

Subject: Letter from Dean Smith

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It is a very sad day for the School of Health Information Sciences. One of our students, Paul Boyle, has passed away.

I know that there are many questions that need to be answered, and with your help we can process through this difficult time together. Paul was from Ireland and contact has been made with his family. We are awaiting word from them as to what they would like to do. This is surely a very difficult time for them being thousands of miles from Houston and as soon as we have more detailed information to share we will pass it on. It is also a very difficult time for each of you, particularly those who work closely with him in Dr. Wrigger's Lab and for those who have worked with him in classes.

Plans are underway for a Memorial Service for Paul. For students, if you have ideas that you would like to share, please pass them on to the SGO, Jennifer Rankin, Muhammad Walji or Adol Esquivel. For faculty, if you have ideas please send them to Elmer Bernstam, MD, Chair of FGO.

As the SHIS family, we will be able to weather this storm by pulling together and supporting each other. If you know of anyone that is in need of counseling, please notify my assistant, Sharon Hammonds at X3909 and she will get you in contact with Dr. Camille Lloyd, Director, Student Counseling Services, who is currently working with Dr. Wriggers lab.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family in this time of sorrow and tragedy. This bright young man will certainly be missed by all who knew him.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.