Chief Medical Librarian
Consults with Chinese Medical School

Lisa Rains, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, recently participated in a collaborative education project with Xi'an Medical College in Xi'an, People's Republic of China. The project was sponsored by Project HOPE and involved advising the Chinese on establishing a hospital administration curriculum.

Xi'an is located in northeast China about 600 miles southwest of Beijing (Peking). A city of approximately 2 million people, it was an ancient capital of China, and massive brick and earthen walls built for protecting the capital still enclose the inner city. Xi'an is famous for the "Terra Cotta Army" unearthed in 1974. These life-sized, individual clay statues guard the tomb of Emperor Qin and are over 2,000 years old.

Project HOPE (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere) was founded in 1958 with the objective of health education at home and abroad. Its first initiative was the hospital ship, the S.S. HOPE. As the project expanded the scope of its health education activities, it became apparent that its obligations could not be fulfilled solely by use of the ship. In 1974 use of the S.S. HOPE was phased out. Today, HOPE is responding to health needs in fourteen nations.

The project with Xi'an Medical College is part of a larger program including stomatology (oral surgery) and nursing education in Xi'an. Other programs in stomatology, biomedical engineering, nursing, and neonatology have been established by Project HOPE with medical colleges in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou.

Ms. Rains's responsibility as part of the health administration team was to evaluate the medical college library in terms of supporting a health administration curriculum. The library collection includes 260,000 total volumes in both Chinese and foreign languages. Of these, 190,000 are books and 60,000 are journals. The library receives about 1,500 current journals, including approximately 450 English language titles. Many of the major American medical journals, such as JAMA, New England Journal of Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, are included. The library receives Index Medicus in monthly issues, but there are no annual cumulations; the most current monthly issue located was April 1983. The English language books comprise less than one-quarter of the entire book collection, and they are housed in one room, which is accessible only to faculty. About 1,000 standard medical textbooks provided by Project HOPE have been integrated into the book collection.

In addition to responsibility for evaluating the library, Ms. Rains participated in tours of several hospitals and clinics, including the cardiovascular and internal medicine wards of the Medical College First Affiliated Teaching Hospital, Traditional Medicine Hospital, Women's and Children's Hospital, and two other hospitals. According to Ms. Rains, the backwardness of these facilities was overwhelming. The floors and walls were dirty, and there seemed to be no regard for sterile conditions. The tour group was allowed in the recovery room without masks or gowns with a patient just out of surgery for a pacemaker insert. The average length of stay for all the facilities is 23 days, and
patients usually wait weeks or months to be admitted. Once admitted, they wander in and out of the hospital. Generally, the biomedical equipment was made in China and unsophisticated. However, a monitor in the heart catheterization lab at the First Affiliated Hospital was made in the United States.

A combination of traditional medicine and western medicine is practiced at the Traditional Medicine Hospital, where the group observed acupuncture treatments for arthritis and color blindness in the outpatient clinic. The clinic averages 2,000 visits a day, mainly on a walk-in basis.

The group also visited clinics at a cotton mill village and in a country commune. The country commune clinic was staffed by "barefoot doctors," who are usually graduates of primary schools with up to six months of training in public health and primary care and who provide most of the primary health care in China. The doctors in this clinic outlined their services as mainly maternal and child preventive health care, such as prenatal care and education, family planning education, immunizations, and routine childhood checks on height and weight. In the last few years, expectant mothers have been encouraged to go to county hospitals for delivery. Before hospital deliveries, tetanus was common in newborns.

Ms. Rains's final duty as a member of the consulting team was to deliver two guest lectures at Xi'an Medical College, through a translator. The first lecture, "Health Science Libraries in the U.S.," was delivered to librarians from Xi'an and the surrounding area. The second lecture was for librarians and hospital administrators and was titled "The Literature of U.S. Health Care Administration."

Profile

Clarence Neil Moss, M.D.

At convocation ceremonies in Birmingham on May 20, Dr. Neil Moss, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, received the Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award, which is presented annually as the highest award for a member of the graduating class and is based on cumulative academic achievement during the entire four years as a student of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Moss was the only magna cum laude graduate among the 159 members of the Class of '84.

At the CCHS Honors Banquet, Dr. Moss received the William R. Willard Award for outstanding contributions to the goals and missions of the college, the Internal Medicine Award, the Surgery Award, and the Senior Medical Student Award, which is presented by the senior class for dedication to the art and science of medicine.

Dr. Moss, a native of Samantha, Alabama, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Alabama in chemical engineering in 1980. His primary avocation is painting, in the realist tradition, and he says that the visual reference of diagnostic radiology contributed to his residency choice. He is currently in training in Birmingham.
Hospital Honors Graduating Residents

The annual dinner given by Druid City Hospital (DCH) to honor graduating residents was attended by approximately 135 guests, including Mr. James Ford, DCH Administrator, and Mrs. Ford; Dr. Joab Thomas, President of the University of Alabama, and Mrs. Thomas; Dr. Wilmer J. Coggins, Dean of CCHS, and Dr. Deborah Coggins, Associate Professor of Psychiatry; and Dr. Russell Anderson, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, and Mrs. Anderson. The guest speaker was Dr. E. Lee Taylor, Chair, Department of Family Practice, University of Alabama School of Medicine.

The William R. Willard Award was presented by Dean Coggins to Dr. Steve R. LOVEALD as the outstanding first-year resident.

Dr. William W. Winternitz, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, presented the Internal Medicine Award to Dr. John V. MURRAY. Dr. Sage B. SMITH received the Obstetrics/Gynecology Award from Dr. Jerry Hulman, Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology. The Psychiatry Award was presented to Dr. Carol E. MITCHELL, first-year resident, by Dr. L. Ralph Jones.

Dr. James D. Leeper, Associate Professor of Community Medicine and Chair of the CCHS Research Committee, presented the Resident Award for Research and Scholarly Activity to Dr. John V. MURRAY for his work on "Wilson's Disease: An Unusual Presentation."

For their services during the 1983-84 residency year, Chief Residents Dr. W. Reid BELL and Dr. E. Edward MARTIN received captain's chairs bearing the university seal and a brass plaque.

Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Residency Program, presented Reid-Providence Awards to Dr. Norman STEVENS, first-year resident, Dr. Robert L. WALKER, second-year resident, and Dr. William F. CRAVEN, third-year resident. Each year the Reid-Providence Drug Company gives the residency program $1200 to be used to defray continuing medical education expenses.

Certificates were presented to the graduating residents and to their spouses, in recognition of their contributions during the residency years.

Seated from left to right: Drs. Sage B. Smith, Jeffrey W. Hemp, William F. Craven, E. Edward Martin, and David K. Calderwood; Standing from left to right: Drs. John V. Murray, W. Reid Bell III, Johnstone P. Hollis, Robert B. Ireland, Jr., and Eugene H. P. Wade; Not pictured: Dr. James W. Takach.
News Briefs

Dr. William F. DESHAZO III, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, served as physician for the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from July 28 through August 4.

Dr. Robert J. GELLER, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, has been appointed codirector of the Alabama Poison Control Center.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Hale Memorial Hospital staff.

At the Hospice of West Alabama Volunteer Recognition Dinner on August 14, Sarah T. DEMELLER, Coordinator of Contracts and Grants, and Dr. Luther W. RICHARDSON, Jr., Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, received Certificates of Appreciation for 300 hours of service to the program. Dr. William A. ASKEW, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Dr. John G. FISHER III, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, and Dr. T. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, received certificates for 100 hours of service.

Publications and Presentations

An interview with Dr. William F. DESHAZO III, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, on heat-related stress appeared in the Birmingham News on June 20 and was subsequently printed in several other newspapers around the state.


Dr. David E. LEWIS, Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, was the speaker for the graduation ceremonies of the Physician's Associate Program, Department of Family Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, July 27.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine, contributed the section on behavioral sciences to the National Board's Examination Review, Part I, Basic Sciences, 2nd edition, which was published in May 1984.

Contract and Grant Activities

The Alabama Bureau of Maternal and Child Health has awarded $78,650 for the continuation of the Perinatal Education Program in 1984-85. Dr. Robert S. NORTHRUP, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, is the project director.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine, is co-investigator on two recently submitted applications: "The Role of Vasectomy and Physical Activity in Cancer," Dr. R. Carl Westerfield, Associate Professor and Chair of Health Education, principal investigator, which requests $85,570 from the National Cancer Institute; and "The Effect of Sugar and Caffeine on Attention Spans and Activity Levels of Normal Fourth-Grade Children," Dr. Michael C. Roberts, Associate Professor of Psychology, principal investigator, which requests $26,810 from The Sugar Association, Inc.

Dr. William W. WINTERNITZ, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, has submitted an application for support of the pilot study "Impact of Exercise on the Institutionalized Elderly" to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The amount requested for two years is $149,940. Co-principal investigators are Dr. Joe F. Smith, Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and Dr. Roland P. FICKEN, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Meetings, Workshops, Consultations

Dr. Marcia J. CHESEBRO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, attended a "hands on" workshop sponsored by the University of Tennessee (Memphis) from July 29 through August 1 in Buchanan, Tennessee.

Dr. Samuel E. GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, attended the Family Practice Residency Directors' Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 4-8.
Dr. T. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, made a site visit to Bay Shore, New York, on June 5-6, for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals.

Guests and Special Events

On August 7, Dr. Steven Leichter, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Kentucky and Head of the Kentucky Diabetes Foundation, presented a teleconference on "Oral Agent Therapy in the NIDDM (Type II) Patient." The event was sponsored by Pfizer Laboratories.

Community Service

Dr. Mary Joyce McGINNIS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, has reached an informal agreement with Partlow State School and Hospital to provide gynecologic services to patients on a referral basis. She also reports that the Tumor Registry at the Capstone Medical Center, which was initiated this past spring, is expanding, with more than 200 invasive and preinvasive lesions documented to date.

Dr. Paul D. MOZILEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, has announced the establishment of a Premenstrual Syndrome/Pelvic Pain Clinic at the Capstone Medical Center.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine, precepted for the Student Coalition for Community Health at the summer health fair in Repton, Alabama, on June 8-9, and in Pisgah, Alabama, on June 26. On June 17, he spoke at the VA on Huntington's disease to family members of victims, and he spoke on arthritis to a senior citizens' group at Forest Lake Methodist Church on June 20.

Arrivals and Departures

Rebecca BURNS resigned on July 27 as Director of Medical Records at the Capstone Medical Center to take the same position at West Alabama General Hospital.

Dr. Robert J. GELLER has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics.

Cathy HODGINS is the new L.P.N. in the Pediatrics Suite, and Pamela LEE the new L.P.N. in the Red Suite.

Anita SMELLEY has left her position as Medical Receptionist in Obstetrics/Gynecology to continue her education.

Carol SMITH resigned as Purchasing Expediter at the Capstone Medical Center to take a position as Purchasing Assistant in the university's Purchasing Department. She has been replaced by Denise KELLY.

Deborah WILSON has joined the staff as a Medical Receptionist in the Internal Medicine Suite.

Vital Statistics

Twin sons, Benjamin and Thanas, were born to Robert and MARGARET GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, on June 27.

Katy Beth Jackson, birth weight 5 lbs., 15 oz., was born on July 26 to Judi and DWIGHT JACKSON, Medical Technologist at the Capstone Medical Center.

Miscellany

The Department of Internal Medicine has moved to the second floor of Nott Hall. All telephone numbers remain the same.

All Noon Conferences are currently being taped; the tapes will be available in the Health Sciences Library for a limited period following each conference.

The next formal deadline for the submission of applications to the OCHS Small Grants Program is October 1, 1984. For further information contact Dr. James LEEPER, Chair of the Research Committee.

Dr. Ken COURINGTON, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, has moved to a surgery residency at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

U.S. Air Force Captain John MARKUSHEWSKI, a 1983 graduate of the residency program, and Cindy Trantham Markushewski, formerly Educational Assistant in the Department of Internal Medicine, are in route to a three-year tour of duty in Bitberg, West Germany.
Germany, after having spent one year in Osan, Korea.

Dr. Steven PARKER, a 1979 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, has completed his infectious disease fellowship in Buffalo, New York, and is starting a private practice in his home town of Reno, Nevada.

Dr. John VANDERWOOD, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, began his National Health Service Corps obligation in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, on July 1.

College Calendar

September 4
A Day of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, with Dr. Michael S. Gelfand, Director of Internal Medicine and Associate Director of Infection Control, Methodist Hospital-Memphis, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Tennessee Medical College. Contact Brent Goodwin, Coordinator of Educational Programs, for details.

September 7
First Friday Letters, Science, and Medicine Conference, 12:30 p.m., 101 Educational Tower, Druid City Hospital. Dr. Norvin W. Richards, Jr., Associate Professor of Philosophy, "Is There a Moral Difference Between Killing and Letting Die?"

September 12
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carry Room, Capstone Medical Center.

September 14
CCHS Research Conference, 12:30 p.m., 101 Educational Tower, Druid City Hospital.

September 19
"Dry run" for the accreditation visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

September 21
The Frank Pitts, Jr., Visiting Scholar Series, 12:30 p.m., 101 Educational Tower, Druid City Hospital. Dr. E. Grey Dimond, Provost Emeritus, University of Missouri, Kansas City Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

October 1
Deadline for submission of applications to the CCHS Small Grants Program.

October 5
First Friday Letters, Science, and Medicine Conference, 12:30 p.m., 101 Educational Tower, Druid City Hospital.

October 10
Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation visit.

October 12
CCHS Research Conference, 12:30 p.m., 101 Educational Tower, Druid City Hospital.