



Scoop

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

Sept.

30 Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar Series, Dr. Yong-Jian Geng, speaking on cardiovascular cell apoptosis, 11:45 a.m., MSB 2.135.

Oct.

2 Clinical Research Curriculum/Biostatistics for Clinical Investigators, Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, "Survival Analysis," 5 - 6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.

UTMost Interest

The 2002-03 Faculty Senate officers are: **Dr. David Loose-Mitchell**, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, moving from chair-elect to chair; **Dr. Lewis Gottschalk**, Anesthesiology, now chair-elect; and **Dr. Anil Kulkarni**, Surgery, secretary. Congratulations!

DID YOU CONTRIBUTE YET?

The State Employee Charitable Campaign continues through Fri., **Oct. 18**. There are prize drawings for a great cause — improving the quality of life for thousands of people in need. See www.uth.tmc.edu/secc.



ATTENTION ALL MSI AND MSII STUDENTS

- You **have** to have your digital ID to view your grades. But help is on the way next week. Show up with two forms of ID, your iKey, and a floppy disk, at **G.100, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.**, on any of the following dates: **Mon., Sept. 30; Wed., Oct. 2; Thurs., Oct. 3; or Fri., Oct. 4**. The earlier the better. And, good luck on your exams!



Relax, have a good time, and cook some chili at the Founders

Fun Fest Fri., **Oct. 11**, 2-6 p.m., UT-Harris County Psychiatric Center. Chili chefs can contact **Bret Wandel**, Chili Zone Leader, 713-500-3408. Sign up deadline is **Oct. 4**. See www.uthouston.edu/anniversary/founders_fun/index.html.

TOWN HALL MEETING RECAPS PLANS TO PUSH FORWARD

Dean Max Buja opened the Sept. 24 town hall meeting with a point-by-point renovation summary, including detailed architectural drawings, of where the Medical School stands in terms of renovating plans, post Allison. An earlier story in *Scoop* (Sept. 13 issue, back page), outlines many of these plans. At the meeting, the Dean addressed several questions posed by students and staff via e-mail. Addressing the question of where students and staff will go for lunch and breaks, the Dean said there will be several commons areas on both the ground floor and the mall level for students and staff to congregate, relax, and eat lunch. Yapa, a take-out restaurant, also is scheduled to run a food service operation on the ground floor of the John Freeman Building.



Proposed Ground Floor, UT-H Medical School

Thefts and security in the Medical School building remain at or near the same level in 2002 as in 2001, Dean Buja reported. He indicated a commitment to continue to bring concerns to **Chief Charlie Price**. In the event of an emergency, or to report any suspicious activity, dial 911 or 713-500-4357.

Although bicycles have been displaced due to the construction, there are plans to install new bicycle racks outside the southwest corner of the building, when construction of the hydrostatic wall and the ground floor mechanical room are complete. Outside piping and mechanical units are scheduled to be removed by the end of the year.

Painting and replacing carpets throughout the Medical School are "as important," Dean Buja said, as the general renovations being made. But due to the ongoing remodeling efforts being made inside the building, general beautification efforts will have to take place after the renovations are completed. Detailed architectural drawings are now available for general viewing on the ground floor of the Medical School. For those who were not able to attend the meeting, a Webcast is available at www.uth.tmc.edu/schools/video/streamvideo/ms/msvideo.html. Click on "special video" and then click on "Town Hall meeting video."



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SCENES FROM EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY SEPT. 18, 2002



Shang Shepherd (l.), holds the mike for Diana Parker, Neurobiology and Anatomy (m.). Theo Scott, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology (l.), and Afra Gatson, Neurobiology and Anatomy (r.), keep her company.



Eva Rodriguez, Internal Medicine, dishes out good cheer and baked potatoes to an appreciative lunch crowd.



Singer and band manager Melissa Bishop performs for the crowd.



“Fried Ice Cream” band members Andre Mimms (l.), and Shang Shepherd (r.), entertain with some Deep Soul, Raw Funk, and selected Rhythm and Blues renditions.



Dee Miller, Continuing Medical Education, (l.), and Lakesha Johnson, Graphics, (r.), hand out some good advice, as well as cold refreshments.

- photos by C. O'Brien



LaShaune Dejean, (l.), and Jo McClain, (r.), both from Internal Medicine/Rheumatology, join in the songfest with a few melodic bars of their own.

Editor's Note: Well they're still talking about this annual event sponsored by the Employee Relations Council (ERC). "Everybody enjoyed it," Isabel Alvarado, president, ERC, said. "The feedback has been that it's the best ever event we've ever done. It really lifted up everybody's spirits."