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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

October

7 Founders' Fun Fest TODAY! 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Hornberger Conference Center.

11 MSRDP Board Meeting. 4 p.m.-6 p.m., MSB 2.103. All members invited.

11 Elena Marks, J.D., M.P.H., to speak on "Lessons Learned: Houston's Hurricane Relief Efforts." 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science.

12 SPECIAL McGovern Lecturer David Watts, M.D., to speak on "Saving the Doctor-Patient Relationship: What's Literature Got to Do with It?" and to read from his book, *Bedside Manners: One Doctor's Reflections on the Oddly Intimate Encounters Between Patient and Healer*. Noon-1 p.m., MSB 2.135. Lunch provided for first 100 attendees.

12 Basketball League play begins. Contact Chucky Son at 713-500-8422.

18 Grant Taylor Lectureship presents David Himmelstein, M.D., to speak on "Health Reform: A Medical Emergency." Noon-1 p.m. Jesse Jones Library, Sammons Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 250 attendees.

MSRDP Board Announces New At-Large Members

The following faculty members have been elected to the Medical Service Research and Development Plan (MSRDP) Board as at-large members for the term Sept. 1, 2005 - Aug. 31, 2007: **Dr. Pamela Berens**, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences; **Dr. Alan Cohen**, Radiology; **Dr. Philip Johnson**, Internal Medicine/General Medicine; **Dr. Stephen Larson**, Anesthesiology; **Dr. Philip Orlander**, Internal Medicine/Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism; **Dr. John Potts**, Surgery; and **Dr. Robert Yetman**, Pediatrics. The next Board meeting is from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 11 in MSB 2.103.

RRF MAKES PROGRESS, BERM PROJECT WRAPPING UP

Over the last few weeks, the Replacement Research Facility has begun to take shape and is starting to look like the six-story building it will become.

The concrete foundation of the building and the columns for the first floor are nearly complete. Each floor will be poured in sections – east side and west side – in order to manage the amount of concrete needed for each slab.

"The volume of work on these pours is huge, and especially in Texas in the summer, you want to keep a close eye on the temperature of the concrete. Once you get beyond about 95 degrees you start experiencing rapid curing of the concrete – it hardens before it can be put in place," explained **Kyle Roth**, project manager, UT System Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction.

Over the next couple of months, the columns for the remaining floors will go up and then the skin – a precast concrete – will be hung by a tower crane, covering the building.

"The big push is to get the superstructure in place to support the rest of the building. The project is on time, but weather could be an issue that slows us down," Roth said.

Part of the Medical School Building will soon be under construction as the limestone façade will be removed from the Medical School Building in certain areas where the attachments to the RRF will occur.

The other main construction project for the Medical School is the berm, which will be substantially completed by the end of October. The Jesse Jones Library loop and sidewalks on its lawn have been re-opened after being elevated 6-8 inches to maintain the 45-foot flood protec-

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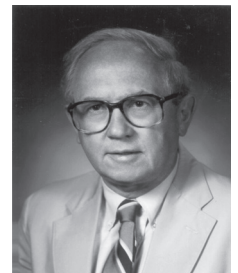
FRYE TO SPEAK OCT. 18 FOR JAMES T. WILLERSON, M.D., SERIES

Dr. Robert Frye, the Rose M. and Morris Eisenberg Professor of Medicine and director of the Center for Patient Oriented Research at the Mayo Clinic, will present the annual endowed lecture in the James T. Willerson, M.D., Lecture Series at noon Tuesday, Oct. 18 in lecture hall MSB 3.001. Frye, former chair of the Department of Medicine at Mayo, will speak on "Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Coronary Artery Disease; Observations and Updates on the BARI Trials." The Department of Internal Medicine hosts the annual lecture, which honors Willerson, president of The UT Health Science Center. All faculty, staff, residents, and students are welcome to attend.

Frye is an internationally renowned cardiologist who has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in clinical investigation and academic leadership. He is a Distinguished Fellow and Master of the American College of Cardiology and has served the National Institutes of Health in various leadership and advisory capacities. He has been involved with the important Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation (BARI) Program since the planning stages in the mid-1980s.



The RRF progresses quickly, with the foundation poured and first floor columns up.



Dr. Frye



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SECC KICKS OFF

Medical School employees got a lesson in donating to charities and causes when the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) kicked off in the Leather Lounge Sept. 29. The SECC is an annual workplace giving campaign, offering state employees the benefits of donating to their favorite charities, through one-time gifts or the convenience of payroll deduction.

Kickoff hosts stressed that helping those in need is especially important now, as victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struggle to rebuild their lives and as charities work to recover their funds from supporting hurricane relief efforts. "Never before have we witnessed, daily, the enormous need that our neighbors are experiencing," said **Stanley Schultz, M.D.**, dean of the Medical School. "I urge you all to give as generously as you can to charitable causes of your choice through the SECC." Schultz also encouraged employees to persuade their colleagues to give through the SECC.

Michael McKinney, M.D., chief operating officer and senior executive vice president of The UT Health Science Center, also spoke at the kickoff and encouraged supervisors and managers to "lead by example" with a commitment to the campaign.

SECC participants have a wide range of charities to support, which include local, statewide, national, and international groups. At the kickoff, representatives from a few local charities, including the Houston Symphony Society, Gabriel's Gifts Missing Children's Organization, Cancer Counseling, Inc., and Casa De Esperanza De Los Ninos, were available to answer questions from employees and provide information.

Last year, the health science center raised more than \$175,000 for local and statewide charities in Texas. For more information about the campaign, visit the 2005 SECC Web site: <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/2005secc/>.



Faye Viola and Dawn Alvarado, of Faculty Affairs, speak with a representative from Gabriel's Gifts.

-C. Webb

**Halloween Costume Contest
2 p.m. Oct. 31
Medical School Leather Lounge**

Don your scariest garb and head to the Leather Lounge Oct. 31 for a chance to win a prize! Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place. Contact Sheila Donnell at 713.500.5650 with questions.

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tion around the building.

Square concrete foundations outside of the Webber Plaza entrance to the Medical School signal the beginning of the wood composite deck, which will soon be erected as part of the berm project.

"The deck is made of a material that won't warp or fade like wood does. The fountain will also be replaced next to the Webber Plaza doors," Roth added.

A new area for bike parking will open at the end of October near the south side of the former cyclotron building.

-D. Brown

CME Services Online Through New Web Site

Physicians may now register for and participate in UT continuing medical education activities via the Web with the debut of www.UTcme.com.

The Web site is a result of the partnership of the Medical School with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, with whom the Medical School has contracted to provide continuing medical education (CME) services under a four-year agreement.

"Physicians can register for courses, view courses, take online courses, and keep track of their CME records with this new Web site," said **Elaine Allbritton**, manager of the CME office. "This gives our faculty access 24 hours a day."

"This innovative partnership with UTMB has helped the Medical School jump into the electronic age with continuing medical education offerings – something that has never been offered at UT-Houston before," added **Dean Stanley Schultz**.

UTMB employees are based at the Medical School, in a new office, Jesse Jones Library, Suite 403, to provide CME services, including "full conference" operations, accreditation of meetings, and grand rounds.

Another aspect of the new partnership is a marketing campaign for the office, which will feature billboards around the Houston area.

To contact the Continuing Education office, call Elaine Allbritton at 713-500-5249 or send e-mail to Elaine.M.Allbritton@uth.tmc.edu.

Upcoming Conferences:

Oct. 8

Lower Extremity Peripheral Nerve Block: Update and Cadaver Workshop

Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, Texas

This conference seeks to increase the knowledge of anesthesiologists, orthopedic surgeons, and other health care professionals with current information and techniques in utilizing lower extremity peripheral nerve blocks in adult and pediatric patients.

Oct. 21

Pin Drop Emergency Ultrasound Course **St. Regis Hotel, Houston**

This course is offered as a primer for emergency medicine physicians who currently use or would like to introduce bedside ultrasound in their practice.



www.UTcme.com
A Continuing Medical Education Partnership Program

Heart Walk Set Nov. 5 – Sign-Up TODAY!

Here's how to get involved:

- Visit <http://www.uthouston.edu/community/heartwalk/> and sign up to walk with Team UT.
- Ask your staff and colleagues to help organize and join your team.
- Donate to the university's effort to benefit the American Heart Association.
- Enlist your friends to walk with you or support you with a personal donation.
- Invite family members, friends, and patients who are stroke and/or heart attack survivors to join the Stroke Survivors' White Cap tent, sponsored by the UT Health Science Center.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Dustin Childers (Dustin.Childers@uth.tmc.edu) at 713-500-3258.