

# Scoop

The University of Texas Medical School at Houston  
Office of Community Affairs and Public Education

## Friday, July 6, 2001

### MEDICAL SCHOOL ON TARGET TO OPEN MONDAY, JULY 9

The Medical School is on target to open Monday, July 9. Non-faculty employees authorized by their chair/DMO who occupied MSB floors 1-4 and John Freeman Building floor 1 may enter the building 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, July 7, and those occupying floors 5-7 may enter the building 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, July 8, to bring back equipment and set up offices and labs in preparation for a normal business day Monday, July 9 – when the building will be officially open and employees will be expected to report for work. The basement and ground floor will still be off limits, and only one entrance will be available – on the Webber Plaza side of the building near the circle driveway. Ground floor occupants will continue to work at their temporary sites. A couple of areas on the first floor, including Internal Medicine and Microbiology, may still be affected regarding ventilation. At this time, three elevators are operational: one in the blue and one in the green for employee use and the freight elevator for heavy equipment transport.

Domestic water was put back into the building July 5. Potable water is available in both buildings and has been OK'd by the city.

Indoor air quality continues to measure within acceptable ranges. Gross mold spore counts are within established guidelines, except in the basement, which is ventilated separately from the building.

Employees are urged to call the FIXT line, ext. 3498, to report mold observations and other problems. An online survey of building occupants will be posted on the Web soon. The number to report hazardous wastes in the building is ext. 5837.

The Health Science Center is expected to send out a letter next week detailing procedures for purchasing equipment and lab supplies.

### DENTAL BRANCH CHANGES ADDRESS

A street name swap in the Texas Medical Center will change the address of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston effective July 9, according to TMC officials. On that day, the previous John Freeman Avenue will change to M. D. Anderson Boulevard and the former M. D. Anderson Boulevard will change

to John Freeman Boulevard. On July 9, the Dental Branch address will become: 6516 M. D. Anderson Boulevard, Houston, TX 77030.

#### NEW GRAPHIC GUIDELINES NOW ONLINE

The answers to all of your questions concerning the updated UT-Houston logo will soon be at your fingertips. The new Graphic and Editorial Standards and Guidelines can be on the Web at <[www.uth.tmc.edu/graphicguide/](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/graphicguide/)>. And an announcement postcard with a perforated order card for the CD version of the guidelines has been sent via interoffice mail. The UT-Houston Editorial Board has developed these guidelines over the past six months and encourages everyone to help establish this new image for the university.

#### UPDATED CONTINUING REVIEW NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL ONGOING HUMAN RESEARCH PROTOCOLS

All investigators with current Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS)-approved protocols who have taken any emergency action to ensure the well-being of subjects currently enrolled in research protocols and potential enrollees must document all such changes. The CPHS is requiring an interim continuing review of all current research protocols under UT CPHS oversight but has not yet set a deadline for this review. Researchers are expected to submit at least a preliminary report immediately and amendments later, as they become necessary. For each active protocol, indicate HSC number and title of study, detail its status, any changes or potential protocol changes, and how these changes may add risk to the subjects. Please send memo to: Anne Dougherty, M.D., Chairperson Paula Knudson, Executive Coordinator Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects Room 322, Jesse Jones Library Building 713-500-5827.

#### JOHN TROLINGER SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO MEDICAL STUDENT

Heather Robertson, a second-year medical student, is this the first winner of the John Trolinger Scholarship for Ethics in Healthcare. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a Health Science Center student who shows a keen interest through words and deeds in professional ethics. The scholarship is named after the late John Trolinger who was the university's assistant vice president for auditing and advisory services when he passed away unexpectedly.

#### EVENTS TO KNOW

Open enrollment health insurance meetings all from noon to 1 p.m. except for meetings on July 10 and 11 as indicated:

July 6, OCB Rio Grande Room;

July 9, SPH 1st Floor Auditorium;  
July 10, HCPC Gymnasium at 7:30 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.;  
July 11, HRC Cafeteria 7 a.m., 2:30 p.m.;  
July 11, MSI Auditorium;  
July 12, HMB Room 4.400;  
July 13, UCT 1505C;  
July 16, LBJ UT Auditorium.  
Benefits Fair, Thursday, July 12 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the TMC  
Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe Blvd. Refreshments will be provided.  
For more information, see [www.utsystem.edu/EGI/](http://www.utsystem.edu/EGI/)

#### RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEES OFFICE MOVES

The office for the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and the Animal Welfare Committee has moved from the ground floor of the John Freeman Building to room 322 of the Jesse Jones Library Building.

This relocation is a permanent move for the office, which has remained in business despite being severely hampered by flooding from Tropical Storm Allison. Previous phone and fax numbers for office staff still apply. The main committee office number is 713-500-5827. Fax number is 713-500-5830.

The interinstitutional address is JJL 322.

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