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Feb. 20, 2004

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

February

23 Dr. Tom Walz, "Structure of the aquaporin-) membrane junction," 11:45 a.m., MSB 2.135.

24 Dr. Norman Pace, "Molecular Microbial Ecology and Human Health," 4 p.m., MSB 2.103.

24 Graphics Standards Training, noon, MSB 2.135. Call 713-500-3137.

26 Advances in Teaching and Learning Conference. Visit <www.shis.uth.tmc.edu/teachingday/index.htm>.

March

9 Dr. David Handelsman, "Genetic Model for Hormonal Regulation of Spermatogenesis," noon, MSB 2.135.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Eric Thomas, Internal Medicine, was featured in the AAMC's newsletter, *Reporter*, (Feb. 2004), regarding research into how human behavior impacts medical errors...**Dr. Stanley Lewis**, General Medicine, was the 2004 recipient of the Super Achiever Award from the YMCA.

CORRECTION - Former UTHSC-H President **M. David Low**'s name was misspelled in last week's article on "Developing Empathy Via Essentials of Medicine Elective." *Scoop* regrets the error.

STAR AWARDS LUNCHEON SET FOR MARCH 3

An invitation only luncheon buffet will be held 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wed., **March 3**, at the TMC Edwin Hornberger Conference

Center to honor UTHSC-H employees' years of service. RSVP to <Rose.M.Betancourt-Trevino@uth.tmc.edu> by Mon., **Feb. 23**.



BRAIN DEVELOPMENT FOCUS OF NEUROSCIENCE FORUM

Common disorders of the developing brain and new breakthroughs in their understanding and treatment will be the theme under discussion at the Neuroscience Research Center's public forum, "The Developing Brain," 10:30 a.m. - noon Sat., **March 20**, in MSB 3.001.



Researchers know that the human brain at birth is made up of about 100 billion brain cells that have not yet been connected into functioning networks. By the time a child is 3 years old, these cells have formed about one thousand trillion connections between these cells, some of which it will keep and some it will eventually discard.

The free event will feature UT Medical School presenters including: **Dr. Ian J. Butler**, Neurology, "The Chemistry of the Developing Brain: Tourette Syndrome, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder;" **Dr. Jack Fletcher**, Pediatrics, "Spina Bifida, Epilepsy, and Injuries to the Developing Brain," **Dr. Barbara Foorman**, Pediatrics, "Reading and Dyslexia," and **Dr. Katherine Loveland**, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, "Autism and Other Disorders of Social Behavior and Cognition."

Dr. James "Red" Duke, Surgery, will moderate the event. Visitors can park in Garage 4 on Ross Sterling Avenue (2 hours = \$8) or take the Metro Rail to the Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo stop. Register by calling **Sharon Pepper**, 713-500-5538. Disabled visitors or those who have difficulty walking can inquire about assistance when registering.

- S. Rasp

HOUSTON HISPANIC CAREER & EDUCATION DAY FEB. 28

The 18th Annual Houston Hispanic Forum's Career & Education Day 2004 is a unique event where students and their parents attend discussion panels and are given the opportunity to listen to professionals to learn about the importance of the higher education and how to prepare for their future success.

This year's event is expected to attract over 16,000 students. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston faculty, students, and staff are expected to present in the different areas of health and science. Additionally, each school, with the exception of SHIS will be represented at the exhibitor's area. The event will be held Sat., **Feb. 28**, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Visit the Houston Hispanic Forum's Website at <www.hispanicforum.org>.

UT HOUSE MEDICS HOME REPAIR PROGRAM NEEDS YOU

Join UT House Medics in celebrating its 13th year of beautifying our community. Bring your scrapers, hammers, and paint brushes to lend a helping hand to elderly homeowners. In recent years, program participants have renovated up to five homes during the spring home repair. Each requires 50 - 60 volunteers. Team commitment deadline is Fri., **March 12**; work days are Sat., **April 17** and Sat., **April 24**. No experience necessary. There's something for everyone to do. To submit a sign-up form online, to see house medics in action, or to get more information, visit <<http://is.hsc.uth.tmc.edu/projects/housemed.html>>. Or contact: **Krysti Suarez**, 713-500-2241, or **Dennie Clemons**, 713-500-2235.



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TROUBLE-SHOOTING BUDGET-CHECKING PROBLEMS

Editor's note: The PeopleSoft FMS support team along with Finance and Procurement are writing periodic articles to keep the Medical School community abreast of progress at the request of Interim Dean Stanley Schultz:

One of the common sources of frustration for the PeopleSoft FMS users is the budget-checking process. This week we will cover possible reasons that a transaction will not pass budget check (and the corrective actions that should be taken):

- **The budget-end date has passed.** For Projects, the Budget End Date that is listed on the UTH Grants-Projects panel determines whether a transaction can pass budget check. If you need to enter a transaction on a Project with a Budget End Date that is beyond the Budget End date, contact the PAF Team for review and assistance.
- **The budget pool is in deficit.** The corrective action would be to re-budget from another budget pool for that Project or Chartfield String.
- **The budget pool shows a \$0.00 budget, but when you click on the hyperlink, there has never been a budget transaction entered to establish the pool.** The corrective action is to enter a budget transaction, as described above. This is the trickiest one because the fact that there is a \$0.00 amount on the line item as you view it in Budget Overview makes you think that a budget transaction has already been completed. So whenever you see a \$0.00 budget amount in one of the pools, you need to remember to click on the hyperlink to determine if the budget was ever created. Unless the Project was set up early under guarantee, there should have been a budget loaded for the Project, and (within the terms and conditions of the funding agency) funds should be transferred from one budget pool to another to allow the transaction to pass budget check. For Projects that were set up under guarantee, no budget has been loaded, so a budget journal should be entered for a \$0.00 amount for that budget pool.
- **An invalid chart string was used.** Check to make sure the data entry is correct for all the chartfields.
- **Security error.** All budget transactions on Projects get this error. Most of them on non-Projects also get the error. PAF (for Projects) or the Budget Office (for non-Projects) must approve the budget transaction to over-ride the security error.
- **The project or ChartField string has budgeted funds but the non PO voucher's header budget check status remains 'not checked.'** The voucher may not have been approved yet (a voucher has to be approved before it can be budget checked). Check the approval status on the Voucher Attributes page in Accounts Payable.

For more information, see <http://mss.uth.tmc.edu/PS_home.htm>

- S. Ball

PEOPLESOFT SOLUTIONS

DOCTOR'S ORCHESTRA PERFORMS FOR SPACE RESEARCH EFFORTS FEB. 28

Doctors Orchestra of Houston performs "Reach for the Stars" at 7 p.m. Sat. **Feb. 28**, Stude Hall, Rice University. All of the musical selections for this concert contain a "space" theme. Pieces to be performed include Gustav Holst's "The Planets," John Williams's "Star Wars," and Dvorak's "Song to the Moon." In tribute to all of the heroic astronauts, the orchestra will play John Williams's "Olympic Fanfare." NASA has generously offered space images and footage to be projected onto a large white screen behind the musicians.



A percentage of concert proceeds will be donated to support the mission of National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI), headquartered at Baylor College of Medicine. NSBRI research seeks solutions to health concerns facing astronauts on long missions. Patients on Earth suffering from similar conditions will benefit from these advances.

This concert has been underwritten by Doctors Orchestra's official season sponsor, TIAA-CREF (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association College Retirement Equities Fund). TIAA-CREF gave \$100,000 to sponsor the orchestra over the next three years. Tickets are available online at <www.Ticketmaster.com>, at all Ticketmaster outlets including Fiesta, Foley's and Select Warehouse Music Stores. To charge tickets by phone, call 713-629-3700.

Established in November 2000, Doctors Orchestra of Houston is a community orchestra having its origin in the health professions. This orchestra is comprised of 75 volunteer musicians who are physicians, dentists, nurses, medical students, biomedical scientists, social workers and other allied health professionals.

DERMATOLOGY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Sweaty? The University of Texas Department of Dermatology wants you! It is actively recruiting volunteers for a study using Botox to treat hyperhidrosis axillae (excessive sweating in the armpits), and needs to enroll 30 patients by the end of February.

1. Males and females at least 18 years old
2. Medications provided free of charge
3. Study lasts three years
4. Patient cannot have previously used Botox for any reason
5. Cannot be pregnant or intending to become pregnant
6. Compensation provided; study is free
7. Otherwise healthy

For more information, call 713-500-8266.