



# Scoop

April 9, 2004

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

**April**  
**16, 17 Alumni Reunion.** Register by calling 713-500-5121.

**May**  
**13 Annual Faculty Meeting,** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., MSB 2.006. Simulcast in LBJ auditorium, Room 217.

**15 Bridging Grants Due.** Send to Dr. John Byrne, MSB 7.046.

**30 Commencement,** 1 p.m., Assembly Hall, George R. Brown Convention Center.

## UTMost Interest

**Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, M.D.**, assistant professor, Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, recently was awarded the "Thomas J. Walsh Clinical Mycology Award" at Focus on Fungal Infections 14, in New Orleans. Ostrosky-Zeichner received this award for his work in invasive candidiasis, the fourth most common blood-stream infection in the U.S.



**NOTE** - A hurricane/flood drill at the Medical School took place April 3. Ten flood doors were tested, closed, and sealed. Another drill is scheduled upon completion of the remainder flood doors.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASS APRIL 13

The Houston Fire Department and the UT Fire and Life Safety & Emergency Preparedness Program will offer fire extinguisher training, 8 - 11:30 a.m., and again 12:39-3:30 p.m., **April 13**, behind the loading dock at Operations Center Building (OCB). Call 713- 500-3433.

## COME CELEBRATE THE NEW STUDENT LOUNGE LOOK APRIL 27

The Webber Plaza entrance and the new student Leather Lounge are open for public access. There will be an event celebrating the new leather lounge 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., **Tues., April 27**. Punch and cookies will be served and formal remarks will be made at noon in the new space. The green elevators have been reprogrammed to access the ground floor, and the yellow elevators have been taken out of service on the ground floor. The Ross Sterling entrance is closed. Please use the Webber Plaza entrance or the John Freeman building to exit and enter the building.



MS III students (l. to r.) Josh Hellums, Holland Patterson, and Jarrott Grace reviewing for exams in the new Leather Lounge.

Other changes afoot include an IT move to the new ground floor. The following personnel in Medical School Information Technology (MSIT) have moved from the Jesse Jones Library to new office spaces in MSB G500: **Dr. Bill Weems, Amy Jones, Adam Ahmad, Bassel Choucair, Mark Ford, Sajan Gautam, Soulat Khan, Allen McConnell, Badrinath Munipalla, Tarkesh Patel, Charles Reeves, Besnik Sylejmani, Sanjay Thakur, Bruce Welch, Rongrong Yu, Omar Zaman, and Barry Ribbeck**. Telephone numbers remain the same. There will be a reception 3-5 p.m. **Wed., April 21**, MSB G.500 area.

## ELLIS TO LEAD INTERNAL MEDICINE'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

**Bruce Kone, M.D.**, executive vice chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and **Kevin Dillon**, executive vice president for Finance and Business Affairs, recently announced the appointment of a new financial and administrative leader for the Department of Internal Medicine.

**Jerry Ellis**, former chief financial officer of the UT Health Science Center and, at his retirement in August 2003, vice president of Continuous Improvement, became interim executive director, finance and administration for Internal Medicine April 1, 2004.



Jerry Ellis

Because of Internal Medicine's significant size and complexity — the department has a \$35 million annual operating budget — and it has large teaching, research and clinical services areas — it has an increased need for financial and administrative presence within the department, according to both Kone and Dillon.

Ellis reports to both Kone and Dillon. Internal Medicine's interim director of management operations **Wilhelmina Moore** reports to Ellis.

## MATCH RESULTS ARE IN FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL'S 2004 CLASS

Of the 192 members of this graduating class, 107 will stay in Texas for their first year of postgraduate training, and 40 (20.5%) were matched to UTHSC-H programs. The Match List is available at <http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/studaff/index.htm>.



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## BIKE TO WORK APRIL 30

The annual Texas Medical Center community-wide “Bike to the Texas Medical Center Day” rally will take place 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., Fri., **April 30** at the John. P. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons.

The Houston Police Department will host a table where riders may register their bikes for free, and bike-friendly maps, safety information, and free food will be distributed to attendees.

Organized by the Texas Medical Center’s Bicycle/Scooter Safety and Mobility Committee, the rally aims to encourage TMC students and employees to cycle for fun, fitness, or transportation.

Census statistics show that while more than half of all U.S. citizens live within five miles of their workplace, many do not commute by bicycle.

Bicycle commuting is a great way to squeeze exercise into a hectic schedule. Also, bicycling is an environmentally friendly way to create less congestion and pollution. Cyclists “free-wheel” while automobile commuters sit frustrated in traffic.

For more information about the rally or bicycle/scooter safety and mobility, contact **Keith Davis** at 713-798-8910.

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## AWF CONFERENCE IS APRIL 16

The Association of Women Faculty (AWF) along with the Department of Surgery, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Committee on the Status of Women, are having a career development event, 8 a.m.-noon, Fri., **April 16**, at the Marriott Medical Center. A workshop, “Thinking Like a CEO of Your Career: Goal Setting, Advancing, and All Necessary Skills In-Between,” will be a feature. Afternoon sessions in MSB 3.001, also are being offered. **Janet Bickel**, a well-respected career development coach, will conduct all of the sessions. Her Web site is <<http://www.janetbickel.com>>. All are invited; \$15 for non-members, free for AWF members. For questions call **Charlene Schoubroek**, 713-566-5775. Register online by **April 14** at <[http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut\\_general/special\\_interest/committees/awf](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/special_interest/committees/awf)>.

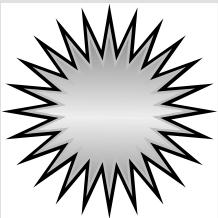
## MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES CLASS APRIL 20

“Motivating Employees at the Medical School” will be held 9 – 11 a.m., Tues., **April 20**, in the John Freeman Building (JFB), room G.734. From attending this class participants will: know which job incentives are most important to employees; understand the supervisor’s role in creating a motivating environment; and know the top 10 ways of motivating employees. Class participants will apply information learned to real-life scenarios. Register for the class online at <<http://www.uth.tmc.edu/training>>, or contact **David Madrigal** at 713-500-3136.

*Editor’s Note: The Outstanding Employee Award is presented quarterly to Medical School employees who go beyond what is expected in their job duties. To be eligible, a nominee must be a fulltime classified UTHSC-H Medical School employee, including LBJ and MSI, for a minimum of one year. See <<http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu>>.*

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - REBECCA CHADDOCK

**Rebecca Chaddock**, our Employee of the Quarter, is a support specialist in Continuing Medical Education, and has been with the UT System a little over two years and seven months. Her favorite color is yellow. “It reminds me of sunshine,” she said. That’s definitely a clue to this young woman’s personality — on the upside of sunny.



Said her nominator, “Rebecca’s professional demeanor and take charge attitude — no matter what the task — is carried out with tireless energy and enthusiasm. Her clients often call the office and ask for her specifically.”

“The thing about me is, I want to see the end product,” said Rebecca, who certifies and maintains 10 different departmental Grand Rounds lecture series and two other lecture series, one at the Medical School and one at M. D. Anderson. After two months in office, she developed a Grand Rounds recertification presentation for her Grand Rounds clients, modified existing certification documentation so that it was easier for clients to use, and retooled the current Grand Rounds tracking system. “I enjoy working with the Grand Rounds coordinators. They do Grand Rounds fliers — both electronic and paper — to get the word out. And, they’re very kind people,” Rebecca said.

“You cannot ask to work for two better bosses – **Suzanne Taylor** and **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**,” said Rebecca. “I got to fly to San Francisco to work at a CME conference, and I’ve worked three or four other conferences. It’s neat to start with a concept on a piece of paper and see it all come together – to have a successful conference.

“How do I know a conference or a Grand Rounds series has been successful? The doctors tell you. They let you know real quick,” she said.

Rebecca’s been known to move furniture out of the way to make room for an unexpected arrival of office equipment, to make directional signs for events, to register conference attendees, and greet speakers. And she’s even directed traffic at one location!

“My alter ego at home — I live on 2 1/2 acres in Manvel — is probably Laura Croft on a dirt bike,” she said with a big smile. I go too fast on my property. Can you tell? I’m an outdoorsy kind of person. I attend volleyball, softball games, as well as motorcross competitions out in Alvin. Besides my husband Shaun, I have four canine “children” — Cole, Bud, Pearl, and Cookie.”



**Rebecca Chaddock**