

# Biochemistry and Molecular Biology NOTES

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## In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the passing of Pat Jenkins, a longtime Biochemistry employee and editor of this newsletter. Pat's IU career began in the Department of Anesthesia in 1961. While still employed by the Anesthesia Department, she started working with Bob Harris in 1970 on a research project involving the effects of halothane on mitochondrial respiration. Eventually Bob hired Pat away from Anesthesia. She spent over 30 years working with him, first doing lab benchwork and then as his administrator. One of her greatest accomplishments was the success of the Hepatocyte Symposium that Biochemistry hosted in 1982 in Indy with participants from 22 countries. She was an unofficial "Lab Mom" to a score of young international researchers who worked in Dr. Harris' lab through the years and made sure to celebrate every momentous occasion with the lab group. Pat was also one of the founders of the IUPUI Student Council. When Dr. Harris began his chairmanship

in 1988, Pat became the founding editor of this newsletter, Biochem Notes. She officially retired in 1999 but still prepared Biochem Notes each month. Pat passed away on May 11, 2005. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, <https://www.diabetes.org/secure/donation/Donate.do?action=Memory>

Pat, you'll be missed by your friends in the Biochemistry department.

## 2005 Sigma Xi Graduate Research Competition

The IU Medical Center Chapter of the Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society held its annual Graduate Student Research Competition on May 19-20, 2005 in the Cancer Research Building. There was an excellent turnout this year. The following Biochemistry students participated in this very tight competition with 35 students from all across the campus: Jill Butler, Sirisha Asuri, Brandy Budzynski, Courtney Tate and Aditya Bansal. The overall winner was Jesse Savage. He was presented with the David M. Gibson Award which is sponsored annually by the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in honor of our former chair.



*Happy Father's Day!*

*Please join us  
as we express our appreciation*

*to*

***Dr. Robert A.  
Harris***

*of the Biochemistry and  
Molecular Department  
Indiana University School of  
Medicine*

*in recognition of over 16 years  
of service  
as Chairman of the Department*

***Open House**  
Friday, June 17, 2005  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
1st Floor of the Medical  
Science  
Building Atrium*

## New Faces in Biochemistry



Jennifer Gleissner, RS07 (Dr. Peter Roach's lab)



Ryan Bernhard, summer lab assistant (BBF)



Yan Xiao, RS07 (Dr. Joyce Hurley's lab)



Sarah Shuck (new Biochemistry Graduate Student)

## June Seminars

**6/30** Thesis Defense Seminar for **Beth A. Spurlin**, Graduate Student, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, IU School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana. Topic: Regulation of Glucose Homeostasis by Munc18c and Syntaxin 4". R4 101 at 1:00 p.m.



