



Scoop



Friday, March 26, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Pediatric Review and Update 1999, TOMORROW, Sat., March 27, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., MSB 3.001.** Call 713-500-5249.
- **UT-Houston Honors Convocation, Tues., March 30, 4-5:30 p.m., SPH auditorium.**
- **ERC's Easter Basket Drawing, Tues., March 30, 12:30 p.m., Leather Lounge.**
- **Kirkendall Endowed Lectureship, Dr. Nancy Dickey, President, AMA, Med. Schl. grad, Tues., March 30, 1-2 p.m., MSB 3.001.**
- **Classified Staff Workshop, Wed., March 31, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sheraton Astrodome, 8686 Kirby Drive.**
- **Pediatric Hypertension Conference, Thurs-Sat., April 15-17, Woodlands Conference Center, contact CME, 713-500-5249.**

Note - Effective **May 1**, your I.D. badge will be needed for building entry weekdays 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on weekends. See *Scoop* next week for further details on your I.D. badge and its use.

UPDATE - A packed, standing-room-only crowd attended **Dr. C. Everett Koop's** Medical School lecture last week in 3.001. The former Surgeon General was both entertaining and visionary as he delivered insights on "Ten Critical Health Issues For the 21st Century."

UTmost Interest

Dr. Stanford M. Goldman, Professor and Chairman of Radiology, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Society of Radiology at the 10th Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas, March 10-14, 1999.



CHILDHOOD CANCER BENEFIT Monday, **March 29, 7:15 p.m.**, the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center's walls, at 2151 W. Holcombe, will resound with the sounds of the Fifties, "At the Hop," a gala for families dealing with childhood cancer. The fundraiser is open to the public. For information, call Candlelighters, a family alliance, 713-270-4700.

FACULTY AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES JUMP START RECIPIENTS

The Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA) announced their 1999 Jump Start Program recipients as **Dr. Rebecca Girardet**, Pediatrics; **Dr. Carrie G. Markgraf**, Neurosurgery; **Dr. Joan M. Mastrobattista**, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences; **Dr. Eugenia Mileykovskaya**, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; **Dr. Linda Z. Nieman**, Family Practice and Community Medicine; and **Dr. Brian R. Pike**, Neurosurgery. Jump Start provides funds for short-term support (2 - 6 weeks) allowing faculty members to obtain additional training or experience needed to begin new research projects or to redirect ongoing studies. The Jump Start Program is in its third year and helps faculty to broaden their research experience, adding knowledge and expertise to their projects, both locally and through travel to specific research sites.

Graduation Activities, June 4 and 5

Senior Awards Ceremony & Dean's Reception - The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, **June 4, 6 p.m.** at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, followed by the Dean's Reception. Graduates, their families and friends, and faculty are cordially invited to attend all events. For more information, contact **Pat Caver, 500-5170.**

Graduation - On Saturday, **June 5, 10 a.m.**, graduation will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center. **Dr. Phil H. Berry Jr.**, Texas Medical Association president in 1997-98, and organ donor recipient, will be the graduation speaker. Dr. Berry has written numerous articles, including "A Call to Physicians - Live and Then Give" and "Ethics in Transplantation." He is a member of numerous organizations including the United Network of Organ Sharing, the Flying Physicians' Association, and is a Freedoms Foundation Award recipient.



Dr. Phil Berry

THE PROBLEM OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST...

To conquer cardiac arrest, the American Heart Association has recommended the wider application of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). These electronic devices "could save many thousands of lives a year in Texas," said Director, Division of Cardiology, **Dr. Ward Cassells**. Both Casscells and **Dr. Red Duke**, Surgery, have been sharing insights with Texas lawmakers on the importance of legislation that would employ these life-saving tools more widely. The bill has now passed the Texas House and the key Senate committee. Every year, sudden cardiac arrest strikes down 350,000 people. Often seconds stand between the victim and life or death. Studies have shown that the survival rate of these victims is dramatically higher in forward-thinking cities with quick Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response times. Drs. Casscells, Duke and others are linking advanced medical tools and lives saved.



Dr. Ward Casscells

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ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM HERE RECEIVES HIGH MARKS

The Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC International) gave high marks to **Dr. Bradford Goodwin**, Executive Director, and his associates, Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care, in their March 12 full accreditation citation. Specifically, the AAALAC commended them for “the outstanding varied and comprehensive surgical program, directed by **Dr. Chris Smith**, Animal Laboratory Medicine, and staff. Also noteworthy were the high level of sanitation, the excellent administrative support for the program, and excellent veterinary care provided for this complex and diverse animal care and use program.” (See *Scoop* Dec. 11, 1998 for earlier report). Congratulations!



AVOID THAT SUNBURN

It’s that time of year. As the days get longer and Spring Break wraps up, don’t forget to take precaution from sun exposure. Take time to review a few sun safe tips that can reduce you and your family’s risks for skin cancer. “Since skin cancer (squamous and basal cell carcinoma) is linked to cumulative ultraviolet light exposure over your lifetime, parents should be especially attuned to their role in teaching children good sense in the sun,” says **Dr. Robert Jordan**, chairman of the Department of Dermatology and a former board member of the American Academy of Dermatology.

While the following sun safe tips for parents has appeared in *Scoop* in previous years, they are worth repeating.

- ◆ Keep small infants and tots under one year old out of direct sunlight. Newborns should be protected from the sun at all times. Youngsters who are fair-skinned, with blue eyes and blond or red hair need extra protection and are at highest risk.
- ◆ Apply a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 on all exposed areas at least 20 minutes before going outdoors...not just before going to the beach. Apply liberally and re-apply frequently, paying special attention to the face, neck, ears, upper chest, arms and legs. Consider using a sunblock such as zinc ointment on the nose if your child’s nose tends to burn easily. Use a waterproof or water-resistant sunscreen on youngsters who swim.
- ◆ Limit sun exposure during peak hours, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Teach the “Shadow Test” to your children. If your shadow is shorter than you are, get out of the sun.
- ◆ Cover up your child with a sun hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants for better protection.
- ◆ Remember that about 80 percent of the sun’s rays penetrate the clouds. Sunscreen is needed even on cloudy or hazy days.
- ◆ A tan doesn’t mean that your child is protected. Keep using a sunscreen even on a tanned child.
- ◆ If your child is taking medication, check with your doctor before allowing him/her out in the sun as certain medications can react to sunlight, causing an itchy rash, redness or swelling.
- ◆ Examine your child’s skin regularly. Watch for any new raised growths, sores that don’t heal, changes in moles or any new moles or itchy patches. While skin cancer is rare in youngsters, it is not unheard of in teenagers.
- ◆ Set a good example for your children by using sunscreens yourself.



MATCH DAY - A GOOD DAY



Match Day enthusiasts, UT-Houston Medical School style, last Thursday, March 18. From left, Gloria Maguadog, Christina Cano-Gonzales, Stacey Muhammad, Michelle Torres, Jose Torres, and Marco Garza.

UT-Houston Medical School has 195 graduating seniors, and of those 108 matched with residency programs in Texas and 57 matched to UT-H programs. Also, 60% got their first choice, 20%, second choice, and 9%, third choice. Among specialty choices: 33 seniors will be doing an internal medicine residency; 30, family practice; and 20, pediatrics. Congratulations to all.

Nationally, 94% (13,707) of U.S. medical school seniors, who participated in the match, received a first-year residency training position. The National Residency Matching Program attributes this success to the preparedness of the seniors. The implementation of a web-based system this year provided more time for unmatched applicants to locate and secure a position.

“All but two of our programs filled immediately through the match,” commented **Dr. Patricia Butler**, Associate Dean for Educational Programs. At UT-H, there are 155 new residency slots among 18 programs. “Also, our residency program directors I have spoken with are pleased with the quality of the residents they recruited,” added Butler. Two orientations for the incoming residents will take place on **June 23 and 30**.

NOT THE SAME OLD SONG & DANCE

Healthcare and the Arts Series '99: **Discovering Self Through Healing and the Arts** continues through April, noon - 1 p.m., MSB 2.006. Remaining dates and topics:



- Monday, **March 29, Dr. John Leinhard**, “I Engage and Then I See, Part I”
- Wednesday, **March 31, Dr. John Leinhard**, “I Engage and Then I See, Part II”
- Monday, **April 5, Dr. Alan Blum**, “Drawing Patients Toward Our True Selves”
- Wednesday, **April 7, Lakshmi Vishwanathan**, “Journey of Self – Discovery Through Dance”
- Monday, **April 19, Kirk Farris and Dottie Price**, “Songwriting: A Leap of Faith, Discovery for Yourself and Others.”