

U P S T A T E update

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JANUARY 17 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2001

In the Calendar

Humanistic Lecture Series.
"Stress Management." 1/18.
Noon to 1 p.m., Wsk. Hall,
ninth floor auditorium. See
Upstate Calendar inside.

Take Note

Upstate Commencement scheduled for May 20

Upstate Medical University's Commencement 2001 will be held May 20 at 1 p.m. in the John H. Mulroy Civic Center. All faculty are encouraged to attend. Invitations are being mailed to all full-time faculty this month. Faculty members who do not receive an invitation, but who wish to attend, should contact the Office of Student Affairs at 464-8816. All faculty must wear academic attire to participate in the ceremony. To order attire, contact Student Affairs by Friday, Feb. 16.

Flu Shots Now Available to All

The flu vaccine is now available free to all Upstate employees, volunteers and students in the Employee/Student Health office, 404E Jacobsen Hall, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 464-4260 for more information.

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Nominations sought for President's Awards

Nominations are being sought for Upstate Medical University's Year 2001 President's Awards.

Honors may carry one or more of the following: a monetary award, plaque, medallion and/or certificate. Any Upstate Medical University individual may make nominations for these awards. Nominations for all award categories will be accepted through April 1, unless otherwise stated.

Nominations may be submitted for the following categories:

President's Award for Advancement of Affirmative Action recognizes and rewards outstanding performance by faculty/staff in attaining Affirmation Action goals and promoting diversity at Upstate Medical University. Barbara Hamilton (464-5433) is the chair of the Award Committee.

President's Award for Excellence in Library Science recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding librarians and promotes excellence in their profession at Upstate Medical University. This award may be a precursor

to the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Susan Bastable, RN, Ed.D (464-4276) is the chair of the Award Committee.

President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding contributions made by professional associates of Upstate Medical University. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Harriet B. Rolan Mark (464-4608) is the chair of the Award Committee.

President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding contributions made by faculty of Upstate Medical University. This Award may be a precursor to the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Harriet B. Rolan Mark, MA (464-4608) is the chair of the Award Committee.

President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research recognizes, rewards and reinforces

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How to effectively conduct clinical research is subject of study curriculum

The Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research (IPPCR), a study curriculum on how to effectively conduct clinical research, will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday from Jan. 30 through May 22 in Room 318 of the Health Sciences Library. The course time is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; some sessions may last until 7 p.m.

The program is designed to teach researchers how to design a good clinical trial. It covers epidemiologic methods and focuses on study design and development, protocol preparation, patient monitoring, quality assurance and FDA issues. It also includes data management and legal and ethical issues, including protection of human subjects. All materials will need to be printed from the IPPCR website

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calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Upstate Medical University's American Heartwalk Team Captain's Kick-off Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. Campus Activities Bldg; East Lounge.

Surgical Grand Rounds. "What's New in Rectal Cancer." Presenter: Jiri Bem, MD, V.A. Medical Center. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Ocular Findings in Child Abuse." Presenter: Leon-Paul Noel, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Health Sciences Library Tour. Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7192 for more information.

Faith & Values Forum. "Public Health and the Drug War." Noon to 1 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 9295.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. Topic: Neurosurgery. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 4505.

Hatha Yoga Class. 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Cognitive Therapy Rm. Call 464-4034 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Medical Grand Rounds. "Cardiovascular Risk Factors After Transplantation." Presenter: M. Roy First, MD,

University of Cincinnati Medical Center. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

Urology Grand Rounds. 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

Psychiatry Faculty Meeting. Noon to 1:45 p.m. PBS, 713 Harrison St., Rm. 338.

Humanistic Lecture Series. "Stress Management." Presenter: Lisa Kaufmann, M.D., Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m., Wsk. Hall, ninth floor auditorium.

3rd Annual Mystery and Merlot Dinner Theatre. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. Persian Terrace, Hotel Syracuse. Call 464-5606 for more information.

Friday, Jan. 19

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Building, Sulzle Aud.

Campus Blood Drive. 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. East/West Lounges, Campus Activities Building. Call 464-8668 for an appointment to donate.

Monday, Jan. 22

Childbirth Education Class. 2 to 4 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

VIPER Kickoff Event. 11:30 am to 1 pm. U.H. outside 2nd floor cafeteria.

NYSUT Defensive Driving Course. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500. Registration required. Call 464-6134.

Hatha Yoga Class. 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Physical Therapy Gym, 2N. Call 464-4034 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Breastfeeding Class. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Surgical Grand Rounds. "Prosthetic Heart Valve." Presenter: Berkeley Brandt, 111, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "ID Telephone Questions from the Past Year. How Would You Respond?" Presenter: Joseph Domachowske, MD and Carol Colella, NP, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 1/17 Calendar listing.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. "Intracranial Arterial Stenosis: A Clinical Challenge." Presenter: Antonio Culebras, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 4505.

Hatha Yoga Class. 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Cognitive Therapy Rm. Call 464-4034.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

Urology Grand Rounds. 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

Psychiatry Faculty Meeting. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Farewell Reception for Dr. Stephen Kieffer. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Carousel Center Skydeck.

Friday, Jan. 26

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Building.

Workshop. "MEDLINE on the Web." 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library, meet at the reference desk. To register, call 464-4581.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Winter Semi-Formal. OnCenter. Call 464-5618.

Monday, Jan. 29

Childbirth Education Class. See 1/22 Calendar listing.

Hatha Yoga Class. 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Physical Therapy Gym, 2N. Call 464-4034 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Let's Not Meet By Accident. Visiting School: New Visions for Oswego County BOCES. 9 to 11 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Department.

Breastfeeding Class. See 1/23 calendar listing.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences

Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Surgical Grand Rounds.

“Angiogenesis.” Presenter: William W. Li, MD, Harvard University. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “West Nile Virus.” Presenter: Dania Ali-Ahmad, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

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Verbal Orders: Rx For Death!” 1 to 4 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

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Therapy Rm. Call 464-4034 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Medical Grand Rounds.

“Pulmonary/Critical Care.” 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

Urology Grand Rounds. 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

Education Meeting. “Clinical Problems in Anticoagulation.” Presenter: Deb Buchan, M.D. and Lisa Phillips, PharmD,

Upstate Medical University. 9:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 9299.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Friday, Feb. 2

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand

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outstanding investigators and promotes excellence in research at Upstate Medical University. Richard L. Cross, Ph.D (464-5127) is chair of the Award Committee.

President’s Award for Excellence in Research by a Young Investigator recognizes, rewards and reinforces young investigators who have had exceptional success in initiating their research careers. Richard L. Cross, Ph.D (464-5127) is chair of the Award Committee.

President’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognizes outstanding teachers and rewards them for their excellence in teaching at Upstate Medical University. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Susan Bastable, RN, Ed.D (464 4276) is the chair of the Award Committee.

President’s Awards for Outstanding Voluntary Faculty identifies recognizes, rewards and reaffirms our commitment to our outstanding Voluntary Faculty and promotes their continued involvement at Upstate Medical University. Clinical/voluntary faculty are eligible to receive this recognition. Selection criteria for this award are based on recommendation by the appropriate department chair, approval by the dean of the College, and service to the Upstate Medical University.

Nomination forms are available from the Office of the vice provost for academic affairs (464-4520). All nominations must be received by April 1, unless otherwise stated. Submit completed nominations to: President’s Awards, c/o Office of the Vice Provost, Room 1109 Weiskotten Hall.

Upstate individuals receive Clinical Research Coordinator certifications

Upstate Medical University’s Department of Research Administration and its Clinical Trials Office congratulate the following individuals for earning their Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) certifications from the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP):

- Mary Abraham*, Department of Medicine/Hematology/Oncology
- Gina Bertolo*, Department of Orthopedic Surgery
- Martha Castle*, Department of Medicine/Division of Cardiology
- Christie Hall*, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Christine Stewart*, Department of Medicine/Hematology/Oncology
- Colleen Sweeney*, Department of Orthopedic Surgery
- Sarah VanderVoort*, Department of Psychiatry
- Linda J. Veit*, Department of Surgery
- Andrea Wolf*, Department of Medicine/Joslin Center

To qualify for ACRP certification, individuals must have had at least two years of full-time research coordination experience. Individuals who are interested in learning more about clinical research coordinating or who are interested in participating in an ACRP prep course for the CRC exam this coming year, should contact the Clinical Trials Office at 464-5476.

Mystery and Merlot



Mystery and Merlot set for Jan. 18

Be sure to attend the 3rd Annual Mystery and Merlot mystery dinner theatre on Thursday, Jan. 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Persian Terrace at the Hotel Syracuse. The event, presented by the Auxiliary to Upstate Medical University and University Hospital Nursing Recognition, includes wine and cheese sampling, dinner, mystery theatre, silent auction and the opportunity to meet 93Q's morning drive personalities Ted Long and Amy Robbins.

Performers for the event are members of the Fulton Community Theatre and Ted and Amy. Proceeds from the event benefit the Auxiliary's We Have A Little Emergency car seat and helmet identification program and Nursing Recognition programs at University Hospital. A minimum contribution of \$50 per person will be accepted. For more information or to make reservations, call the Auxiliary office at 464-5606.

Entries accepted for Bruce Dearing Writing Awards

Upstate Medical University's students, faculty, and employees are invited to submit entries for the annual Bruce Dearing Writing Awards.

This year, the subject matter is completely open. Awards will be presented in two categories: student (cash award) and faculty/employee (C.A.B. membership award).

Entries will be accepted in the following formats: essay, poetry, fiction or memoir. The maximum length is 10 pages, double spaced.

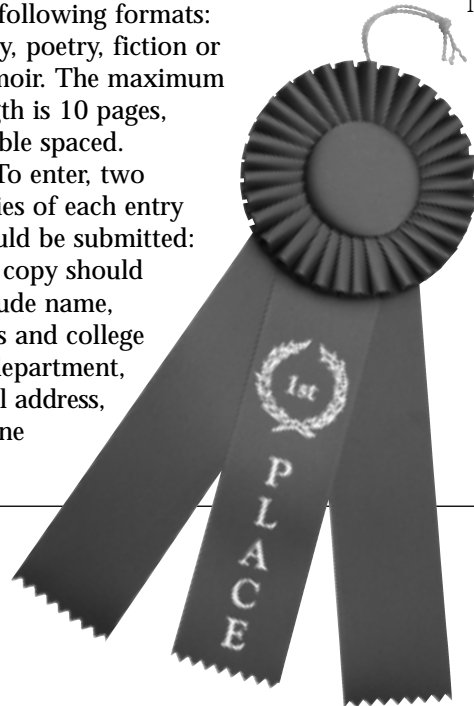
To enter, two copies of each entry should be submitted: one copy should include name, class and college or department, local address, phone

number and category. The other copy should include only the title of the submission.

Submissions must be received by Dr. Deirdre Neilen, Center for Bioethics and Humanities, CWB no later than Friday, Feb. 23.

Winners will be announced in April. The awards ceremony with Upstate Medical University President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD will be held Monday, April 30. Questions should be referred to Dr.

Neilen at 464-6918.



EMTALA: new requirements for hospitals is subject of discussion Feb. 6

SUNY Upstate Medical University and the SUNY Office of University Counsel will present "Emergency Medical Treatment Active Labor Act (EMTALA): The New Requirements for Hospitals Meeting of the Minds," Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. The presentation will feature an open discussion with representatives from: Community General Hospital; Crouse Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center; Upstate Medical University; and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Refreshments will be served. To register or for more information, contact Dee Williams in the SUNY Office of University Counsel at 464-4701.



Mock Trial scheduled for Jan. 31

"You Be The Jury! Verbal Orders: Rx For Death!" is the theme of a mock trial to be held Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium of Weiskotten Hall.

The mock trial is a creation of University Hospital's Professional Liability Education Forum faculty, who will facilitate University Hospital and Syracuse University students and staff in playing key roles for the prosecution and defense from nursing, physician and pharmacy perspectives.

The case involves a fictitious patient who received a medication that was ordered verbally; dispensed and administered in an excessive dose; and the patient died. The trial testimony will deal with evidence involving verbal orders, miscommunications, pharmacology knowledge, and how the best intentions can lead to tragic outcomes.

As the title implies, the audience will be the jury. After hearing testimony, the audience will decide for the plaintiff or the defendant.

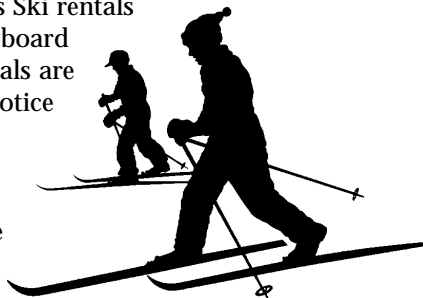
The Mock Trial has been approved for 4.8 contact hours by the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is

suggested due to limited seating for this event. E-mail bakerv@upstate.edu or call Educational Support Services (464-5463) to register.

Winter Fun at Toggenburg on Feb. 10

The Auxiliary to Upstate Medical University will present "Winter Fun Night at Toggenburg in Tully," Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4-10 p.m. The event includes bunny hill and regular skiing, tubing, snowboarding, dinner, and live music by the Back Alley Boys in the Foggy Goggle Lounge (from 8 p.m. to midnight). The package prices vary depending on the activities chosen and range from \$7 to \$26. Ski and snowboard rentals are not included in the packages. Ski rentals are an additional \$10; snowboard rental is priced at \$15. Rentals are available with no advance notice necessary.

Dinner will be served continuously between 5 and 9 p.m. Reservations must be received by the Auxiliary Office (Rm. 1113, University Hospital) no later than Friday, Feb. 2. Contact Bonnie McCabe (682-5093; mccabe@twcny.rr.com) or the Auxiliary Office at 464-5606 for more information.



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(<http://www.cc.nih.gov/OD/corecourse/index2.html>) prior to each session and a certificate is awarded upon successful completion of the course, including a final exam. The course is sponsored by Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health

Registration Forms for the IPPCR Course are

available in the Clinical Trials Office, 1166 Weiskotten Hall. To request information or a registration form, call 464-5476. Completed registration forms must be faxed to 464-5386 or mailed to the CTO by Friday, Jan. 19.

College of Medicine Class of 2003 develops Adopt-A-School program

Upstate's College of Medicine Class of 2003 has developed an Adopt-A-School program to create a tie with the Syracuse community. The program offers a variety of opportunities for the students to become mentors, tutors, provide health education, or plan a health fair. For its first "adoption," the students chose Bellevue Elementary School where 15 mentor/mentee relationships have begun. Upstate students commit to one hour a week to meet with their mentees to play games, help with school work, or just talk. This program not only benefits Bellevue students both academically and socially, but also gives Upstate's students the opportunity to contribute to their community.

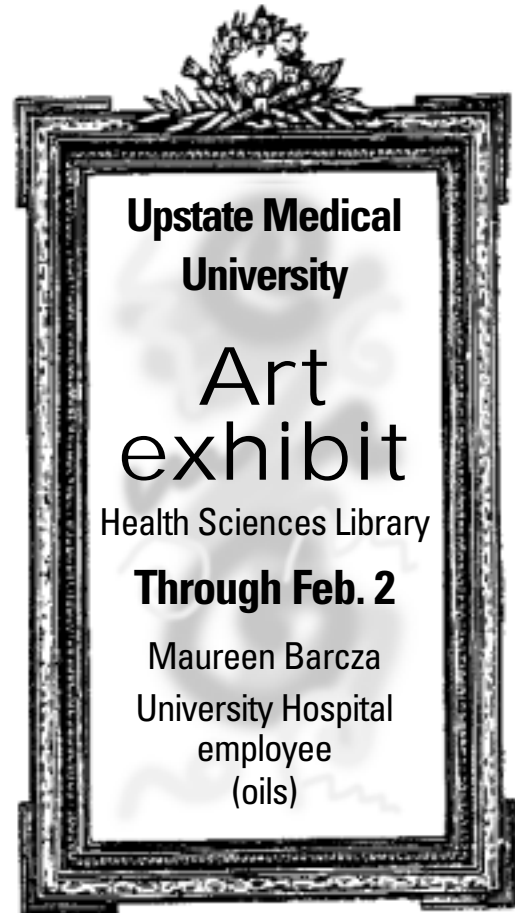
(Note: The students are also working on a Community Health Fair to be held Friday, Jan. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bellevue School. Upstate individuals who would like to participate in the Fair should contact Aashiyana Koreishi at website: Aash33@aol.com or Eric Horowitz at website: horowitz@mail.upstate.edu)



Messages from Payroll Services

Due to IRS/Federal 2001 tax changes and payroll deduction changes such as health benefits, SEFA/United Way, Agency Shop Fee Deductions, Upstate individuals may have noticed a change in their net pay amount for the first paycheck of 2001 - state paycheck dated 1/3 and Research Foundation paycheck dated 1/12.

- Reminder to those employees that filed tax exempt in 2000. You must file a new Federal W4 form and/or State IT2104 form by Feb. 15. If you do not, Payroll Services is required to withhold federal and/or NYS Income Tax at the highest possible rate single with zero withholding allowances.
- The Social Security Administration has increased the Social Security wage base from \$76,200 to \$80,400.
- The FICA tax rates remain the same — 6.2 percent for Social Security and 1.45 percent for Medicare.
- To ensure that your 2000 Tax Information is accurate, please verify your name, address and social security number on your paycheck/direct deposit. If you need to make any changes, please contact Payroll Services for State at 464-4840 and Research Foundation at 464-6350.
- Various IRS publications and forms are on the IRS website:
http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/index.html



Please join us in the fight against Central New York's #1 and #3 killers—Heart Disease and Stroke

**Mark your calendar now for the
American Heart Association's
17th Annual American Heart Walk
Sat., March 31, 2001 • Shoppingtown Mall**

Start getting your team together – walking or running!

3 Mile Walk (Indoor and Outdoor)

3, 5, and 10 Mile Runs (Outdoor only)

For more information, call Zanette at 464-4263 or Mary at 464-4836



Above: Students from the College of Health Professions were among the participants in last year's American Heart Walk

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IHP celebrates first year of service



The Institute for Human Performance (IHP) recently celebrated its first year of service to the Central New York community. To recognize the milestone, the IHP Physical Plant Maintenance Team coordinated a gathering of 125 people, including Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, Upstate Provost Kenneth Barker, PhD; Physical Plant Director Gary Kittell; IHP residents; and customers and guests of the IHP. The Maintenance Team designed a

display that included a pictorial collage of the Team members and the types of equipment they service at the IHP. The display (left) also depicted the IHP's state-of-the-art computerized energy management system. Special thanks to the following Maintenance Team members for coordinating the day's events: Gary Alchesky, Joe Baum, Tom Brisk, Ric Burr, Alan Carr (center photo), Mat Kapilla, Charlie Lester, and Ed Wheeler.

Supercuts fundraisers benefit Children's Miracle Network

To celebrate the grand opening of its newest store on Route 57 in Liverpool, Supercuts will offer \$5 haircuts to customers at its Route 57 store on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with all proceeds benefiting the CNY Children's Miracle Network (CMN).

Supercuts will also offer the same CMN promotion on Saturday, Feb. 10 in celebration of the grand opening of its Northern Lights store.

Health Care Informatics course begins Jan. 22

Upstate individuals are invited to enroll in the course "MIS 600: Health Care Informatics," to be held Mondays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 22 in Room 321 of Syracuse University's School of Management. For more information, contact Linda Roberge at 443-3571 or Kathy Gilmore at 443 4327.

The VIPER is ready to strike!

VIPER: Valuable Ideas Possibly Equal Rewards

- Suggest any enhancement, replacement or elimination of a supply or equipment item that represents a cost savings to the hospital organization.
- Suggest any process improvement that results in a reduction of operating costs for the hospital.
- Suggest any idea to potentially generate revenue.

Prizes will be awarded for all submitted ideas. The top three cost-saving ideas will receive grand prizes.

The Kick-off event will be held Monday, Jan. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (in front of the University Hospital cafeteria)

Challenge the VIPER! Rules & Guidelines available Jan. 22.

Presented by University Hospital's Value Analysis Program.

in the spotlight...

SUNY Upstate Medical University

Farewell reception for Dr. Kieffer Jan. 25

The Department of Radiology will hold a farewell reception for Stephen Kieffer, MD Thursday, Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Carousel Center Skydeck. Dr. Kieffer, former department of radiology chair and current neuroradiology attending, will relocate to Minneapolis in February. RSVPs will be accepted through Monday, Jan. 22 by Dawn Klunder 464-7433 or klunderd@upstate.edu.

E. Gregory Keating, PhD named associate dean for admissions and student academic affairs

E. Gregory Keating, PhD, professor of cell and developmental biology, has been named associate dean for admissions and student academic affairs in the College of Medicine. As associate dean, he will report to the dean of the college and provide College of Medicine students with support on residency matters and ensuring that students are meeting the academic standards of the insti-

tution. He will continue to serve as a faculty member in the College of Medicine.

SUNY to honor Drs. Jalife and Weinstock

SUNY Upstate Medical University's José Jalife, MD and Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD are among 20 SUNY researchers invited to attend the first Chancellor's Recognition Dinner in Albany to honor research in science and medicine. Drs. Jalife and Weinstock will be recognized for their contributions to research at the State University of New York.

Artwork by Maureen Barcza on display in Health Sciences Library

Artwork created by employee Maureen Barcza of pathology will be on display in the Health Sciences Library through Friday, Feb. 2. The display is part of the Health Sciences Library art gallery program.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 5, artwork created by spouses of Upstate employees, students, retirees and volunteers will be on display. Register for this show by Jan. 29 by con-

tacting Brenda Bolliver, show coordinator, at 464-6548, or e-mail bolliveb.

Record set for Anesthesiology's participation at Postgraduate Assembly

Upstate's Department of Anesthesiology reports that of its 28 faculty members, 14 attended the Postgraduate Assembly of the NYS Society of Anesthesiologists meeting last December as participants in a variety of workshops, panel discussions, focus sessions, scientific exhibits and poster presentations. This is the largest number of faculty from the Department of Anesthesiology to participate in the assembly.

Congratulations to Dr. P. Sebastian Thomas for receiving the Best Scientific Exhibit Award for his exhibit "Dorsal Column Stimulation in Pain Management." Co-authors of the exhibit were Anna Cardani, MD, Syed I. Hosain, MD, Enrico M. Camporesi, MD, Paul Willoughby, MD and Andrew M. Sopchak, MD of the Department of Anesthesiology.

Winter Semi Formal set for Jan 27

The 15th Annual Winter Semi Formal will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Ballroom of the ONCenter. Tickets are \$20 per person until Friday, Jan. 19 and \$25 per person thereafter. For more details on the Winter Semi Formal, contact the Office of Campus Activities at 464-5618. (Note to Binghamton Clinical Campus students: There will be a shuttle bus for the first 55 students purchasing tickets.)

Campus Blood Drive Jan. 19

Upstate Medical University's Pathway to Wellness Program, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a campus-wide blood drive Friday, Jan. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the East/West Lounges of the Campus Activities Building. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call Health Connections at 464-8668.

Educational Database now available online

All users of the educational database, The Tracker, can now access the database through the AIS website at <http://web.upstate.edu/ais/aispage/aispage4.html>.

Questions about Tracker should be referred to Barb Riggall at riggalb or Mary Ellen Morehouse at morehoum.

Note: Contact the Human Resources Department for address corrections or to be deleted or added to the Update mailing list

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