

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Chancellor's letter to editor

The following is a letter I sent to the Times Picayune in response to an item they ran twice lauding Tulane's \$1.25 million grant to build its bioinnovation center. You won't see it in the paper, so here it is.



Dear Editor:  
While we thank the Times Picayune for coverage of the recent \$1.25 million bioinnovation grant, unfortunately

much of your information about it was erroneous. The New Orleans BioInnovation Center is not, as you reported twice, Tulane University's, nor is the grant.

The New Orleans BioInnovation Center is a non-profit corporation that is a joint project of LSU Health Sciences Center and Tulane University. In fact, an LSUHSC Vice Chancellor filed the incorporation papers. The BioInnovation Center, which will be built on land owned by LSU, will serve as an incubator for bioscience businesses and will house a Good Manufacturing Practice lab for gene therapy products.

The \$1.25 million grant was awarded by the US Economic Development Administration to the New Orleans BioInnovation Center and was secured largely through the hard

## State budget contains funding for faculty raises

The state's budget, passed by the legislature and awaiting the Governor's signature, contains funding for faculty pay increases—the first since 2001. We will submit a proposal with our recommendations to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

The plan must then also be approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents. We are grateful to the Administration and the legislature for their continued commitment to higher education and to our recovery. ■

## Progress continues at University Hospital

The repair work at University Hospital is moving along. Both the hospital and University Medical Office Building have new roofs.



Framing is going up on the fourth floor in the former administration area that is being converted to laboratory use and also in the Pediatric Emergency Room.



*Pediatric Emergency Room*

The renovation work for the Trauma Center and to add 20 new ICU beds will be advertised for bid next week.

The pace of the work remains on target for patient admissions this fall. ■

work of the Regional Planning Commission under the leadership of Walter Brooks and NOBIC's Aaron Miscenich.

The New Orleans BioInnovation Center is a name that should become well known to our community because of the role it will play, along with LSUHSC's research enterprise, in the resurgence of the biosciences industry and the economic recovery of New Orleans. ■

## Katrina Walk tomorrow

The Katrina Walk fund-raiser benefitting LSUHSC and other affected universities is tomorrow at Audubon Park Shelter #10. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Participants indicate which institution they wish to support on their registration forms. For more information go to [www.akatrinawalk.com](http://www.akatrinawalk.com). ■