



# Scoop

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### July

**8 TMC Food Drive Deadline.** Visit [www.uthouston.edu/community/fooddrive.html](http://www.uthouston.edu/community/fooddrive.html).

**15 Academic Leadership Development Program Deadline** for senior faculty members. Call **Susan Fernandez** at 713-500-3060 or [Susan.Fernandez@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Susan.Fernandez@uth.tmc.edu).

**15 & 23 Important Medical Insurance Benefits Meeting** for employees and graduate students. Noon, MSB 3.001.

**16 Sherry Wilson**, director, Employee Assistance and WorkLife programs, will speak on workplace morale and the new leadership initiative, noon, MSB 3.001.

## UTMost Interest

**Dr. Richard Smalling**, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, was an invited speaker addressing "What is the role of thrombolysis - prehospital and in hospital," in Freiburg, Germany June 6 - 7. He also co-chaired the plenary session, "Reperfusion in acute myocardial infarction: Guidelines and perspectives," in Freiburg, Germany...**Dr. Lamk M. Lamki**, professor, Radiology, and chief, Nuclear Medicine, was honored by the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau June 19 at the Aquarium Downtown. Lamki was noted for his leadership position with the American College of Nuclear Medicine...**Dr. Kenneth Krayewski**, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, received a certificate of recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education. The certificate was established in honor of **Dr. Nancy C. A. Roeske, M.D.**, and serves as a tribute to her unique and creative contributions to psychiatric education...**Phan Huynh, M.D.**, was voted Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Radiology residents at the department's June 21 graduation banquet.

## INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY HAS 3-YR. ACCREDITATION

Congratulations are in order to the Internal Medicine Department, specifically to the Internal Medicine Residency Program, for earning a reaccreditation status for the next three years by the Residence Review Committee (RRC) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The ACGME is a national accrediting agency for graduate medical education. The ACGME judges whether institutions offering GME programs are in substantial compliance with institutional requirements. **Dr. Mark Farnie** is director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program here at the Medical School. The program participates in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), informally referred to as the "Match," which matches GME programs and applicants.



**Dr. Frank C. Arnett** Said **Dr. Frank Arnett**, chairman, Internal Medicine, "We had a lot of support from **Dean Max Buja**, other UT Medical School departments, and our affiliated hospitals - the Memorial Hermann Hospital System, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Everybody worked magnificently to get this accreditation."

Dr. Arnett stated that in February, his department requested a site visit from the ACGME. "The site reviewer was here for three weeks and later in May the RRC met and recommended full accreditation." The process of answering the citations has been a positive one, said Arnett. Overall, the educational content of the curriculum has greatly improved; the efficiency and thoroughness of the house staff coordinators and office has significantly advanced; faculty monthly evaluations of the 140 residents are now online; performance now is well documented; and the department is adhering to the weekly work hour maximum of 80 hours.

"Looking forward for the department, our fellowships begin online evaluations this July; we have recruited an excellent class for the coming year; and the startup for recruiting for 2004 in November 2003 looks excellent as well, for next year's residents," concluded Dr. Arnett.

- C. O'Brien

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## STUDENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CAC

Five students representing the Student

Surgical Association recently presented an \$800 check raised through a community service project to support the care of children seen at the Children's Assessment Center (CAC). New toys and special items for the patients have been made available thanks to the efforts of these students: **Keith Gates**, MS II, **Elise Roe**, MS II, **Justin Weatherall**, MS I, **Ryan Veurink**, MS II, and **Wesley Hamilton**, MS II.

Gathered for a group shot, with **Dr. Margaret McNeese** wearing a white coat, and **Kelly Bolton**, R.N., and **Wesley Hamilton**, MS II, to her right are: from left, **Ryan Veurink**, MS II, **Justin Weatherall**, MS I, **Keith Gates**, MS II, and **Elise Roe**, MS II.

"The children are delighted with the special treats, including jump ropes, journals, and lip gloss. We are familiar with the children's ages and have been able to choose age-appropriate, new items for them," said **Kelly Bolton**. **Elaine Stolte** is the executive director of the center, located at The John M. O'Quinn Campus, 2500 Bolsover in Houston. (Note: **Kathy Wells**, CAC ass't. executive director, took the photo above).



## OF MERIT - Jimi L. Park

senior staff assistant in the Office of Student Affairs, has something to crow about. She recently completed her first full sprint distance triathlon, held in Austin. The distances were 1/2 mile swim, 12 mile bike ride, and 3.1 mile run. Park commented "My total time was 2:33, so I wasn't fast, but I met my two goals for my first tri: (1) to finish, and (2) not to be last!"

The official charity was the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Web site for the Danskin triathlons is <[www.danskin.com/triathlon/index.html](http://www.danskin.com/triathlon/index.html)>; the Austin, Texas Web site is <[www.danskinaustin.com/danskinaustin](http://www.danskinaustin.com/danskinaustin)>. Congratulations Jimi!



Jimi Park

## ALLISON RELIEF BILL SIGNED

**House Bill 1941**, which authorizes the UT System Board of Regents to issue **\$34.9 million** in tuition revenue bonds to help pay for infrastructure repairs due to Tropical Storm Allison and **\$30 million** for rebuilding of lost research and academic space, was signed into law by **Gov. Rick Perry** on June 20, according to **Liz Gettings**, assistant vice president in the Office of Governmental Relations.

## RESEARCH VETOED

The Advanced Research Program (ARP) was cut from the state budget just before it was signed by **Gov. Perry** at midnight, June 22, said **Gala Peters**, associate program director, Division of Finance, Campus Planning and Research of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in an e-mail received by the Office of Sponsored Projects.

Peters explained that the ARP competition will not be held in 2003 and that applicants will receive an e-mail regarding the cancellation. However, the Advanced Technology Program and the Technology Development and Transfer Program will continue as scheduled.

(Source: *News on the Go*, June 24, 2003)

## Facts & Figures

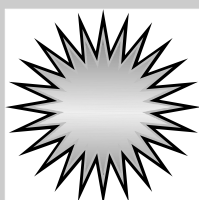
### DID YOU KNOW?

The Texas Medical Center had a total of 5.1 million patient visits in 2001, including 15,353 international patients, and had a total of 61,030 jobs within TMC institutions, and a total of 19,332 students attending classes.

The combined operating budgets for member institutions of the TMC is \$5.4 billion; and \$2.5 billion was received by 19 member institutions as grants for research during the past 5 years (UTHSC at Houston, Baylor, and The UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center were leaders in the research category).

## JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - ALICE ARGAO

She was born in the Philippines, in Quezon City to be exact. But **Alice Argao**, a residency training coordinator in the Internal Medicine Department, has been a Houston resident for 22 years now, and is our June Employee of the Month. She is known for her tremendous work ethic, for her resourcefulness, and "is like a mother and a father to all 150 residents in our program," said one colleague.



"I came to this department 10 years ago. **John Weinland** and **Dr. Mark Farnie** are always there for me. So are my colleagues **Greg Ervin**, **Ludy Burgos**, and **Catherine Gunn**," said Argao. "We are a fun group. We can laugh at ourselves and at our foibles."

"I enjoy the interviews with the incoming interns. Sometimes on their first day in the Medical School, they get lost. They come to the house staff office where we solve their problems. If mistakes are made, we repair them and move on."

For rest and relaxation, Argao turns to novel reading. "I'm an avid reader. In fact I've read *How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn several times. I like to do crossword puzzles as well. And having been to Europe -- Spain, Portugal and France -- I dream of someday riding the Orient Express."



Alice Argao