



# Scoop

Friday, Jan. 18, 2002

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### January

- 18 **Today. Health and Human Spirit Lecture, Dr. Rachel Remen, noon, MSB 3.001.**
- 21 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**
- 23 **Clinical Research Curriculum/Introduction to Clinical Trials, "IRB Issues; Informed Consent," 5-6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.**
- 24 **Cardiology Grand Rounds, Dr. William Fearon, noon, MSB 2.135.**
- 30 **Annual MSRDP Meeting, 4-6 p.m., MSB 3.001. Speakers include: Drs. Willerson, Buja, Flaum, Mr. Porretto, and Mr. Cooper.**

### February

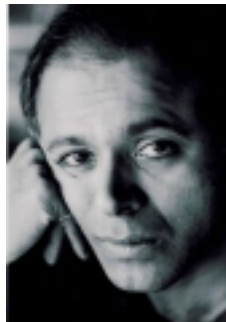
- 5 **Planned Giving Dinner, for faculty and spouses, 5:30 p.m., The Doctor's Club. RSVP Leticia Escalante, 713-500-3203.**
- 15-16 **Third Annual Research Retreat. More than 117 faculty registered, The Woodlands Conference Center. Info: 713-500-5633.**

## UTMost Interest

**Paula Knudson**, Office of Research Support Committees, will receive the McGovern Award Jan. 23 at the Houston Plaza Hilton...**Dr. Pedro Ruiz** was elected President, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology...**Dr. C. S. Raman** is an invited speaker on sensory transduction in microorganisms in Ventura, Calif...**Dr. William C. McGarvey**, Orthopaedics, was selected December "Physician of the Year" at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital...**Dr. Liliana Rodriguez**, director, Office of Community & Educational Outreach, coordinated Upward Bound at the Medical School recently where **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, Assoc. Dean for Community Affairs and Professional Education, and **Dr. Cleverick Johnson**, professor and Director of Recruitment at the Dental Branch, recently spoke to approximately 60 Upward Bound high school students at the Medical School.

## AIDS EXPERT DR. VERGHESE IS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

On Sat., June 1, UT-Houston Medical School will become the seventh site **Dr. Abraham Verghese**, Internal Medicine, Texas Tech, El Paso, has visited as commencement speaker. He has given commencement addresses at Johns Hopkins, Loyola University, Mid College of Georgia, the University of Connecticut, Northwestern University, and UT San Antonio. Verghese has spent a vast amount of personal and professional time treating AIDS patients and has published extensively on this topic. He is the author of *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story*, about the AIDS community in Johnson City, Tenn., which was nominated by the National Book Critic's Circle Award and made into a TV movie for Showtime.



Dr. Abraham Verghese

His other areas of medical concern are pneumonia and infection in the elderly. Verghese's articles have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*. His most recent best-selling book, *The Tennis Partner: A Doctor's Story of Friendship and Loss*, also is being made into a movie.

Graduation 2002 will take place 10 a.m., June 1, at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

## 12TH ANNUAL PREVENTIVE CARDIOLOGY FORUM FEB. 9

A free event, the 12th Annual Preventive Cardiology Forum, is on board for next month, 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat., Feb. 9, at the Medical School, Room 3.001. "The main reason for the forum" says **Dr. Francisco Fuentes**, program director for the event, "is to educate the educators in the prevention of cardiac disease and the promotion of health." Among the speakers will be **Dean L. Maximilian Buja**, addressing "Risk Factors for Arteriosclerosis in Children and Adults," **Dr. Patrick E. McBride** speaking on "Modern Practice of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Adults," and **Sharon Smalling**, MPH, addressing "The New NCEP Nutrition Guidelines - Translating Them into Practice." CME and CNE credits are offered for this event. For more information call **Valerie Wallace**, 713-500-5128.

## DR. GOULD FEATURED IN TEXAS MAGAZINE

**Dr. K. Lance Gould**, Internal Medicine, (see photo insert), an expert in dietary aspects of cardiac disease prevention, was featured on the cover of *Texas* magazine, (*Houston Chronicle*, 1/13/02). Aspects of his book, *Heal Your Heart: How You Can Prevent or Reverse Heart Disease*, and his use of a PET (positron emission tomography) scanner to evaluate the heart conditions of his patients, were outlined in an in-depth six-page article. His patients come to the Weatherhead PET Center for Preventing and Reversing Atherosclerosis at Memorial Hermann Hospital. There Gould and his associates capture a detailed picture of the patient's blood flow through the heart, allowing them to see the entire heart and make more accurate diagnoses of heart disease.



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## HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

In 1972, The University of Texas did something that was big, even by the lofty standards of the Texas Medical Center. During that year, the UT Board of Regents authorized the creation of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and merged the various UT components including Medical School, Dental Branch, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health, Speech and Hearing Institute (no longer in existence), and Division of Continuing Medical Education. Other Health Science Center components we know today would be added soon thereafter.

Throughout this new year of 2002, the Health Science Center will be celebrating 30 years of growth. As the first UT Health Science Center, the Health Science Center model has been duplicated by the UT System in other cities.

UT-Houston remains the largest Health Science Center to this day in the UT System and the most comprehensive by multiple criteria. As a family of six schools and UT programs, also including the UT Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC), Mental Science Institute, L.B.J. General Hospital, and the Institute for Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases (IMM), we represent the most comprehensive academic health center in Texas and in this part of the nation. The accomplishments of our combined faculty, students, and staff have helped rewrite the history book on health care as we know it. In the entire history of the Texas Medical Center dating back to the 1940s, there is one Nobel Laureate in residence – a current faculty member of the UT Health Science Center at Houston.

At the Medical School, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated in 2000 and included the publication of a 30-year history, *Conversation with a Medical School*, that remains available in the Medical School Book Store.

To recognize 30 years of Health Science Center growth, an anniversary committee organized by the Office of Public Affairs has been at work developing a 30-year anniversary logo and theme (Honor our Past, Challenge Our Future) as seen. Likewise, representatives on the committee from all components have identified 30 key events throughout the year that are sanctioned as 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary events with the commemorative anniversary logo and theme. Those events will range from Honors Convocation and Research Day to the Star Awards and Development Board events. The Fall Fun Fest (formerly Party in the Park), and annual golf tournament also will be among the 30 Health Science Center anniversary commemorative events. Watch Health Science Center publications, including a future Web site, for more on anniversary events throughout the year.

At the Medical School, the White Coat Ceremony, Knobil Lecture, Commencement, and Alumni Week will be among those events celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the anniversary logo and materials prominent. A new community outreach event in February, Friends of the UT Medical School, also will serve as an anniversary commemorative event and will address the timely topic of nuclear, biological, and chemical terrorism.

To launch this anniversary year, test your historical knowledge by naming each of the Health Science Center's presidents during the past 30 years. Bonus points for identifying the two acting presidents and one interim president.

- B. Boutwell



HONOR OUR PAST

CHALLENGE OUR FUTURE

*Answers: Presidents: Charles A. Berry, M.D. (1974-1977); Roger J. Bulger, M.D. (1978-1987); M. David Low, M.D., Ph.D. (1989-2000); James T. Willerson, M.D. (2000 – present). Acting presidents: John Victor Olson, D.D.S., M.S. (1972-1974); Truman G. Blocker Jr., M.D. (1977-1978). Interim president while also serving as Medical School dean: John C. Ribble, M.D. (1987-1989). Extra bonus points: James T. Willerson, M.D. was appointed interim president in August 2000, prior to being named president.*