



# Scoop



Back-To-School

Friday, August 20, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Work/Life Brown Bag Seminar, "Legal Issues After Death,"** Wed., Aug. 25, 11 a.m. - 12:55 p.m., MSB 2.103.
- **UT-H Mini-Medical School on Women's Health,** Tuesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Museum of Health & Medical Science. Call 713-500-6394.
- **Dean's Lecturer, Wed., Sept. 15, Dr. James E. Darnell Jr.,** "Biological and Transcriptional Properties of STAT Molecules," 4 p.m., MSB 3.001.

**NOTE** - The August 1 issue of the *Texas Medical Center News* (now on newsstands) outlines in the lead article plans for major construction on Fannin Street to begin in the next few months. Plans include resurfacing and utility renovation from South Braeswood Blvd. to N. MacGregor Dr. The City of Houston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority will share the cost of the \$5.9 million project.

**NAME CHANGE** - The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System announced recently that their hospitals will all carry the name Memorial Hermann. For example, "Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital," "Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital," and "Memorial Hermann Hospital."

**FYI** - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is inviting public comments on its Circular A-110 provision, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations." This is in regards to a recent law making university research data accessible to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Comments are to be received no later than **September 10**, by e-mail, <grants@omb.eop.gov>. Submit comments within the body of the email message, not as an attached file. For further information, contact **Stephen Heinig**, 202-828-0488, or web address, <www.aamc.org/advocacy/issue/research/a110foia.htm>.



## DR. GOODWIN ELECTED ASLAP PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Bradford S. Goodwin, Jr., D.V.M.**, executive director, UT-HHSC, Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care was recently elected President-Elect of the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners (ASLAP). This organization of 950 veterinarians and veterinary students was established in 1966 to provide a mechanism for the exchange of scientific and technical information among veterinarians engaged in laboratory animal practice, to encourage the development and dissemination of knowledge in areas related to laboratory animal practice, and to actively encourage its members to provide training in this specialty. Educational sessions are held twice a year at national veterinary meetings, a continuing education seminar is sponsored every two years, and a quarterly newsletter is published to disseminate current information concerning laboratory animal practice. Dr. Goodwin has been the secretary/treasurer of the organization for the past eight years and will become its president in July 2000.



Dr. Bradford Goodwin

## DR. LOW TO ADDRESS NEW STUDENTS ON AUGUST 24

**Dr. M. David Low**, president of The University of Texas - Houston Health Science Center, will be introduced to the 1999-2000 entering class of the Medical School by **Dr. Patricia M. Butler**, Associate Dean for Educational Programs on Tuesday, **August 24**. Dr. Low's noon luncheon presentation in MSB 2.006 will cover critical population health issues in our physical environment, family structure, life experiences, work/family setting, as well as psychological, spiritual, social, and economic factors. (See *Scoop* 8-21-98). Dr. Low meets annually with the entering classes of all schools within the Health Science Center.



Dr. M. David Low

## FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS SELECTED

Institutions are limited in the number of applicants that can compete for the following funding opportunities. Thus, five Medical School faculty members were selected by the School's Research Committee to submit proposals. These applicants were selected on the basis of the quality and funding potential of their research. Selected to submit applications in early September are: **Dr. William Margolin**, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Assistant Investigator Competition; **Dr. Robert Kirken**, Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Assistant Investigator Competition; **Dr. Z Hong Zhou**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator Competition in Computational Biology; **Dr. Perumal Thiagarajan**, Internal Medicine/Hematology, for the 2000 Burroughs Wellcome Fund Clinical Scientist Award in Translational Research; and **Dr. Joel Steinberg**, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, for the Dana Clinical Hypotheses in Neuroscience Research Program.

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## ***NEW EMERGENCY TRAUMA CENTER OPENS***

A new facility, the Emergency Trauma Center of the new Hermann Pavilion, is in operation. Mock emergency drills to train staff and emergency medical personnel in the 51,000 square-foot center, three times the size of the old center, have already taken place. The new structure includes four major trauma rooms, two chest pain treatment rooms, a fast-track treatment area for minor emergencies, and a separate area for pediatric patients. Hermann Life Flight has also tested its new facilities, including the speedy delivery of critically ill and injured patients to the Emergency Center.

## ***FORE! BENEFIT TOURNAMENT NEXT MONTH***



Pretend you're Tiger Woods and come on out to the Seventh Annual UT-HHSC Golf Tournament, benefiting student scholarships at UT-Houston's six schools, Monday, **September 27**, Raveneaux Country Club, 9415 Cypresswood Drive. Individual entries are \$150 for UT-Houston employees, covering green fee, cart, gift bag, course refreshments, box lunch and awards dinner. To date, the tournament has raised \$125,000 for 95 UT-Houston students. UT-Houston is one of 47 out of nearly 1,000 colleges, universities and independent schools, to receive the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Circle of Excellence for Education Fund Raising Award, in the category of most improved for 1995, and again for 1996. Call **Kim Warshauer**, 713-500-3210.

## ***RAISING CHILDREN'S SPIRIT***

Today is UT-Houston Harris County Psychiatric Center Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. The UT-Houston Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC) is located at 2800 South MacGregor Way. Symptoms of depression in children can include:

- ◆ feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, helplessness, total indifference and/or extreme guilt
- ◆ prolonged sadness; unexplained crying spells
- ◆ jumpiness or irritability
- ◆ withdrawal from formerly enjoyable activities or relationships
- ◆ inability to concentrate or remember details; indecisiveness
- ◆ noticeable change in appetite with sudden weight loss or gain
- ◆ changes in sleep patterns, constant fatigue, insomnia, early waking, oversleeping
- ◆ physical ailments that cannot be explained otherwise or
- ◆ thoughts of death or suicide attempts.

Help is available through medications and counseling with the child and family. Free informational brochures in English or Spanish are available through UT-Houston HCPC at 713-741-5000.



## ***WATCH THE ASTROS ON TMC DAY, SEPT. 11***

Saturday, September 11, 12:15 p.m., is Texas Medical Center Day at the Astrodome. Discount tickets available as the Houston Astros host the Chicago Cubs. Call Astros Group Services, 713-799-9567, for tickets.

## ***NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOMED DURING PAST WEEKS***



What separates the UT-Houston Medical School from many other medical schools? Some would say it is the School's special sense of family that has been nurtured since the School began in 1970. Three events coordinated by the offices of Student Affairs and Admissions help define that sense of family and deserve special mention:

**Student Retreat:** Hosted by the School's second-year students, the welcome retreat was held at Camp Allen this past weekend, August 13 -14. From outdoor activities and social events to faculty orientations and informal Q/A sessions, new students received a UT-Houston welcome and had the opportunity to meet

new classmates and learn from veterans of the first-year experience in a relaxed, informal setting in the piney woods northwest of Houston.

**Parent Orientation:** On Thursday, August 12, the parents and spouses of the 200 entering students were presented with a comprehensive overview of student life and the first year of medical school in MSB 3.001. Current students provided tours and hosted Q/A sessions with faculty volunteers. What began in the late 1970s has evolved into a highly popular event that defines the caring, supportive atmosphere that this school has developed for students and family members.

**White Coat Ceremony:** The entering students (with family members attending) donned their white jackets for the first time, recited the Student Ethical Pledge and the Hippocratic Oath on Wednesday, August 11 at the Radisson Astrodome Hotel. **Dr. John R. Stroehlein**, professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and winner of the first faculty award for Humanism in Medicine, was the guest speaker.