



# Scoop



Memorial Day Holiday  
Monday, May 31

Friday, May 28, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:



► **Senior Awards Ceremony & Dean's Reception**, 6 p.m., Fri., **June 4**, Hornberger Conference Center.

► **Graduation**, 10 a.m., Sat., **June 5**, George Brown Convention Center.

► **Modern Science and Ancient Wisdom: A Complementary and Alternative Medicine Conference**, **June 17-18**, Marriott Hotel. Contact **Beverly Osterloh**, 713-500-5249, <bosterlo@dean.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

## UTmost Interest

**Dr. James Grotta**, Neurology, is president-elect of the American Heart Association, Houston

Division... **Dr. Heinrich Tagetmeyer**, Cardiology, was named a new member of the AHA, Houston Division board... **Drs. Ward Casscells, Anne Dougherty and Richard Smalling**, all Cardiology, were reappointed to the AHA, Houston Division advisory board for the coming year 1999-2000... **Dr. David Pruitt**, Class of '74, President, American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, donated *Your Child* and *Your Adolescent*, two books for which he served as Editor-in-Chief, to the Medical School.

The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty's 25th anniversary luncheon was a sell-out on



Wednesday, May 26. **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, keynote speaker on the history of the Medical School, is shown with **Anne Ribble**, who coordinated the event with the leadership of the organization. Congrats!

## NORA SHIRE RECEIVES AHA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**Nora K. Shire**, Community Affairs and Public Education, received an "Award of Excellence" for her volunteer work with the American Heart Association Houston Division, at its 1998-99 awards banquet May 20. Shire is a vice president on the board of directors.

## DR. RON PHILO ELECTED CHAIR OF ANATOMICAL BOARD

**Dr. Ron Philo**, Neurobiology and Anatomy, was elected chair of the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas. The anatomical board is a state regulatory agency charged with regulation and distribution of cadaver usage within the state, inspection of cadaver facilities and compliance with the anatomical law of the state. The Board is responsible to the governor and assisted in legal counsel by the office of the attorney general. The election was held at the annual meeting of the board at the UTHSC in San Antonio. This is the second term as chair for Dr. Philo.

## DR. CHARLES STIERNBERG APPLIES MBA TRAINING



**Dr. Charles Stiernberg**, professor and chairman of Otolaryngology, has received, as of May 15, 1999, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Houston. "With the omnipresence of managed care, physicians must learn the business side of medicine in order to provide the best quality care to patients," he said. Focusing on the integration of business and health care for medical students, he has initiated a senior medical student course entitled "The Business of Medicine." **Dean Buja** commented, "Dr. Stiernberg is one of a number of physicians who are taking initiatives to broaden their knowledge base and business training in order to make creative contributions to the evolving health care delivery system."

## DR. WILLIAM DOWHAN HONORED

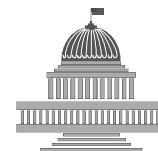
**Dr. William Dowhan**, Biochemistry, was honored recently for his appointment to an endowed position as Distinguished Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, by the chair, **Dr. Rodney Kellems**. Since arriving at UT-Houston 27 years ago, his research has concentrated on the structure, function, and biogenesis of cellular membranes. A chemistry major at Princeton University, and later a graduate student in biochemistry at UC-Berkeley, his career contributions include three NIH grants, one currently in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, 69 published research articles, and 17 book chapters and reviews. Among the attendees honoring him were **Dr. Tom Burks**, HSC VP for Academic Affairs, **Donna Buja**, representing the Dean, **Dr. Hope Northrup**, Pediatrics, **Les Cave** and **Janice Elkins**, representing Development and University Relations.



Dr. William Dowhan

## SENATOR KENNEDY SUPPORTS MEDICAL SCHOOL FUNDING

**Senator Edward Kennedy** (D-Mass.) stated that Congress needs to "act before irreparable damage is done" to medical schools and teaching hospitals, due to the combination of Medicare payment cuts and the growth of managed care. Kennedy added that teaching hospitals are facing cutting back research, teaching, training, "and the advanced medical care that has made American medicine the envy of the world." Along with **Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan** (D-N.Y.), he urged passage of legislation providing additional graduate medical education and disproportionate share hospitals financial support to teaching hospitals, called the "GME" and "DSH" bills, respectively. (Source: *AAMC Washington Highlights*, May 14, 1999).



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## 1999 SUMMER RESEARCH LECTURES - THURSDAYS AT NOON, MSB 2.006

Tuesday, **June 1**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Leather Lounge, will kick off "Orientation" for the 1999 Summer Research Program. This year, 29 first-year medical students and 80 undergraduates will participate in the program. The weekly lectures will be held Thursdays at noon, MSB 2.006. Speakers and seminars, including Neurobiology & Anatomy professor **Dr. Ronald Philo's**, popular "Leonardo Da Vinci and the Body," and School of Public Health professor **Dr. Elizabeth Heitman's** "Ethics in Biomedical Research," will be presented through July. The schedule is as follows:

- **June 3 -** **Dr. Ron Philo**, Neurobiology & Anatomy, "Leonardo Da Vinci and the Body"
- **June 10 -** **Dr. Elizabeth Heitman**, School of Public Health, "Ethics in Biomedical Research"
- **June 17 -** **Dr. Dianna Milewicz**, Internal Medicine, "M.D., Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.?"
- **June 24 -** **Dr. Daniel Colbert**, Rice University, "Rice University Center for Nanoscale Sciences and Technology"
- **July 8 -** **Dr. Mary Ann Richardson**, School of Public Health, "Alternative Medicine Research in Cancer"
- **July 15 -** **Dr. Gilbert Castro**, Office of Education Access & Equity, "Integrative Biology of Host Parasite Systems"
- **July 22 -** **Dr. Jackie Duke**, Dental Branch, "Tissue Engineering"
- **July 29 -** **Dr. John Charles**, NASA/JSC, "Biomedical Research in the Space Program"

For more information call **Dana Farver**, Office of Education Access and Equity, 713-500-3192.

## COMPUTERS IN HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE - JUNE 18

On Friday, **June 18**, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., the Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center Library will host its third annual *Computers in Health Care Conference*, in the Sammons Auditorium, Jesse Jones Library Building, 1113 M.D. Anderson Blvd. This year's conference focuses on how consumer and public health information is gathered and disseminated using advanced technologies. Prominent speakers from around the nation, as well as the Texas Medical Center, will be presenting at the conference. The lectures will be followed by demonstrations and vendor exhibitions.

This year's conference will also celebrate the HAM-TMC Library's 50th anniversary; a special "birthday party" is planned. Registration is \$10 (which includes morning refreshments and lunch). The event (including lunch) is FREE to TMC students (valid ID required). Door prizes will be awarded by drawing. Last year's winners received Astros tickets, hotel VIP getaways, dinners at the Sierra Grill and the Doctor's Club, Houston Grand Opera tickets, complimentary meals at Cliff's and the Wall Street Deli. To register, call 713-799-7147 or access <[www.library.tmc.edu/conf99](http://www.library.tmc.edu/conf99)>.



## LIGHT, COLOR & TECHNOLOGY SHOW JUNE 4

The Museum of Health & Medical Science, 1515 Hermann Drive, is sponsoring an "Exhibit of Light, Color & Technology," Friday, **June 4** through Sunday, **August 29**. Featured craft stations include: how to make your own "stained glass" to hang in your windows or add to your refrigerator art, how to make and take home your own kaleidoscopes, viewing hologram photographs, bending laser beams, and playing with a bolt of lightning in an enclosed case. There's even a simple light and color station where the youngest visitors can build a rainbow-colored floor puzzle. A giant kaleidoscope, nearly 12-foot long and fully operational, is the centerpoint of "Razzle Dazzle Sparkle & Shine." *Family Night*, Thursdays, 4 - 7 p.m., is free. Call 713-521-1515 for more information.

## NIH ON RESEARCH SHARING POLICY

In a *Federal Register* notice published on Tuesday, May 25, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) outlined a proposed policy and is seeking comments from the biomedical community within 90 days on, "Sharing Biomedical Research Resources: Principles and Guidelines for Recipients of NIH Research Grants and Contracts."

The proposed policy looks at the competing interests of intellectual property owners and research users, after finding that intellectual property restrictions can stifle the broad dissemination of new discoveries. The policy outlines how to ensure academic freedom and publication, how to minimize administrative impediments to academic research, and what the guidelines for importing research resources are for use in NIH-funded research. The document can be read on the NIH home page, <<http://www.nih.gov/od/ott/RTguide.htm>>.

## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SEEKS NOMINATIONS

The Committee on the Status of Women is seeking nominations for the *Distinguished Professional Woman* award. The award, in its fifteenth year, recognizes a professional woman who's received recognition as an outstanding achiever, made significant contributions to her professional discipline, and inspired women as a mentor and positive role model. Send nominations by **July 1** to **Mary Frances Fabrizio**, e-mail, <[mfab@utbj1.lbj.uth.tmc.edu](mailto:mfab@utbj1.lbj.uth.tmc.edu)>.

## PATIENTS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Patients are needed for a new research study on toenail fungus treatment. If you have yellow brittle toenails and are a female who is post-menopausal or surgically sterile, or a male at least 18 years of age, call the UT Dermatology Research Center at 713-704-5232. No cost to patients; parking is paid.

