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Dean's Holiday Reception
Thurs. Dec. 16,
11:30 a.m.
Leather Lounge


Friday, December 3, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Dean's Lecture Series**, 4 p.m., Tues., Dec. 7, 3.001. (see below)
- **Clinical Research Curriculum**, Dr. Michael Swint, SPH, "Economic Analysis," 5-6:30 p.m., Wed., Dec. 8, MSB 2.006.
- **HUB Vendor Mini-Expo** featuring scientific, medical, laboratory supplies and equipment. Tues., Dec. 14, 11 a.m. - noon, MSB 2.103. Light refreshments provided.

UTmost Interest

 **Dr. Barbara Sanborn**, Biochemistry, was a speaker featured at "The Mayor's Summit on Women," Nov. 19-20, at the George R. Brown Convention Center...**Dr. Jerry S. Wolinsky** delivered a keynote lecture on "Disease-Modifying Agents In Multiple Sclerosis" at the 44th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Neurological Association of New Zealand...**Dr. Carl Sandler**, Radiology, spoke on "Noncontrast Helical CT in Renal Colic" at the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hot News

DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, **December 7**, 4 p.m., in MSB 3.001, **Nobel laureate Dr. Ferid Murad**, chair, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, and director, Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases, will speak on "Cellular Signaling with Nitric Oxide."



Editor's Note:

Dr. Barbara Foorman, Pediatrics, was mentioned in *Newsweek* (11/22/99, p. 76) for her reading research, particularly her two-minute test, called the Texas Primary Reading Inventory.

NOTE NEW DATE - The Dean's Holiday Reception will be Thursday, **Dec. 16**, beginning at 11:30 a.m., Leather Lounge. **Dean Buja** announces Employee of the Year at noon.

MEDICAL SCHOOL'S CME PROGRAM "EXEMPLARY"

The University of Texas-Houston Medical School has received 6-year, full accreditation as a sponsor of continuing medical education for physicians by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Only 5 percent of CME programs in the nation receive this "exemplary" level accreditation. The announcement results from a successful September site visit which included **Linda Hoffman**, director of CME, **Dr. Gailen Marshall**, chair of the School's CME Committee, **Dean Maximilian Buja**, and CME advisor, **Steve Passin**.

The accreditation means that the Medical School's Office of Continuing Medical Education can certify educational activities for category 1 credit of the American Medical Association's Physician's Recognition Award (AMA/PRA). The AMA/PRA is utilized by state licensing boards and boards of medical specialties to relicense physicians and recertify them in their areas of specialty.

DR. HARDY LEADS \$9.7 MILLION INFANT EYE DISORDER GRANT

Dr. Robert Hardy, Department of Biometry, SPH, is coordinating a five-year project funded by a \$9.7-million grant from the National Eye Institute. Hardy and his colleagues developed a risk-analysis computer program to decide when to treat infants with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). ROP can cause retinal scarring or detachment, leading to blindness. About 28,000 infants are born annually in the U.S. who weigh 2.75 pounds or less. Of these about 14,000 to 16,000 are affected by the disease. Ultimately, 400-600 will become blind. Dr. Hardy also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the Medical School.

ORTHOPAEDIC AND RHEUMATOLOGY TEAM PLACES FIRST

There are more than 100 forms of arthritis, including osteoarthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis. One out of six Americans have the disease. Arthritis means inflammation of or damage to the joints.



General warning signs include pain, swelling, stiffness or problems moving one or more joints. The UT-Houston Medical School's Orthopaedic and Rheumatology team finished first in a Grand Prix-style championship race of min-Indy cars this past month. The event was held at the Momentum Motor Cars performance test track in Houston. The annual 1999 Momentum Mini Grand Prix benefits the Arthritis Foundation, and this year's local participants raised \$170,000 for the cause. *Racing to Beat Arthritis* winners from the UT/Merck Car #22 are from left: **Dr. Alan Friedman**, Internal Medicine/Rheumatology, **Dr. Kevin Coupe**, Orthopaedics, **Chris Meyers**, and **Dr. Terry Clyburn**, Orthopaedics. Congratulations!

NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER POSTER SESSION DEC. 11

The Neuroscience Research Center will sponsor its sixth annual poster session, Saturday, **December 11**, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Leather Lounge. The poster session will represent a number of departments, including Neurobiology and Anatomy, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Attendance is open to all interested in neuroscience research. For more information, contact **Sharon Pepper** at 713/500-5538 or <spepper@nba19.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

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DR. NAPOLI COMPLETES UT INSTITUTE FOR MANAGERIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Last year **Dean Maximilian Buja** nominated **Dr. Kimberly Napoli**, associate research professor, Surgery, and Assistant Dean for Admissions, for participation in a 144-hour program taught over a 9-month period by the faculty of the UT-Austin School of Business. She was one of three chosen from a selection of six nominated from UT-HHSC and has recently completed the program entitled, "The UT Institute for Managerial Leadership." Others who participated represented the oil, computer and communications industries as well as NASA and other healthcare disciplines. The multi-disciplinary executive development program was designed to provide managerial expertise for engineers, computer professionals and scientists who are technical professional managers. More information on the training program is available from the UT-Austin School of Business, <www.bus.utexas.edu/~execed/>.

RECOGNITION PLANNED FOR STUDENT RESEARCH WINNERS

RESEARCH WINNERS

A luncheon will be held Wednesday, **December 8**, honoring the 1999 C. Frank Webber Prize for Student Research winners. The winners, who are second-year medical students include: **Ken Hirasaki**, (first-prize winner), **Brian Bravenec** (second-prize winner), **Megan Schmidt**, (third-prize winner), and **Tiffany Anderson** (fourth-prize winner). All of the winners will be given cash awards and ribbons, with the first-prize winner also receiving an engraved plaque and the winner's name inscribed on the C. Frank Webber Prize plaque currently placed outside the medical school's executive conference room. The winners who participated in the Summer Research Program's Research Forum in November are awarded prizes based on their outstanding research presentations. The C. Frank Webber Prize for Student Research is an award presented in memory of **Dr. C. Frank Webber**, a former dean of the medical school.

ADVANCES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

A new Health Science Center Program to highlight new concepts, research, and advances in teaching will be presented Feb. 1, 2000. See website, <www.sahs.uth.tmc.edu/TeachingDay> for details. Faculty wishing to participate can find a short abstract form at the website. Deadline, December 17.

BRIDGING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Investigators (full-time Medical School faculty) with a renewal grant application (an R01 or the equivalent) that has not been funded within the past nine months by a national agency (Federal) and clearly within the top 35th percentile may submit a proposal for up to \$30,000 to maintain their program for a maximum of one year. Requests must be received by January 15, 2000. These funds are intended to provide interim support for an ongoing research program. Highest priority will be given to those requests for which there are matching funds available through the PI's department or other non-Federal fund sources. However, full consideration will be given to requests where no non-Federal matching funds are available. 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.

Funds are not to be used for investigator salary support or for equipment. Salary support for personnel, other than the PI, should be justified. Should the renewal application receive support after receipt of the Bridging Grant, unused funds should be returned.

A letter containing the investigator's request, what other Federal and non-Federal, national and local research support is available and the dates covered by such support, should accompany the request. The investigator should also describe what other efforts are, have been or will be made to obtain funding for the project.

The investigator should provide the Summary Statement of the original proposal, the reviewers comments, what aspects of the research are to be continued during this interim and any new results (1 page) which can help the Committee in its deliberations. In addition, the Summary Budget page describing the last year of the previous grant should be provided. Submit requests to **Dr. John Byrne**, chair of the Medical School Research Committee (MSB 7.046).



PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

The deadline for nominations for this year's *President's Scholar Award* is today, Friday, **Dec. 3**. The award, which will honor an outstanding teacher at UT-Houston, will be presented at the University Honors Convocation in March of 2000. Please send a detailed statement of the importance of the nominee's accomplishments, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and at least two letters of recommendation from people within UT-Houston to the Awards Committee, c/o **Dr. Thomas F. Burks**, Research and Academic Affairs, UCT 1700.

SECC TALLY OVER \$163,000

The UT-Houston SECC Committee has counted over \$163,000 for the State Employee Charitable Campaign this year. This is slightly over the original goal of \$160,000. **Barbara Legate** reports, "We want to personally thank everyone who supported the campaign and everyone who campaigned in their areas. It's a tough job that takes time and dedication. Thank you for caring!" There was 35% participation and 276 leadership givers. The grand prize drawing for \$500 in Travel Gift Certificates will take place in early December. The winner will be announced along with the final numbers from each school and department. Concluded Legate, "It would appear that we have a very good chance at retaining our #1 status."

UT-Houston Bookstore



HOLIDAY SALE ! - UT-Houston Bookstore is offering a 20% discount on T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Shorts & Caps, Best Sellers, Holiday Children's, Humor and Cook Books. Drop on by. Sale ends Dec. 24.