



# Scoop



Friday, December 4, 1998

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

### EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Dr. Deborah Segaloff**, University of Iowa, "The LH and FSH Receptors-What Turns Them On," Tues., **Dec. 8**, 12 noon, 3.301 (green section).
- **Dr. Gailen Marshall**, Internal Medicine, CME program at Memorial Hospital Southeast lecturer, "What Do Allergies Have To Do with Asthma?," Wed., **Dec. 9**.
- **Dr. Nancy Wexler**, Columbia University, Harold Cooper Lectureship, "Appointment in Samara: Who Will Be Waiting? Huntington's Disease Today and Tomorrow," Thurs., **Dec. 17**, 3 p.m., 3.001.

### BILLBOARD FOR DR. MURAD

Check out the Nobel Laureate's congratulatory billboard, coordinated by the Office of Public Affairs, gracing the corner of Fannin and Holcombe Blvd. **Dr. Ferid Murad** will officially accept his Nobel prize on **Dec. 10** in Stockholm, Sweden.

### AGING GRANTS DUE DEC. 15

The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) is offering one to two-year grants of up to \$40,000. New investigators and students conducting biomedical research on the aging process and age-related diseases are eligible. Deadline for receipt of applications is **December 15**. AFAR grants are designed for investigators in the first or second year of a junior faculty appointment. For information contact AFAR at Tel. 212-752-2327.

### TOWN HALL MEETING ON FRIDAY, DEC. 18 CANCELLED

The UT-Houston Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Friday, **December 18th**, has been cancelled, to be rescheduled at a later date.

### HOLIDAY RECEPTION IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Dean Max Buja** will host a School-wide Holiday Reception for faculty, staff and students, Thursday, **Dec. 17**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Leather Lounge. There will be cookies and punch along with the announcement of the Employee-of-the-Year at noon.



### DR. BUCHMAN RECEIVES SEALE HARRIS AWARD

**Dr. Alan Buchman**, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, has been chosen as the recipient of the Southern Medical Association's 1998 Seale Harris Award. Established in 1958, this award is presented annually to someone who has done important research in metabolism, endocrinology, and nutrition. He is honored for a significant contribution to a better understanding of the chemical changes occurring in disease. Said Buchman, "Being recognized by the Southern Medical Association for the strides I've made in my research on nutritional support and the treatment of short bowel syndrome is an honor." Buchman hopes to unravel the mechanisms behind his patients' diseases. The Southern Medical Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization, chartered in 1906 to develop and foster initiatives in medical education to enhance patient progress.



**Dr. Alan Buchman**

### DR. GEORGE STANCEL APPOINTED TO USMLE COMMITTEE

**Dr. George Stancel**, Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology, has been appointed by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States and the National Board of Medical Examiners to a United States Medical Licensing Examination Committee (USMLE). It is a distinguished corps that is composed of academic, practice, and licensing community representatives. Stancel will participate in the pharmacology division of measuring medical school graduates for medical licensure in the United States. Results of USMLE are reported to state medical licensing authorities for use in granting the initial license to practice medicine. He will also develop pharmacology subject tests in the basic and clinical medical sciences for assessing achievement in medical schools.



**Dr. George Stancel**

### NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER POSTER SESSION DEC. 12

The Neuroscience Research Center will sponsor its fifth annual poster session Saturday, **Dec. 12**, 10 a.m. - noon, in the Leather Lounge. Featured posters will be on display from Neurobiology and Anatomy; Neurology; Neurosurgery; Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology; and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. All interested in neuroscience research are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact **Karla Woeppel** at 500-5538 or <nrc@nba19.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

### MINORITY FACULTY SEMINAR IN BETHESDA JAN. 9-12

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is offering its eighth Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar to be held in Bethesda, Maryland this **January 9-12**. The four-day event is designed for junior faculty who are also underrepresented minorities. The program will address the special challenges facing minority faculty in reaching their professional goals. Topics will include promotion and tenure, grantsmanship, writing for journals, the utilization of mentoring, and development of research plans and skills. Registration deadline is **Dec. 14**. Enrollment is limited. For further information, contact your department chairman or the Office of Faculty Affairs at 500-5100.

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## Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Recognized

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine laboratory has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection. **Dr. Robert Hunter**, Chairman of the department, was congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." Pathology's laboratory is one of more than 5,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide. The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program. Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patient. The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving more than 14,500 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care. Hunter expressed deep appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff of the department who earned this award.



## Dr. Tyson Speaks On Premature Infant Care Issues

**Dr. Jon Tyson**, Michelle Bain Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Public Health Director, Center for Population Health and Evidence-Based Medicine, lectured Dec. 3rd on "Mortality, Morbidity, and Resource Use in the Care of Extremely Premature Infants." His talk presented findings from a study he conducted as a Principal Investigator in the Neonatal Research Network funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Tyson's recent arrival at UT-Houston has facilitated our becoming a part of the Network, which involves 14 of the most prominent neonatal centers in the U.S.

## December Electronic Medical Records Classes In Gear

Every Wednesday in December in the Physician Dining Room at Hermann Hospital, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., is a Questions and Update Forum where personnel can learn basic and advanced functions in electronic medical records, personalize patient lists, customize flowsheet view, view radiology reports, utilize notetemplates, and sign dictated notes online. Remaining classes for December are **Dec. 3, 10, and 29** from 11 a.m.-noon; **Dec. 8, 15, and 22**, from 4 - 5 p.m.; and **Dec. 17**, 9 - 10 a.m. Classes are in 5 Jones Classroom, Room 5488. For questions call 704-6323.

## Bridging Grant Renewals Due January 15

Investigators who are full-time Medical School faculty with a renewal grant application (an R01 or the equivalent) that have not been funded within the past nine months by a national Federal agency, and within the top 35th percentile, may submit a proposal for up to \$30,000 to support their program for a maximum of one year. Highest priority will be given to those requests for which there are matching funds available. Requests must be received by **January 15, 1999**. Funds cannot be used for investigator salary support or equipment. A letter from the PI's chairperson stating either the amount and nature of the matching fund support or verifying the unavailability of matching funds, should be provided. Requests should be submitted to **Dr. John Byrne**, chair of the Medical School Research Committee (MSB 7.046). Submissions should include information on other available Federal and non-Federal, national and local research support and the dates covered by such support. Also provide the Summary Statement of the original proposal, what aspects of the research are to be continued during this interim, last year's Summary Budget, reviewers' comments, and any new results (one page only).

## And the Winners of the Nov. 20 Turkey Raffle Are...



**Nancy Quintanilla**, Pediatric Surgery; **Officer Fisher**, UT Police; **Anne Starr**, Anesthesiology; **Deborah deClairmont**, Student Affairs; **Randy Scott**, Radiology; **Johnny Gonzales**, Support Services; **Kathryn McClung**, vanpool rider, **Marilyn Fox**, Pediatric Surgery; **R. Andrassy**, Surgery; **Ted Wynne**, Support Services; **Donna Duron**, Biochemistry; and **Karen Zamojski**, Biochemistry.

## Seminar Reviews Fundraising Ideas

More than 280 people attended the Nov. 16th and 17th UT System Development/External Relations System-Wide Seminar held in Austin. UT System sponsors this seminar annually for UT component professional staff in development, news and public affairs, university relations, alumni programs, governmental relations, and special events/programs. The theme of the seminar was "Change Beyond 2000" and offered a variety of topics selected by the Planning Committee to focus on how demographic and attitudinal changes will affect UT institutions over the next decade. **Dean Maximilian Buja**, **Dean Ben Streetman**, Engineering at UT Austin, and **Dr. Gerald Saxon**, Director of Special Library Collections at UT Arlington, presented a well-received panel discussion on "Building Strong Fundraising Partnerships with Deans and Directors." The session was moderated by **Mary Ann Pack**, UT Development. UT-Houston Development Board members, **Dr. Ken Wells** and **Ms. Carolyn Keenan** joined **Mr. Henry R. Munoz III**, President and CEO of Kell, Munoz, Wigodsky Architects, in a very informative panel discussion on "Reaching the Non-Traditional Donors." **Rosie Zamora**, member of the Board of Directors of Houston Endowment, Inc. and President of Telesurveys, Inc., gave the concluding Tuesday General Session on "Growing a New Generation of Donors."

## UTmost Interest

**Sondra Ives**, Office of Admissions and Alumni Affairs, is the 1998-99 chair of the Group on Institutional Advancement (GIA) in the Association of American Medical Colleges. The GIA consists of professionals working in public relations, alumni, development and marketing at 125 U.S. medical schools...**Dr. Pamela Berens**, Ob/Gyn, received a grant in the amount of \$17,250 from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for her proposal entitled "Breastfeeding Support Group"...**Dr. Thomas D. DuBose Jr.**, Renal Diseases and Hypertension, has been elected a member of the American Clinical and Climatological Association... DuBose was also recently elected Chairman of the American Society of Nephrology Training Program Director's Executive Committee...**Drs. Virginia Moyer** and **Michelle Barratt**, Pediatrics, have been chosen for the National Pediatric Faculty Development Scholars Program.

