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Nat'l. Cancer Control Month

Friday, April 23, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Juveniles & Violence Conference**, Sat., **April 24**, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., MSB 2.006, call 713-500-5249.
- **Annual Faculty Meeting**, Thurs., **May 6**, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., MSB 3.001.

Reminder - The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty Luncheon will be at The Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wed., **May 26**. Reservations are \$25 per person; and tables for groups are also available. Reservation forms and maps can be picked up in G.004. For more information call **Anne Ribble**, 713-783-6942, or **Susan Byrne**, 713-729-3579.



OAC OPEN HOUSE MAY 6

The Office of Academic Computing will have an open house with refreshments and an open tour of the facilities on Thursday, **May 6**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., MSB G.100. A detailed description of the OAC's services, including informative links on: travel guide, work/family task force report, faculty guide, faculty satisfaction survey, classified employee guide, TPX user's guide, and how to write well, is listed on the web at <<http://www.uthouston.edu/otherpub.html>>. For further information contact **Perry Ball** at 713-500-5913.



UTmost Interest

Dr. Stanford Goldman, Professor and Chairman of Radiology, was a recent guest lecturer at the XXXIII Annual Course of Radiology and Imaging. The conference was put on by the Sociedad Mexicana de Radiologia e Imagen in Mexico City.



CARDIOLOGY CONFERENCE DRAWS 300

The Third Annual Frontiers in Interventional Cardiology Symposium, held April 14 - 18, directed by **Dr. Richard Smalling**, Cardiology, drew an international crowd of physicians and health professionals for the five-day event.

BERENS IS MED SCHOOL REP FOR GIRLS' TEEN PRIMER

Dr. Pamela Berens, Obstetrics and Gynecology, is representing the UT-Houston Medical School on a Community Advisory Board picked by the Women's Fund for Health Education and Research to develop a new teen primer for girls ages 12 - 19. The primer topics will include nutrition and osteoporosis, exercise, eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and obesity), self-esteem and peer pressure. **Frances Neighbors**, The Women's Fund Special Projects Coordinator, is project director. "A Primer on Women Health," developed, produced and distributed free of charge by the Women's Fund, has already received rave reviews from providers of healthcare information. The primer is regularly produced in English and Spanish.



Dr. Pamela Berens

TEXAS WOMEN BUILDING Y2K HEALTH SOLUTIONS

The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Baylor, the African American Health Coalition, the Texas Department of Health, the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, and the U.S. Public Health Service, Office on Women's Health, will host "Texas Women: Building Health Solutions for the New Millennium," Friday, **April 30** - Saturday, **May 1**, at the Double Tree Hotel, Allen Center, 400 Dallas. Trends in women's health, funding, collaborating, and opportunities in medicine, will be covered. To register, call the Center for Health Training, Austin, 1-512-474-2166 or contact **Shannon Hills**, program coordinator, Office of Women's Health, Dallas, 1-214-767-3523.

DANA FOUNDATION SEEKS PILOT GRANT PROPOSALS

The Charles A. Dana Foundation is accepting proposals for pilot studies on the interaction between the brain and cancer, stroke, and cardiac disease processes. The Foundation wishes to assist researchers in obtaining sufficient pilot data to support further, large-scale investigation of their hypotheses using other funding mechanisms. Successful applicants will receive grants of up to three years for up to a total of \$100,000. UT-Houston may nominate up to three candidates for this award, one from each of three disease areas (heart disease, cancer, stroke). Notify the Office of Research Services (ORS) of your interest in being nominated on or before Monday, **June 14**. Interested candidates are required to provide a CV and abstract to the ORS.

AAMC PRESIDENT COHEN CALLS FOR 15% INCREASE IN NIH

President Dr. Jordan Cohen, the Association of American Medical Colleges, called on Congress to double the budget of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by FY 2003, due to "remarkable scientific opportunities that have arisen from the public investment in medical research." Dr. Cohen appeared April 15 on behalf of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding before the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee. Last year Congress provided a \$2 billion (14.7 percent) increase in funding for the NIH. For FY 2000, the Ad Hoc Group recommends a \$2.3 billion (15 percent) increase for the NIH, to "attract the brightest students to research careers." In contrast, **President Clinton's** budget has proposed a \$320 million (2.1 percent) increase (see *Scoop* 2/19/99 issue). (Source: AAMC STAT, April 19, 1999).



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CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WORKSHOP MEMORABILIA, SHERATON ASTRODOME, MARCH 31, '99



Brain Gym Class - Paula Semien, (left), & Brenda Enard



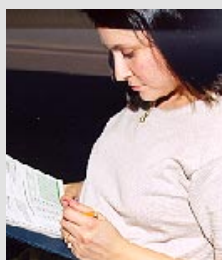
The Right Touch - Johanna Runfalo, (right), with Jimmie Pope



Afternoon Break Time - (left - right), Derrick Hagler, Louis Smith, Perry Moore, & Josie Brown



Concentrating - Norma Jean Miller, (left), & Bunny Perez



Evaluating the Workshop - Jean Morales



Another success! - Alexis Basha, (left), and UCSC president, Sherry Dunn

FDA TELECONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28



On Wednesday, **April 28**, via UTTV teleconference, 12:15-1:30 p.m., SPH, Room 705, Food and Drug Commissioner **Dr. Jane E. Henney**, and **Dr. Linda A. Suydam**, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Management, will be fielding questions from consumers, health providers and industry representatives in a nationally broadcast, interactive television program. The discussion will include how to modernize the existing public health agency, including taking comments on: the Commissioner's priorities as FDA enters the 21st century; strengthening the FDA's science base; progress on implementation of the FDA Modernization Act; and improving processes for communicating with the public. Phone comments in to 1-800-527-1401, or by FAX 1-888-361-4011, the day of the show. For further information contact **Tim Strawderman**, Health Policy Institute, at 713-500-9488, or call 713-500-9485, or e-mail <tstrawderman@utsph.sph.uth.tmc.edu>.

FYI - Dr. Ferid Murad, chairman, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, will address the annual meeting of The UT System Regent's Council on Friday, **April 30** in Austin at the invitation of Chancellor William Cunningham. The Regent's Council is made up of major supporters of the UT-System from all over Texas.

2000 DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES SEEKING NOMINATIONS



All faculty members are invited to nominate individuals to present a lecture in the 2000 Dean's Lecture Series. In addition to being experts in their respective fields, the Research Committee is looking for eminent scientists who are excellent speakers and able to appeal to a wide audience of professionals in diverse research fields. For each prospective speaker, include that individual's complete name, title, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and a brief description of their area of expertise. Send your nominations no later than Tuesday, **May 4** by e-mail to **Marijane deTranlates** at <marijane@nba19> or to **Dr. John Byrne**, Chair, Research Committee, at <jbyrne@nba19>.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TISSUE ENGINEERING AUG. 22-26

"Advances in Tissue Engineering," in its seventh year, is a five-day conference for researchers, medical doctors, and others in the biotechnology field, and one of the few of its kind nationwide. It will be held at Rice University **August 22 - 26**, and will cover the latest developments in tissue engineering.

Session leaders from academia, medicine, industry, and the FDA will survey the latest technology in patient-specific therapeutics – from transplantation of cells and tissues to artificial organs. Among the 35 speakers are **Dr. Timothy Scott-Burden**, Cardiology, speaking on "The Use of Genetically Engineered Cells in Cardiovascular Devices," as well as **Dr. Kiki Hellman** of the FDA.



Dr. Tim Scott-Burden

Course fee is \$1,095 before July 1, and \$1,200 after that deadline. Fee for graduate students who are degree candidates in good standing is \$395. To register, or for more information, call (713) 527-4803, ext. 413, or by email at <scs@rice.edu>. A full course description is available on the web site: <<http://www.scs.rice.edu/tissue/>>.