



Scoop

March 5, 2004

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

March

5, 6 Stroke Recovery Symposium, Hilton Americas-Houston. Visit <<http://www.uthouston.edu/calendar/DisplayEvents.asp>>.

18 The Match. 11 a.m., Webber Plaza. In case of rain, Fifth Floor Gallery.

20 The Developing Brain, a free event, 10:30 a.m.-noon, MSB 3.001.

30 Health & Human Spirit Lecturer, Dr. Jeffrey Bishop, noon, MSB 3.001.

April

3 Osler Internal Medicine Faculty vs. Residents Softball Game. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., UT Rec Center.

17 & 24 UT House Medics. Volunteer to lend a hand with a scraper, hammer and paint brush for elderly homeowners. Contact **Krysti Suarez,** 713-500-2241.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Samuel Kaplan, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, is an invited speaker at the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council-Initiative Scoping Workshop, March 24-25, in England and is an invited speaker to the European Science Foundation Conference on Inter- and Intracellular Signalling and Global Regulation in Bacteria, May 8-13, Barcelona, Spain.

COMMENCEMENT IS MAY 30

Mark your calendars. Commencement for this year's Medical School's graduating class will take place 1 p.m. Sun., **May 30**, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. (Last week's *Scoop* erroneously stated a different date).

Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, director of the National Cancer Institute, will be the commencement speaker.

Faculty regalia can be ordered until **March 11** with a \$16.50 late fee charge. After this date, the late fee charge will increase to \$22.50. The absolute deadline for regalia orders will be **March 26**. Please contact <rita.m.rivera@uth.tmc.edu>.

CLOSING HOOD SASHES MAKES GOOD ENERGY CENTS

Did you know that one unneeded open sash (door) on a chemical fume hood at the Medical School wastes the equivalent of cooling or heating a 1,750 sq. ft. home? It's true! And there are more than 400 chemical fume hoods in the Medical School. Taken together, the collective air volume stored in all of these chemical fume hoods amounts to the equivalent volume of the Astrodome — if the sashes were to be left open.



Kate Manees, acting chemical safety manager, EH&S, illustrates safe hood handling and closing.

Did you know that the Medical School's energy usage amounts to nearly 50 percent of the entire campus' energy usage? This fiscal year the energy budget for the campus is \$7.7M and Medical School's part of that is \$3.8M.

Did you know that the last phase of the IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) was funded with a loan? LoanStar, a component of the State Energy Conservation Office, loaned The UT Health Science Center at Houston \$8.5M for the completion of this project.

Did you know that we have to pay back the loan to LoanStar with energy savings? We have to pay back \$900,000 per year for 10 years.

Where will this money come from? It will come from the savings of energy by closing sashes when not in use.

Did you know that hood sashes should be closed at all times for safety reasons unless physically working within the hood? Physically working in the hood means that a person is standing at the hood with their hands inside.

Did you know that chemical fume hoods have an internal bypass system that exhausts air even though the hood sash is closed? It's true! - *T. Behnken, Facilities Operations, Sr. Mechanical Engineer*

RED TEAM WINS COMPETITION

The Red Team prevailed during the 11th Annual Health Care Team Competition held Feb. 24 at the Dental Branch. Two teams, composed of students from all six schools at the University Health Science Center and students from the University of Houston, competed. The case study was prepared and judged by UT and UH faculty.



This year, the case dealt with a fictional bioterrorist attack during the recent Super Bowl. All team members will receive scholarships and a medallion, and members of the winning team also will receive engraved trophies. Over the past 11 years, 415 students have participated in this prestigious competition.

Ten Red Team participants, including Medical School student Jose E. Garza, (back row, second from right), gather for a winning pose. Participants were drawn from the Health Science Center and U of H.



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TIPS ON PROCESSING VOUCHERS, RECEIVERS

Editor's note: The PeopleSoft FMS support team along with Finance and Procurement are writing periodic articles to keep the Medical School community abreast of progress at the request of Interim Dean Stanley Schultz:

DELETING OLD/INACTIVE VOUCHERS FROM FMS

In order to approve a non-PO voucher in FMS, Disbursements must have supporting documentation on hand.

Unless required support is received, non-PO vouchers entered in FMS over 90 days ago are considered abandoned and will be deleted.

Users should monitor own vouchers for approval status and successful budget check. If it appears unusually long for a non-PO voucher to get approved (more than 30 days), please alert Disbursements (Ext. 4966).

PROCESSING RECEIVERS

Per HOOP 13.11 Merchandise Delivery and Return, upon receipt of merchandise shipped directly to a department, the department must verify that the correct merchandise in the correct quantity was received undamaged. The department also must process the receiver transaction immediately upon merchandise receipt to enable Accounts Payable to timely process the payment to the vendor.

Payments cannot be made until the receivers are processed. Please note that while keying in a receiver, you should always use the date when the merchandise was actually received, which may or may not be the date when you enter the receiver.

VOUCHER REMIT TO ADDRESS

When entering a voucher in the Accounts Payable Module, please always verify that the vendor location on your voucher Invoice Information Page is the actual vendor address as it is stated on the vendor invoice.

Be especially attentive in verifying the address on the voucher Payment page — that address must be the remittance address, just as it is listed per the vendor invoice.

If the desired address is not listed among the choices in FMS for a supplier vendor, contact vendor administration (Ext. 4862) to add the alternate address. The FAS Team should be contacted (Ext. 4949) for changes to other types of vendors.

If these precautions are not taken, the vendor address will default to 'Main' and the check will be issued with the wrong address. As a result, the check must then be cancelled and reissued.

VOUCHER RECYCLE STATUS

Upon keying in your voucher and saving it, it is essential to make sure that your voucher is in Postable entry status. The entry status can be located on Invoice Information page of the voucher right above voucher number.

If your voucher is in Recycle entry status, it contains error(s) disallowing this voucher's further processing and payment. You must correct such Recycle vouchers and bring them to Postable status before sending supporting documentation to Disbursements.

If you are not sure why your voucher is in Recycle status, click on Save and the error message will come up indicating the problem(s). Usually these are simple errors that you can resolve quickly on your own. Help desk (Ext. 4848) should be able to assist you with more complex issues.

NEXT WEEK: Required supporting documentation for a voucher.

- S. Ball, I. Belmont

Faculty Profile

ROSENSTRAUCH RECEIVES THREE GRANTS TO CONTINUE HER CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

Dr. Doreen Rosenstrauch, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, recently was appointed adjunct professor at Rice University and has received three grant awards. Rosenstrauch, a visiting and honorary professor at the Tanzania Heart Institute, (featured in *Scoop* 12/12/03), received a \$50,000 grant with other collaborators for "Cell Adhesion to Heterologous Biological Membranes," from the Roderick Duncan MacDonald Research Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

She also received another \$50,000 grant, "Auricular Chondrocytes Genetically Engineered with Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase," from the Roderick Duncan MacDonald Research Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. "Genetically engineered chondrocytes," Rosenstrauch said, "coupled with the antithrombotic factor, nitric oxide, may enhance the biocompatibility of implantable cardiovascular devices." Rosenstrauch believes the research may lead to reduced complications associated with implantable cardiovascular devices.

With other collaborators, Rosenstrauch has received a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for "Optimizing Stent Design." The award, Rosenstrauch stated, will support interdisciplinary training of undergraduate students at the University of Houston, who will have the opportunity to become familiar with research projects at both the Health Science Center and the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

With other cardiologists and medical professionals, Rosenstrauch is planning another trip to Tanzania next October, to conduct patient screenings and open-heart surgeries. "We want to help the people of Tanzania, where cardiac disease is disproportionately high," she said.

CARDIOLOGY FORUM A SUCCESS

Dr. Francisco Fuentes, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, announced that the Preventive Cardiology Forum XIV, held at the Medical School Feb. 7, had 335 attendees and was broadcast on the Internet. "The purpose of the forum is to 'educate the educators' on the prevention and reduction of cardiovascular disease. Mortality and morbidity remain high despite effective cardiac therapies. This year the focus of the educational activities was prevention, detection, and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women and children," said Fuentes. Planners hope to reach a worldwide audience for next year's forum.

