

## Events to Know

### February

- 6 Essentials of Medicine**, ongoing student-run discussions on clinical issues with faculty facilitators, noon, MSB 7.238. Blue Book Credit.
- 7 Preventive Cardiology Forum XIV**, 7 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., MSB 3.001. A free event, **Dr. Francisco Fuentes**, program director. See <[www.AmericanHeart.org](http://www.AmericanHeart.org)>.
- 9 Clinical Trial Safety Seminar**, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Trevisio's, contact <[Pidick@med-serachinc.net](mailto:Pidick@med-serachinc.net)>.
- 9 Complementary Medicine** course, 8 Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. See <[www.mdanderson.org/cimer](http://www.mdanderson.org/cimer)>.
- 10 Dr. Robert Braun**, "Androgen Regulation of Mammalian Spermatogenesis," noon, Urology Conference Room, MSB 6.018.
- 13 Biotech/Healthcare Symposium**, noon - 6 p.m., Rice U. campus, register at <[www.alliance.rice.edu/users](http://www.alliance.rice.edu/users)>.
- 26 Advances in Teaching & Learning 2004**. Register at <[www.shis.uth.tmc.edu/teachingday/index.htm](http://www.shis.uth.tmc.edu/teachingday/index.htm)>.

**NOTE** - Osler's Web is an electronic resource of the full text of books and articles written by Sir William Osler. "The Principles and Practice of Medicine," 4th edition is available at <<http://mcgovern.library.tmc.edu/OslerWeb/OslerLibrary.htm>>.

## PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATIONS

**Dr. Diana Fite**, Emergency Medicine, was installed as the 2004 president of the Houston Academy of Medicine, and Houston surgeon



**Drs. Diana Fite and Donald Butts**

Dr. **Donald Butts** was installed as HCMS president at the Westin Oaks Hotel Jan. 23.

## MEDICAL SCHOOL INCREASES DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

**Dr. Stanley Schultz**, interim dean of the Medical School, and **Jerre Iversen**, UTHSC-H vice president for development, have pooled resources in order to enhance the Medical School's development and alumni affairs efforts.



**Rick Kammerer**

**Rick Kammerer**, currently an executive director in the health science center's central Development Office, will become the executive director of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at the Medical School effective immediately. Kammerer has been with the institution for three years following a successful career in sales management and marketing of medical and surgical products. Kammerer will initially be joined by two other development officers: **Debbie Gligor**, currently in the School's development office, and **Keri Valdes**, special projects officer in the Office of Public Affairs.

"I am looking forward to heading up the enhanced development efforts at the Medical School and pursuing untapped resources, which will ultimately strengthen the School's academic environment — in facilities, endowments,

and scholarships," Kammerer said.

In addition, the Medical School's Office of Alumni Affairs will be merged into the development office so that the new Office of Development and Alumni Affairs can focus, in a collaborative way, on the external community and friends of the institution. **Jeanie Mullin**, currently manager of the Office of Alumni Affairs, will continue to support alumni affairs activities and new development initiatives. **Martha Blazewski**, currently in the Dean's Office, will continue to provide support for development efforts.

"We are very excited about Jerre Iversen's commitment to join with us to move the development efforts in the Medical School to the next stage," Schultz said. "With increased staffing and resources, we look forward to a significant increase in philanthropic dollars to further the mission of the Medical School."

Schultz's initial priorities for the expanded office are the proposed Surgical and Clinical Skills Lab and the Center for Humanities, Health and the Human Spirit. To further strengthen development efforts, Iversen and Schultz are working on a plan to bring dedicated development staff to the academic departments.

## THREE SURGERY FACULTY TO LEAD NATIONAL GROUPS THIS YEAR

Three faculty members in the Department of Surgery at the Medical School will lead national surgical organizations in 2004-2005. **Dr. David Mercer**, General Surgery and chief of surgery at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, is to be named president of the Society of University Surgeons. **Dr. Kimberly Anderson**, Surgery, and director, Surgical Education, will become president of the Association of Surgical Education. **Dr. John Potts**, Surgery, and assistant dean, Graduate Medical Education, will be named president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. "We are extremely fortunate at UT to have these national leaders as members of our faculty," said Surgery chairman **Dr. Richard Andrassy**.

- M. Raine

## ERT WORKING WITH USERS TO SOLVE PEOPLESOFT PROBLEMS

*Editor's note: The PeopleSoft FMS support team along with Finance and Procurement will be writing periodic articles to keep the Medical School community abreast of progress at the request of Interim Dean Stanley Schultz.*

The Employee Reimbursements Team (ERT) is working with users to improve the PeopleSoft process via the following actions:

### PEOPLESOFT SOLUTIONS

- Identifying faculty and/or departments with a backlog of transactions and working with administrators to ensure faculty receive timely reimbursements.
- Creating a monthly e-mail bulletin to communicate hot topics and new information.
- Re-establishing Employee Reimbursement Focus Group meetings.
- Hosting ERT-led travel clinics. Room is still available in the Wed., Feb. 18 and Wed., Feb. 25 sessions. To enroll, go to <http://129.106.9.37/> (i-Academy).
- In addition, ERT has hired a half-time employee to assist with troubleshooting problem transactions and hired a full-time temporary employee to assist with customer calls.

## TIPS FOR USERS

- Include the benefit to UT in the comments box and include the screen print with the voucher.
- Match the PO to the voucher to ensure that the funds are disencumbered upon payment.
- Distribute expense accounts to match the Travel Expense Worksheet.
- Enter the Cost Travel Page into FMS.
- Include the voucher number on screen prints of vouchers.
- Make sure a budget exists and that expenses are not in excess of the 20 percent tolerance.
- Be sure to include receipts, registration forms, and have the travel worksheet signed by the traveler.

For more information, see [http://mss.uth.tmc.edu/PS\\_home.htm](http://mss.uth.tmc.edu/PS_home.htm).

## HOLIDAY BOOKFAIR PRODUCES \$3,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP MONIES

Shopping for holiday gifts paid off for UT Health Science Center students, who will receive an influx of \$3,000 for scholarships as a result of sales from the December 2003 Student Scholarship Holiday BookFair. The proceeds of the bookfair were the result of sales in excess of \$15,000. Thanks to all of those who participated.

Plans are being made to grow the event, which will again be held at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 3003 W. Holcombe at Buffalo Speedway.

## JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM...

**THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S 2004-2005 FACTS BOOKLET, CHOCK FULL OF DETAILS CONCERNING THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S STUDENT BODY, HISTORY, PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS, CHAIRMANSHIPS, CLINIC PHONE NUMBERS, AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION, IS NOW AVAILABLE. CALL 713-500-5109 TO REQUEST COPIES.**



## UCRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF CLINICAL RESEARCH FEASIBILITY FUNDS

The University Clinical Research Center (UCRC) announces the availability of Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CRFF). These funds provide an opportunity for junior faculty and fellows to gather clinical research pilot data in preparation for submission of applications to extramural funding sources. CRFF funds also may be used for personnel support, software (i.e. statistics) purchase, equipment, and laboratory supplies, as long as they are related to clinical research at the UCRC. All junior faculty (instructor and assistant professor) and fellows are eligible to apply for pilot funding. For 2004, a total of \$20,000 is available to support the program. This year two awards of up to \$10,000 per project will be made. April 1 is the application deadline. See [http://www.uth.tmc.edu/uth\\_orgs/crc](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/uth_orgs/crc) or call 713-704-4137.

## “FEEDER SCHOOLS” TO MEDICAL SCHOOL QUITE COMPETITIVE

The top five undergraduate “feeder” schools to the Medical School over the past 30 years may be obvious: The University of Texas at Austin (which has sent 896 students to the Medical School), Texas A&M University (755), Baylor University (283), Rice University (267), and The University of Houston (228).

“Over the years, these have consistently ranked as the top five schools that send us the most students,” said Dr. Albert Gunn, associate dean of admissions.

Ranking 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> as the most popular undergraduate schools for our Medical School students from 1973 to 2003 are the University of Dallas (164), St. Mary’s University (122), Texas Tech University (117), Houston Baptist University (109), and Trinity University (101).

“What is interesting to note, is that of these top 10 schools, seven are ranked by Barron’s as most competitive, highly competitive, or very competitive, which means we are accepting students who have excelled in a rigorous academic environment,” Gunn added.

More than 50 percent of entering Medical School students graduated from colleges ranked by Barron’s as “most competitive” and “highly competitive.”