

## Otolaryngology department started, first chair appointed

By Sarah A. Worth

In an effort to expand the head and neck cancer program and other otolaryngology programs at USF, Thomas V. McCaffrey, MD, was appointed chairperson of the newly established Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the College of Medicine.

The development of the new department has been a goal of the COM faculty for some time, said Martin L. Silbiger, MD, MBA, vice presi-

dent for Health Sciences and COM Dean.

"With this new department structure, otolaryngology at USF is poised for a rapid expansion," Dr. Silbiger said.

This includes creating new centers of excellence in the areas of voice disorders, hearing and sinus disease, and expanding the highly respected head and neck cancer program bases at Moffitt.

The Department will have clinical and administrative fa-

cilities in the building that now houses the USF Eye Institute, complementing the work of faculty at the adjacent Moffitt Cancer Center and the Moffitt Research Center.

Dr. McCaffrey comes to USF from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, where he was a faculty member since 1980.

He received his medical training at Loyola University in Chicago and residency training at the Mayo Clinic.

His clinical and research



Dr. McCaffrey

interests include head and neck cancer surgery, surgery of the thyroid, treatment of voice disorders and investigation

of the physiology and pathology of the upper airways.

"This will be an exciting time for otolaryngology at USF and I am pleased to be a part of it," Dr. McCaffrey said. ■

## Diabetes, cocaine deadly mix, USF study shows

By Anne DeLotto Baier

Patients with diabetes who use cocaine are more likely to develop diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a potentially deadly complication of diabetes, a study from the USF Division of General Internal Medicine found.

The study was published in the Original Investigation Section of the Sept. 14 *Archives of Internal Medicine*, a journal published by the American Medical Association.

"We believe this study provides important information about a previously unrec-

ognized risk factor for diabetic ketoacidosis," said Elizabeth Warner, MD, associate professor of medicine and lead author of the study. "We were surprised to find such a lack of data about substance abuse in patients with diabetes and encourage clinicians taking care of such patients to assess whether they use drugs.

"Cocaine use should be regarded as a risk factor for DKA, particularly for patients with multiple episodes of DKA."

The preliminary, 10-year retrospective study compared

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### MINI-MED DRAWS RECORD CROWD



Photo by Eric Youngmans/HSC Media Ctr.

More than 600 people from the Tampa Bay area attended the opening night of the College of Medicine's third annual Mini-Med School at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Dr. William Dalton, professor of medicine and associate center director for Clinical Investigations at the Moffitt Cancer Center, tells the "class" about developing better cancer drugs. Other faculty members in this year's four-session program are Paul Wallach, Joanne Valeriano-Marcet, Robert Belsole, Martha Clendenin, Glenn Catalano, Kristin O'Dell, Neil Fenske, Lofty Basta and H. James Brownlee.

## USF launches compliance program training

By Michael Hoad

This year marks the first of an annual series of training seminars intended to tackle the complexity of appropriately documenting patient care visits. All medical faculty, residents and patient care staff

are participating in the workshops this fall.

"The issue of documentation cuts both ways," said Patsy Bickel, who last year built the Office of Compliance Services for HSC.

"We want to protect you

from documentation and coding errors, and on the other hand, we want to ensure you get paid for what you do."

The seminars have been made mandatory by Martin Silbiger, MD, dean of the College of Medicine and vice

president for Health Sciences.

To allow everyone the chance to attend, the seminar will be held 35 times this fall.

Some of the sessions will be held within the college's departments, and general sessions

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