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Nat'l Alzheimer's
Disease Awareness Month

Friday, November 5, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:



Phase I of the **METRO Fannin Street Project** is over. Phase II has begun and will last about eight months. The two current northbound traffic lanes will be shifted over to the newly asphalted center area. For more information contact **Tommy Artz**, METRO, 713-739-4049.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Lamk Lamki, Radiology, was recently appointed associate editor of *Radiology* by the Radiological Society of North America's (RSNA) Board of Directors. He was also appointed to the RSNA 2000 Nuclear Medicine Subcommittee of the Scientific Exhibits Committee. He was invited to serve as a member of the Diagnostic Radiology Study Section, Center for Scientific Review for the National Institutes of Health, and at the Society of Nuclear Medicine's 46th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, received a "Meet the Author" recognition for his exhibit, "Tc-99m-HMPAO-WBC Four-Phase Imaging In the Diagnosis of Osteomyelitis (OM) in Patients with Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Comparison with Biopsy Findings."

Hot News

THANKSGIVING TURKEY RAFFLE

Call **Sherry Dunn**, x5505, for the Employee Relations Committee (ERC) member near you. At least 15 turkeys will be given away. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1. Drawing is noon Thursday, **November 18**, Leather Lounge.



RECIPES DEADLINE - Due by Monday, **November 15**, creative culinary expression. Sponsored by the Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty, money raised through the Silver Anniversary Cookbook campaign will benefit Medical School scholarships. Questions, call **Blanche Tyson**, 713-432-7598 or **Anne Ribble** 713-783-6942. Email step-by-step recipes to <UTCOOKS@aol.com>.



DR. ABOULEISH RECEIVES AWARD

Dr. Ezzat Abouleish, Professor of Anesthesiology and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was invited to participate in the XVIII International Congress of The European Society of Regional Anaesthesia (ESRA) held in Istanbul September 29 to October 2, 1999. He presented three lectures, chaired two sessions, and delivered the keynote lecture entitled "Spinal Anesthesia and I, 45 Years of Camaraderie." He was awarded the silver plate for "The Lecturer of the Year." Previously, Abouleish was a recipient of the "Nils Lofgren Award" (see *Scoop* 6/18/99) for his contributions to the fields of obstetrics and regional anesthesia.

DR. HOWELL REVISITS PEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT

Dr. R. Rodney Howell, founding chairman of the Department of Pediatrics from 1972-1987, will be visiting the department next week for the Grand Opening Celebration of the Hermann Pavilion (For details on the new pavilion, see *Scoop* 10-8-99 back page). On Monday, **November 8**, 5 - 7 p.m., there will be a "Physician's Reception" in the pavilion atrium and on Tuesday, **November 9**, from 2 - 4 p.m., there will be an "Employee Open House," for all Hermann and UT employees, as well as office staff of physicians in private practice. Howell will present his talk, "The University of Texas Medical School at Houston: The Early Years," at Pediatric Grand Rounds **November 9** at 8 a.m. in MSB 3.001.



Dr. Howell

Howell is presently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree from Duke University, holds numerous offices and is an author of articles and books on genetic pediatrics.

ANNUAL CSW CEREMONY SLATED FOR DECEMBER 7

The Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) has granted the 1999 *Distinguished Professional Woman's Award* to **Dr. Lu Ann Aday**, SPH. This year's recipients of the *President's Award for Mentoring Women* are: **Drs. Elizabeth Heitman**, SPH; **Robert Emery**, Environmental Health and Safety; and **Angela Stotts**, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The awards will be presented at a ceremony and reception, Tuesday, **December 7**, starting at 5:30 p.m., Marriott Medical Center Hotel. To attend the reception and dinner, call **Kathy Rodgers**, 713-500-3065, by Monday, December 6. Tickets are \$20/person. They may also be purchased at the door.

NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH SPEAKERS BUREAU ANNOUNCED

Dr. Shahla Nader, clinical director for the UT-Houston Office of Women's Health (OWH), announces the opening of an OWH "Speakers Bureau" service. This free service requires a 30-day advance request for speakers. Topics include Allergy and Immune Disorders, Stress Management, Dermatology Issues, Cosmetic Surgery, Prenatal Counseling, Hormonal Imbalance, Nutrition, Infertility, Thyroid Disorders, and new research breakthroughs and their significance to women. A brochure listing topics is available in the Medical School in the OWH Office, room 3.102 and in Community Affairs, G.004. To schedule a speaker, call 713-500-6394, FAX 713-500-0795 or e-mail <lroy@obg.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

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DR. WEI ASSISTS EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN TAIWAN



Dr. Wei, (right), seen stabilizing a patient, relieved another lone earthquake physician in the mountains, who had not had a day off for two weeks.

Editor's Note: Although many in Houston's community donate their time and efforts to countless causes, it has come to *Scoop's* attention that **Dr. Chik-Fong Wei**, assistant professor, Internal Medicine, Cardiology, has recently returned from Taiwan where he donated his vacation time and medical skills to help a nation in need. The country was devastated by earthquakes in September and October. The two strongest tremors, registering at 7.6 and 6.4, killed more than 2,300 people. Fires broke out and houses were toppled. Sent to work at a clinic in the mountains, Wei stabilized five minivan occupants who had fallen more than 230 feet down the mountainside, with injuries including hemo-pneumothorax, fractured rib, ruptured liver, fractured pelvis, and fractured clavicle. The road back down the mountain to the Pu Li clinic was closed due to a landslide.

"I was later told that all five trauma patients I had worked on in the mountains survived. Although the working and living conditions were poor, I truly enjoyed being able to assist in some way." Congratulations to Wei and all at the Medical School who take on selfless tasks to assist those in need during times of crisis.



"Tent City," Pu Li, a town about 30 miles from the epicenter of an earthquake, where Dr. Wei also worked, as a walk-in tent/clinic physician.

AAMC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEADLINE NEARS



Dean Maximilian Buja will co-sponsor two or more junior women faculty (instructor or assistant professor level) to attend the "Association of American Medical Colleges Professional Development Seminar for Junior Women Faculty" in Reston, Virginia next **April 1 - 4, 2000**. Interested faculty members should contact their department chairs. To allow sufficient time for final selection of candidates, department chairs are asked to submit their nominations of deserving candidate(s) to the Office of Faculty Affairs by Monday, **November 22**.

This annual AAMC seminar has been highly praised by past attendees aspiring to assume academic leadership positions. Copies of program announcements and application forms have been sent to department chairs. The program is very popular and limited to 120 participants. For more information, contact **Mary Cole** in the Office of Faculty Affairs at 713-500-5100.

URGENT - RESEARCH CAREERS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH MENTORS SOUGHT

The Office of Women's Health is coordinating an application to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in response to RFA-OD-99-008, *Building Independent Research Careers in Women's Health Career Development Program*. The Career Center will support junior clinical faculty "scholars" with protected time in a mentored research experience aimed at fostering their development into independent investigators.

Prospective mentors must have an interest in research that relates to women's health issues, a strong history of funded research (basic, clinical, translational or health services) and significant training experience. Persons who are interested in serving as mentors and who have not already been contacted should notify **Loretta Roy**, 713-500-6394, or <lroy@obg.med.uth.tmc.edu> immediately.