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Nov. 21, 2003

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

November

27, 28 Thanksgiving Holidays.

December

4 Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fifth Floor Gallery, Call 713-500-5505, or 713-500-6513.

4 Medical School Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Leather Lounge, Ground Floor. Sign up by calling Karen Smith, 713-500-5608.

10 Ernst Knobil Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Robert Horvitz, 4 p.m., MSB 3.001.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Bryant Boutwell, associate dean and the John P. McGovern, M.D., Professor of Oslerian

Medicine, delivered an invited lecture at Baylor's History of Medicine Society on the history of The University of Texas institutions in the Texas Medical Center. He also was an invited speaker for Leadership Houston, speaking at the Federal Reserve Bank on the economic impact of the Texas Medical Center on Houston's economy. Dr. Boutwell is a graduate and current elected board member for Leadership Houston...**Dr. Hope Northrup**, director, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, recently received the Gomez Award from the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance. The TS Alliance is dedicated to finding a cure for tuberous sclerosis complex. TSC is a genetic condition, affecting approximately 1 out of every 6,000 people, causing the growth of benign tumors in many major organ systems...**Dr. Rita Swinford**, Pediatrics, won First Place, Wildlife & Animals Division, in St. Luke's Auxiliary's seventh annual photo contest...**Dr. Jianwei Feng**, a fellow in the Division of Cardiology, recently presented his findings, "Cardiac Sequelae in Brooklyn After the September 11 Terrorist Attacks," on the stress/heart disorder link to an AHA Scientific Session in Orlando. This study was recently featured in the *Houston Chronicle* (11/15/03).



EXITING THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN EMERGENCIES

On Nov. 5 and Nov. 7, **Joe Parham**, physical safety manager, Environmental Health and Safety, addressed the issue of exiting the Medical School in an emergency before the school's fire wardens, who are now called "area safety liaisons."



With the addition of the perimeter flood wall currently under construction, stairwells will exit at ground and a half; a maximum of two of the school's eight stairwells will be closed at a time during the construction process. Only one stairwell will be closed on each side of the building at a time, which will be marked by postings on the door and an alternate exit route indicated. Emergency exits are to be used ONLY in emergency situations.

As indicated in the photo to the left, in the event of a building alarm, a gate will deploy to direct people along the exit path. From the ground level, exit up a 1/2 floor; from the first floor, exit down a 1/2 floor. For more information, contact **Joseph Parham** at <Joseph.I.Parham@uth.tmc.edu> or 713-500-8109. Or see the Construction Web site, which has the latest construction news, at <<http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/construction/index.htm>>.

BUY A BOOK.

HELP A STUDENT.

Interim Dean **Stanley Schultz** applauds **UTHSC-H President James Willerson's** granting of one hour off for employees to shop at the Barnes and Noble Bookfair with supervisor's approval. The bookfair will be held 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. **Dec. 3** through **Dec. 6** at 3003 West Holcombe Blvd. (at Buffalo Speedway).

Shuttles for Medical School employees will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wed., **Dec. 3**, picking up at the concrete slab on John Freeman Blvd., in front of the Jesse Jones Library lawn. The bookfair will contribute a percentage of purchases – up to 25 percent – toward scholarships for UT students. Something for everyone is on your holiday gift list – books, DVD movies, puzzles, toys, calendars, and music items will be for sale. Free gift wrapping by the Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty is available on Thurs., **Dec. 4**. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you in this holiday book fair. Vouchers with an option to designate the Medical School must be presented at the time of your purchase. To print out the "voucher" form to take with you to the bookfair, and to check the shuttle schedule, visit <<http://www.uthouston.edu/community/barnesnoble>>.



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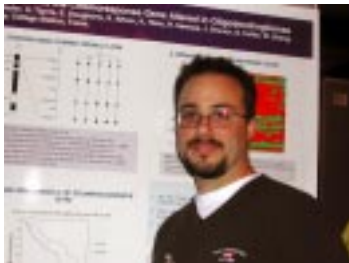
2003 RESEARCH DAY DRAWS AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

The eight Biomedical Excellence Award winners at the Nov. 14 Research Day were: **April Hebert**, GSBS, "Differential Role of Erk Activity in the Hippocampus vs. the Entorhinal Cortex in Spatial Memory Storage;" **Dr. Silvia C. Amador-Garza**, Neurobiology & Anatomy, "Eye Movements in Parkinsons' Disease: A Window into Cognitive Deficits;" **Kristine Klos**, GSBS, "ErbB2-Enhanced Invasion, Metastasis, and Angiogenesis in Human Breast Cancer Cells;" **Melissa Drysdale**, GSBS, "Capsule Gene Regulation in a Virulent Strain of Bacillus anthracis and Implications for Pathogenesis;" **Paul Cherukuri**, GSBS, "Near-Infrared Fluorescence Imaging of Carbon



Idalia Alaniz, MS, shows off her poster at Research Day.

Nanotubules in Macrophages;" **Dr. Stacey Mueller-Ortiz**, IMM, "Role of the C3aR in a Murine Model of Pseudomonas aeruginosa Pneumonia;" **Dr. David Alonso-Escolano**, IMM, "Membrane Type-1 Matrix Metalloproteinase Stimulates Tumor Cell-Induced Platelet Aggregation: Implications for Hematogenous Metastasis;" and **Dr. Anne-Pierre Goursaud**, Neurobiology & Anatomy, "Preference of Infant Monkeys with Neonatal Bilateral Amygdala, Orbital Frontal Cortex or Hippocampal Lesions for their Human Adoptive Caregiver."



Matthew McDonald, a GSBS student participant, at Research Day.

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WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM SEEKS APPLICANTS

One of the country's most prestigious programs for leadership and public service, the White House Fellows Program, established by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, has provided nearly 600 Americans with first-hand experience in government.

Between 11 and 19 fellows will be selected to serve for one year as full-time, paid assistants to members of the Cabinet and senior White House staff.

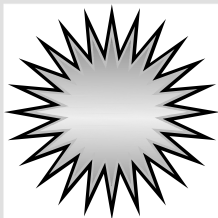
Former White House Fellows include: Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, former CNN President Tom Johnson, and American Red Cross President Marsha Evans.

Fellows enhance their knowledge of public policy, learn about other cultures, and gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing our country and the world, as they serve at the highest levels of government. White House Fellows gain unique experiences and insights that help them develop the leadership skills required to make a positive difference in our society.

To learn more about the program and to fill out an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to check out the Web site at <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows>>, or call 1-202-395-4522. Applications can be downloaded from the Web site but must be filled out and submitted by hardcopy. Applications must be postmarked by **Feb. 1**.

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - DONNA CLANTON

Donna Clanton is our November Employee of the Month. She's been with the UT system 21 years and works as a health education coordinator in the Department of Dermatology. The best part of **Donna's** job is looking at "all the grody pictures of oozing rashes! Seriously, I think everybody has an ongoing interest in their outer appearance. So as a discipline, dermatology is probably more approachable for the patient than many other fields, which helps keep it interesting for me. I think I'm probably a frustrated teacher, and I really enjoy helping the students and the people I train learn about dermatology and what not to do to their skin, hair, or nails. Don't get me started on acrylic nails!"



According to Donna's colleagues, she is an expert in arranging all of the medical student and resident rotations. But just as important, she is a team builder. She also fully supports two full-time faculty members, **Drs. Asra Ali** and **Steven Mays**, and serves as a bridge between patients and physicians. Her turn-around time for delivering reports to the physician's office is not more than 24 hours, rain or shine, and Donna delivers.

Donna was born in Wurzburg, Germany, on one of the American military bases there. She grew up in Friendswood. "It was a Quaker community at the time," she said. Donna's parents, who were both scientists, live in Kerrville; her brother Scot, and his family live near Fort Worth. Her mother was a laboratory technician, and her father was a lunar geologist. Her brother is a firefighter/paramedic. In her spare time, Donna practices tai chi, gardens, cooks, and loves to travel. She has a small tortoiseshell cat, "Chloe Penelope Josephine." "The vet staff always laugh when I tell them her name. But they remember her from year to year," she said.



Donna Clanton