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March 19, 2004

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

March

20 The Developing Brain, a free event, 10:30 a.m.-noon, MSB 3.001.

24 "The American Muslim Experience," noon, MSB 3.001. Lunch provided.

24 Team captain's meeting, 6 p.m. sand volleyball league, 713-500-8422.

30 Health & Human Spirit Lecturer, Dr. Jeffrey Bishop, noon, MSB 3.001.

April

13 Seminar in Reproductive Biology, Dr. Martin J. John, noon, MSB 6.018-D.

May

30 Commencement, 1 p.m., Assembly Hall, George R. Brown Convention Center.

SEARCH COMMITTEE PROGRESSES ON DEAN RECOMMENDATION

The search committee for the permanent dean of the Medical School was formed in July 2003 and has received 21 applications to date. Three candidates have been interviewed, and one more is scheduled.

There was only one application from a woman and none from minorities, despite the search committee's efforts. "We personally contacted minorities who were recommended to us, however none of them applied for the position," said **Irma Gigli, M.D.**, chair of the committee.

The most qualified applicants were divided into three groups, and the search committee is in the process of interviewing the candidates who are in the top tier. "They are extremely impressive. We haven't decided yet if we will extend interviews to the second tier," Gigli said.

Once the interviews have been completed, the committee will rank the top three candidates and present their names to **President James T. Willerson, M.D.**, who will make the final decision, which must then be approved by UT System.

"We are looking for a dean who understands the complexity of the Medical School – basic science, clinical research, and practice of medicine – and can help bridge these components," Gigli said. "The new dean must have the vision to keep pace with the evolution of medical education and serve as a role model for both faculty and students."

RESEARCH POSTERS ON DISPLAY

Research posters by fellows in the Joint Primary Care Fellowship (JPCF) are on display through **June 30** in the outer lobby of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine in the Jesse Jones Library Building, Suite 324.

The posters are part of a "Works in Progress" presentation that was held earlier this year. The JPCF is a collaborative training program consisting of faculty from the department of Family Practice and Community Medicine and the divisions of General Medicine and Pediatrics/Community and General Pediatrics, who provide faculty development training and "survival skills" for multiculturally diverse groups of primary care physicians who are planning a career in academic medicine.



Dr. Carman Hall Whiting (r.), discusses "Is Screening for Postpartum Depression Beneficial in an Urban Underserved Clinic Population?" with **Beth Brown (l.).**

SMALL ANIMAL SCANNER AVAILABLE

The 7T MRI scanner is available for scanning small animals. Investigators interested in this facility should contact **Dr. P. Narayana** via e-mail at <ponnada.a.narayana@uth.tmc.edu> or 713-500-7677.

OUR FOTOFEST

As part of this year's Fotofest, Frank White's photographic endeavor, "Faces of Our Community," is being featured through **April 12** in the Fifth Floor Gallery.



Steve Jones, Student Affairs, takes a look at a photo of **Dr. Judianne Kellaway** in the ongoing exhibit.

JOINT COMMISSION AWARDS HCPC TOP SCORE FOR PATIENT CARE

The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the nation's hospital accrediting group, awarded a near perfect score for its overall patient care program to The University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center. In addition HCPC's five-year-old Outpatient Behavioral and Psychiatric Services program earned a perfect preliminary score of 100 from the JCAHO surveyors. This is the first perfect score ever earned by an outpatient program in the JCAHO surveyor's 27 years of inspecting outpatient facilities. The outpatient program includes a five-days-a-week Partial Hospitalization Program and a step-down Intensive Outpatient Program. It is self-funded, receiving no state or local monies.

MEDICAL SCHOOL REUNION IS APRIL 16 - 17

The Medical School Reunion 2004 is scheduled for **April 16 - 17**. Registration packets have been mailed out to the graduating Classes of '79, '84, '94 and '99. If you have not received your packet, please contact the office of Alumni Affairs at 713-500-5121.



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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WALTER G. STERLING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Medical School faculty are invited to nominate a graduating student for the Walter G. Sterling Award for Excellence. The Sterling Award is given to the graduating senior selected by faculty members as outstanding. The award consists of a bronze medallion and a check, which will be presented at Commencement on Sun., May 30.

The criteria for choosing a recipient are: a student who has exhibited scholastic superiority, outstanding interpersonal relations, energy, and who has earned the respect and affection of his or her patients and colleagues.

A nominating form is available at <http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/studaff/index.htm>. Nominations are requested by Mon., **March 22**. Return to **Dr. McNeese**, Student Affairs, MSB 5.202.

The awardee will be selected from among the nominees by the Student Evaluation and Promotions Committee.

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEES OFFICE To Move

The Office of Research Support Committees (ORSC), which supports the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and the Animal Welfare Committee, will relocate from the Jesse Jones Library to University Center Tower (UCT), Suite 750, in late March.

Because the new location will not be as convenient for Medical School and Dental Branch faculty, ORSC will staff a satellite drop-off location, 8 a.m.–noon, Monday-Friday, in MSB 2.104A.

Protocols and other research-related documents and correspondence from both the Medical School and the Dental Branch can be dropped off at that location.

Further updates to the final move date and new phone numbers will be publicized as they become available.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

“It will be first-come, first-served, for the first 35 campers,” said **Chucky Son**, Rec Sports Coordinator at the Recreation Center at 7779 Knight Road. Information concerning the 2004 Summer Camp is located on the Recreation Center’s Homepage at <http://ae.uth.tmc.edu/recreat/index.html>.

For information on dates, prices and camp activities, click on “Sports Camp Information” or “Sports Camp Registration Form.”

For additional information, contact Son at 713-500-8422.

The Rec Center offers a wide range of exercise options and is open to all health science center students, faculty, staff, families, and affiliates, including Texas Medical Center institutions and UT alumni.

Literature and Medicine Seminar Series

DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING AND POSITIVE RESPONSE, MEGAN COLE’S REMAINING TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MSB 2.104



Megan Cole

Medicine and literature share a fundamental concern with the human condition. **Megan Cole**, actor and visiting professor, has held two seminars so far on these two topics, starting at noon in MSB 2.104.

The remaining sessions will be:

Mon., **March 22**: The Poem
Wed., **March 24**: The Play
Mon., **March 29**: The Narrative
Wed., **March 31**: Synthesizing the Genres: A Retrospective.

The seminar series is free and open to the public.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The Committee on the Status of Women is seeking nominations for the 2004-2005 Distinguished Professional Woman Award. Criteria include: the recipient exemplifies a professional woman, is an outstanding achiever in Houston, in Texas and/or the nation, has made significant contributions to her profession, demonstrates a pioneering spirit, and supports women as a mentor and a positive role model.

Nominations are due Fri., **April 2** to **Chandra Kerlegon**, UCT 1716C. For more information, call 713-500-3063.

SOS! SEND ONE SUIT! CLOTHING DRIVE

Do you have any women’s interview-appropriate suits hanging around your house waiting for a rummage sale? The Dress for Success program coordinators would like to help you make more room in your closet as you help provide disadvantaged women with proper attire for job interviews, as well as mentoring and self-development programs.

The Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Office of Public Affairs are collecting women’s business attire including suits (dry cleaned and on hangers only, please), dress shoes, and black handbags. Drop off to **Karen Smith**, JFB G.743.

For more information, contact **Elease Jenkins**, 713-500-3035, or visit the Community Relations Web site at <http://www.uthouston.edu/community>. Click on Dress for Success for general information and then on Site Coordinators to find a drop-off place near you.