



# Scoop

Dec. 9, 2005

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

December

14 Dean's Holiday Reception. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., MSB Leather Lounge.

### CORRECTION

The phone number for the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is 713.500.6612.

## UT Most Interest

**Heinrich Taegtmeyer, M.D., D.Phil.**, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, was appointed to the Data Safety Monitoring Board of the IMMEDIATE Trial. The \$38 million, multi-center, randomized, placebo-controlled trial evaluates the efficacy of early metabolic intervention in acute myocardial infarction.

**Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, M.D.**, Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases, was appointed by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to serve as a member of the Advisory Panel on Healthcare-Associated Infections. This panel will advise TDSHS on the best way to approach public reporting of healthcare-associated infections as recently legislated.

**Harrys Torres, M.D.**, infectious diseases fellow, was honored with a Clinical Research Award for "Influenza Infection in Adult Patients with Leukemia: The Impact of Neuraminidase Inhibitors" at the Infections in Cancer Symposium Nov. 10-11 at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

**Chirag Patel**, an M.D./Ph.D. candidate, received a 2005 Local Hero award from the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative. Local Heroes are able to direct a \$5,000 contribution to the nonprofit of their choice; Patel chose UNICEF.

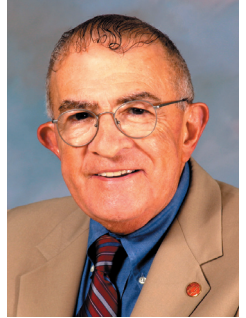
**Paul Dahm (MS IV)** and **Lindsey Hicks (MS II)** had their research abstracts accepted for poster presentation at the 4th Annual AMA-MSS Research Poster Competition in Dallas Nov. 4. Dahm's poster was named "Top in Category" for Surgery, and Hicks' poster was featured in the Clinical/Epidemiological/Healthcare category.

## DEAN SCHULTZ RECOVERING, MCKINNEY FILLING IN

Last week, the Medical School community learned of **Dean Stanley Schultz's** emergency heart bypass surgery on Nov. 29. Since that time, Dean Schultz has been recovering in the Cardiac Care Unit at Memorial Hermann Hospital. **Dr. Michael McKinney**, senior executive vice president and chief operating officer, has been providing senior leadership for the Medical School in Dean Schultz's absence.

"I am not the interim dean," McKinney said. "I am just trying to help Dr. Schultz until he returns after the first of the year."

**Dr. Harriet Schultz** has expressed her gratitude to the Medical School community for all the support that has been given to her family. Updates regarding Dean Schultz's status and when he will be able to accept visitors will be forthcoming. Cards may still be sent to JJJ 410.



Dean Stanley Schultz

## UT PHYSICIANS OPENS NEW DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CENTER

With the construction of UT Physician's new diagnostic imaging center complete, UT Imaging began seeing its first patients earlier this month. UT Imaging, the joint venture between UT Physicians and Outpatient Imaging Affiliates of Nashville, delivers state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging services in a setting focused on patient comfort and convenience.

While helping UT Physicians better serve its patients, UT Imaging also expands the scope of clinical practice making the Medical School faculty's specialized expertise more widely available to both patients and physicians. Profits realized by the new center will help the Medical School support its core missions of patient care, research, and education.

Located at 6700 West Loop South, near the intersection of Bellaire Boulevard and Loop 610, UT Imaging offers magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) scans, x-rays, ultrasound, and bone densitometry. Diagnostic tests are interpreted by the Medical School's team of highly trained and board certified radiologists.



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For more information, visit [www.UTimaging.com](http://www.UTimaging.com) or call 713.662.XRAY (9729).

-D. Meade

## DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

You don't have to go far to buy a great holiday gift at a great price.

Bookstores in the Medical School, Dental Branch, and School of Nursing are offering 20 percent discounts on T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, trade books (cookbooks, humor, general interest), and gift items (holiday, frames, Texas items) through Dec. 23.

The Medical School's Office of Communications is having a special sale on large photos made from your digital camera. The office also provides photo restoration, which can make a great gift.

11" x 14" = \$18    16" x 20" = \$25    20" x 24" = \$40    24" x 36" = \$50



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## HOUSTON BUSINESSMAN CONTRIBUTES \$25K FOR SCSC

It didn't take much convincing for one Houston businessman to see the need to establish the Medical School's Surgical and Clinical Skills Center.

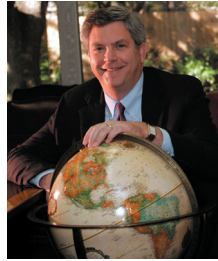
"I just talked to **Dr. Schultz** and **Dr. Brent King** and was impressed with their work and the impact this facility will have on the Medical School and the physicians in training," explained **Jeb Bashaw**, president and CEO of James E. Bashaw, a Houston investment firm.

Following that conversation, Bashaw, a native Houstonian, gave a \$25,000 gift to the Surgical and Clinical Skills Center (SCSC)—a new educational resource for the Medical School, which is scheduled to open in 2006.

"We greatly appreciate generous donors like Jeb, who understand our vision for the future of medical education," said Dean Stanley Schultz.

The SCSC will be an 11,400 square-foot facility in the Medical School basement, which promises to be an important resource for Medical School students in all years of the curriculum, as well as for residents, fellows, faculty, other practicing physicians, and industry and hospital partners. It will feature both clinical training through patient-actors and simulated learning with mannequins.

The SCSC will be the home of the Medical School's standardized patient program, complete with 12 patient rooms, video control and



**Jeb Bashaw**

monitoring rooms, and upgraded video equipment and software. For the past several years, this program has operated in leased space from the Houston Medical Center.

The highly complex simulated learning center will allow students to repeatedly experience real-life scenarios with mannequins that simulate normal breath, blood pressure, and other key vital signs that can respond to treatment. It was these simulators that caught Bashaw's attention.

"Anyone can give money to have their name on a building, but not everyone can have their name on a dummy," he laughed, adding that he has not yet decided upon the name of the mannequin that he has donated to the SCSC. "My kids, 16-year-old Mason and 13-year-old Travis, and my wife, Kim, will help me decide."

Bashaw's Tanglewood-based business manages more than \$500 million for Houston investors and their families. "I've been in the business more than 20 years and started the firm four years ago," he said.

Bashaw, a new member of the UT Health Science Center Development Board, is no stranger to philanthropy, having served in numerous volunteer capacities across Houston, including chair of the development board for the Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston.

"I've been very impressed with my short affiliation with the school so far—my experiences have been spectacular. This is a great organization, and I'm excited about the impact the Surgical and Clinical Skills Center will have on the training of the students," Bashaw said.

-D. Brown

## FANT NAMED OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE

Most folks at the Medical School know **Ester Fant** as the woman behind the camera, and that's the way she likes it. Even though she prefers to stay out of the limelight, all eyes are on her now for she is the latest Outstanding Employee of the Quarter. Fant is the lead photographer for the Medical School—a job that, on any given day, might take her to Memorial Hermann Hospital to photograph patients; across campus on an event assignment for the nursing school; or to her studio for a posed portrait sitting.



**Ester Fant**

Fant likes the spontaneity and excitement her job brings. "I'm just a person who lives by the day—the more action, the better," she said. But, being the school's photographer is more than just a job for Fant, she understands how important it is to record its history. This motivation took her to the Astrodome and the George R. Brown Convention Center, where, through

her careful eyes, she captured the stories of thousands of victims uprooted by Hurricane Katrina.

"I wasn't given the assignment," Fant said. "It was more of a feeling that it was something important. Things were evolving right in front of my eyes. It became a very personal thing."

Fant's dedication did not go unnoticed. "She understood the magnitude of the situation and was quick to be there with her camera, her equipment, and her release forms for signatures of those she photographed," said **Darla Brown**, director of communications for the Medical School. "Even though no one assigned her to these photo shoots, faculty, staff, and students have been clamoring for the photos that she took. They will be used for years to come, as they are now part of the documented history that Ester has captured over her three-decade tenure here."

Fant is a 31-year veteran of the Medical School. She started out as a photographic technician in the communications department and became a skilled photographer through hands-on learning. She and her husband, Dennis, have been married for 22 years. Her daughter, Lydia, lives in Iowa and has two children, Jonathan, 6, and Gabby, 5. In her off time, she loves shooting photographs of her family, hiking, backpacking, gardening, crocheting, and making jewelry.

-C. Webb

## STUDENTS RECEIVE WEBBER PRIZES FOR RESEARCH

The 2005 C. Frank Webber Prize for Student Research awards were held during the annual Research Forum Oct. 27 in the Fifth Floor Gallery of the Medical School. Medical students who participated in the 2005 Summer Research Program presented scientific research posters, which were judged for the Webber Prize awards.

Co-winners for first place were **Brannon George** (sponsored by **David Wainwright, M.D.**) and **Mai Kim Tran** (sponsored by **Heinrich Taegtmeier, M.D., D.Phil.**). Second place winner was **Chad Lonsford** (sponsored by **Dianna Milewicz, M.D., Ph.D.**). Third place winner was **Michael Greaser** (sponsored by **Heidi Kaplan, Ph.D.**).

**Dean Stanley Schultz** and **Dr. Patricia Butler**, associate dean for educational programs, sponsor the program; **Dr. Gary Rosenfeld**, professor of integrative biology and pharmacology, directs it. Additional support is provided by a grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

At the forum, medical students presented a plaque to Dean Schultz for his support of the program.



(L-R): **Brannon George, Mai Kim Tran, Dr. Gary Rosenfeld, Chad Lonsford, and Michael Greaser**