

# OUTLOOK

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## New Fitness Center Opens at JEI

The new JEI Fitness Center opened on Friday, September 7, with a ribbon cutting and reception. Door prizes were given out to recipients after a random drawing was taken from gym registration forms. The lucky winners of the door prizes were: Melvin Burks, Charles Ekworomadu, Darren Malone, M.D., Doris Nounamo, Amanda Dozier, Becky Rills, Amanda Speer and Susan Zimmerman. Over 50 employees signed up the first day, and we hope many more will soon. Below are some answers to questions we think you might find interesting.

**Gym hours?** 24 hours, 7 days a week; however after-hour access will be coordinated with Anna Latta if you don't already have a key to enter the building.

**Age limit?** Minimum age is 16.

**Are family members allowed?** Yes, but only after a waiver is signed and the employee must accompany the family member.

**Caring for the gym?** We ask that you use the Gym Wipes<sup>®</sup> provided and wipe off the machines after each use. Also, please wear close-toed, running or walking shoes while on the equipment.

**Bring our own towels?** Yes

**Showers?** Yes, one is available.

**Bring our own locks for lockers?** Yes

**Can we bring a jam box to play?** Yes, but please be considerate with the volume so as not to disturb surrounding offices. A personal headset would be best.

**How will each employee get access through the eye bank?** Once a waiver has been signed, the employee's SAP # will be added to the card swipe to gain entrance through the eye bank. This is coordinated through Donna Mattingly or Karen Call.

Please make sure that everyone using the gym enters through the Eye Bank quietly so that no personnel are disturbed or interrupted for fitness center matters. Also, please bear in mind that offices are nearby and to keep the noise level low while in the fitness center during office hours. All Fitness Center issues should be directed to either Donna Mattingly or Karen Call.



We want to thank Karen Call, Donna Mattingly and Kathy Rich for their hard work in helping open the fitness center and to Dr. Shock for his generosity in making this possible.



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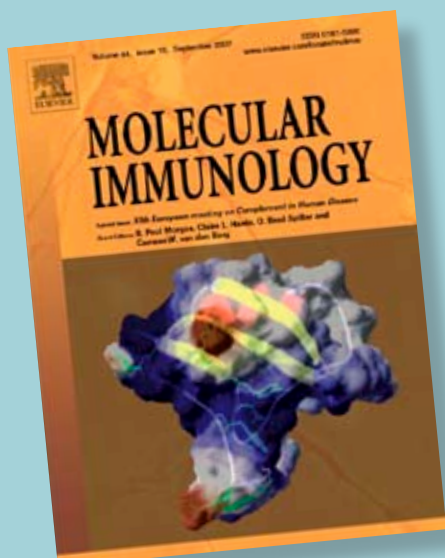
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## Nalini Bora, Ph.D. Gives Invited Talk in Paris

Dr. Nalini Bora has been invited to speak at the 9th International Congress of “International Ocular and Inflammation Society” to be held in Paris, France from September 17-20, 2007. Dr. Bora will present the work on the role of complement proteins in the development of age-related macular degeneration.



Congratulations to the Bora research group on their latest publication. The review article entitled “The Role of Complement System in Ocular Diseases Including Uveitis and Macular Degeneration,” authored by Purushottam Jha, Ph.D., Puran Bora, Ph.D., and Nalini Bora, Ph.D., will be featured in the September 2007 issue of Molecular Immunology.

## Diane McVinney becomes a Certified Professional Coder

Diane McVinney attended a 40-hour Coding Boot Camp review class in June and successfully passed a very difficult, five hour coding certification exam sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders (the AAPC). The examination consists of questions regarding the correct application of CPT®, HCPCS procedure and supply codes and ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes used for billing professional medical services to insurance companies. A CPC™ must have at least two years coding experience and maintain yearly renewal as well as submit Continuing Education Units (CEUs) every two years. To become a Certified Professional Coder you must demonstrate proficiency across a wide range of services, which include evaluation and management of anesthesia, surgical services, radiology, pathology and medicine. Congratulations to Diane for this great accomplishment.



## Vital Link Employee of the Month Award



On July 23, Deanna Ely from the JEI Clinic was awarded the Vital Link Employee of the Month Award for her work in June. Deanna also received a \$25 gift certificate. JEI has had two of the selected winners in the first three months of the program. Deanna works at the D Pod with Dr. Wiggins and also with the LASIK staff.

## Agape Family Health Fair Extravaganza



Joseph Chacko, M.D. and Carlos Gonzalez volunteered to perform vision and glaucoma exams at the Agape Health Fair open to the public on Saturday morning, August 11. Other screenings such as glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, dental and breast exams were given to the public as well.

## New OMT Students



*A reception was held in the Bowen Auditorium for the four new OMT I students.*

*The new OMT students pictured above (L to R) are Megan Downs, Dana Wolford, Katie Wilson and back row is Brandon Tilman.*

## Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1 – Dr. Paul Phillips,  
JEI 10th Anniversary

September 2 – Dr. Ramona Davis

September 8 – Dr. Christopher Westfall,  
JEI 10th Anniversary

September 18 – Dr. Joseph Chacko

September 20 – Amy Morrison,  
JEI 3rd Anniversary

September 22 – Karin Aletter

September 25 – Dr. Michael Wiggins

September 28 – Dr. Michael Brown

September 30 – Deborah Troillett

October 1 – Ruslana Tytarenko,  
JEI 1st Anniversary

October 3 – Dr. Arthur Thomas

October 6 – Susan Zimmerman

October 7 – Donna Mattingly

October 9 – Deborah Caruthers

October 13 – Charles Ekworomadu

October 15 – Meredith James

# September

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9	10	11	12	13 <i>Faculty Meeting</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19 <i>JEI Advisory Board Meeting</i>	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## JEI Announcements

A few years ago, Dean Reece changed the College of Medicine seal to have an "A" in the center instead of the caduceus, which had been there for as long as anyone can remember. Dean Fiser has decided to return to the original seal with the caduceus, and the "A" in the center will no longer be available. When new materials are ordered, they will now have the original seal with the caduceus, and the "A" in the center will no longer be available. You do not have to replace existing materials and are free to deplete existing stock.



Deborah Martin is leaving the JEI Clinic and will be transferring to the Cardiology Clinic. Friday, September 14, will be her last day with us. For the majority of the time, Deborah could be found diligently answering the numerous phone calls at the phone center. She has done a great job and will be missed. We wish her good luck in her new position.

Tiffani Goodwin, who has been working in the phone center for several months as a U-Temp employee, has now joined JEI as a permanent employee. Please welcome Tiffani who also has been a great asset to the phone center.

## All Eyes on You - Darren Malone, M.D.



### **What music or books are you currently enjoying?**

I currently enjoy listening to the John Butler Trio from Australia.

### **Who has most influenced your life?**

This is a really hard question because several people have taken part in my development. Though, over the last 12 years, my wife has been the greatest influence on me.

### **What inspires you?**

Telling a corny joke and seeing my wife smile, even when she doesn't

want to do it, hearing my oldest daughter laugh out loud while she is reading a book and putting my youngest daughter to bed and hearing her whisper, "can you snuggle just a little bit more?"

### **Tell us about your family.**

My wife, Laura, and I met on a blind date on June 19, 1993 at the University of Alabama. Neither one of us wanted to go on it, but I'm glad we did. We were married in her hometown, Eufaula, Alabama on May 18, 1996 in 100° weather. Laura is an amazing person, mother, and friend. Our two daughters, Liddy and Alice, are eight and five, respectively, and both go to Forrest Park Elementary School.

### **What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?**

I try to jog three to four times a week and do this mainly because I love to eat. My other hobbies all center on my family.

### **Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?**

My grandfather, Clyde Vinson, who died earlier this year, my wife's grandfather, Edward Comer, who died before I met Laura, and last would be Winston Churchill.

### **Where would you go on a dream vacation?**

Maybe Bora Bora in a grass hut looking over the ocean.

### **What do most people not know about you?**

I try to hide it, but most people know I am a big nerd. My undergraduate major is engineering and I'm an ophthalmology resident, not very easy to conceal it. But it's alright; I hope my daughters marry nerds just like my wife did.