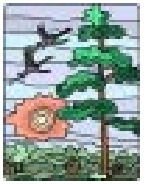




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Nat'l. Clean Air Campaign Month

Friday, May 14, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Class Reunion**, Fri., May 14, Sat., May 15, call **Sondra Ives**, 713-500-5121.
- **UT-Police Dept. Open House**, Tues, May 18, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 7777 Knight Rd.
- **Faculty Wives & Women Faculty Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m., Wed., May 26.
- **Senior Awards Ceremony & Dean's Reception**, 6 p.m., Fri., June 4, Hornberger.
- **Graduation**, 10 a.m., Sat., June 5, George Brown Convention Center.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Thomas Clanton, Orthopaedic Surgery, will be inducted as President, American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society in July in Puerto Rico...**Dr. Robert Jordon** is a co-recipient of the 1999 Inflammatory Skin Disorders Research Award from the American Skin Association.



Hot News

BLOOD DRIVE MAY 20

In recognition of National Employee Health & Fitness Day, all participants will receive a 5-day guest pass to the Fitness Center. When: **May 20**; Where: Leather Lounge. Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 713-500-5044 to pre-register.



FYI - A copy of the Annual Faculty Meeting (May 6) videotape is available in the Learning Resource Center and also available for loan in the Office of Community Affairs and Public Education, MSB G.004. See *Monday Morning* on **May 24** for a summary article.

SCOOP WINS RECOGNITION

Add a seventh Matrix Award to the awards wall of the Medical School's Office of Community Affairs and Public Education. **Colleen O'Brien**, *Scoop* editor, will accept a "Most Improved Newsletter" award at the Matrix Awards Competition dinner and silent auction, Thurs., **May 27**, 6 p.m., at the Junior League, from The Houston Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.



Colleen O'Brien

DR. PATRICIA BUTLER CHOSEN FOR ELAM PROGRAM

Dr. Patricia M. Butler, Associate Dean for Educational Programs, has been accepted into the 1999-2000 Class of fellows in the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. Butler was one of only 40 women accepted out of hundreds of candidates. **Dr. Katherine Loveland**, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, director of the Center for Human Development Research, was chosen last year (See *Scoop* 4/24/98). Participants are chosen from approximately 60 academic institutions across the country, representing more than a dozen specialties and include mid-to senior-level academic and administrative rankings. ELAM fellows have been charged to "find innovative ways of implementing positive changes in leadership that are necessary to recast and reconfigure academic health centers, and ultimately, health care for the 21st century," a spokesman commented.



Dr. Patricia Butler

DR. ROBERT GUYNN FOCUSES ON NEW MILLENNIUM MYTHS

Dr. Robert W. Guynn, chairman, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, executive director, HCPC, will focus on the impending millennium with his talk, "Millennium Myths: A Look at the Irrational in All of Us," next Thursday, **May 20**, 7 p.m., HCPC, 2800 S. MacGregor Way. Why there is a fascination with the the year 2000 and dealing with commonly held beliefs, such as expecting more human trauma, terrorism, or cult activity, will be explored. "We must remember that to hold an irrational belief does not make one mentally impaired," Guynn said. So-called 'irrational' behaviors such as political or religious convictions, loyalty to family or self-sacrifice to a cause are not considered to be conditions of derangement. "It's only when irrationality is taken to extremes, that it gets attention." For more information call 713-741-7878.

JUNIOR WOMEN FACULTY'S AAMC SEMINAR IN SANTA FE

Dean L. Maximilian Buja will co-sponsor two or more junior women faculty (instructor or assistant professor level) to attend the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Professional Development Seminar for Junior Women Faculty in Santa Fe, New Mexico next **December 11-14, 1999**. Past attendees aspiring to assume academic leadership positions have given the seminar high marks. The very popular program is limited to 120 participants. Interested faculty members should contact their department chairs, who have copies of the program announcement and application form. To have sufficient time for a final selection of candidates, department chairs are requested to submit their nominations of deserving candidate(s) to the Office of Faculty Affairs by Friday, **June 4th**. For more information, contact **Mary Cole** in the Office of Faculty Affairs at 713-500-5100.

STUDENT WINS MEDICAL SOCIETY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

William Manuel, MS III, has won a \$3,000 1999 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Student Research Fellowship. Only 20 students nation-wide receive these fellowships. The award is in support of his current research project "Optimization of Non-Viral Gene Delivery to the Intestinal Tract." Mr. Manuel works in the research labs of **Dr. Norman Weisbrodt**, UT-Houston's Department of Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, and **Dr. Peter Hornsby**, Baylor. As a faculty mentor, Dr. Weisbrodt will receive \$500 in support of Mr. Manuel's research.

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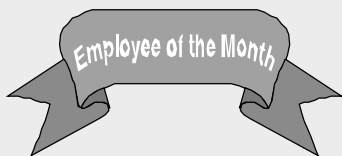
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May Employee of the Month - Alison Goad

What makes **Alison Goad**, LBJ Billing Manager II of Physician Business Services (PBS), and our May Employee of the Month, tick? "Seeing the patients coming out of ICU and heading for home; working with inspirational people like **Dr. Ronald Fischer**, clinical professor, surgery, **Dr. Michelle Curtis**, OB-GYN, and **Daryl Williams**, LBJ LAN Manager," was her quick response. "I am also much indebted to **Dr. James Hefner**, chief of staff, LBJ, **Dr. David Mercer**, chief of surgery, and **Mary Frances Fabrizio**, Administrative Services Officer. They continually back my efforts to build good relationships with all."



Her employers also praise Alison for her extensive knowledge about physician professional fee billing, coding regulations, and her ability to increase MSRDP collections dramatically, in just one year. "It's very challenging here," commented Alison when asked about her duties. "But then I like challenges." She manages all of LBJ's billing, with the exception of radiology and pathology, and supervises 13 people as well. She places Daryl Williams on the

top of her list of positive feedback. "He's been wonderful, helping me with compliance with computers, networking printers, and tying LBJ to the RPR system."

Alison is from Kintyre, Scotland. With just a "wee bit" of an accent, she talks proudly of her hometown, Campbeltown, and *Jaeger Menswear* there, the "largest wool factory in Scotland, and a *Macy's* supplier." She'll also speak about her "singing family," her two brothers, Malcolm and Gary, a mother, Jean, and her dad, Dan, who "still sings the old Irish and Scottish songs." Growing up, she belonged to the "Campbeltown Choir," and took second place in the national gaelic choir competition. Today Alison's tastes tend to be American; she's an avid *Astros* fan, and is proud of her past role as team baseball and football mom for 15 years with the *Inwood Forest Dad's Club*.



A six-year veteran of LBJ next November, Alison believes that "LBJ is like a community hospital. The feeling is, 'everyone pulls together.' The physicians here are in it for the teaching. And the residents get unbelievable exposure and experience; they see devastating illnesses, patients without resources, and, on average 80 cases a month, in surgery alone."

For Mother's Day last weekend, her sons **Gerald** and **Alyn** paid her a surprise visit while she was on Mustang Island, and took Mom out to dinner. But her birthplace is not far from her mind when reminiscing. "In Scotland, you celebrate New Year's Eve by 'bringing in the bells' at your mum and dad's house, wee though it may be." And it's important that a man, preferably tall, dark and handsome, be the first one to step over your doorstep in the New Year, carrying a piece of coal. "Then you're sure to have prosperity and good luck for the rest of the year." Having Alison Goad on your team, as those at LBJ will testify, is also sure to bring you good fortune.

NIH'S PROPOSED COMMON ELECTRONIC SCIENTIFIC WEBSITE

Dr. Harold Varmus, NIH Director, has created a web page to open a discussion among scientists of what role the electronic media should play in the dissemination of biomedical research. NIH officials want the scientific publishing process speeded up. Reports, both those posted without traditional editorial review, and those reviewed, listed, and accepted by editorial boards, for instance, could be posted immediately.

The rising costs of scientific journal publications is also of growing concern, touted by some as even being responsible for the decline in publication of academic writings. In today's fast-paced scientific information age, price is no longer an acceptable barrier to those seeking information. NIH officials hope that their proposed electronic website, *E-biomed*, will house abundant electronic information. Officials also think the savings reaped from accessing it, will be a boon to both individual investigators, and labs, institutions and funding agencies moving to user-friendly electronic information retrieval systems. Comments from the scientific community can be directed to the website <<http://www.nih.gov/welcome/director/ebiomed/ebiomed.htm>>. (Source: *AAMC STAT*, May 10, 1999).



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The 1999-2000 Academic Leadership Development Program is accepting nominations through **July 1, 1999**. To be eligible, faculty must demonstrate strength and significant accomplishments in their chosen fields, a capacity for leadership, and an interest in developing skills in academic administration. All nominees must be at the level of professor or associate professor and be nominated by their department chair and dean. Program participants will receive a \$5,000 stipend from **Dr. M. David Low**, president, UT-HHSC, to underwrite a "New Initiative," a problem-based learning experience. A commitment of time is required. Contact **Karen Williams**, Academic Leadership Development Program Director, 713-500-3174.

MAZOW PRESENTS COSTENBADER LECTURE

Dr. Malcolm L. Mazow, a Walter and Ruth Sterling professor, ophthalmology, and senior pediatric ophthalmologist, Houston Eye Associates, presented the 26th **Frank D. Costenbader** Lecture at the 1999 meeting of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in Toronto last month. Dr. Costenbader was renowned in the field of ocular motility disorders and is considered to be the Father of Pediatric Ophthalmology. Dr. Mazow's presentation, "Outcome Study in Amblyopia: Treatment Results and Practice Pattern Variations," will be published in a future edition of the *Journal of AAPOS*.

