



Scoop

Fri., March 1, 2002

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

March

- 2-10 Fitness Center Spring Break Hours.** Closing hour 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. Closed Sat., Sun., March 2, 3 and 9,10. Info: 713-500-5044, MSB 8th floor.
- 6 Clinical Research Curriculum, Dr. Jack Sinclair,** 5 - 6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.
- 13 HUB Vendor Fair,** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., OCB, 1851 Cross Point Rio Grande Room 2.200. Info: **Alma Leal,** 713-566-4659.
- 18 Health Care and the Arts Lecture Series,** noon, MSB 3.001.
- 21 Match Day,** 11 a.m, Webber Plaza.
- 27 Natural Step Seminar,** UCT, 7000 Fannin, 1505c. Info: **Shelly Comer,** 713-500-3415.
- 28 Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, Dr. Stilianos Kountakis,** will speak on frontal sinus disease, 7:15 a.m., MSB 3.301.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Richard Smalling, Internal Medicine, was quoted on the use of stenting, instead of surgery, to open up blocked carotid arteries leading to the brain (*Houston Chronicle*, 2/26/02).

OF NOTE - Drs. Doris Ross, SPH, Cynthia Phelps, SPH, and James Slotta, speaker, participate in Advances in Teaching and Learning Day, Feb. 14.



Dr. Slotta helped create WISE (Web-based Inquiry Science Environment).

CORRECTION - Shirley Davis, Pediatrics Administration, is a 25 yr. veteran employee of the Medical School. Her name was not on the STAR awards list in *Scoop* last week.

Town Hall Meeting Wed., March 6



Plaques on the ground floor spruce up Medical School after Allison.

Dean Max Buja will hold a Medical School town hall meeting, noon – 1 p.m., **Wed., March 6**, in MSB 3.001. The Dean will give an update on the status of the School's recovery from Tropical Storm Allison and will take questions from the audience. **John Porretto**, executive vice president, Administration and Finance; **Pico Mina**, vice president and chief facilities officer; **Brian Yeoman**, associate vice president, Office of Facilities Planning and Development; and **Rives Taylor**, architect, Office of Facilities Planning and Development, also will be on hand to answer questions. Anonymous questions may be submitted prior to the meeting via e-mail to <Alexis.L.Basha@uth.tmc.edu>. Bring your lunch – cookies and soft drinks will be available.

HAMILTON AND UNTERMEYER FILL VP POSTS

Dr. Carlos R. Hamilton, Jr., has been named executive vp, Clinical Affairs. Dr. Hamilton has specialized in endocrinology and internal medicine for the last three decades, is past president of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Society of Internal Medicine, and most recently represented UT-Houston on Mayor Lee Brown's task force on preparedness for bioterrorism attacks. Among his new responsibilities will be overseeing clinical operations throughout the UT-Houston campus, developing policies for clinical practice and management, monitoring reports on clinical productivity, and helping to develop new clinical programs.

Chase Untermeyer has been appointed executive vp, Governmental Relations. Untermeyer was previously director of government affairs at the Compaq Computer Corporation. He was also director of presidential personnel for **President George H. W. Bush** and executive assistant to **Vice President Bush**.

"As we celebrate 30 years of accomplishment in teaching, research, and patient care, much work remains to be done to accelerate our campus growth, to enhance our clinical service and teaching activities, and to increase support for our vitally important research programs," said **Dr. James T. Willerson, UT-Houston president**. "These two individuals will add to the executive leadership team already committed to this vision."



Dr. Carlos Hamilton



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Editor's Note: The mission of "Friends of the Medical School" is to provide the Houston community with informative and educational programs on cutting edge medical research as well as the most up-to-date information on education and clinical care while promoting the theme of balanced excellence in the Medical School.

INAUGURAL "FRIENDS OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL" PROGRAM

A SUCCESS



Buck and Lee Bonner

Nearly 200 guests attended the Inaugural "Friends of the Medical School" program held at UT-Medical School, Tues., Feb. 19.

Featured speakers sharing their expertise were: **Dr. Philip Johnson** addressing biological terrorism, **Dr. Carlos Hamilton** discussing chemical and nuclear terrorism as well community preparedness, and **Dr. James "Red" Duke** on the subject of trauma.

Dean Max Buja emceed the program and introduced the new Medical School video titled "Formula for Success."

The next community outreach "Friends of the Medical School" program will be held in the fall.

If you would like to be put on the invitation list for future programs, call **Debbie Gligor** at 713-500-5002.



(L. to R.), David and Helaine Lane, Donna and Dean Max Buja



Dr. Cheves Smythe



Dr. Margaret McNeese and her brother, Dwyer McNeese



Dr. Tom Clanton and Lynn Cutrer