



Scoop



Daylight Savings
Sunday, April 4

Friday, April 2, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Fourth Annual International Festival Day, Fri., April 9, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,** HMB Picnic Grounds, corner of Holcombe and Hermann Pressler.
- **Collaborative Brown Bag Seminar, "...Air Quality in the Houston Area," Thurs., April 15, noon,** UT-SPH, Room 102A. Contact **Deb Bollum, 713-500-9164.**

FACULTY MEETING MAY 6

Mark your calendar now for the Annual Faculty Meeting to be held Thursday, **May 6, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.** in MSB 3.001. The meeting will also be telecast to the LBJ Annex Auditorium, Room 217. Lunch will be available in 3.001 at 11:30 a.m. for the first 200. In addition to timely reports from the Faculty Senate, the practice plan, UCP, **Dean Buja** and **President Low**, there will be an important faculty vote on proposed revisions to the Faculty Bylaws.



UTmost Interest

Dr. Robert Guynn and **Dr. Pedro Ruiz** have just returned from Bogata, Columbia where they organized a course on depression for family practitioners and participated in the VII Simposio Internacional de Actualizaciones en Psiquiatria. Dr. Guynn gave a talk on AIDS epidemiology and Dr. Ruiz gave several presentations on AIDS prevention.

TREKKING ACROSS THE U.S.

The Wilderness Challenge Incentive Program is coming soon to the UT Med School Fitness Center. Challenge yourself to travel across the United States and visit many national and state parks. All trekkers will receive a prize at the end of their adventure. Call 500-5044 or stop by The Fitness Center to pre-register. The adventure begins Monday **April 12** and concludes Friday **May 21**. You must be a member of the Fitness Center to participate.



ABOULEISH HONORED FOR ANESTHESIOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS



Dr. Ezzat Abouleish
Dr. Ezzat Abouleish, professor and director of obstetrical anesthesiology in the Department of Anesthesiology, was honored for his outstanding contributions in obstetric anesthesiology on March 20 in San Francisco at the annual Sol Shnider, M.D. Obstetrical Anesthesia Meeting. As part of this national recognition, Dr. Abouleish presented the Gertie Marx Lecture and received the Gertie Marx Medal and Award. Dr. Abouleish joined the UT-Houston Medical School in 1982 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. In addition to being named in 1987 a fellow at the Royal College of Surgeons in Great Britain, he holds numerous other national and international awards for his work and is widely published in his field.


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GROTTA TO UPDATE WORLD HEALTH DAY '99 PARTICIPANTS

Dr. James Grotta, professor of neurology, and director, Stroke Program at UT-Houston Medical School, will present an "Update on Early Prevention of Disability From Strokes," at the World Health Day 1999 symposium on Wednesday, **April 7, noon-1 p.m.**, Baylor's Cullen Bldg., Jaworsky Auditorium, Room 187A. Dr. Grotta is a recipient of the 1999 William M. Feinberg Award for Excellence in Clinical Stroke from the American Heart Association. The event is co-sponsored by the UT-Houston Center on Aging, Baylor College of Medicine Huffington Center on Aging, and the Texas Consortium of Geriatric Education Centers. For further information call 713-798-6470.



Dr. James Grotta




I.D. CARD ACCESS EXPLAINED - There will be a Security Town Hall meeting in MSB 2.103 at noon on Thursday, **April 8** (brown bag). See back page, *Scoop*, this issue.

TRUE COLORS - IMPLEMENTING PATCHES ON LAB COATS

Starting Thursday, **April 1**, the Dean's office will be implementing a lab coat patch plan (UT-Houston shield with Medical School identity) for all faculty, residents, fellows, and students. This involves purchasing patches in bulk from the Bookstore and forwarding them on to the cleaning vendor, Best Uniform, who will sew patches on lab coat pockets as they come in for cleaning. Alternate plans have been made for those departments who do not use Best Uniform. For any questions, faculty should contact their departmental administration. "I am excited about the prospect of showing our colors wherever we go. We have much to be proud of by being associated with the Medical School. And by wearing these patches, we convey this pride," commented **Dean Buja**.




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Editor's note: Beginning May 1, 1999, your UT ID badge will be needed to gain access to the Medical School at night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.) and on weekends. The following fact sheet has been summarized from a Management Services handout that describes how to verify your badge works and where the badge is needed for access.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE CARD ACCESS SECURITY SYSTEM

1. **Will there be a meeting to explain the card access system?**

Yes, the UT Police will hold a Security Town Hall Meeting in MSB 2.103 at noon on April 8 (brown bag).

2. **What is the Card Access Security System?**

Recently installed by the UT Police to enhance security, the card access system uses the new UT-Houston Health Science Center Photo Identification Badge. The ID badges are programmed to allow entry to those areas which contain card readers.



3. **When will the card access system be activated at the Medical School?**

The system will be activated the morning of Saturday, May 1, 1999.

4. **What do I need to do to be ready for system activation on May 1?**

As soon as possible, verify that your photo ID badge is functioning properly. To test your badge, hold it directly in front of any of the 5" square gray readers located adjacent to the Hermann Hospital interface doors on every floor (on the hospital side) and west entry door to the John Freeman Building. If the reader returns a beep, your card is working properly. Either side of the card should work. If you don't currently have an ID badge, see question #6 below.

5. **What if my ID badge fails this test?** Get another badge made, **April 13 or 21**, outside MSB 3.001, all day.

6. **What if I have lost my ID badge?**

You may also get a replacement ID badge at the same location and times as in #5 above. Badges are also issued by UT-Houston Auxiliary Enterprises at the Parking window in the Cashier's Office on the 22nd floor of the University Center Tower. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 to 4 p.m. After this replacement opportunity in April, UT-Houston will assess a \$10 fee for each replacement ID badge. If you lose your ID badge in the future, please contact your departmental administrator immediately. The lost ID badge will be deactivated.

7. **How do I get the card reader to allow me into a secured area?**

Hold your ID badge within one inch of the reader; the reader will beep and unlock the door.

8. **How do I exit a controlled area?**

Red push buttons are located adjacent to the exit side of each controlled door. Simply press the button.

9. **What happens in the event of a fire or fire alarm in the building?**

Secured doors automatically release during fire alarm conditions.

10. **What if I forget and leave my ID badge at home?**

The Ross Sterling entrance will have an exterior telephone access linked directly to UT Police. The UT Police number is 713-792-2890.

When and Where Is My Badge Required for Entrance?

Ground Floor: Use badge after 6 p.m. and before 6 a.m. on weekdays and at all times on weekends at the following entrances: Ross Sterling Breezeway by Security Desk; Webber Plaza by Blue Elevator; Freeman Bldg., West Side.

Hermann Hospital Interface Doors to MSB: Use badge after 6 p.m. and before 6 a.m. on weekdays and at all times on weekends.

Basement (Animal Care): Badge entry required at all times.

2nd Floor (South) Blue Student Teaching Labs: Badge entry required at all times.

8th Floor Penthouse (Exercise Facilities) and Locker Room Doors: Use badge after 8 p.m. and before 5 a.m. on weekdays; Saturdays, before 8:30 a.m. and after 2:30 p.m. Sundays, closed.