

The Student Newsletter

UPDATE

International Festival

In celebration of International Week November 16–November 20, UT Health Science Center students participated in the first-ever International Festival. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the various cultures and nationalities present on the HSC campus. Festivities included food, music, and dance troupes.



Overnight Study Rooms for Final Exams

The Briscoe Library has made arrangements with the Health Science Center Scheduling and Facilities Data Management to reserve rooms for overnight study for fall semester finals. The rooms are located on the second floor of the Lecture Hall building, underneath Subway, and will be open for overnight use by Health Science Center students November 29 through December 18. Classes are scheduled in these rooms during the day; however, students may use them from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The MD Lab classrooms are also available overnight. After-hours access to these rooms will be through a card reader. To ensure safety, students should only swipe themselves into secured areas and should not allow anyone to follow them. The library will be open regular hours during fall semester finals. Library hours can be found on the library's Web site: www.library.uthscsa.edu. If you have questions, contact Jonquil Feldman, director of Briscoe Library Services at feldman@uthscsa.edu.

Connective Tissue: Art & Literature Journal

The Health Science Center's literature and visual arts journal is seeking submissions for the 2010 issue. Share your voice, and participate in cultivating the arts at the Health Science Center.

- Submissions are welcome from students, faculty, staff and volunteers.
- Categories include written work (prose, essays, interviews, memoirs, narratives, short stories, poetry), visual art (painting, drawing, sculpture) and photography.
- Work must be your own and not previously published.
- Your piece does not need to be health-related, but can be.
- Visual art should be submitted for primary review in digital format.
- Written work must be fewer than 2,000 words.
- Limit three submissions per category, per person.

Submissions/questions should be sent to connectivetissue@uthscsa.edu. Please include your name and category in the subject line. A volunteer editorial committee will make selections for publication for each category. The committee's decision will be final.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Pediatric Interest Group, which raised \$1500 in the month of October for the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Thank you to all who donated and walked for the cure!



Holiday Hours UT Health Science Center Libraries

The Libraries of The University of Texas Health Science Center will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Additional information about holiday hours at all the libraries can be found on the library Web site at <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu/gethelp/help.cfm?Category=Hours>.

Angel Giving Tree

What: Choose a boy or girl from the tree that needs either toys or clothes

Where: Texas Star Café

When: Angels can be adopted now until **Dec 4th**. Gifts need to be returned unwrapped to the Texas Star Café the week of Dec. 7–11 from 12–1 p.m.

Questions: Contact Sarah Norman at (713) 724-1363 or Normans@livemail.uthscsa.edu

This event is sponsored by:
The American Student Dental Association

Gifts for Children

For the past 20 years, Gifts for Children has been helping brighten the holidays for children in hospitals and clinics across San Antonio. Last year, Gifts for Children was able to deliver more than 4,200 items. Seeing all of those toys, clothes and books under the tree at the President's Holiday Gathering was a beautiful, heart warming sight. Please help us make this year just as special!

Where: Donation boxes wrapped in holiday paper can be found around campus, including the 3rd floor library and in the Office of Student Life.

When: Now through December 4th

What: Toys, coloring books, Lincoln logs, Legos, blocks, etc...

Network Logins for Library Computers

Starting in January, use of most desktop computers in the Briscoe Library will require the use of a campus network login, with a few computers on each floor of the library available for open public use. The library is making this change in response to student suggestions regarding increased use of library computers by non-Health Science Center users. At times, most library computers are occupied and the library's administration wants to ensure that computers are available when students need to use them. Requiring network logins should help to limit use of most computers to authorized Health Science Center individuals. At its November meeting, the Student Government Association unanimously approved a resolution to endorse the use of network logins on library computers.

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ETHICS
BITES
A seminar for students and residents

November Ethics Bites

Moderated by: Craig Klugman, PhD
Assistant Director of Ethics Education,
Stewart B Marianne Reuter Professor,
Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics

Pain Control

Wednesday, November 18, 2009
12 - 12:45 p.m.
Room 710L.10, Psychiatry Conference Room

Presented By: Wendy Kang, MD, JD
Professor, Anesthesiology, Health Science Center
Attending Physician, University Hospital and Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital

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Lunch will be Served

Group Study Rooms in the Library: What are the rules?

Recently the library received the following suggestion/
complaint: *Please insure that the large group study rooms are for more than one person. Too often groups are looking for a room that is occupied by one person. Include a note in the rooms letting single studiers know that they may be asked to leave. Thanks.*

This is a complaint we hear quite often, as group study space in the library is in demand. Library policy is this: If a group study room has not been reserved, it is open for unscheduled use. This could in-

clude use by one person, but if a group presents itself and needs a group study room, the “single” user can be asked to vacate the room for the group.

You can ask for group study room assistance or make a reservation at either the Circulation Desk or the Information Desk. Staff will assist with verifying the status of the group study room.

Only UT Health Science Center students, faculty, residents and staff are allowed to use the group study rooms, and only HSC stu-

dents, faculty, residents and staff may make group study room reservations. At the time the reservation is made, service desk staff are required to ask for the name of the person who is responsible for the study room. Please notify us if you think that someone is violating the policy and the staff at the service desks will be glad to help.

Contact Chris Gaspard, head of Access Services, sifuentes@uthscsa.edu with your questions about group study rooms. As always, we appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Recreational Sports

Happy Holidays! Yes, it's that time of year for cramming, final exams and holiday cheer. The intramural season is coming to an end. The first champion of the fall semester for team sports is *The Discobats* as they beat *The Vick Williamses* in the finals of **Ultimate Frisbee**, 9-6.

There are some tough playoff matchups occurring the first week of December in all sports. **Flag football** is down to four teams with *The Truth* earning the number one seed by beating the defending champion *Pure Torture* by one point. Both teams could meet again in the championship if they can get by the *Average Joe's* and *Top Gunners*. The **softball** playoffs will be played on December 1st. *Pure Torture* is once again the favorite, but only by a slim margin. *Corona Hitters*, *Fly Outs*, *Smooth Operators*, *Outlaws*, and *DS1's* will give them a

challenge. A second favorite team is Jeremy's Magruder's team only because, after two years, he still has not decided on a team name and are still known as “*Don't Know Yet?*”

The four-on-four **basketball** is down to the Final Four: *Dribblers*, *MS3's*, *Ball Burnishers*, and *U Ballers*. The *MS3's* made it this far with hard work, luck and mirrors. They knocked out *The Hoop Stars*, despite missing two of their big men, Michael McGinity and Ryan Williams. Jonathan Holloway is doing a great job during the playoffs even though he is only shooting 11.5% (3 out of 26) from the field. New picks are the *Dribblers* over the *MS3's* and the *Ball Burnishers* over the *U Ballers*. The *Dribblers* will be tough to stop from winning the first-ever four-on-four basketball championship, especially if Travis Baldwin can keep shooting the 3-pointers and avoid fouling

everyone. Team captain Brian Black will also need to bring his shooting accuracy and hustle to each game.

Soccer playoffs are underway with the second round starting December 3rd. Favorites include the *Man U* and the *Fonzanoons*, but look out for the *Hugs*, *Big Time*, and the *2012 Ballers*.

Volleyball finishes up on December 3rd. The biggest shocker of the season is that the *Butternuts* are still alive after upsetting #1 seed *Sets on the Beach*. They could find reality fast as they play the *Top Gunners* in the quarter finals. The favorite to win it all is the *Kinky Sets* or *DPT 1's*.

“Congratulations to everyone that played in the fall intramurals and thank you for your patience with the scheduling difficulties due to the rain,” Ben Rivers, assistant director of Student Life, said.

Recreational Sports continues on page 4, with Trivia!

Calendar of Events

Nurses Christian Fellowship Donation Drive For The Battered Women and Children's Shelter

November 16–December 4

Sorting donations at Shelter—December 14

Activities for children at Shelter—December 15

San Antonio Symphony Holiday Concert

December 1 | 12:30–1:30 p.m. | PA

School of Nursing Open House

December 2 | 5:00–7:00 p.m. | SON

Student Government Association Meeting

December 3 | 5:30 p.m. | 108/110/112 AAB

President's Holiday Party

December 4 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | PAF

Family Medicine Interest Group—Bake Sale

December 8 | 8:00 a.m.–2 p.m. | LHC

* To benefit SAMM Ministries

Pediatric Interest Group Meeting

December 9 | Noon | 209L

Performing a pediatric H&P, Dr. Michelle Arandes

UTHSCSA Global—Bake/Lunch Sale

December 10 | 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | LHC

SON December 2009 Celebration

December 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Howl at the Moon

SON December 2009 Graduation Rehearsal

December 17 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | PAF

SON December 2009 Graduation

December 18 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | PAF

AAB ... Academic & Administration Building
 HP Health Professions Building
 LHC.... Lecture Hall Commons (by Subway)
 MARC Medical Arts and Research Center
 SON ... School of Nursing
 PA Parman Auditorium
 PAC ... Parman Auditorium Courtyard
 PAF.... Parman Auditorium Foyer

Find Student Life on Facebook!

Find our Facebook Group "UTHSCSA Student Life." Keep Track of Student Life at the Health Science Center by finding us on Facebook. You will find pictures, event dates, videos and more!



If you would like to add something to the January calendar, please submit your information to hinojosap@uthscsa.edu by December 10th.

Recreational Sports (continued)

Trivia It is starting to get colder outside, but not too cold to swim in the heated pool at the Spectrum-Med Center. How many swim lap lanes are there in Spectrum's outdoor pool?

Be the first person to answer this trivia question correctly by e-mailing your answer to riversw@uthscsa.edu to receive an intramural champion T-shirt.

Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics to host Third Annual Community Service Learning Conference

The Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics is pleased to host the 3rd annual Community Service Learning (CSL) Conference, “**CSL: Best Practices for Putting Ethics into Action**” on April 8, 2010 on the Long campus. The half-day conference is open to all Health Science Center students, faculty, and staff, as well as our community partners and our associates at the UT Medical Branch Galveston and UT Health Science Center Houston. There is no fee for the conference, but registration is required. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Ellen Beck, M.D., and Mike Seifert will speak in concurrent plenary sessions on best practices topics. Dr. Beck is a clinical professor of medicine on the faculty of the University of California

San Diego School of Medicine, with experience founding student-run free clinics. Mike Seifert is a former priest with experience addressing the pressing social and health needs of Cameron Park residents in Brownsville, Texas, one of the poorest regions in the country, through partnerships with medical students and community organizations. We are excited to host faculty from the nationally recognized narrative medicine program at Columbia University, who will speak about the role of reflection and narrative medicine in CSL programs. The Columbia faculty will also provide a separate workshop on narrative medicine, beginning the afternoon of April 8.

Visit <http://www.texashumanities.org/cslconference.cfm> for more information.

The student poster presentation is also part of this year’s program. Students engaged in community service learning during the year will have an opportunity to present their projects in poster format. The student panel, which consists of top CSL projects selected by a committee, will also be on the agenda.

The panel allows students to engage with the audience in a more in-depth presentation of their project. Community partners will have exhibit tables to promote their organizations as CSL sites. *Night of the Arts*, a fundraiser to support student-run free clinics, a CSL project directed by Center faculty member Dr. Richard Usatine, will take place on April 8 on the Long campus. The time will be announced at a later date.

What’s on your mind? (WOYM)

I can’t decide what to do, my best friends recently broke up. They had been together for five years. I just can’t believe that it’s really over. Since starting school here, they’ve been my family. It’s so strange for me to think that they aren’t together anymore. I’ve only known them as a couple so it’s strange for me to think about one without the other. I really feel I should be supportive of them right now, but I’m kind of sad about this situation too. They’re both coming to me for support and I’m not sure what to do. Do you have any advice for how to handle this?

- Lost

Dear Lost,

You are in a tough spot. You care for both of your friends but you are hurting as well. You sound like you’d like to offer them both support but it also puts you in an awkward position as you attempt to remain neutral. It might be helpful for you (and your friends) to tell them you are also grieving their break-up. This may surprise them and make them aware that others are hurting and have needs too. Don’t let your needs get lost. I would also encourage you to set boundaries with them regarding asking you questions about the other person. Under-

standably, you may feel like you are stuck in the middle at times. Suggesting that they talk with someone such as a therapist may help relieve you from their dependence on you for support. Focusing on what made you friends to begin with rather than on what tore this surrogate family apart will help to maintain your individual friendships with them. Lastly, the Counseling Service is here for you as well to express what you may not want to share with them.

- WOYM

Dental School's New Associate Dean: Dr. Adriana Segura

Dr. Adriana Segura has been appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the Dental School. Dr. Segura has been a faculty member in the Dental School since 1999.

Dr. Segura was the Predoctoral Director of the Pediatric Dentistry Program from 1999 to 2005 and the Interim Chair for the Department of Community Dentistry from 2006 to 2009. Dr. Segura also holds additional appointments as Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Segura is the author and co-author of more than 50 published articles, chapters and abstracts in a broad spectrum of scientific journals. She has frequently been a lecturer, not only in the United States, but on the international scene (Latin America, Central America, and Mexico). Dr. Segura is a Diplomat of the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a fellow of the

American Society of Dentistry for Children, and in 2002 was elected to membership in the Dental Honor Society OKU. She was also honored by being accepted to the American College of Dentists in 2005. She has served as Chair of the Curriculum Management Committee from 2001–2004 and has served on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Dental School since 1999. She was the chair of Pediatric Section of American Dental Education Association and a past president of the San Antonio Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. In 2003, she was honored by the San Antonio Business Journal with the Award of "40 Under 40," an award given to individuals who have contributed significantly to their community.

Dr. Segura was selected for the Faculty-at-Large position on the Executive Committee of the Health Science Center in 2003. In 2004, she was selected to the Texas

Leadership Program. In 2005, she was selected for the Hispanic Association and University Kellogg Leadership Program.

Dr. Segura's research interest is in cariology and fluoride. Her research has been funded by private and federal sources. She is currently funded from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research entitled, "Early Caries Detection and Intervention".

She graduated from The University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston in 1990. She then completed a general practice residency program in 1991 from Miami Veterans Hospital in Florida.

Dr. Segura then received her certificate and master's degree in Pediatric Dentistry in 1993 from the University of Iowa. She was the director of the General Practice Residency and Hospital Dentistry at the University of Iowa from 1993 through 1999.

Do you know? Jane Shen-Gunther, M.D.

Dr. Jane Shen-Gunther is an active-duty army physician who is Board Certified in Gynecologic Oncology. She has been practicing and teaching military Obstetrics & Gynecology residents for many years. "I have always found clinical research to be intellectually stimulating and challenging which drives me to do research, to write, and to publish," Dr. Shen-Gunther said.

The excitement of discovery and desire to become a better researcher was the basis for her pursuit of the masters program in Clinical Investigation (MSCI),



which is part of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The research fellowship based on the MSCI Program at the UT Health Science Center is a collaboration between Brooke Army Medical Center

(SAMMC) and the Health Science Center. The goal for this collaboration is to train more military physicians to become better researchers in their specialty and in military medicine. The army and military medicine have always been at the forefront of scientific discovery and advancement throughout history.

Dr. Shen-Gunther came to the HSC to extend and improve her knowledge and skills in the science of Clinical Research.