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Friday, May 1, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Calendar Week of

May 1 - 8

5 Cinco de Mayo, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Webber Plaza (in case of rain, will be held in Leather Lounge).

6 Institute of Molecular Medicine, "Regulation of Apoptosis by Transcription Factor NF-kB Activation," **Dr. Bharat Aggarwal**, Institute of Molecular Medicine, 2121 W. Holcombe, 11 a.m., 11th floor Board Room.

6 Health Promotion and Health Education, "Weight Management: It's Your Choice," noon, 2.103.

7 Annual Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 3.001 and LBJ Annex, Auditorium, Room 217. Lunch first 200 at MSB, first 40 at LBJ.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL DEAN NAMED

Dr. Tom Burks, Exec. VP for Research and Academic Affairs, has announced the search committee for the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences GSBS). **Dr. Burks** and **Dr. Andrew Von Eschenbach** of M. D. Anderson Cancer Center will be co-chairs. The search committee will be comprised of four faculty representatives from UT-Houston and four from M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. UT-Houston members include: **Drs. George Stancel**, Pharmacology; **Barbara Sanborn**, Biochemistry; **Craig Hanis**, Human Genetics Center (SPH); and **Gilbert Castro**, Special Projects and Education, Access and Equity. M. D. Anderson members included **Drs. Stephen Tomasovic**, **Elizabeth Travis**, **William Plunkett, Jr.**, and **Guillermin Lozano**.



SCIENCE SCHOLAR AWARD APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN

Applications are now being taken for the prestigious Science Scholar Award, the National Down's Syndrome Society (NDSS) has announced. The Science Scholar Award is a two-year salary research grant of \$35,000 per year, provided to promising post-doctoral scholars in the field of Down's syndrome. Recipients of the NDSS Science Scholar Award will be expected to prepare a report outlining their progress. Primary attention will be given to the applicant's academic excellence. The awardee should have completed two years of post-doctoral work by July 1998. The research does not have to be directly related to Down's Syndrome, but must add to the knowledge pool about this genetic condition. Send applications to the National Down's Syndrome Society, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, attention: **Dr. Charles J. Epstein**, Chairman of the Science Advisory Board. The application should be postmarked by June 1, 1998.

HONORING LA MADRE

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes awarded to the most original Mother's Day poem, one page, double-spaced, 12 font, Ariel or Times New Roman. Submission due date: Wednesday, May 6, to **Anne Starr**, MSB 5.020, FAX 500-6201; **Dubelza Garcia**, MSB 5.020, FAX 500-6201; **Alma Leal**, LBJ 1EC 73 029, or call 636-4659. Co-sponsored by UT-Medical School and LBJ Hospital. Mother's Day is Sun., May 10.



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY ON JUNE 17

UT-Houston will sponsor "Take Your Child to Work" events on Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Both boys and girls will be able to register for the program. The program is sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women and will begin with a morning program at the Medical School in Room 3.001. Participants will be treated to the following tours: Pregnancy and Baby; Hermann Life Flight; Orthopedics; Graphics; Sound's Fun; and Neurology. The latter two tours include visiting a hearing research lab and viewing a rat surgery demo. Advance reservations are required for all participants of the tour program, which will be limited to a total of 200 boys and girls. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast with tours to follow. The entire event ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Leather Lounge. Volunteers are needed. For additional information on volunteering and registration, contact **Araceli Alvarez**, 500-3868.



DON'T MISS....

Willerson Visiting Professor, Dr. Judah Folkman, Tues., May 12, 1 p.m., 3.001, "Angiogenic Therapy of the Heart?"

Dean's Lecture, Dr. Judah Folkman, Wed., May 13, 4 p.m., 3.001, "New Directions in Angiogenic Research."

Neuroscience Lecture: Dr. Ralph A. Nixon, Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, Fri., May 15, noon, 3.001, "The Role of Proteases in the Pathogenesis of Alzheimer's Disease."

DR. MICHAEL MCCALLUM

Dr. Michael McCallum, 60, former Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the UT-Houston Medical School, passed away Sunday, April 26. McCallum came from McKenna Memorial Hospital in New Braunfels, Texas to join UT-Houston in 1993. McCallum had also established and served as medical director for STARFLIGHT Helicopter Program in Austin, Texas, and as medical director for the City of Austin EMS department. In his long career, he had also served 10 years active duty in the U.S. Army with the rank of Lt. Colonel, and achieved many major awards, including the Bronze Star Medal. Memorial services were held at Dunn Chapel on Thursday, April 30.

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*Service Spotlight***Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty 25 Years Strong**

All too often when we reflect on our identity as a medical school, we think first of students, faculty, employees, buildings, curricula, clinics and research labs. After all, these are the visible elements of who we are. But there's much more. Behind the scenes a variety of groups are at work representing the school and our community interests. Consider our Alumni Association, Organization of Parents and Friends, Employee Relations Committee, Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Committee on the Status of Women, and Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty (to name a few). Each contributes in many ways to this Medical School and will be spotlighted in this publication in the coming year.

Perhaps no group has a longer history and record of involvement than the Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty. First organized in 1973, the group has a membership of approximately 100 and has been a community champion of this Medical School in a variety of ways. Consider a few of their contributions to the school in recent years:

- Annual \$1,000 Senior Travel Prize given to a 4th Year student on the merit of academic accomplishment to be used to support the students' travel to interviews.
- Support of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) through the gift of a FAX machine for use by students.
- Additional LRC support through the purchase and gift of heart/sound simulation equipment for student use.
- Support of the Student Health Clinic.
- Ongoing fundraising efforts to continue support for identified school needs.

Says **Mary Stancel**, president-elect of the group, "In addition to our upcoming Annual Spring Luncheon, we host interesting events and meetings for members throughout the year, coordinate fundraising projects, promote friendship and communication, and keep a collective eye on the needs of the Medical School." This year's annual luncheon meeting and installation of officers will be held May 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Doctor's Club (1020 Holcombe). The featured speakers will be **Dr. Harriet T. Schultz** and **Suan Dickson, M.Ed., L.P.C.** Dr. Schultz is a Houston psychologist and wife of former Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology chairman and current Director of Problem Based Learning, **Dr. Stanley Shultz**. The topic will be "Hollywood Therapists: Fact and Fiction." (Readers interested in attending the luncheon can get information by contacting **JoEllen Gilstrap**, 713-839-0444. Luncheon cost is \$18.50/person).

Current officers include: **Linda Graves**, president, **Mary Stancel**, president-elect, **Donna Buja**, vice president, **Cathy Weisbrodt**, secretary and **Annette Wheless**, treasurer. One of the latest projects on the planning board is a cookbook. "We're in the early planning stages at this point," says **Cathy Weisbrodt**. "We're looking at cookbooks the group has published in the past and are planning something unique, fun, and new. Proceeds will be used by our organization to further our support of student and school projects." (*Scoop* will provide additional details and guidelines in coming months for submitting recipes for consideration.)

Comments **Dean Maximilian Buja**, "The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty has been working behind the scenes for many years, in many ways. Through their fundraising and community involvement, they are a participatory partner that makes us a medical school *family* compared to just any medical school. That is a very important distinction we can all be proud of." Watch *Scoop* in the coming year for additional profiles of community organizations.

**Town Hall Meeting Draws Capacity Crowd**

President M. David Low, Dr. Tom Burks, and Mr. John Porretto addressed a capacity crowd in 3.001 on Thurs., April 29 at their annual Medical School Town Hall Meeting. Dr. Burks commented that the search committee for GSBS dean will be meeting soon (see page 1) "to find an outstanding scientist that the graduate school so richly deserves." He also noted there will be a new director for the Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM) that he will coordinate with **Dean Buja**. President Low touched on UT-Houston's future building plans and said, "We're still young as an academic institution, 25 years of age, and a lot is going to happen over the next ten years." Addressing research, Dr. Low praised faculty for research funding accomplishments noting that in 1989 spending on research at UT-H was \$42 million and today is \$100 million. A key issue raised by the audience concerned the present dual option health insurance plan (compared to the former triple option plan) for UT-H employees. Dr. Low sympathized with the concern and encouraged continued communication on the issue as part of the process to identify solutions.

NIH Announces Research Awards

The NIH has posted guidelines for the Mentored Patient-oriented Research Career Development Award (K23) and Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient Oriented Research (K24). The purpose of the K23 Award is to support the career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research. The guidelines have been forwarded to the chairs of all clinical departments at the Medical School or you can find these guidelines at <<http://www.nih.gov>>.