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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

November

- 6 Houston Heart Walk.** Interested? Call Colleen O'Brien, 713-500-5114.
- 19 10th Annual Research Day,** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., TMC Edwin Hornberger Conference Center.

MEDICINE/ NURSING LECTURE

Illuminating the working relationship between nurses and physicians is the theme of "The More Things Change... Technology and the Nurse/Physician Relationship," noon Wed., **Oct. 20**, MSB 1.006. The lecture is open to the health science center. The speaker is **Margarete Sandelowski, Ph.D., R.N.**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Nursing. Lunch will be provided for the first 150 attendees.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner commented on the outbreak of chicken pox in two cellblocks at a prison near Huntsville this week (*Houston Chronicle*, 10/5/04)...**Dr. Bruce Kone**, who was named a standing member of the NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology of the Kidney Study Section, will present "The Renal Nitric Oxide System" at the American Heart Association High Blood Pressure Research Council in Chicago Oct. 9...**Dr. Steven Wang** co-authored an article on retinal ganglion cell types in the August issue of *Neuron*.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Luciano Lemos, professor of pathology, died Oct. 4 after a long illness with cancer. Lemos, 56, was chief of pathology of the Lyndon B.

Johnson Hospital, where he built an outstanding training program. He was selected as the best professor in pathology in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Monica, and three sons.

DEAN GIVES UPBEAT MEDICAL SCHOOL REPORT

Dean Stanley Schultz gave what he promised would be one of the last flood recovery updates at a town hall meeting Oct. 4.

"The flood renovation is almost complete, and I am establishing a beautification committee to bring in artwork and greenery for the new spaces in the Leather Lounge and other ground floor locations," he said.



Latest architectural rendering, facing Webber Plaza, of the new Replacement Research Facility.

Dean Schultz outlined plans for a grand staircase, which will connect the ground floor and basement, and he showed pictures of the new Replacement Research Facility and the berm project, which will beautify and protect Webber Plaza and the grounds fronting Fannin.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who are being moved from the John Freeman Building to make room for the Replacement Research Facility (RRF) for their spirit of cooperation. Everyone will be moved out by Thanksgiving Day," he said, adding that the Medical School is in for some "really good ceremonies" with a groundbreaking planned for the new building.

Dean Schultz also shared a fund-raising plan to bring in \$87.5 million to the School to fund scholarships, endowments, the Surgical and Clinical Skills Center, and the John P. McGovern, M.D., Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit.

"We have concluded an upbeat year with the practice plan ending on a \$3 million positive margin, and we anticipate merit increases for staff. We have every reason to believe our future looks bright," he said.

Dean Schultz said he would hold such town hall meetings at least quarterly to give updates and answer questions. A few questions posed involved security, and Dean Schultz said a second guard for the ground floor and a roaming guard for the Medical School Building are being considered.

- D. Brown

ALLEN NEW MEMORIAL HERMANN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CEO

Steve Allen, M.D., professor, Department of Anesthesiology, and Memorial Hermann Hospital chief medical officer, is the new chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital effective Oct. 1.

Allen also is a 22-year member of Memorial Hermann Hospital's medical staff. He will continue to serve as Memorial Hermann Hospital's interim chief medical officer. He is board certified in anesthesiology and critical care medicine.

Juanita Romans, senior vice president, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, and chief executive officer, Memorial Hermann Hospital, said "As chief medical officer, Steve earned wide respect by providing leadership and direction to complex program development projects with excellent outcomes. (Continued on back)



Dr. Steve Allen



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Faculty Profile**BRADT COLLABORATES ON PREMIE PRIMER**

When a premature infant is admitted to a Neonatal ICU (neonatal intensive care unit), the adjustment can be more than a little scary for the preemies' parents. There is the matter of adjusting to new terms like "RDS, ROP, PDA, IVH," and possibly new machines — the apnea monitor, the pulse oximeter, the feeding pump, and the oxygen machine. Once the baby is out of danger, there is also the matter of caring for the preemie at home.

Dr. Pamela Bradt, Pediatrics, Neonatology, saw a need for a handbook primer for parents of preemies. She, along with **Doug Hebert**, a parent of a preemie and a graphic artist at Savage Design, decided to collaborate and won a grant award of \$35,000 from the Sappi Paper Company in a competition called, "Ideas that Matter."

"We told them we wanted to produce a book that gives parents of premature babies an informational book — because one didn't exist," Bradt said. Bradt, who is the director of the neonatal followup clinic at Memorial Hermann Hospital, said she knows first hand that parents are desperate for information.

"My design partner, Doug Hebert knew from personal experience, because he had a former preemie, that there was a real lack of information out there," she said.

The result, *High Risk/A Handbook for the Aftercare of Premature Infants*, received an immediate and positive response. "I think it's because there's a tremendous need for it," Bradt said.

The book is meant for parents of preterm babies at Memorial Hermann, but the authors are trying to distribute it nationally.

Contributors to the book's content include: **Drs. Terri Major-Kincade, Erin Hamilton-Spence, Nehal Parikh, Monesha Gupta, Helen Hittner, Brenda Morris, Martin Blakely**, and neonatal dietician **Amy Brandes**.

"The March of Dimes is interested in the book," Bradt added.

- C. O'Brien



Dr. Pamela Bradt



The Medical School and Dental Branch co-hosted a kick-off ceremony Sept. 30.

SECC KICKOFF SEPT. 30 A SUCCESS

The State Employee Charitable Campaign is ongoing during the month of October. To donate to your favorite charity, contact the SECC representative in your area, or **Fredi Bleeker**, <Fred.L.Bleeker@uth.tmc.edu>.

CONTINUED, ALLEN APPOINTED NEW CEO, MEMORIAL HERMANN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

His vision, which has provided focus to a wide range of clinical, teaching and research initiatives, is ready to go to work for the patients at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital."

Said **Dan Wolterman**, CEO, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, "As a physician and business leader, Steve continually demonstrates his commitment to top-quality, leading-edge patient care. And as a father of five, he brings a unique perspective and passion to his new role with Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital."

FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR SET - OCT. 13

"For whose eyes only? Ethical concerns about access to information from ongoing clinical trials" will be the topic of a health science center Faculty Research Seminar at noon Wed., **Oct. 13**, in the Jesse Jones Library, Room 405. **Julia Pedroni, Ph.D.**, a visiting scholar at the John P. McGovern, M.D., Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit, will present.

Excellence Above All

10TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY IS NOV. 19

Research Day, New Investigator and Student Research, will be held 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Fri., Nov. 19**, at the TMC Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

Platform presentations of selected abstracts begin at 9 a.m.; additional poster presentations are at 1 p.m.

Research Day highlights will include 25 undergraduate students who have been invited by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to present posters, and winners of the Houston area High School Science and Engineering Fair will present their prize-winning posters.

For more information, contact **Melissa Proll**, 713-500-3192, or <Melissa.Proll@uth.tmc.edu>.

OCTOBER = OPPORTUNITY FOR FITNESS DISCOUNT

The UT Recreation Center is offering its annual October special: 15 percent off a three-month membership. This applies to both the Knight Road facility, and the Medical School Fitness Center. The special ends **Sun., Oct. 31**.

Automatic payroll deduction for membership is now available for full-time faculty and employees of the health science center. Sign up prior to the fifth day of the month.

For more information on rates and programs visit <<http://ae.uth.tmc.edu/recreat/index.html>>.

The Medical School Fitness Center, which will remain open through **Aug. 31**, is located on the Medical School's penthouse (8th) floor.

"An initiative is in place," said **Dr. Lenard Lichtenberger**, "to use the Fitness Center as a wellness center, to foster the health and quality of life of our faculty, staff and students."

Group fitness classes presently are included with membership: low-impact aerobics, noon - 1 p.m., M/W/F; step aerobics, noon - 1 p.m., T/Th; and yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., M/W.

For Fitness Center information, call 713-500-5044.

NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST SEEKS MEDICAL STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

The second annual Michael E. DeBakey Medical Student Poetry Award contest is open to medical students at all accredited U.S. allopathic medical schools. Three monetary prizes will be awarded; the first place recipient will receive \$1,000. Submissions of original poetry are due **Dec. 31**. Winners will be announced May 15. Contact Kimberlee Barbour, <kbarbour@bcm.tmc.edu> or go to <<http://www.bcm.edu/pa/debakeypoetry.htm>>.