

Medical research group opens downtown branch

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Harris Laboratories, Inc., a research corporation for pharmaceuticals and new products not yet released on the consumer market, has opened a new downtown branch office in the garden level of the Atrium, 13th and N streets.

Charles Ryan, director of Harris Lab's clinical research department, and Donna Moore, the coordinator for dermatological studies, said the new location will help to get more people involved

in the company's studies.

"We wanted to open up a location that would be close to business people," Ryan said. "It is also close to campus and we encourage student involvement as well."

At the new branch, only studies involving testing samples of new products, such as perfume and toilet paper for detection of chemical irritants to the skin, will be conducted, the two said.

Participants involved in a current study will be paid \$40 for making 13 visits to the office, with each visit taking approximately two to five minutes, Ryan

and Moore said.

Recently, 150 people signed up to participate in a study during the new lab's first week of business, Ryan said.

"We get a good variety of people who take part in the studies," Ryan said. "Plus, we often have the same persons participate in several studies."

Moore said those who want to sign up for participating are screened for the particular study involved. The current study underway at the Atrium is one that checks for skin irritants in new products coming onto the market.

"Any active skin diseases (rashes), a history of skin cancer or a diabetic using insulin injection," Moore said, "will be disqualifying factors for the skin patch tests."

Usually, Ryan said, members of organizations like campus fraternities or church organizations participate in a study as a charity project — donating all the money to a local charity group.

In addition to skin patch tests, other studies include pharmaceutical testing. A new study beginning Oct. 1 will test a drug that may promote hair growth for

bald men.

Ryan said the study is for men ranging in age from 19 to 55. Age limits in studies are determined by the company wanting the drug to be tested and by the Food and Drug Administration, Ryan said.

"We don't use women in most pharmaceutical studies," Ryan said, "because the FDA doesn't allow us to. Many of the pharmaceuticals haven't been tested to see if they might cause birth defects while we're testing them. Plus, a woman may be pregnant but her lab tests still turn out negative."

Shorts

Ag Advisory Board "Ag Student of the Month" applications are available now for the month of September.

Applications are available at the Campus Activities and Programs office, third floor of the East Union. The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

Applicants must be in the Col-

lege of Agriculture. For more information call Mae Mae Magelli at 474-7458.

John H. Filer, chairman of Aetna Life and Casualty Company, will deliver the annual E. J. Faulkner Lecture at the Nebraska Union Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

He will speak on "Health Care Costs Controlled Through Socially Responsible Rationality."

A luncheon honoring members of the National Industry Advisory Council and National Academic advisory council of the College of Business Administration

Franchise Studies Program will be Friday at 11:45 a.m. in the Nebraska Union.

A former governor-general of Australia will give two Roscoe Pound lectures at the College of Law.

Sir Zelman Cowen, currently

the provost at Oriel College, Oxford University, will speak on biotechnology and the law Wednesday at 1 p.m. and Thursday at 11 p.m.

Paul M. Lurie, of Fohrman, Lurie, Sklar and Simon, Ltd., in Chicago, will speak in the college of Architecture's Hyde Speakers Series at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery auditorium.

A new weekly, 30-minute television report from the university of Nebraska will premiere on stations of the Nebraska Educational Television Network next week.

"University Magazine" will be broadcast every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. on the Nebraska ETV Network, beginning today for 19 week.

The show will offer regular news features involving students, faculty and staff at UNL, UNO and the NU Medical Center in Omaha.

Programs in the series will be rebroadcast on ETV each Saturday at 1 p.m.

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