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Friday, August 7, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Calendar Week of August 7-14

11 Compliance With Equal Employment Opportunity Law, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., OCB, 2nd floor, Rio Grande Room. Contact **Cecile Ervin**, 500-3079.

13 Employee Relations Committee Meeting, 2-3 p.m., Microbiology Library, JFB 1.707. All welcome to attend.

14 Memorial Service for Dr. Joseph Gabel, chairman, Anesthesiology (1980-1991), 4 p.m., Hermann Hospital's John Dunn Chapel. Reception following in the Medical School's Fifth Floor Gallery.

UTmost Interest

Drs. Anne H. Dougherty, Cardiology; **James Grotta**, Neurology; **David Loose-Mitchell**, Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology; **Richard Smalling**, Cardiology; and **Nora Shire**, Community Affairs and Public Education, attended board orientation for the American Heart Association's Houston Division's Board of Directors for 1998-99...**Dr. H. Randolph Bailey**, Medical School Clinical Professor of Surgery, Hermann Hospital's Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was elected President-Elect of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) for 1998-99 in San Antonio.



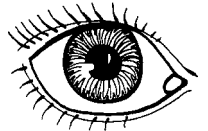
LOGO CONTEST

The Employee Relations Committee has been representing Medical School employees for over 20 years and wants a new logo "look." Gather your artistic talents and submit your logo entry by **August 15, 1998**. The winner will be announced on ERC Employee Appreciation Day. Contact **Sheryl Stephenson**, MSB 2.132, 500-7627, or email <sheryls@msrad3.med.uth.tmc.edu>

FYI - Publications Services Program debuted Monday, **Aug. 3**, HAM-TMC Library. Help in grant writing, fall writing workshops and software applications courses available. Contact **Thomas Gegeny**, (713) 799-7803.

OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINICAL TRIAL PUBLISHED

Dr. Richard Ruiz, chairman of the Dept. of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, recently participated in a national, collaborative clinical trial supported by the National Eye Institute and the National Cancer Institute. The Collaborative Ocular Melanoma Study (COMS) found that patients with large eye melanomas had similar five-year survival rates regardless of whether they were treated with radiation prior to removal of the eye or had the eye removed without prior radiation treatment. The findings appeared in the June issue of the *American Journal of Ophthalmology*.



FACULTY PROMOTION OVERVIEW SCHEDULED



All faculty are invited to attend this presentation about the Medical School faculty promotion and tenure process. Presenters will be **Dr. Henry Strobel**, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, **Dr. Anna Steinberger**, Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs, and **Dr. Carl Sandler**, Chair, Faculty Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee (FAPTC). To register, contact **Mary Cole**, email address: <mcole@dean.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

Information will be offered on the following and conclude with a question and answer session:

- Criteria and Steps in the Promotion Process
- Responsibilities of the Faculty Member and Department Chair
- FAPTC Review Process

Session I: Tuesday, **August 11**, MSB G.018, 4-6 p.m.

Session II: Thursday, **August 13**, LBJ-UT Annex, Room 217, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., (Lunch provided)

Session III: Thursday, **August 20**, MSB G.018, 8-10 a.m.

OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH OPENS

Dr. Larry C. Gilstrap III, chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, announced the opening of the Office of Women's Health, (OWH), room 3.102, and named **Loretta Roy** as the OWH administrator. For information, call **Roy** at 500-6394 or e-mail her at <lroy@obg.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

CAREER AWARDS IN THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is inviting nominations for awards in the program Career Awards in the Biomedical Sciences. The awards are intended to foster the development and productivity of biomedical researchers who are early in their careers. Six candidates may be nominated from a given institution. All awardees receive three years of support during the faculty appointment. Salary support for postdoctoral support is \$38,000 to \$44,000. Faculty support is \$54,000 in the first year, \$59,000 in the second year, and \$65,000 in the third year. The deadline for receipt of all application materials is **October 1, 1998**. Interested candidates should contact the Office of Research Services at 500-3075.

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE WITH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SOUTHEAST BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME), with support from the Office of Community Affairs and Public Education, is developing a program of continuing medical education for the medical staff of Memorial Hospital Southeast. Says **Linda Hoffman, MPH, RN**, new director of the Medical School's CME office, "This is a pilot initiative that we hope will expand throughout the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. Memorial Southeast's medical staff has invited our participation, and we will be matching their CME interests with our faculty specialties."

Says **Dean Max Buja**, "This is an important opportunity to present timely clinical updates on topics of mutual interest, build awareness of our Medical School expertise, and position our faculty as partners in care with the Memorial Hermann family of healthcare facilities."

Currently, says **Hoffman**, UT faculty speakers interested in joining our growing list of potential CME speakers, can contact the CME office (500-5126) or drop by G.104 to fill out a short form listing title of presentation and a minimum of three objectives for the talk. Forms are also available in the Office of Community Affairs and Public Education (G.004). The speakers list will be provided to Memorial Hospital Southeast as a menu of available topics and faculty expertise.

Speakers will be contacted in advance for scheduling by the Medical School's CME office. "For Memorial Southeast," she adds, "they have invited faculty presentations on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., starting in September and we are already filling that pilot schedule with some outstanding presentations."

Says **Dr. Gailen Marshall**, who chairs the Medical School's CME Advisory Committee, "This is a wonderful opportunity, and we plan to make the most of it. These presentations will be an hour in length and should focus on clinical principles and practice blended with cutting edge clinical research used to support the clinical principles and patient outcomes as appropriate. The CME Advisory Committee, with endorsement from the Administrative Council, encourages interested faculty to participate."

Each presentation for the fall initiative at Memorial Southeast will provide one hour of CME credit for those physicians in attendance. Presenters can expect about 40 to 50 Memorial Southeast physicians at the Wednesday sessions. Standard audio-visual equipment for slides and overheads is provided. The Medical School's CME office will coordinate the CME accreditation process as well as collect a small honorarium to be transferred to that faculty presenter's department. Faculty members may submit multiple presentation topics by filling out the forms that serve as a notice of availability. For more information, contact **Julie Thomas** in the CME Office at 500-5126 or e-mail, <jthomas@dean.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

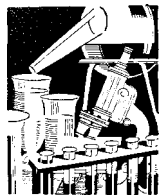
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Searle Scholars Program Soliciting Nominations

The Searle Scholars Program is soliciting nominations for the purpose of supporting independent research of outstanding individuals. Investigators should have begun or will begin their first appointment as an assistant professor on or after July 1, 1997. Nominees are expected to be pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. Grants are \$180,000 over a three-year period. Because only two nominations may be sent from UT-Houston, an internal review of all nominees will be conducted. Please contact the Office of Research Services (ORS) at 500-3075 by **August 18, 1998**, for more information or to nominate a candidate.



AAMC Offers Scholars-in-Residence Program in Washington, D.C.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), representing U.S. medical schools, teaching hospitals, and professional academic medical societies, will once again be offering a Scholars-in-Residence Program in the Center for the Assessment and Management of Change in Academic Medicine in Washington, D.C. Faculty members or administrators planning sabbaticals with at least seven years experience at an AAMC member medical school or teaching hospital are eligible to apply. Individuals must be willing to commit between three and 12 months to this position and must have salary support. Possible project topics include: The effects of environmental change on the clinical, educational, or research missions of academic medical centers and on the financing and organization of academic medicine. The Center's principal approaches involve: Linking and conducting analyses of the large databases that the Association manages and the development of a network of 14 academic medical centers. Applicants should submit a research proposal, outlining the proposed research and resources that would be required to complete the project, and curriculum vitae to **Dr. Paul F. Griner**, Vice President and Director, CAMCAM, Association of American Medical Colleges, 2450 N. St., NW, Washington, DC, 20037.