



# Scoop

Fri., Feb. 8, 2002

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### February

- 9 **Tomorrow. Preventive Cardiology Forum XII. 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free. MSB 3.001. Info: 713-500-5128.**
- 11 **Ethics in Medicine, Dr. Stanley Reiser, "Challenges to Embryonic Life: Abortion, Therapeutic Cloning, and Stem Cell Research," noon, MSB 2.006.**
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar Series, Dr. Ana Pajor, noon, MSB 2.135.**
- 12 **Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Seminar, Dr. Ambro Van-Hoof, 4 p.m., MSB 2.006.**
- 14 **Forum on Mold, Dr. Gailen Marshall, "Mold: Fact and Fantasy," noon, SPH 102 A.**

## A MESSAGE FROM DEAN BUJA TO THE MEDICAL STUDENTS



Students demonstrating foosball tactics on opening day, Feb. 4.

The new student lounge in the old cafeteria space opened 8 a.m., Mon. **Feb. 4**. Access is via the breezeway entrance. A card reader between the outer and inner sets of glass doors from the breezeway will allow 24-hour access. The room is equipped with lots of comfortable furniture, a big screen TV, vending machines, telephones, a foosball table, and an outdoor patio area. The Bookstore also will sell additional foosballs. We ask that you be considerate of others as you use the space. To celebrate the opening of the lounge, there will be a party *today*, Fri., **Feb. 8**, 4 - 6 p.m., with hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the first 150 attendees. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

## WEEMS AND POTTS APPOINTED TO TOP POSITIONS

**Dr. Bill Weems** is the new Associate Dean, Information Technology and Assistant Vice President, Office of Academic Computing. His new duties include providing long-term direction for the Medical School utilizing new information technologies, coordinating the operation of the Learning Resource Center, providing training for faculty to develop online courses and other multimedia scholarly works, and developing a promotional ladder for information technology staff.



Dr. Bill Weems

He has served as the director of the Office of Academic Computing, and associate professor, Integrative Biology & Pharmacology. He has conducted extensive research in the areas of neurophysiology of sympathetic ganglia, control of intestinal motility and fluid propulsion, and informatics as a tool for the study, modeling, and management of complex systems.

**Dr. John Potts**, professor and program director, Surgery, and vice chair, Educational Programs in Surgery, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education. He is also a consultant, General Surgery, as well as an associate professor of Surgery at UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Potts has served as both chief of surgery and chief of trauma at LBJ General Hospital. He is a six-time winner of the Dean's Teaching Excellence Award. Under **Dr. Patricia Butler's** direction, his duties will include overseeing individual program compliance with Program and Institutional Requirements, program compliance with JCAHO requirements, and the development and implementation of technology in the residency and fellowship programs.



Dr. John Potts

## UTMost Interest

**Dr. Richard N. Bradley**, assistant professor, Emergency Medicine, is a staff physician at the 2002 Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City, Utah. He is part of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team.

**FYI - Dr. Frank Arnett**, chairman, Department of Internal Medicine, has appointed **Dr. Kevin Finkel** chief, Internal Medicine, LBJ General Hospital, and **Dr. Bela Patel**, director, MICU, and assistant chief of medicine, LBJ General Hospital, effective March 2002. **Dr. Steve Brown**, currently chief, Internal Medicine and LBJ, has accepted the position of vp, Medical Affairs, at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, Bakersfield, Calif. "Dr. Brown has made many important contributions to LBJ and our missions there, for which we are very grateful," Dr. Arnett said.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - GSBS students who are the 2001-2002 Schissler Foundation Fellows: **Sumera Hasham**, advised by **Dr. Dianna Milewicz**, and **Hongyan Zhong**, advised by **Dr. Michael Blackburn**.



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## **BARBARA BUSH TO BE FEATURED IN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA FEB. 23 CONCERT**



**Barbara Bush**

“A Journey of Imagination” is the theme of Doctors Orchestra of Houston’s fifth concert. Featuring guest narrator **Barbara Bush** and guest duo-pianists **Shelia Kay Ferrendelli** and **Charles Tauber**, the concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sat., **Feb. 23** at the Moores Opera House on the University of Houston campus.

Doctors Orchestra is an all-volunteer group made up of medical professionals who work in the Texas Medical Center.

The theme of this concert focuses on the importance of literacy – a cause Barbara Bush has been advocating for years. The former first lady will showcase reading as she narrates Saint Saens’ “Carnival of the Animals.”

“We’re very proud and lucky that Mrs. Bush has agreed to participate. It has made everything so much more special for us to know she is supporting us,” said **Libi Lebel**, music director. “We want to dedicate this concert to children, literacy, and health.”

As part of this theme, the orchestra is holding an essay contest for area children (see message below). Pediatric patients (age 18 and under) in the Texas Medical Center are invited to write a short essay or poem about the gift reading has brought to their lives. Entries may be handwritten or typed, and there is no word limit. Essays and proof of age must be mailed by **Feb. 15** to: Doctors Orchestra of Houston, P.O. Box 310066, Houston, TX 77231.

All contestants will receive a free Doctors Orchestra CD, and the winner will receive free tickets to the concert and receive a special award on behalf of the orchestra.

The concert repertoire also includes the “Marriage of Figaro Overture” by Mozart, “Finlandia” by Sibelius, and “Capriccio



Espangolo” by Rimsky Korsakov. The program’s emcee will be **Elaine Kennedy**, a producer at KUHF radio.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and children. Tickets are available at Pender’s Wadler-Kaplan Music Company, 3901 S. Main St., 713-529-2676; or AllRecords, 1955 W. Gray, at the River Oaks Shopping Center, 713-524-4900. Tickets also are available at the orchestra’s rehearsals, which are 7 - 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, in the University of Texas Medical School at Houston’s Fifth Floor Gallery. Listeners are welcome to attend rehearsals. For more information call 713-842-1520 or check out [www.doctorsorchestrahouston.org](http://www.doctorsorchestrahouston.org).

- D. Brown

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