



# Scoop



Friday, September 24, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **CPR Mass Training**, Sun., **Sept. 26**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Astrodome, English and Spanish, ages 12 and older. 4-hr. classes. UT-H task force member is **Dr. Ted Pate**. For training registration, call 713-222-2273.
- **Association for Women Faculty Fall Reception**, Mon., **Sept. 27**, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Fifth Floor Gallery. All women faculty members invited.
- **UT-H Mini-Medical School on Women's Health**, Tuesday, **Sept. 28**, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Museum of Health & Medical Science, 1515 Hermann Drive, 713-500-6394.
- **Harold Cooper Lecturer, Dr. Daniel R. Weinberger**, "Toward a Cell Biology of Schizophrenia," Wed., **Sept. 29**, 3 p.m., MSB 3.001.
- **Clinical Research Curriculum Introductory Course**, Wed., **Sept. 29**, **Dr. Virginia Moyer**, "Diagnostic Tests," 5-6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.
- **Research Day**, Friday, **Oct. 8**, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., Edwin Hornberger Conference Center.
- **Volunteers Needed!** Party in the Park, Fri., **Oct. 15**, 2 - 6 p.m., HMB Park. Contact <ecruces@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu>.
- **Medical School 1999 Research Retreat**, **Oct. 15 - 16**.

## NEW OFFICE OF AMBULATORY OPERATIONS ANNOUNCED

As part of the ongoing restructuring of the Medical School's clinical operations, **Dean L. Maximilian Buja** has announced the creation of an Office of Ambulatory Operations to be led by **Dr. Charles M. Stiernberg**, effective **October 1**. Stiernberg, current chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, will relinquish his chairman role on October 1 to



**Dr. Stiernberg**

become Senior Medical Director for the new office and Medical Director of University Care Plus (UCP). Says Buja, "While this new office represents only a part of the restructuring effort underway, it is an essential part of our clinical operations and relates directly to our ongoing partnership with Memorial Hermann Healthcare System and our joint UT/Memorial Hermann clinics. Stiernberg's nine-year experience base at the Medical School, strong working relationship with both UT and Memorial Hermann Hospital, as well as his dedication to sound business principles and patient needs, make him ideally suited for this new role."

The new office, adds Buja, will report to the Associate Dean for Clinical Operations. Currently a search is underway for this position that reports directly to the Dean. The Office of Ambulatory Operations will have three Area Medical Directors. Dr. Stiernberg will head Surgery and Outreach; **Dr. Robert E. Jordon**, chair of Dermatology, will head Medical Specialties; and **Dr. Allan R. Katz**, director of the Division of General Obstetrics within the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, will head Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatrics.

This restructuring, summarizes Buja, represents an ongoing process of enhancements related to the Medical School's clinical operations leadership. "The completion of the search for an Associate Dean for Clinical Operations represents the next essential step in the process of restructuring the clinical operations leadership to meet the demands of our everchanging healthcare environment and to fulfill the strategic goal of this School to provide ongoing, quality patient care."

## SMALLING MODERATES ON-LINE TALK

**Dr. Richard Smalling**, Cardiology, is the featured national moderator for an on-line CME conference, "The Cardiovascular Medicine Conference," at *Cyberounds*, an interactive grand rounds website moderated by distinguished academics, <<http://www.cyberounds.com>>. Interested parties can register and go to Smalling's cardiovascular conference, with **Dr. Ali Denktas**, cardiovascular fellow, "An Aggressive Approach to the Treatment of Acute Myocardial Infarction: Lessons from Recent Clinical Trials."



**Dr. Smalling**



## NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

The Annual New Faculty Orientation Luncheon, hosted by **Dean L. Maximilian Buja** and the Office of Faculty Affairs, will be Wednesday, **September 29**, 12-1:30 p.m., in the UT Private Dining Room. All new faculty appointed during the past year (since 9/1/98) are encouraged to attend. For more information or to RVSP, contact **Juanita Mattingly**, 500-5103.

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The 9th Annual Houston Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure occurs Saturday, **Oct. 2**. Join thousands of Houstonians in a race for a cure. The event starts at the Galleria. Times are 7:30 a.m., a 5K walk/run for women only; and 7:45 a.m., a 1 mile family walk. The entry fee is \$20/adult, before the day of the race, when the entry fee is \$25/adult. Registration forms are at the Fitness Center, MSB 8th floor.



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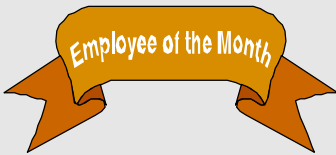
## September Employee of the Month - Jean Osterman

Have you heard the phrase that 'You can't beat experience'? Well, **Jean Osterman**, our September Employee of the Month, has it. She comes from Alton, Illinois, 30 miles north of St. Louis, and says that her mother was always volunteering for church or school when Jean was growing up. Jean herself was a volunteer director at Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) General Hospital for 12 years, served a total of 27 years with the Harris County Hospital District, and has been a senior support specialist in the Department of Surgery for the past three years. She's also served as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Houston chapter organization over the span of 20 years, to seven little sisters and two little brothers.

**Dr. Richard Andrassy** is the chair of her department and wins high marks from Jean. "He's a delight, has a wonderful sense of humor, very committed, and knows how to balance his life." Jean also works with **Jeff Reinhart, Anne Howard, and Norma Gonzales**.

Jean's philosophy is 'If you treat people the way you want to be treated, that will get you a long way.' As Dr. Andrassy's front office person, Jean is the pivotal information gatekeeper. In that capacity, she enjoys connecting people, by phone or in person, to the right source. "Someone may tell me that they need a gall bladder surgery, and do I know someone who specializes in that?" Jean also enjoys assisting customers' requests for medical information. Her supervisors have noted her calm, professional, and reassuring way of handling sometimes very chaotic circumstances. Apparently Jean's knack of listening sincerely to residents, faculty, medical students, and visitors, is a stabilizing influence on the daily flow of events in a busy surgical arena.

Jean herself summed up her attitude, which pervades her whole life, both professionally and personally. "I'm very much committed to volunteerism; I don't know where any of our agencies would be without volunteers. Our community would not be a very nice place to live in, without their efforts." Said a co-worker, "She's the department's first impression to the outside world." The impression that she leaves, he said, is that the department is efficient and approachable. "She's a very positive influence on everyone around her."



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## NIH TO AWARD RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

The NIH's Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is seeking applications from research programs that support the health of women. Interested candidates need to have recently completed clinical training or postdoctoral fellowships, and should be starting basic, translational, clinical and/or health services research relevant to women's health. As many as eight grants, totaling up to \$500,000 annually, will be awarded. The deadline for letters of intent is Monday, **October 11**. Contact **Valarie Clark**, 202-828-0586, or at <[vclark@aamc.org](mailto:vclark@aamc.org)>.



Dr. Burgos

## HCCS CHANCELLOR TO WELCOME 'LIVING WELL' AUDIENCE

**Dr. Ruth Burgos-Sasscer** will welcome those attending the free Living Well Mini-Medical School program starting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, **Sept. 28**, at the Museum of Health & Medical Science (registration begins at 5:30 p.m.). Sasscer is chancellor of the Houston Community College System, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area. Speakers and topics for the event, presented by the Medical School's Office of Women's Health, are **Dr. Larry C. Gilstrap** on "Pre-Pregnancy Planning Is a Plus" and **Dr. Michele Curtis** on "Preventing Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases." Gilstrap is chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, and Curtis is an associate professor in that department.

## 2000 MASS MEDIA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FELLOWS PROGRAM

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has, for over 20 years, supported a Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows program. The program this year will place advanced science students in newsrooms across the country. One of the principal aims of the AAAS is to increase public understanding of science and technology. Fellows are provided a weekly stipend of \$450 for 10 weeks, as well as travel expenses. They use their academic training to research, write, and report, assisting media professionals at radio and television stations, newspapers, and magazines.

The selection process is seeking qualified candidates from underrepresented communities, including black, Hispanic, and Native American scientists and engineers, and those with disabilities. The application deadline is **January 15, 2000**. In addition to the completed application form, candidates need to submit a current resume, brief writing sample(s) of 3-5 pages directed to the general public, transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work, and three letters of recommendation. Two of these letters need to come from a faculty member; the third should be a personal reference. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should be submitted directly to the program. For more information, contact: The AAAS Mass Media Science And Engineering Fellows Program, 1200 New York Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, phone no. 202-326-6670; FAX no. 202-371-9849.