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LUBBOCK -- South Plains residents can play golf with the stars June 28 and benefit the Children's Orthopaedic Program, including the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the Children's Hospital at University Medical Center.

The occasion is the third annual Feist Celebrity Classic. A golf scramble, children's breakfast, celebrity reception and related events are planned June 27-28. Sponsored by area businesses and residents, the golf scramble will provide resources for equipment purchases and program support.

The golf scramble will take place June 28 at the Lubbock Country Club, with tee times at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The \$200 entry fee includes a round of golf with a celebrity and two invitations to the celebrity reception, "Puttin' on the Ritz" on June 27 at the Lubbock Country Club.

More than 30 out-of-town celebrities, including former Dallas Cowboy Billy Joe DuPree, former Chicago Bear Dennis Gentry, National Football League Hall of Famer Kenny Houston and R.J. Harper, head golf pro at Pebble Beach. Local celebrities such as former Washington Redskin Curtis Jordan and Texas Tech head football coach Spike Dykes will also participate.

Children of all ages can meet and eat with celebrities at the "Breakfast of Champions" 9:30 a.m. Monday in the McInturff Conference Center at University Medical Center. Tickets are \$6.50. Participating celebrities will include former Dallas Cowboy John Fitzgerald, former Red Raider and New York Jet Bake Turner, character actor Norman Alden and Texas Tech men's basketball coach James Dickey.

For more information regarding the Feist Celebrity Classic and its events, contact 741-7477.

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LUBBOCK -- Nephrologist and renal physiologist Sandra Sabatini, Ph.D., M.D., has been named to chair the physiology department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A TTUHSC professor since 1985, Sabatini holds a joint appointment in the departments of internal medicine and physiology. She has done extensive research in kidney function and disease with an emphasis on drug-induced kidney disease.

Medical Dean Darryl M. Williams, M.D., announced Sabatini's appointment. She succeeds James J. McGrath, Ph.D., who has served as interim chairman of physiology.

Williams said, "With her wealth of research experience in the laboratory and her clinical experience in treating patients, Dr. Sabatini will provide the broad vision we are seeking to lead the physiology department toward the 21st Century.

"Dr. Sabatini will help us build upon existing strengths and develop new strengths in a department that is of critical importance in training our medical students," he said.

Before joining the TTUHSC faculty, Sabatini served on the faculty at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

Her research has received funding from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Air Force, National Eye Institute, U.S. Olympic Committee Research Foundation, Biometric Research Institute and National Kidney Foundation of Texas.

Since 1983 she has served as a consultant to the U.S. Olympic Committee. She served a six-year term on the USOC's Committee on Substance Abuse, Education and Research and a three-year term on the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Drug Control Committee.

She has served on the editorial boards of "Seminars in Nephrology" and the "American Journal of Nephrology" as well as refereed scientific articles for 11 medical publications. She is the author or co-author of more than 200 scientific articles, papers and abstracts.

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Sabatini is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society, National Kidney Foundation, International Society of Nephrology, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Physiological Society, and the New York, Mississippi and Texas academies of science.

A native of New York, Sabatini received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and her master's degree in pharmacology from Marquette University in Milwaukee. She earned her Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Mississippi Medical Center and her M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

Sabatini did her internship and residency training in internal medicine then served a nephrology fellowship at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago.

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LUBBOCK -- Dale M. Dunn, M.D., who has been on the Texas Tech faculty since 1984, has been named chairman of the pathology department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Medical Dean Darryl M. Williams, M.D., announced the appointment. Dunn has served as acting chairman since 1991 and was chosen for the permanent appointment.

"During his tenure as acting chairman," Williams said, "Dr. Dunn has proven his administrative skills and his ability to guide the department in directions that enhance the overall clinical and academic programs of the School of Medicine."

Dunn came to TTUHSC as an instructor in 1984 and has since been promoted to full professor. He serves as the pathology department's chief of service and as director of the department's Histocompatibility Laboratory. He is also clinical laboratory director and director of transfusion services for University Medical Center. Dunn is a co-director for United Blood Services of Lubbock.

For six years he has been course coordinator of the sophomore pathology and pathophysiology program. Twice over that period he has received awards from the sophomore class for teaching excellence.

Dunn's research in calcium inhibition of colon cancer progression has been funded by the National Institutes of Health. Additional research has examined various aspects of multiple sclerosis, lung cancer and diabetes. He is the author or co-author of some 30 publications.

He is board certified in both clinical and anatomical pathology. He is a fellow in the College of American Pathologists and in the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He belongs to the Texas Medical Association, Texas Medical Foundation and the American Medical Association.

Dunn holds an honor's bachelor of science degree from the University of Windsor and a medical degree from the University of Western Ontario, where he also held an internship in internal medicine. He served a year as an anatomical pathology resident at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix and three years as an anatomical and clinical pathology resident at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

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LUBBOCK -- Neil A. Kurtzman, M.D., chairman of the internal medicine department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), has received the 1993 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of New York Medical College.

Kurtzman, who received his M.D. from New York Medical College, is the Arnett Professor of Medicine at TTUHSC and President of the National Kidney Foundation. As a nephrologist, Kurtzman is recognized internationally for his kidney research.

He was honored by the New York Medical College Alumni Association for 20 years of studies which "have profoundly advanced understanding of acid-base metabolism" in the kidney.

Association President Louis E. Fierro said Kurtzman's "laboratory has earned the reputation of being the best in the world for work in urinary acidification."

Kurtzman was also cited for the "immeasurable benefit" his work has been to patients around the world and for generously sharing his research findings with his students and with his colleagues at home and abroad.

In making the presentation, Fierro said, "In recognition of your manifold contributions to charting new paths to medical knowledge and of the inviolate principles that guide you in all your endeavors, your fellow graduates are proud to honor you with this award."

Kurtzman received the award during the alumni association's annual meeting May 22 in New York City's Plaza Hotel.

Kurtzman came to TTUHSC in 1985 to head the internal medicine department. His kidney research has spawned more than 260 articles in scientific publications and more than 330 abstracts and presentations.