



# Scoop

April 30, 2004

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### April

**30 Dr. Timothy Upchurch**, "Cerebral Sinus Venous Thrombosis," noon, MSB 2.135.

### May

**7 OPEN HOUSE. Medical School Information Technology Dept.**, 3 - 5 p.m. All welcome. Refreshments. MSB G.500.

**21 UCSC Classified Staff Workshop.** Contact Dennie Clemons, 713-500-2235.

**30 Commencement**, 1 p.m., **Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach**, speaker, Assembly Hall, George R. Brown Convention Center.

## UTMost Interest

**Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, the John P. McGovern, M.D. Professor of Oslerian Medicine, was selected to present a paper, "Sir William Osler: Bridging Medical and Public Health Models," at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Osler Society held in Houston, April 19-21. More than 150 of the world's leading scholars in medical history attended the meeting with 49 papers selected for presentation...**Dr. Becky McGraw Wall**, **David Robinson** and **Joanne Oaks** are serving as volunteer physicians on a Guatemalan medical mission this week...**Dr. Katherine Loveland** was quoted in an article on intensive therapy for autism on ABCNEWS.com April 22...**Dr. Stanford Goldman** recently was elected president, Texas Radiological Society.



## FIELDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Dr. William S. Fields'** memorial service will be held 4 p.m., Thurs., **May 13** at the Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main.

## ANNUAL FACULTY MEETING

Don't miss the annual faculty meeting **11:30 a.m., Thurs., May 13, MSB 2.006.** Simulcast in LBJ auditorium, Room 217.



Medical School personnel take time out for the open house event.

## MEDICAL SCHOOL MILESTONES

A major milestone - the new leather lounge - formally opened April 27 (see insert, left), with a punch and cookie reception and welcome remarks by **Dr. Stanley Schultz** and **James Willerson**. **Jim Victor**, flood recovery program manager, reports a number of other Medical School construction milestones by the summer of 2004. They are:

- The cyclotron will be substantially completed by **May 6**, with occupancy scheduled for **May 21**
- The 3T Magnet MRI suite will be substantially completed by **June 15**

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## KATZ NAMED UT PHYSICIANS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer **Michael McKinney**, Executive Vice President for Clinical Affairs **Richard Andrassy**, and Interim Dean **Stanley Schultz** have announced the appointment of **Dr. Jeffery Katz**, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, to the position of medical director of UT Physicians, in which he will serve as liaison between UT Physicians and the Memorial Hermann Hospital, effective immediately.

"Dr. Katz has played an integral role in the development of UT Physicians, and I am pleased that he has agreed to take on this greater challenge," said Andrassy, who also is associate dean for clinical operations and chairman of the board of UT Physicians. "I'm looking forward to working with him to strengthen our clinical enterprise."

Katz, who served as chairman since 1992, has agreed to remain as chairman until a successor is identified; at that time he will step down and continue to serve as full professor of anesthesiology, Schultz said.

"I want to extend my appreciation to Dr. Katz for his years of departmental stewardship, and I am certain UT Physicians will benefit from his new leadership role," Schultz said.

## ROSS IS ENDOWED PROFESSOR IN OB/GYN

**Dr. Patti Jayne Ross**, professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, was appointed the holder of the new Patti Jayne Ross Professorship - an endowed position - in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences. The endowment is from the Women's Medical Research Fund in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. **Larry Gilstrap, M.D.** is the chairman.

Ross also holds appointments with Memorial Hermann Hospital, Gramercy Outpatients Surgery Center, Harris County Hospital District, and LBJ General Hospital. She is a nationally recognized speaker on women's health issues. Recently Ross was featured on Lifetime's "Women Docs." Additionally, she is a member of several community organizations, including the Harris County Ad Hoc Rape Council. She received her medical degree from Tulane Medical School in New Orleans.



Dr. Ross



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**NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD GOES TO LONGTIME UT MEDICAL EDUCATOR**

**Herbert L. Fred, M.D.** On April 22, the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine presented its 2004 Distinguished Teacher Award to **Herbert L. Fred, M.D.**. Only one other doctor in Texas has ever received the award. Fred also was named a master of the college during its annual session in New Orleans.

“For me, this award is a great, great honor and represents the icing on my 50-year cake of teaching,” Fred said.

**James T. Willerson, M.D.**, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, said that when he was a medical student at Baylor College of Medicine, Fred influenced him to become a dedicated internist, educator, and clinical scientist. “I have never met a more dedicated or gifted medical educator,” Willerson said.

Fred, 74, graduated from Rice University in 1950 and received his medical degree in 1954 from Johns Hopkins University. He completed his internship and residency training at the University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals in Salt Lake City and spent two years in the U.S. Air Force. In 1962, he joined the faculty at Baylor College of Medicine. In 1969, he was named director of medical education at St. Joseph Hospital, and in 1971, he became a full professor of internal medicine at UT.

Patrick Russell, M.D., a former UT medical student who now has a private practice in East Texas, said Fred taught him to assume nothing, check everything, and never take patients for granted.

Fred, an emeritus member of the American Osler Society, said he has no plans to retire. He will continue to teach what he calls “high-touch” patient care, humanism, and cost effectiveness. “With so much emphasis these days on technology, the patient-doctor relationship has suffered immensely. As a result, the very core of doctoring - humanism- is critically ill,” Fred said. “And unless all of us try to revive this vital component of our profession, it is doomed to die.” - *M. Raine*

**MEDICAL SCHOOL MILESTONES, CONTINUED**

- The Learning Resource Center’s projected completion for occupancy is **July 7**
- By **July 1**, the perimeter wall will be finished
- The Gross Anatomy Lab will be substantially completed by **July 1**
- By **August 11**, the MSB ground floor reconstruction will be accomplished.



**VON ESCHENBACH RELEASES REPORT ON MINORITY HEALTH CARE ISSUES**

**Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach**, this year’s commencement speaker on May 30, and director, National Cancer Institute, recently released a 118-page report, “Making Cancer Health Disparities History,” at the Intercultural Cancer Council’s biennial symposium in Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach**

The report calls for action over the next three years on: getting special funding to areas with the highest rate of disparities; consolidating duplicate national health initiatives; forming a coalition of federal agencies to examine and distribute services; issuing culturally diverse cancer messages; initiating more robust tobacco control efforts; and providing healthy school lunches.

Many studies have shown that Americans who are not white, don’t have adequate health insurance, (or are poor), fare worse with a range of diseases. The report stated “The unequal burden of disease in our society is not just a scientific and medical challenge. It also presents a moral and ethical dilemma for our nation. No person with cancer should go untreated,” the report said. Lovel Jones, co-founder of the Intercultural Cancer Council, said, “We can’t solve this problem without some change in the way we insure Americans. This is an American problem.” (*Source: Dow Jones Newswires article by Otesa Middleton, 3/24/2004*). The report can be seen online at <<http://www.chdprg.omhrc.gov/pdf/chdprg.pdf>>.

**DR. BUJA IS FIRST FELLOW IN EDUCATION**

**Dr. Maximilian Buja**, executive vice president, Academic Affairs, has been appointed the first Chancellor Health Fellow in Education and is being charged to organize an upcoming UT system symposium/workshop, “Innovations in Medical Education” in the fall. The event will feature UT faculty and will focus on medical student undergraduate education with an emphasis on experiences with interdisciplinary education involving other members of the health care professions. “I am pleased with the appointment as Chancellor Health Fellow. I am in the early stages of planning the symposium. I hope to use the opportunity of the fellowship to act as a catalyst to advance the mission of medical education in all of the UT academic health centers,” Buja said.



**Dr. Max Buja**

**EM DOCTOR WINS AWARD**



Emergency Medicine chair **Dr. Brent King (l.)**, congratulates **Dr. Arlo Weltge**, who will receive the Meritorious Service Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians in recognition of his distinguished service.