



# Scoop



Secretaries Day  
Wed., April 21

Friday, April 16, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **I.D. Card Access**, replacement badges made, Wed., **April 21**, all day, outside MSB 3.001.
- **NRC Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Gerald Edelman**, Nobel Laureate, Scripps Institute, Thurs., **April 22**, "Neural Darwinism and the Problem of Consciousness," 4:00 p.m., MSB 3.001
- **Grant Getting Seminar**, sponsored by the ORS, and **Dr. John Grabowski**, Thurs., **April 22**, 8:30-noon, and Fri., **April 23**, 8:30-10:30 a.m., SPH, Rm. 102B, call 713-500-3075.

**FYI** - The Petty Cash Window is open on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from 1 - 4 p.m. in its new location (directly across from the glass doors of the Office of Academic Affairs, G.024). Regular days and times will be observed.

## INDOOR ROCKCLIMBING...

On Wed., **May 5**, 6:30 p.m., at the Texas Rock Gym, Old Katy Road, join fellow fitness enthusiasts in a trek upwards, and strengthen your muscles at the same time. For \$9.50 + tax, you'll get climbing time, a safety lesson, & a harness. Don't be surprised if those 11-14 year-old types scramble right on by you. (Besides being more limber, they have no fear). Find a partner and belay off! If interested, inquire at the MS Fitness Center (MSB 8th floor) or call x5044. A deposit of \$5 is required and registration is due by Tues., **April 20**.



## UTmost Interest

**Dr. Robert E. Jordan**, chairman of Dermatology, has been named to the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee of the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration...**Dr. William Dowhan**, professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular biology, will be presenting at Eli Lilly Research in Indianapolis, Indiana, **April 19 & 20**, on "Differences and Similarities Between Microorganisms and Somatic Cells in Their Phospholipid Metabolism."

Hot News

## PATIENTS' PRIVACY, SECURITY & CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES

On Friday, **May 7**, and Saturday, **May 8**, the Texas Medical Center Library will be hosting a regional workshop, "Privacy, Security & Confidentiality of Medical Records: Complying With Sweeping New HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) Requirements." **Dr. Jack Smith**, professor, chairman, Health Informatics, School of Allied Health Sciences, will be one of the local experts called in to participate. Held in collaboration with the American Hospital Association, the American Health Information Management Association, the National Library of Medicine, Computer-based Patient Record Institute (CPRI), the federal Office of Disease Prevention, Georgetown University, and Kaiser, Houston is one of nine sites nation-wide hosting the workshop. **Naomi Broering** of the TMC Health Sciences Library commented that one of the critical issues for the medical community to be grappling with is HIPAA.



Dr. Jack Smith

National experts participating include **Dr. Bill Braithwaite** and **John Fanning**, LLB, of the US Department of Health and Human Services, **Dr. Jeff Collmann**, Georgetown University, and **Shanna Koss** of IBM. The workshop will focus on: Current and Pending Laws, Rules and Standards – including HIPAA; Model Policies, Procedures and Practices-Designing Security Policies; Assigning Institutional Roles and Responsibilities; Organizing Security Training; Internet Security Policy; Enhancing Patient Understanding; and Institutionalizing Security Responsibility. For information, visit the web site: <<http://www.nonprofitmgt.com/privacy/>>.

## FACULTY WIVES & WOMEN FACULTY LUNCHEON MAY 26

The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty will host a very special 25th Anniversary Luncheon at The Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wed., **May 26**. The event will include a historical trip down memory lane as many of the organization's past presidents join the gathering. A brief tribute to their memories from the past 25 years will be followed by a presentation by **Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, assistant dean for community affairs and public education. His book, "Conversation with a Medical School," co-authored with **Dr. John P. McGovern**, is scheduled for release in September. From the school's conceptualization in the 1960's to the Nobel-caliber faculty of today, his talk with photos from days gone by will provide an entertaining and informative look at the history and growth of the Medical School and the Texas Medical Center. Reservations are \$25 per person with tables available for groups. Reservation forms and maps are available in G.004. For more information call **Anne Ribble**, 713-783-6942, or **Susan Byrne**, 713-729-3579.



Dr. James Willerson

## WILLERSON IS A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

**Dr. James T. Willerson**, chair, Internal Medicine, has been named a 1999 Distinguished Alumnus by The University of Texas Ex-Students Association. He will be one of the honorees at a special Austin event on **September 17, 1999**, to receive the award.

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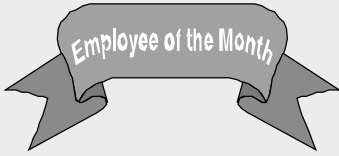
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## April Employee of the Month - Joan Miller

The “e” in **Joan Miller’s** title, executive assistant, our April Employee of the Month, could also read “excellent.” Joan will be celebrating her seventh anniversary with UT-Houston next month, May 11. Joan has nothing but high praise for **Dr. Robert Yetman**, director, Division of Community and General Pediatrics, **Dr. Mark Horman**, Pediatric Clerkship Director, **Deb Parks**, PNP, Director, Division of Nurse Practitioners, as well as DMO **Jorge Zambra**, the people she works closest with in her department. Joan has also won high marks herself for her ability to handle the affairs of two busy and demanding divisions with organizational grace. She is responsible for the pediatric student clerkship program, has a knack for computers, and serves as administrative liaison for 20-30 classified staff. “Deb and Dr. Yetman. I like them because they work ahead all the time, they come in, they do their job, neither one of them is a last minute crunch type of person. We’re working ahead of ourselves all the time. I have also really enjoyed working with Jorge. He is really so easy to work with, so knowledgeable.”

In another life, Joan worked for Great Western, an oil and gas company for 10 years. She also got flying time in on the weekends when she worked for System One at Continental, listing London at the top of her list, as well as Florida. Nowadays leisure time may see this Wharton, Texas native two-steppin’ at a country western place, or enjoying her home in Quail Valley, Missouri City, with visits from four sisters and a brother. Or from her pride and joys, three daughters, **Meredith**, age 25, in marketing at NW Academy and a dance teacher, **Ashley**, age 23, a business junior at SW Texas, and **Courtney**, age 19, a sophomore with a dance flair, majoring in psychology at U of H.

One of Joan’s main job loves is interacting with approximately two-hundred third-year medical students over a year’s time, and about 40 fourth-year medical students, both from UT-Houston and other schools, as they rotate through the pediatric department. Every two months, Joan does a superb job of scheduling student activities and communicating these activities to faculty members and inpatient and outpatient locations. “I guess I’m hooked. I work closely with the Texas Pediatric Society. I even track our graduates to see if they’ve gone into pediatrics.” *Superwoman* may not exist in real life, but among her associates, Joan Miller comes close.



## WIC PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**Karen Gibson**, Director of the UT-Houston WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program, right, and **Linda Guzman**, senior support assistant, celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WIC at an event held at the Power Center WIC Clinic recently. UT-Houston has been a WIC partner for more than 20 years, and Guzman has been with the program for 16 years. Also attending was **Deb Parks**, PNP, Director of the Division of Nurse Practitioners in Pediatrics and executive director of the UT WIC program, which has three full-time clinics and five part-time. WIC, a nutrition program providing education and supplemental foods for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to the age five, is administered through a grant to the Pediatrics department from the Texas Department of Health.

### May 6 Annual Faculty Meeting

## PROPOSED FACULTY BYLAWS REVISIONS ONLINE

The Annual Faculty meeting will be held Thursday, **May 6** at 11:45 a.m. in MSB 3.001. The meeting will also be telecast to the LBJ Annex Auditorium, Room 217. Lunch will be provided to the first 200 beginning at 11:30 a.m. A faculty vote on proposed revisions to the Faculty Bylaws will be included in the meeting. Those proposed revisions can be accessed online at <<http://deanweb.med.uth.tmc.edu/Faculty/down/BYLAWS.doc>>.



## YOGIS WANTED!

If you are interested in Yoga and would like the UTMS Fitness Center to begin a class, call 713-500-5044 and say what day and time would work best for you?



**Good Health**

## FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

The University of Texas-Houston Medical School Division of Urology will offer free prostate screenings, Saturday, **April 24**, 9 - 11 a.m., Urology and Continence Center, 6414 Fannin, Suite G.150. The American Cancer Society says that over 179,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease this year, and 37,000 men will die from it.

No one knows why some men get prostate cancer and others don't. Findings indicate that the nutrient lycopene, found in *tomatoes*, may shrink and slow down tumors associated with prostate cancer. A 1995 Harvard study, tracking diets of 47,000 men over six years, found that those who helped themselves to at least 10 weekly servings of tomato-based dishes were up to 45 percent less likely of developing prostate cancer.

It's also known that prostate cancer occurs more frequently in men over 50, although it may occur in younger men as well. Men are also at higher risk if they have a family history of prostate cancer. And while men of all races get prostate cancer, black men have the highest incidence of the disease. There are no clear symptoms of prostate cancer that can be easily assessed by the patient himself. Proper screening is the most reliable way to detect this type of cancer. For more information, contact the UT-Houston/Hermann Hospital Urology and Continence Center at 713-704-2494; press 0 for the operator.