Southwestern campus, featured live entertainment provided by the Legacy Choir of Jasper High School in Plano, Texas.

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Texas Society of Allied Health Professions

MISSION

The Texas Society of Allied Health Professions is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing and promoting education, research, and clinical practice of allied health professionals within the state.

GOALS

To serve as a unified voice for allied health in the state.

To represent mutual interests of allied health educators, practitioners, and students in legislative, professional, health planning, and consumer affairs.

To promote multidisciplinary liaison and cooperation in allied health fields.

To serve as a forum/platform for discussion of issues and trends for allied health fields.

To provide an opportunity for educational institutions, professions, organizations, practitioners, students, and others concerned with allied health to exchange ideas on matters of mutual concern.

To advance public awareness and marketability of allied health care.

To offer venues for exchange of information and collaborative enterprise among allied health professionals and programs within the state.

To develop leaders in allied health for the 21st century.

TSAHP FALL CONFERENCE (continued from page 1)

The theme for Friday morning's educational program was "Integrating Delivery Systems for Allied Health Education" and featured a keynote address, entitled "Seamless Education for Allied Health," given by Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Dr. Brown's address was followed by a panel discussion on "Integrating Delivery Systems for Allied Health Education," moderated by Dr. Marshall Hill, Assistant Commissioner for University and Health Related Institutions, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Panelists included Ms. Sondra Flemming, Executive Dean, Health, Legal, & Continuing Workforce Education, El Centro College, Dallas ("Partnerships between Community Colleges and Universities and Health Related Institutions"); Dr. Nancy Fain, Associate Dean, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas ("Articulation between Community Colleges and Universities and Health Related Institutions"); and Dr. Vicki Freeman, Chair, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, UT Medical Branch, Galveston ("Creating Partnerships through Distance Education").

Concurrent sessions of invited papers and posters on topics related to classroom and clinical education models in allied health completed the morning's program. Attendees headed home having made new relationships and strengthened old ones, and having heard new ideas and challenged old ones.

2001 TSAHP FALL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT UT PAN AMERICAN

The TSAHP Board of Directors has selected the campus of The University of Texas Pan American, in Edinburg, as the site for the 2001 TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual meeting. Dr. Helen Castillo, Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at UT Pan American, has confirmed this selection. The Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 4-5, 2001. The theme for the Conference will be "*Creating Partnerships: Crossing Boundaries, Crossing Borders.*" Watch for the Spring issue of the TSAHP *Chronicle* for details on the Conference. **SAVE THE DATES!**

LOST AND FOUND

Following the 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting in Dallas, an AC Power Adaptor was found. If this is your adaptor, please contact Dr. Lynn Little at (214) 648-1782 or at Lynn.Little@UTSouthwestern.edu.

**TSAHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

The TSAHP Board of Directors welcomes its new President-Elect, Paul P. Brooke, Jr., Ph.D. Dr. Brooke serves as Dean of the School of Allied Health at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. The Board welcomes also its new Vice President, Dr. Bruce Reed, Program Coordinator for Rehabilitation Services at UT Pan American. Dr. Reed served previously as a Member at Large on the Board of Directors. The Board welcomes back Dr. Kenneth Ottenbacher, who was elected to a second consecutive term as Treasurer of TSAHP. Dr. Ottenbacher serves as Vice Dean and Professor, School of Allied Health Sciences, UT Medical Branch at Galveston. The Board welcomes also Dr. Shirley Richmond, who was elected as a Member at Large. Dr. Richmond serves as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Allied Health Sciences, UT Medical Branch at Galveston. Congratulations to all these new members!

Returning Board members, who will be serving in 2000-01, include the following: Dr. Gale Haradon, President; Dr. Lynn Little, Past President; Prof. Oren Renick, Member at Large, and Prof. Dave Falleur, Member at Large.

The Board expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Rumaldo Juarez, who has completed his year as Past President of the Board, for his many years of service to TSAHP and to the Board of Directors. The Board also expresses its appreciation to Dr. Douglas Murphy, outgoing Vice President of the TSAHP Board and Chair of the Program Committee, for his outstanding work in planning and implementing this year's TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting. Finally, the Board expresses its appreciation to Ms. Lynn Verret, Executive Director of TSAHP, for another fine year of guiding and managing the affairs of the Society!

TSAHP NAME CHANGE?

In recent years, some members have suggested changing the name of TSAHP from the Texas *Society* of Allied Health Professions to Texas *Schools* of Allied Health Professions. This change would reflect the reality that most TSAHP members are educators employed in schools and programs in the allied health professions. The will of the membership on this question was assessed by a non-binding referendum held in the Spring of 2000. A questionnaire was mailed with the Spring issue of the TSAHP *Chronicle*, in which members were permitted to register their opinion as to whether to *retain* or *change* the name of TSAHP. Members were asked to mail or fax the questionnaire back to President Lynn Little. Only twelve questionnaires were returned, and the vote was evenly split, six to six! At the annual business meeting held in connection with the Fall Conference in Dallas in October, President Little laid the matter to rest, due to lack of interest in the issue on the part of the membership. For the present, at least, TSAHP will continue to be known as the *Texas Society of Allied Health Professions!*



Dr. Bruce Niebuhr, Dean Gordon Green, and TSAHP President-Elect Gale Haradon (l.-r.) enjoy the keynote address.



TSAHP President Lynn Little poses with keynote speaker, Dr. Darcy Hardy, Director of the UT TeleCampus.



The TSAHP Fall Conference drew Deans from surrounding states, including Dr. Susan Hanrahan, (foreground, center) Arkansas State University, and Dr. John Snyder (to her immediate right, background), Louisiana State University Medical Center.

STUDENTS MODERATE CONCURRENT SESSIONS AT 2000 TSAHP FALL CONFERENCE IN DALLAS

Thanks to *Ms. Roseanne Petricca* and *Ms. Audra Lindsey*, students in the Physical Therapy Program, and *Mr. Brent Badger* and *Mr. Charles Holt*, students in the Physician Assistant Program, at UT Southwestern Medical Center, for their fine job as moderators of Concurrent Sessions at the TSAHP Fall Conference in Dallas on October 12 and 13, 2000. The professionalism demonstrated by these talented students reflected well on their school, their programs, and themselves.

NEWS FROM OUR INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

News from UT Pan American College of Health Sciences & Human Services

By Dr. Helen M. Castillo, Dean

The Third International Conference on Border Health Issues, sponsored by the College of Health Sciences and Human Services (COHSHS) and other agencies, will be held on the campus of UT Pan American, March 8-12, 2001. The schedule is as follows.

March 8, (Thurs.)	Evening Reception
March 9, (Friday)	Conference
March 10-12, (Sat.-Mon.)	Grant-Writing Workshop (Co-sponsored by COHSHS and the National Cancer Institute)

Speakers will include Dr. Leo Vela, Dean of the Regional Academic Health Center – Research Center, funded to be located adjacent to UT Pan American, and excellent speakers drawn from the National Cancer Institute. Topics will include diabetes in children and adults, other topics of interest to Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, and topics on other major health concerns. For further information, contact Dr. Castillo's office at (956) 381-2292.

In other news, Dr. William McIntyre has been appointed Assistant Dean for the new cooperative Doctoral Program in Pharmacy (PharmD), between UT Austin and UT Pan American, housed in this college (COHSHS). Dr. McIntyre began his position on Nov. 1, 2000, and the Program officially starts Fall 2001. Students are being recruited and advised now.

Dean Helen M. Castillo recently returned from a meeting in London, England, where she was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (Blackwell Science Publications). She also traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil in November, 2000 to conduct a seminar for nurses on the topic of "Writing for International Publication." Dr. Beverly Henry, of the Weimar Institute in California, was her co-presenter.



Registrar Chuck Kettlewell, of UT Southwestern, takes copious notes at the 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference. (Also pictured: Dean Rumaldo Juarez (l.) and Prof. Lona Sandon (r.)



Prof. Bobbie Vash, of UT Southwestern (foreground, right), and colleagues enjoy a presentation at the 2000 TSAHP Fall Conference.



“Integrating Delivery System” panelists: Dean Sondra Flemming, Associate Dean Nancy Fain, and Chairperson Vicki Freeman.



Dean Marilyn Harrington, of UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, shares a moment with Associate Commissioner Marshall Hill, of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**TSAHP TREASURER’S REPORT
Board Meeting – October 12, 2000**

BALANCE FORWARD – JANUARY 1, 2000 \$13,937.81

RECEIPTS

Memberships (new, renewal, student)	\$765.00
Conference Registration	1545.00
Operating and Conference Donations	5750.00
Scholarship Fund	0.00
Research Grant Fund	0.00
Institutional Memberships	400.00
Interest	410.00
Subtotal Receipts	\$8,870.91

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter	\$0.00
Annual Meeting	162.38
Postage	198.00
Honorarium – Executive Director	600.00
Supplies	56.40
Resource Directory Reproduction	0.00
Awards	215.00
Scholarships	500.00
Research Grants	1200.00
Other Operating Expenses	241.71
Travel – Board	108.00
Travel – Executive Director	0.00
Subtotal Disbursements	\$3,281.49

BALANCE **\$19,527.23**



Dr. Nancy Fain, Associate Dean, UT Southwestern, clarifies a point for Dr. Gale Haradon, TSAHP President-Elect.



UT Southwestern students Brent Badger (l.) and Charles Holt (r.) prepare to moderate Concurrent Sessions, with instructions from TSAHP President Lynn Little (center).



TSAHP Executive Director Lynn Verret advises Conference attendees on logistical matters.

TSAHP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

TSAHP Scholarships in the amount of \$250 each were awarded at the 2000 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting in Dallas to two deserving students. These students also received a plaque, one-year free student membership in TSAHP, and waived registration at the TSAHP Fall Conference and Annual Meeting. The following three students were selected from among those students nominated by their respective schools.

Ms. Claudia Patricia Aguirre

Ms. Aguirre is a student in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science at UT Pan American (Prof. Karen Chandler, Chair), studying for a career as a certified Clinical Laboratory Scientist.

Ms. Ashley Gillespie

Ms. Gillespie is a student in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at UT Southwestern Medical Center (Dr. Eugene Jones, Chair), studying to become a licensed Physician Assistant.

Thanks to Prof. Oren Renick, Chair of the TSAHP Scholarship Awards Committee, and Committee members, Prof. Kirby Cox, Prof. Nolen Holcomb, Prof. Joel Hubbard, Dr. Lou Kuck, and Dr. Shirlyn McKenzie, for their work in selecting these students for TSAHP scholarship awards.

Congratulations to these student winners!

TSAHP RESEARCH AWARDS

TSAHP Research grants in the amount of \$600 each were awarded at the Fall Conference and Annual Meeting to the following investigators for their research projects.

“A Pilot Study of Unloaded Treadmill Walking in Parkinson’s Disease”

Monthaport Suteerawattananon, MSPT
 School of Physical Therapy
 Texas Woman’s University
 Houston, Texas

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#### *“Public School Occupational Therapy for Students with Emotional Disturbances”*

Karin J. Barnes, PhD, OTR  
 Department of Occupational Therapy  
 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
 San Antonio, Texas

Thanks to Prof. Dave Falleur, TSAHP Research Awards Committee Chair, and Committee members, Prof. Joy Boone and Dr. Vicki Freeman.

*Congratulations to these investigators!*



The acclaimed Legacy Choir, of Jasper High School in Plano, provided entertainment for the Awards Dinner.



Dr. Bruce Niebuhr (l.) accepts the TSAHP Distinguished Service Award from Dr. John Hedl (r.), on behalf of former TSAHP President Rodger Marion.



Incoming TSAHP President Gale Haradon announces her plans for the coming year.

### **TSAHP DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

At the Awards Buffet Dinner, the second-ever TSAHP Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Rodger Marion, PhD. The presentation was made by the first-ever recipient of this Award, Dr. John Hedl. Dr. Hedl commended Dr. Marion for his long record of service to the allied health professions and to TSAHP. Dr. Marion is a Past President of TSAHP and has served the society in many capacities over the years. Most recently, Dr. Marion (with Dr. Bruce Niebuhr) developed the initial phase of the TSAHP website. Dr. Marion is Professor and Assistant Dean for Research and Educational Technology, School of Allied Health Sciences, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He is recognized nationally and internationally for his many and ongoing contributions to the development of information technology and distance learning in the allied health sciences. His selection as this year's recipient of the TSAHP Distinguished Service Award is richly deserved. *Congratulations, Dr. Marion!*

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Thanks to Dr. Rumaldo Juarez, Dean of the School of Health Professions, Southwest Texas State University, for maintaining the TSAHP website!

**Save the Date!**

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AND ANNUAL MEETING  
October 4-5, 2001**

**“Creating Partnerships: Crossing  
Boundaries, Crossing Borders”**

**The University of Texas Pan American  
Edinburgh, Texas**

**Watch for details in the Spring issue of  
the TSAHP *Chronicle!***

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Meeting at UT Southwestern!*

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