

U P S T A T E update

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DECEMBER 19, 2001 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2002



In the Calendar

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 1/2/02.
4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 118. See Update calendar inside.

Take Note

President's holiday gathering is Dec. 20
All Upstate Medical University individuals are invited to a holiday gathering hosted by Upstate Medical University President Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood Thursday, Dec. 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the first floor main lobby of Weiskotten Hall.

SUNY Upstate taps trauma expert to serve as surgery chair

Paul Cunningham, MD, has been named chair of the department of surgery at Upstate Medical University. He replaces Frederick Parker, MD, who retired earlier this year. He is expected to join the Upstate faculty early next spring.

Dr. Cunningham is currently professor and chief of the division of general surgery at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

A native of Jamaica, Dr. Cunningham has been affiliated with the Brody School of Medicine since 1984, holding a variety of posts, including interim director of the division of transplantation. He has also served as medical director of the trauma service and chief of staff at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, the 731-bed teaching hospital for East Carolina University School of Medicine.

"Dr. Cunningham brings with him a record of outstanding accomplishment in research, administration and clinical practice. All of Central New York will benefit from his



Paul Cunningham, MD

concern for community health issues and rural medicine. He has helped integrate community and university surgeons enabling one set of operating rooms to serve the community economically and efficiently." said Michael Roizen, MD, vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine.

As chair of surgery, Dr. Cunningham will oversee one of the largest departments at SUNY Upstate. The department, which includes 20 physicians, features such services as the Clark Burn Center, transplant, trauma center, the Breast Care Center and cardiac surgery.

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Pro golfer John Daly to return for Fourth Annual Upstate Skins Game

John Daly, one the PGA Tours longest hitters, will return to Central New York to participate in the Fourth Annual Upstate Skins Game to benefit SUNY Upstate Medical University. The charity event will be held Tuesday, June 18 at Lafayette Golf & Country Club in Jamesville.

Daly will be joined by PGA Tour veteran Ed Fiori. Negotiations are under way to secure two more golfers to round out the field.

"John Daly was with us for our very first Skins Game in 1999, so we're especially delighted to have him back," said Eileen Pezzi, vice president of Upstate Medical University Foundation.

Daly earned \$828,914 on the tour last year, carding his best finish 4th at the Bell Canadian Open in September. He rocketed to stardom in 1991 with his surprising victory at the 1991 PGA Championship. He won his second major title with his 1995 victory at the British Open. This year, Daly was the longest hitter on the PGA Tour with a driving distance average of 306.7 yards.

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calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Pediatric Grand Rounds.

"Laboratory Research in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology." Presenter: Abdul-Kader Souid, MD, PhD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Health Sciences Library Tour.

Noon. Meet at New Book area.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.

"Hospital Acquired Pneumonia Part One: Terms and Definitions." Presenter: Frederick B. Rose, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 118.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

Medical Grand Rounds.

"Hypertension to Heart Failure: Disease Management Across the Cardiovascular Continuum." Presenter: Walter Malloy, MD, Medical College of Virginia. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Workshop. "Backs for the Future." 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Campus Activities Bldg., Rm. 122.

Guided Tour of Erie Canal Museum and the Gingerbread House Gallery. 10:15 a.m. Erie Canal Museum. Lunch:

12:15 p.m. Genesee Inn. Reservations only. Call 464-5610 for more information.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

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

Holiday Happening.

2:30 to 4 p.m. University Hospital, second floor cafeteria. All are welcome.

President's Holiday Gathering.

3:30 to 5 p.m. Wsk. Hall, first floor main lobby. All are welcome.

Friday, Dec. 21

Holiday Happening. 5 to 6:30 a.m. University Hospital, second floor cafeteria.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand

Rounds. "Breast Imaging Update." Presenter: Beverly A. Spirt, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr., Sulzle Aud.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.

7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 12/19 Calendar listing.

Thursday, Dec. 27

Medical Grand Rounds.

Discussant: David Duggan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

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

Friday, Dec. 28

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand

Rounds. "Chemical and Biological Warfare." Presenter: James F. Sexton, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr., Sulzle Aud.

Workshop. "MEDLINE on the Web." 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library, meet at the Reference Desk. Call 464-4581 to register.

Wednesday, Jan 2.

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.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Vivo Visualization of Alveolar Mechanics in the Normal and Acutely Injured Lung: A Window Into the Mechanism of Ventilator Induced Lung Injury (VILI). 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, 103.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 12/19 Calendar listing.

Combined Infectious Diseases

Conference. "Infective Endocarditis: Is It Changing?" Presenter: James Turchik, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 118.

Burn Survivors Support Group Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6408.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Family Medicine Faculty Development Session.

"Problem Learners/Problem Teachers." Presenters: Anne Barash, MD and Peter Beatty, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9:30 p.m. "Applied Evidence Reviews." Presenter: John Smucny, MD. 9:30 to 10 a.m. Madison Irving Medical Ctr., Suite 216.

Medical Grand Rounds.

"Discussant: Richard P. MacDermott, MD, Albany Medical College. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

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

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS, 713 Harrison St.

Friday, Jan. 4

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

Surgery Chair Named *Continued from page 1*

Dr. Cunningham's research interests include surgical care for the aging, morbid obesity, injury prevention, access to trauma care in rural areas and minority access to transplantation.

Dr. Cunningham is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a founding member of the American Society of Minority Health and Transplant Professionals and the Society of Black Academic Surgeons as well as other

medical societies. From 1991-1998 he served as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corp.

Dr. Cunningham received his medical degree from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and completed his residency in surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital and Medical Center.

John Daly booked for Skin Game *Continued on page 3*

Fiori is a four-time PGA Tour champion with victories at the Western Open (1981) and the Bob Hope Desert Classic (1982), in which he defeated Tom Kite in a playoff. Fiori's best finish this year was a tie for 27th at the BC Open. His nickname is "The Grip" because of his unusually strong grip on the club.

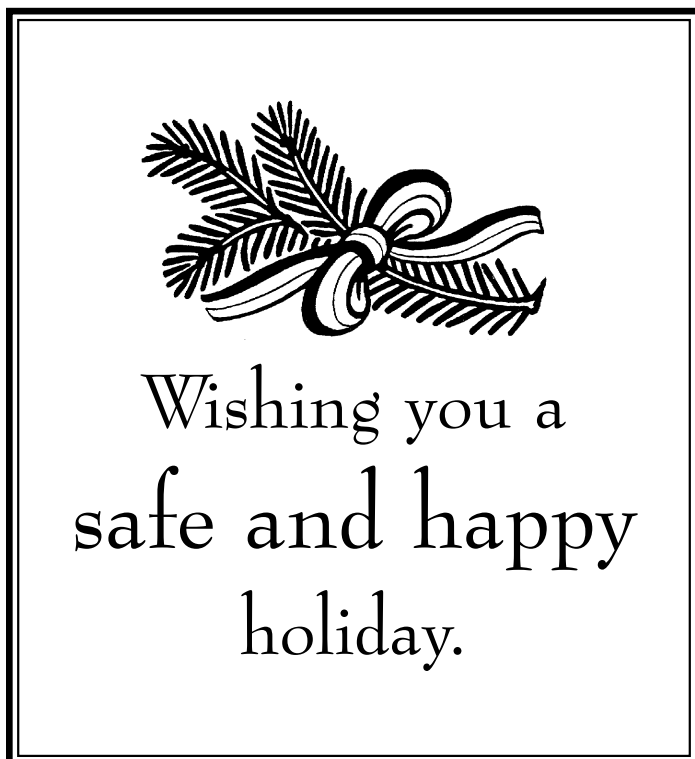
Lafayette Golf and Country Club hosted last year's Skins Game, featuring Arnold

Palmer, Peter Jacobsen, Chip Beck and Sally Dee.

Advance sale individual tickets for the Skins Game are \$30 and can be charged by phone by calling Upstate Medical University Foundation at 464-4416. Tickets are also available at all area P&C Food Stores. VIP tickets are available for \$250 through the Foundation.

Proceeds from the Skins Game will go to support many of the fundraising activities of the Upstate Medical University Foundation, which supports patient care, education and research activities of the SUNY Upstate Medical University.

The previous Skins Games have attracted nearly 18,000 people and raised more than \$400,000 for the Foundation.



Wishing you a
safe and happy
holiday.

Scholarships Awarded

Clinical Trial Research Coordinators Sarah Doolittle (Clinical Research Unit) and Gina Bertolo (Orthopedic Surgery) have each received a \$500 scholarship from Research Administration and the Clinical Trials Office Education Fund at Upstate Medical University. The scholarships are used to offset costs associated with attending a clinical research coordinator certification program and exam or a national conference relative to clinical research. Doolittle was nominated for the award by Drs. Arnold Moses and Ruth Weinstock. Bertolo was nominated by Dr. David Ayers. They were selected through a drawing of the names of full-time research coordinators at Upstate who were nominated by clinical research investigators.

Other nominees included: Violeta G. Cuenca (Obstetrics & Gynecology), nominated by Dr. Shawky Badawy; Maureen Famiglietti, (Pediatrics), nominated by Dr. Coleen Cunningham; Suzan Carusone, (Clinical Research Unit) nominated by Drs. Moses and Weinstock; Linda Spillett (Medicine/Hematology/Oncology), nominated by Dr. Stephen Graziano; Lisa Susko (Pediatrics), nominated by Dr. Leonard Weiner; Christine Stewart (Medicine), nominated by Nancy Newman; Jacqueline

Dimmock (Psychiatry) nominated by Dr. Steven Batki; Donna Lindner (Pediatrics) nominated by Dr. Ran Anbar; Andrea Wolf, (Medicine/Endocrine), nominated by Drs. Weinstock and Moses; Joanne Chilton (Medicine/BMT Program) nominated by Dr. Teresa Gentile; Lisa Evans (Emergency Medicine), nominated by Drs. David Reed and Lawrence Brown; and Colleen Sweeney (Orthopedic Surgery) nominated by Dr. Bruce Frederickson.

The awards program was offered in mid-November and was open to all full-time employees of Upstate Medical University who have at least one year of experience in clinical research coordination. Nominations were sought from Upstate's clinical research investigators. It is anticipated that the awards program will also be available next year.

The Clinical Trials Office Education Fund accepts funding support for its educational programs. Current sponsors include Aventis, Bristol Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, OrthoBiotech and Schering-Plough.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact the Clinical Trials Office at 464-5476.

Announcements from Payroll Services

- The Payroll Services Department will be closed Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31. Research Foundation employee paychecks that are not picked up by Friday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to the address indicated on the paychecks.

- Due to IRS/Federal 2002 tax changes and payroll deduction changes such as health benefits, SEFA/United Way, agency shop fee deductions, etc, employees may notice a change in the net paycheck amount.

- A reminder to employees who filed tax exempt in 2001: you must file a new federal W4 form and/or state IT2104 form by Feb. 15, 2002. For those individuals who do not do so, Payroll Services is required to withhold federal and or NYS income tax at the highest possible rate at single with zero withholding allowances.

- The Social Security Administration has increased the Social Security wage base from \$80,400 to \$84,900. The FICA tax rates remain the same 6.2 percent for Social Security and 1.45 percent for Medicare.

- To ensure that Payroll Services' 2001 tax information is accurate, be sure to verify your name, address and Social Security number on your paycheck/direct deposit stub. Individuals who need to make changes should contact Payroll Services for State at 464-4840 and for Research Foundation at 464-6350.

- Various IRS publications and forms are available on the IRS web site:
http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/index.html

Compliance issues for clinical trials is topic of Jan. 15 broadcast

A live satellite program "Compliance Issues for Clinical Trials" will be broadcast Tuesday, Jan. 15 in Room 318 of the Health Sciences Library in Weiskotten Hall. Lunch and registration will begin at 11 a.m. with the broadcast to follow from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is presented nationally by the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and locally through Upstate's Clinical Trials Office.

The program will examine the major compliance issues affecting clinical trials and the partnership that exists among federal agencies, drug manufacturers, clinical research organizations, academic health centers and private research organizations for maintaining compliance. Viewers will

be able to ask questions of the panel.

Presenters include: Christina K. Hansen, assistant vice chancellor, Office of Research Administration, University of California-Irvine; Dr. Joseph Sherwin, director, Office of Regulatory Affairs, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Michael A. Carome, director, Division of Compliance Oversight, Office for Human Research Protections DHHS; and Dr. David Lepay, senior advisor for Clinical Science, Director, Office for Human Research Trials, Food and Drug Administration.

Lunch and the broadcast are free; however, registration is required no later than Jan. 8. To register or for more information, call 464-5476.

Teaching Day for Teachers

More than 100 full-time faculty attended Upstate Medical University's first Teaching Day for Teachers, recently held at the Marley Education Center. The Teaching Day was sponsored by the Faculty Development Subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee with support from Upstate's Curriculum Office and financial support from the office of Michael Roizen, MD, vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. Howard Weinberger, MD, serve as chair of the Faculty Development Subcommittee.

The day featured a keynote address by Mark Quirk, EdD, of the University of Massachusetts and a series of workshops and oral presentations. A poster session, highlighting more than 20 different teaching topics representing the basic sciences and the clinical disciplines, was presented by Upstate faculty.

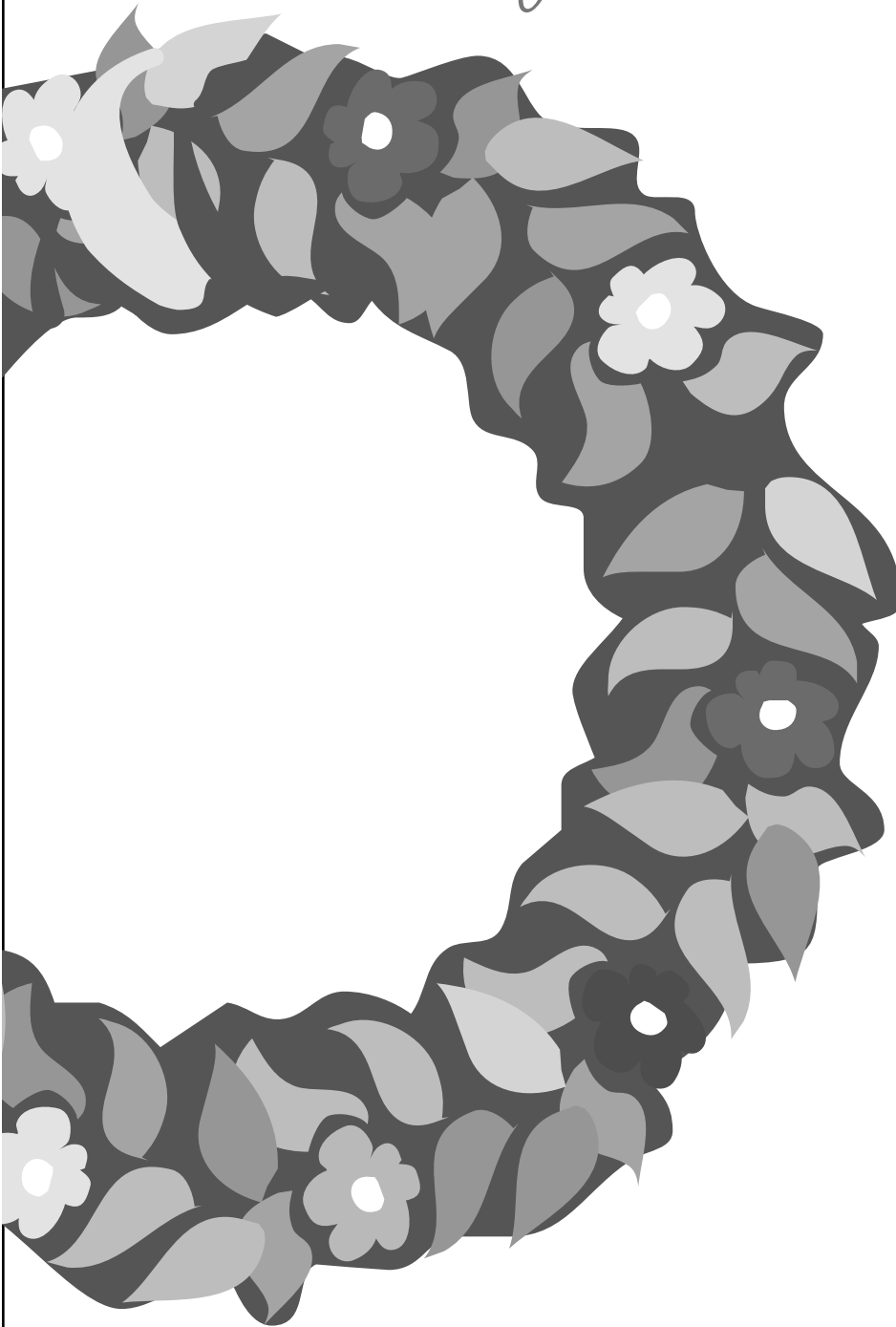


Left: Keynote speaker Mark Quirk, and below, the conference in progress.



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Holiday Happening



Thursday, December 20
2:30 to 4 p.m.
(ice cream social)

and
Friday, December 21
5 to 6:30 a.m.
(breakfast)

University Hospital's
second floor cafeteria

The "Happening" is free and open to all Upstate Medical University individuals. This year's theme is "America's Spirit of Unity." The celebration will feature music by the Upstate Medical University choir and the Upstate Child Care Center. To prepare for the Holiday Happening, the University Hospital second floor cafeteria will close at 1:30 p.m. and re-open at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Upstate employees eligible for Dale Carnegie course at discount price

All Upstate Medical University employees are invited to enroll in the 12-week Dale Carnegie course, to be held Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 13 at the Dale Carnegie site in Liverpool. Upstate employees are eligible to enroll for a discounted price of \$1,295 per person. The regular price for the course is \$1,495.

The Dale Carnegie Course combines practice and solid principles with rigorous coaching to develop the business skills that are necessary in today's fast-paced and constantly changing environment. The course will help unlock potential and hidden talents as well as build on existing skills and confidence. Participants learn how to think and communicate more clearly and handle diversity within the work environment.

For more information, contact Laurie Padula in Organizational Training & Development at 464-5236 or padulal@upstate.edu

Series of development programs for Upstate faculty being planned for 2002

A series of faculty development programs at Upstate Medical University is being planned for 2002, according to Dr. Howard Weinberger, chair of Upstate Medical University's Faculty Development Subcommittee. The programs are being offered in response to suggestions made by faculty who attended Upstate's first Teaching Day for Teachers. They will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from January through June in Room 5301 of the Weiskotten Hall Addition. See upcoming issues of *Upstate Update* for program content and other details.

Family Medicine Faculty Development Session is Jan. 3

Two presentations will be offered at the Department of Family Medicine Faculty Development Session, Wednesday, Jan. 3 in Suite 216 of the Madison Irving Medical Center, 475 Irving Avenue. Anne Barash, MD and Peter Beatty, MD will present "Problem Learners/Problem Teachers" from 8 to 9:30 a.m. followed by "Applied Evidence Reviews" by John Smucny, MD from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

CAB recreational facilities on Holiday Schedule

The recreational facilities in the Campus Activities Building are following a holiday schedule now through the first week of January. The hours are as follows:

- Saturdays and Sundays: Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 19 through Friday, Dec. 21: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 24 and Tues., Dec. 25: Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 28: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1: Closed
- Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 4: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The recreational facilities will return to normal operating hours on Monday, Jan. 7. Call the Activities Office at 464-5618 for daily updates on pool availabilities.

Winter Travel Safety

An average drive across town requires the same basic safe driving habits we practice all the time—using seatbelts, driving alert and sober, adhering to the speed limits and obeying the rules of the road. However, the list of safe driving requirements expands as the temperature drops and snow and ice become the norm. Make sure you're ready for the winter season.

- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid a gas line freeze.

- Stock your car with basic winter driving equipment: a scraper, brush, shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, bag of sand for tire traction, road flares, a blanket and a flashlight with batteries.

- Assemble winter survival kits for all of your cars. Each kit should include

bottled water and snack foods, candle stubs and matches, a red bandanna and plastic whistle to alert rescuers to your location, pencil and paper and a first aid kit with any essential medication.

- Avoid traveling alone. Before getting on the road, advise someone at your destination of your travel route and expected arrival time.

- Consider keeping a cellular phone in your car for use during emergencies.

Courtesy of New York State Department of Health



Where will you be on the evening of Thursday, January 17?



Mystery and Merlot

Join us for an evening of wine and cheese sampling, dinner, mystery theatre and silent auction.

When? Thursday, January 17, 2002
Wine & Cheese Sampling:
5:30 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm

Where? Institute for Human Performance
Atrium, 505 Irving Avenue,
Syracuse, NY
(parking is available in adjacent lots.)

Tickets: \$40

Featuring: Members of the Fulton
Community Theatre and Ted Long
and Amy Robbins of 93Q



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For Reservations or more information,
call (315) 464-5610

in the spotlight...

SUNY Upstate Medical University

Hugh Bonner, PhD, elected vice chair of NYS Board for Respiratory Therapy

Hugh W. Bonner, PhD, dean and professor of the College of Health Professions, was recently elected vice

chair of the New York State Board for Respiratory Therapy, the licensing entity for all respiratory therapists in New York state. Dr. Bonner also serves as the public

representative to the board appointed by the New York State Education Department's Board of Regents.

Psychiatry has prolific three months

Department of Psychiatry faculty have published three books within the past six months. David Keith, MD, professor of psychiatry, pediatrics, and family medicine and chief of the Division of Child Psychiatry wrote "Defiance in the Family: Finding Hope in Therapy" (along with Gary Connell and Linda Connell). Thomas Szasz, MD, professor of

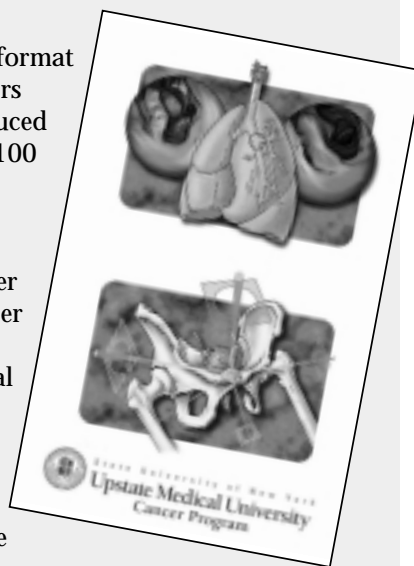
psychiatry emeritus' latest book is "Pharmacacy: Medicine and Politics in America," and Mantosh Dewan, MD, professor and chair of psychiatry published "The Difficult to Treat Psychiatric Patient" with Ron Pies, MD (a SUNY Upstate Medical University alumnus).

Gala raises more than \$250,000

More than 1,100 patrons attended Upstate Medical University Foundation's annual Gala, recently held at the OnCenter. The more than \$250,000 realized through the fundraising effort will support Upstate's plans for a new cancer center.

Medical Photography Offering Large Format Color Prints

Upstate's Medical Photography has a large format color printer. Color posters and banners can be produced up to 50 inches wide by 100 feet long. Images can be printed on plain paper, photographic paper, and fabric. Grommets, weather resistant coating, and other finishing is available. Prices are lower than local businesses (ex.: 4' x 5' poster is under \$100). Digital files are preferred but contact Medical Photography for guidance prior to creating art. For more information, contact Pam Hitchcock in Medical Photography at 464-5877.

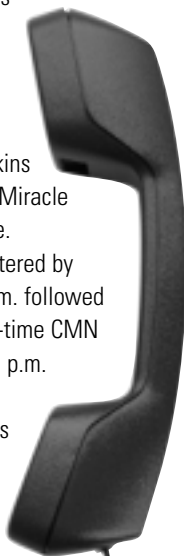


Above: Banners for the Cancer Center which decorated Upstate's recent Annual Gala were produced at Medical Photography using the new large format color printer.

Children's Miracle Network Phonathon to be held in Jan.

The Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Phonathon 2002 will be held Jan. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 in the Upstate Foundation offices located in the Campus Activities Building. As many as 20 volunteers are needed for the Phonathon. Volunteer callers will have the opportunity to win tickets to the 2002 Skins Game and Children's Miracle Network merchandise.

Dinner will be catered by Dinosaur BBQ at 6 p.m. followed by the calling of long-time CMN donors from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Individuals, groups, departments, students and companies are encouraged to participate. For more information or to volunteer call Cassandra Rucker at 464-4416.



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