



# Scoop



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## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

### DR. BRENT KING NAMED EMERGENCY MEDICINE CHAIR

Dean Maximilian Buja has announced the recruitment of **Dr. Brent R. King** as Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Medical School. Dr. King will be Chief of Emergency Medicine at Hermann Hospital and at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, in addition to being Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor in the Pediatrics Department. Since 1996 he has been an associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. A Texas Tech graduate, he received his medical degree from UT-Houston Medical School in 1983 and completed postgraduate training in pediatrics at UT-Houston and in pediatric emergency medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. King is scheduled to assume his new role in January.

### NOBEL LAUREATE GRANTED DUNN DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

Nobel Laureate **Dr. Ferid Murad** was granted the first John S. Dunn, Sr., Distinguished Chair in Physiology and Medicine by The University of Texas System Board of Regents. The Distinguished Chair funding is \$1 million--\$500,000 from the Dunn Foundation and \$500,000 matching funds from The University of Texas-Houston Medical School. Murad, the chair of the Department of Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology, was one of three Americans awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in October. Said **President M. David Low** regarding the Distinguished Chair: "I am extremely pleased with this high honor given to the Nobel Prize for Medicine awardee, Dr. Ferid Murad." **Dean L. Maximilian Buja** also responded, "Advancement of our research program is one of the goals I set when I became dean a little over two years ago. The recruitment of Dr. Murad was an important step in reaching this goal. Receipt of the gift from the Dunn Foundation is yet another critical milestone." The Dunn Foundation has endowed other chairs and professorships to the UT-Houston Health Science Center and also supports loans to disadvantaged students annually.



**Dr. Ferid Murad**

### UT-HOUSTON RECEIVES FUND RAISING AWARDS

The UT-Houston Health Science Center received two Outstanding Fund Raising Program awards during the National Philanthropy Day 1998 Awards Luncheon held **Nov. 10** at the Westin Galleria. More than 800 attended the annual event with **Steve Smith** of KHOU-TV/Channel 11 serving as Master of Ceremonies. The UT-Houston Endowment Campaign was recognized for the best single or multi-year event. The "Hail to the Chief" fundraiser for the President Bush Center for Cardiovascular Health located at Hermann Hospital (see *Scoop* 1/9/98 and 1/30/98) brought a shared UT-Houston/ Memorial Hermann Healthcare System award for best special event. UT-Houston Development Board Life Member, **Ben F. Love**, received the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy for his leadership and fundraising accomplishments on behalf of UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Ben Love is currently chairing The Weatherhead Challenge Campaign to support Dr. K. Lance Gould's PET Center.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Thursday, **Nov. 26** and Friday, **Nov. 27**, the Medical School will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

### HOLIDAY RECEPTION IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Dean **Max Buja** will host a School-wide Holiday Reception for faculty, staff and students, Thursday, **Dec. 17**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Leather Lounge. There will be cookies and punch along with the announcement of the Employee-of-the-Year at noon.



### PHYSICIANS HELP HONDURAS

Harris County Physicians (HCP), the Hispanic American Medical Association (HAMA), and the Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) have teamed up to help our Central American neighbors devastated by Hurricane Mitch. Desperately needed are: antibiotics (oral, injectable, ointment, eye drops), IV fluids (D5NS, Ringer's lactate), local anesthetics, surgical supplies (bandages, antiseptics, disposable syringes, gloves, sutures, tape, distilled water for injection), anti-venom serum, tetanus toxoid, insulin, oral hypoglycemics, anti-hypertensives, analgesics (aspirin, non-steroidals), lanoxin, diuretics (oral, injectable). Drop off supplies to Sterling Electronics, 4151 Southwest Freeway, Suite 700, Houston, Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call **713-622-4572** or **713-622-7911**. If you have helpful pharmaceutical contacts or if you are a doctor interested in helping out in Central America, call HCMS at **713-524-4267**, FAX **713-942-7072**, or e-mail <[webmaster@hcms.org](mailto:webmaster@hcms.org)>. Make tax-deductible checks out to the Houston Academy of Medicine; mail to the Honduras Relief Fund, 1515 Hermann Dr., Houston, 77004-7126.

### TOWN HALL MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

A UT-Houston Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Friday, **December 18**, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m., MSB 3.001. **Dean Max Buja** will welcome **President M. David Low**, **Dr. Tom Burks** and **Mr. John Porretto** to provide all employees of the Medical School, including faculty, staff and students, a timely update on topics related to our school and the UT-Houston community. Box lunches will be available to the first 250 at 11:30 a.m.

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## Thirteenth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair Thursday, December 3

The Medical School's Employee Relations Committee (ERC) will hold its Thirteenth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998**, in the Medical School's Leather Lounge. Among the offerings will be handicrafts, jewelry, clothing, and food items. For more information, call **Beverly Head** at 500-6512 or **Kathy Crowley** at 500-6511.



### Fitness Center Supporting Two Upcoming Events -

#### The Great American Smokeout, Thursday, Nov. 19



Observe this day by joining millions of Americans who plan to kick the habit! Studies published since 1989 have shown that between 39% and 82% of men who suffered from vascular impotence were smokers and that smoking has a direct link to reduced fertility. The MS Fitness Center will set up a table in

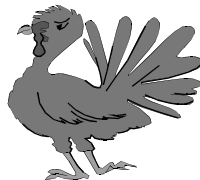
the Leather Lounge and provide information and care packages throughout the day. Non-smokers can participate in this day by adopting a smoker. Adoption papers are available at the Fitness Center. Also, be on the lookout for a Cold Turkey distributing goodies to help you make it through your day smoke-free.

#### Sixth Annual Uptown Turkey Trot, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day), Galleria, 5k

Walk and Run. The race will start and finish on Post Oak Blvd. in front of Transco Tower in the Galleria area.

- 7:55 a.m. - wheelchair 5k
- 8 a.m. - 5k
- 8:05 a.m. - 5k family walk
- 9 a.m. - kids event

\$15 entry fee benefiting Sheltering Arms Senior Services.



**Questions? Call 713-849-0004. To volunteer, call 713-685-6551. Register at the Fitness Center front desk by 8 p.m. - Wednesday, Nov. 18**

## \$145,000 SECC Contributions Over The Top By 39%

The Medical School exceeded last year's contributions to the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) by a 19% increase. "There's no substitute for our SECC members' hard work," noted **Dr. Tom Burks**, Executive VP for Research and Academic Affairs, "at the wrap-up meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10. **Barbara Legate**, Information Services, tallied 253 leadership gifts of \$240 or more this year, totaling \$92,555 in that category alone. Added



**Legate**, "We exceeded our goal of \$115,000 by 39% and increased contributions over last year by over \$40,000!"

**Dr. Samuel Lusk**, Dental Branch, was the winning raffle ticket holder for a \$500 gift certificate. Thanks to out-

standing organizers, campaigners, and an efficient way of getting contribution forms to employees, "UTHHSC is a recognized and important charity contributor in the Houston community," concluded Dr. Burks.

## Memorial Hermann Jingle Bell Run & Walk Sunday, Dec. 13

The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System is the official title sponsor of the Sunday Dec. 13, 1998 Jingle Bell Run & Walk this year. Face-painting and various other activities for the children starts at 1 p.m. and the race starts at 2:30 p.m. Last year almost \$120,000 was raised to support the various programs of the Downtown YMCA. There'll be an after-race party, refreshments, a costume contest, pictures with Santa, and live entertainment. First place male and female in the 5-mile run category will each receive a pair of domestic, round-trip airline tickets, courtesy of Continental Airlines. Cost for an entry is \$17 for each adult, \$8 for each child. For further information or to volunteer, dial 713-776-5700 and press 3 to speak to a representative, or register at <[www.houston.sidewalk.com/jinglebellrun](http://www.houston.sidewalk.com/jinglebellrun)>.



## CME Initiative At Memorial Hospital Southeast Update

**Dr. Caroline Fife**, Anesthesiology, presented a CME program on "The Role of Oxygen in Wound Healing" to the medical staff of Memorial Hospital Southeast Nov. 11 as part of a special CME initiative between that hospital and the Medical School. The pilot project began in September with **Dr. David Taylor**, Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and will conclude with presentations by **Dr. Carrie Markgraf**, Neurosurgery, "Update on Clinical Trials for the Treatment of Head and Stroke Injury" on **Dec. 2**, and **Dr. Gailen Marshall**, Internal Medicine, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, "What Do Allergies Have To Do with Asthma?" on **Dec. 9**. Other presenters have been **Drs. Charles Ericsson, John R. Stroehlein** and **Fred Moore**.



**Drs. Carrie Markgraf, left, David Taylor, and Gailen Marshall, CME Advisory committee chair.**