

UT Quick Copy Moves to Medical School

The UT Quick Copy center has moved from the John Freeman Building to a temporary space in the Medical School (MSB B.210) until final completion of its permanent home in the basement.

Signs are posted directing people to Quick Copy's new temporary location, which is accessible by taking the yellow elevators to

the basement. The Quick Copy area is closest to the Webber Plaza Stairwell near Hermann Hospital.

Contact: Larry.Lorino@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-4888, for more information on this relocation or to inquire about UT Quick Copy Services and Printing Services, visit <http://ae.uth.tmc.edu/>. ★

Free Night at Radio Music Theatre

Radio Music Theatre, 2623 Colquitt near Richmond and Kirby, once again is offering the health science center community the opportunity to enjoy a free night of theater at any available 8:30 p.m., Thursday, or any 10:30 p.m., Saturday, performance in March.

Mention The University of Texas Health

Science Center at Houston and your party will be admitted if seats are available and if you have made advance reservations by calling (713) 522-7722, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

For additional information, contact Elease.P.Jenkins@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3035, Office of Public Affairs. ★

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Students

★ **Colin Lathrop**, a first-year student in the D.D.S./Ph.D. program at The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston won the award for the most outstanding basic science presentation at the 10th Annual Hinman Student Research Symposium last fall in Memphis.

Lathrop presented information he spent a year researching during a fellowship at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. His talk, "FGF-7, FGF-10, and MMPs Regulate Mouse Submandibular Gland Branching," reported on his findings regarding salivary glands and ways to potentially regrow them.

"I didn't go there with any intention to win an award," Lathrop said. "But it did feel great. I was very pleased. I was also elated that something I'd worked on for a whole year was given recognition. It paid off," he said.

After finishing the dual degree program at the Dental Branch, Lathrop hopes to further pursue dentistry related to oral cancer.

★ In December members of United Latin American Medical Students (ULAMS), Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and members of the Dental Students Hispanic Association participated at La Rosa Family Services Health Fair. La Rosa is dedicated to the prevention of family violence.

The medical students screened 68 adults for hypertension, and 10 previously unidentified cases were found. Dental Branch students distributed toothpaste and toothbrushes to 69 adults and 116 children, and taught young kids how to brush their teeth. In addition, non-perishable food, and toys collected by the agency, and children's books donated by Analissa Moreno, daughter of Carlos A. Moreno, M.D., chair of the Medical School Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, were distributed to many needy families.

Medical School participants:

ULAMS: Jose J. Perez, Abby Ornelas, Leroy Arenivar, Ida Juarez and Sandra Cervantes
SNMA: Kelvin Kemp and Marquita Decker

Dental Branch participants:

Graciela Rodríguez, Nancy Tran, Claudia Hernandez, Angelica M. Lozano and Sylvester Gonzalez.

★ Two students in the School of Nursing's doctor of science in nursing program presented posters earlier this month at the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) conference in Atlanta. They both are students at the University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston El Paso distance site:

- **Gloria McKee**, "Instrument translation models,"
 - **Diane Monsivals**, "Minority patients with chronic pain: Healthcare double jeopardy."
- SNRS is the regional nursing research organization for 14 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The annual conference draws faculty, graduate students and clinicians from these states and beyond.



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DEADLINES

Submit information to be considered for publication in *The Leader* by the 15th of the month one month prior to the desired time of publication. Requests for feature articles require a longer lead time and will receive strategic consideration. Send electronic information in Word format (no PDFs or posters) and digital photos as unedited, high-resolution images at 300 dpi or better. E-mail to Pamela.Lewis@uth.tmc.edu. Include a contact name, phone number and e-mail address. Mail hard copy to *The Leader*, c/o Pamela Lewis, Office of Public Affairs, University Center Tower, 1200, or fax to (713) 500-3037. For information regarding *The Leader*, call Pamela Lewis at (713) 500-3040.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 14

Please send Calendar items for the February issue of *The Leader*, which covers **March 15-April 14**, to Pamela.Lewis@uth.tmc.edu by Feb. 18.

★ **Feb. 15** — "A Journey to Wellness: An Evening with Jon Kabat-Zinn," co-hosted by the UT School of Nursing at Houston, free, **5-6:45 p.m.**, UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Ambulatory Clinical Building (ACB) near the second floor information desk. The evening includes a wellness exposition featuring complementary and alternative therapies. **7 p.m.**, Cancer Prevention Building 8th floor conference center, experiential presentation by Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D., former director, Stress Reduction Clinic, and emeritus associate professor of medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical Center. His new book, *Coming to Our Senses*, will be available for purchase and signing. Parking is available in the lot under the ACB for a reduced fee. Contact (713) 792-3363.

★ **Feb. 16** — "Mindfulness-Based Meditation Research" by Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D., is the topic of Grand rounds, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical School, **11 a.m.**, School of Nursing and Student Community Center auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Education, Prevention and Research, School of Nursing.

★ **Feb. 16** — Richard J. Castriotta, M.D, professor and director, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, UT Medical School at Houston, will speak on "Secrets of Sleep," **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Education Building, Room 210, 717 Sage Road at Woodway, during the PARTNERS 2005 Lecture Series. Bring a brown bag lunch or purchase lunch at the church. Dessert and beverages provided. Contact: Anne Roberts, (713) 500-2003.

★ **Feb. 16** — "Enhancing Access to the Biome: The TREC Genomics Track," by William Hersh, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology, Oregon Health & Science University, at the School of Health Information Sciences Research Seminar, **noon**, University Center Tower, Suite 1414. Contact: Namiko.Burleson@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3938.

★ **Feb. 18** — "Performance Management," a course in the Practical Skills for Leaders Series, **9-11 a.m.**, University Center Tower (UCT), Room 1410. This class highlights a model to help employees succeed. Class participants will learn: to evaluate performance formally and informally in an impartial and professional way; a format for planning job performance; and numerous methods to recognize meritorious performance. Class participants will apply information learned to real-life scenarios. Free. Register online at http://hr.uth.tmc.edu/Training_Development/training_development.html or contact Denise Carpenter at (713) 500-3083.

★ **Feb. 21** — "Molecular Neurobiology of Alzheimer's Disease" is the topic of Sangram S. Sisodia, Ph.D., director, Center for Molecular Neurobiology, University of Chicago, during the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases Seminar, **11 a.m.**, Institute of Biosciences

and Technology Building, 2121 W. Holcombe Blvd., Room 1119.

★ **Feb. 22** — "Communicating Assertively," **9-11 a.m.**, University Center Tower, Room 1525 (Vision Room). As a result of this session, you will be able to: understand different communication styles and how they affect others; recognize and craft messages in different styles; use body language to communicate assertively with power; use a three-point method to effectively communicate assertively; and use "I Messages" to express yourself more directly. Free. Register online at http://hr.uth.tmc.edu/Training_Development/training_development.html or contact Denise Carpenter, (713) 500-3083.

★ **Feb. 23** — Alliance for NanoHealth Workshop, at the University of Houston, will promote networking and new research opportunities among researchers in the areas of bioanalytics, nanotechnology, and bioinformatics. It also will look at how nanohealth research may meet the needs of NASA exploration missions. The Alliance for NanoHealth is the first collaborative research endeavor among Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Rice University, University of Houston, the UT Health Science Center at Houston and the UT Medical Branch at Galveston. The alliance aims to bridge gaps between medicine, biology, materials science, public policy, and nanotechnology. Registration is required. The online registration form is at <http://www.nanohealthalliance.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3394>. Visit <http://www.nanohealthalliance.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3396> for information about parking availability at the University of Houston. Contact: BSBoyko@Central.UH.EDU, (713) 743-9259.

★ **Feb. 25** — F. Gerard Moeller, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Medical School, presents "Serotonin, Impulse Control and Substance Abuse" at the School of Nursing Research Seminar Series, **noon**, SON, Room 508. Free; no registration; public is invited; brown bag lunches welcome. Contact: Maggie.L.Downey@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-2041.

★ **March 1** — Deadline to apply for funds from the Office of International Programs' financial award program for health science center faculty and students. Applicants must demonstrate in writing the need for support and describe how they and the university would benefit from the award. Applications must be received before **5 p.m., Tuesday, March 1**. For detailed information, visit http://www.uth.tmc.edu/internationalprograms/News_Award2005.htm. Contact: Graciette.Marques-Tavares@uth.tmc.edu, (713) 500-3533.

★ **March 7-9** — **The Fifth Annual De Lange Conference: "Frontiers of Medicine: Society, Pharmacology and Membrane Biology in the Genomic Era,"** at Rice University, Alice Pratt Brown Auditorium, Shepherd School of Music. The conference is sponsored by Rice University and the Gulf Coast Consortium for Membrane Biology (of which the health science center is a member), with the support of UK Science and Technology, British Consulate General Houston. Contact: <http://www.delange.rice.edu> or call (713) 348-4803.