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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

October

- 26 Daylight Saving Time ends;** fall back.
- 28 Flu shots,** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., MSB Leather Lounge, \$10.
- 31 Happy Halloween,** ERC-sponsored popcorn sale. 1st floor, yellow section, 50 cents.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Guy Clifton, Neurosurgery, **Dr. David Low**, SPH, and **Dr. Pauline Rosenau**, SPH, were consultants for this week's ABC News series, "Critical Condition: HealthCare in America."

FIXING PROBLEM FRACTURES

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery will present its 2003 Edward T. Smith Orthopaedic Lectureship, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., **Nov. 7** at the Reliant Center in Reliant Park.

Mark R. Brinker, M.D., adjunct associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and partner in Fondren Orthopedic Group, is chairman for this year's program, which will focus on current trends and standards in the management of problem fractures and non-unions. As part of the program, there will be lectures, slides, panel discussions, case presentations and question and answer sessions. Registration fees are \$295 for physicians, \$100 for nurses, and \$75 for allied health professionals. It is free to residents and fellows at UT and Baylor College of Medicine and \$50 for residents and fellows at other institutions. For information, or to register for the conference, visit http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/cme/update-sympos/edtsmith_03.htm.

FED EX RELOCATED - The Fed Ex boxes located next to the Medical School Building near Ross Sterling have been relocated across Ross Sterling on the Memorial Hermann Hospital side of the street.

SHINE NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR, HEALTH AFFAIRS

Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., a cardiologist and a physiologist, and currently a senior fellow and director of the Center for Domestic and International Health Security at the RAND Corporation, has been appointed executive vice chancellor for health affairs at The University of Texas System. His appointment is effective **Nov. 24**.



Dr. Kenneth Shine

"Dr. Shine is an outstanding leader in the health care arena and someone I've known personally for nearly 40 years, since we worked together at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston," **UTHSC-H President James T. Willerson, M.D.**, said. The executive vice chancellor for health affairs is responsible for the educational, research, and health-care programs at the UT System's six health institutions. Through the presidents of the component institutions, the executive vice chancellor has responsibility for academic planning and programs, budgets, facilities planning and construction, and personnel of those components.

CLEAR MEDICAL SCHOOL HALLWAYS A "MUST"

Box-filled corridors in the Medical School, by necessity, must become a thing of the past, says **Bob Emery, Dr. P.H.**, executive director of environmental health and safety (EH&S). Certain areas within the health science center are very short on storage space and because of that, the corridors have become convenient - but unsafe - unofficial warehouses of boxes of papers, file cabinets, chemicals, and more. That warehousing came to the attention of the Office of the State Fire Marshal through an anonymous complaint earlier this year.

The Texas Fire Code "is the standard by which our building fire safety is judged, and the fire marshal is the judge of our compliance," Emery said. "We have worked diligently to get many of the things out of the halls and have negotiated with the state fire marshal to develop a policy that would allow us to rationally put certain things in the hall if we have to deal with those space constraint issues."

The good news is that the drafted policy was endorsed by the Office of the State Fire Marshall in September 2003. Key points include: no blockage of safety related areas in hallways, such as showers or emergency exits; no storage in converging perimeter corridors, such as the aisle-way around the perimeter of the Medical School Building, except in designated alcoves; and items in corridors that are not converging (cross aisles connecting perimeter corridors) have to be approved by EH&S.

What specifically are not allowed in hallways are: flammable or combustible liquids, flammable storage cabinets, compressed gas cylinders, liquefied gases, radioactive materials, potentially infectious materials, pressurized equipment, incubators, drying ovens, shakes, centrifuges, and waste containers. If you think your area might be in violation of this policy, contact EH&S at 713-500-8100 for an inspection or consultation.

- P. Lewis



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ADJUNCT PROFESSOR TO RECEIVE TASHA AWARD

Dr. Alan K Schultz, an adjunct professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, will receive a distinguished service award from the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (TASHA). Schultz, a retired Houston-area physician, remains a well-respected and active physician in the field of geriatrics. His UT affiliation includes past leadership of the Medical School's Family Practice Residency Program at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. This latest service award acknowledges his recent role in designing and implementing for the medical school an innovative geriatrics program for third-year residents in internal medicine. In making this award, TASHA notes, "His dedication to the field of geriatrics, along with a commitment to excellence, allows these resident physicians the opportunity to learn about the field of long-term care through daily one-on-one intervention with residents in the nursing home." Schultz will receive the award in Austin May 21.

- B. Boutwell



Tali Roth

check-ups and glasses for needy children. "We chose an eye charity because one of the composers whose work we will be playing, Rodrigo, was blind," Lebel explained.

The concert will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at Cullen Theater in the Wortham Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and students and may be purchased at Joel's Classical Shop, 4010 Bissonnet, 713-665-0954, and Wherehouse Music, 3800 Farnham, 713-523-2200.

Three more concerts are planned for the season, including a Christmas concert Dec. 13, featuring cantor Vadim Tunitsky from Temple Emanu El and two choirs. "Reach for the Stars," set for **Feb. 28**, will focus on raising awareness and funds for medical research in space, and a European masterpieces concert **June 6** will feature English violinist Pip Clark.

For more information, see www.doctorsorchestrahouston.org.

- D. Brown

ORCHESTRA OFFERS "DANZAS DEL MUNDO" Nov. 9

Doctors Orchestra of Houston is kicking off its fourth season Sun., **Nov. 9** with "Danzas Del Mundo."

The concert will feature music that symbolizes dances from around the world and will include "Procession of the Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Concierto de Aranjuez" by Rodrigo, "Le Tombeau de Couperin" by Ravel, and "Estancia Ballet Suite" by Ginastera.

Guitar virtuoso Tali Roth will be featured on the Rodrigo piece.

"Tali is world-renowned. She is a phenomenal guitar player who is originally from Israel. You have to hear it to believe it," said **Libi Lebel**, the orchestra's conductor. "She is internationally known, and we are very fortunate to have her join us."

Proceeds from the concert, which is being sponsored by TIAA-CREF, will go to Eye Care for Kids, a charity that provides free eye

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NEW WEBBER PLAZA ENTRANCE OPEN; OTHERS CLOSING

The entrance at Ross Sterling is closed until **February 2004**, and the old Webber Plaza entrance will close **Mon., Oct. 27**. Use the new entrance to the Medical School Building on Webber Plaza under the pergola. The drop off lane at Ross Sterling is closed until **May 2004**. The new drop off location is at the crosswalk on Ross Sterling between Jesse Jones Library and Memorial Hermann, or the Jesse Jones Library loop. John Freeman Building entrances will remain open for badge-access entry. If you have any questions, call **Jim Victor**, program manager, 713-500-4995.

