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Fall 2019 Update

Not only does October usher in autumn - it is National Medical Librarian Month and American Archives Month.

To help celebrate all things fall, we are highlighting a few items in the archives that embody autumn in Houston, Texas. A Houston October usually means two things: Halloween and Astros baseball.

The top image features the winners of MD Anderson's cafeteria costume contest in 1985. The winning group's theme was "The Wizard of Oz."

The middle image is a digitized scan of a card from the Children's Art Project. While the Project initially started as a Christmas/Holiday card sale, it expanded over the years to feature additional seasons, holidays, and products. This is the card "Halloween" from 2000.

The bottom image is of the institution's first president, Dr. R. Lee Clark throwing out the first pitch at a Houston Astros game as part of a charity blood drive in 1979.

These are just a few of the images we have in our collections. To see more images, click here.
HRC Updates

Within the archives are thousands of images, videos and documents related to the history of the institution. Digitizing serves a dual purpose of preserving these items as digital objects and helping to make them available to researchers anywhere through the internet.

Recently, our volunteers helped digitize and describe the dedication of the Carcinogen Research Laboratories at The University of Texas Science Park on June 8, 1978. They not only created a video of the event, but also scanned a copy of the dedication program that was distributed to guests.

(Virginia Harris Cockrell) Cancer Research Center at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dedication of the Carcinogenesis Research Laboratories (now the Department of Epigenetics and Molecular Carcinogenesis), June 8, 1978

Program from the dedication of the Carcinogenesis Research Laboratories, The University of Texas Science Park, June 8, 1978
Oral History Collection

Recently published interviews:

Charles Balch, MD (link)
Professor
Surgery and Anesthesiology, Surgical Oncology

This year in MDA History

20 years ago...
The institution celebrated the contributions of President George H.W. Bush and family with the Milestones & Miracles gala.

35 years ago...
The first Camp Star Trails, a summer camp for pediatric patients and their
siblings, was held in Friendswood Texas.

40 years ago...
Princes Margaret toured MD Anderson as part of her 1979 tour of the United States