Volunteer Faculty in the Medical School

There is a whole body of literature on the subject of medical school faculty whose primary commitment is to private practice or patient care in other settings but who also teach. The Latin root for "doctor" meant teacher.

Perhaps the oldest reference to doctors as teachers of medical students appears in the Oath of Hippocrates, about 400 B.C.:

I will give instructions by precept and by lecture, and by every other mode to my sons, to the sons of him who taught me, and to those pupils who have taken the covenant and sworn the physician's oath, and to no other besides.

Almost a third of the entire oath deals with the physician's obligation to teach. Although the oath is not binding on physicans in today's world, those ancient words have burned themselves into the consciousness of most physicians to the extent that the physician who is asked to teach and refuses to do so finds it necessary to come up with at least one excuse, more often two or three, for not doing so.

The range of voluntary teaching in most medical schools, including this one, is wide, varying from the occasional lecturer to the handful of individuals who may have more regular contact with students and residents than some of the full-time faculty. Our college is not unique in its use of volunteer faculty, but this program is unusual in the very large number of hours of teaching they provide.

In the Department of Surgery, for example, there are no full-time faculty, but students' cognitive knowledge of surgery is as good as that in other schools with many who are full-time. Significant numbers of our students choose surgery as a career. This speaks well of their teachers as role models.

Attempts to discover the motivations of volunteer teachers for giving their time in a profession where time is of the essence reveal many. Some physicians feel an obligation to share their knowledge with those who come behind them. Perhaps they are the ones who have taken the mandate of the Hippocratic Oath to heart. Some physicians have such enthusiasm for their work that they need constantly to share their enthusiasms with others. If learners are available, they will teach. These individuals are often considered excellent teachers because information imparted with enthusiasm, oft times with an additional sense of wonder, or of joy, transmits enthusiasm to the students. Enthusiasm is a contagious quality.

Other teachers rejoice in the dialogue—the interchange of facts, ideas, and concepts with students who may have more facts or newer concepts than the teacher. For these physicians, teaching is a way of learning, but also of demonstrating that newer facts or concepts require refinement to see if they truly apply to the condition of the patient at hand.

There is a bit of the ham in many of us. The lecture platform is as good as any stage on which to indulge ones histrionic urges. When well done, these performances can be important teaching sessions.
Indeed, many of us may remember a particular lecturer, and even some of the content of the lecture, for decades after the event.

The most demanding kind of teaching is that done at the bedside, or in the office, where the student is required to assimilate and recite all of the pertinent information regarding a patient, to put that information in order, and come up with a diagnosis and a treatment plan. Of the teacher, this requires patience, extra time, and great sensitivity to the needs of both the patient and the student.

Volunteer faculty here participate in all these kinds of teaching for all of these reasons. At DCH Regional Medical Center, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, and in private offices in Tuscaloosa and surrounding communities the teaching and learning goes on. It is a seven-day-week, 365-day-a-year process.

All in all, the volunteer faculty provide almost one-third of the teaching for our medical students and family practice residents. The steady growth in both the numbers and the kinds of specialists in the community has enriched the curriculum for our students. On the other hand, the college has, in some instances, been instrumental in attracting a needed specialist to the community.

This issue of On Rounds features the volunteer faculty and their very important contributions to the college. Unfortunately, we cannot list them all in the newsletter. The number is so great that to do so would use up all the space needed to laud their contributions.

W.J.C.

CCHS's Volunteer Faculty

The small core of full-time CCHS faculty could not possibly provide for all the teaching needs of our medical students and family practice residents. We depend upon the help of over 160 physicians practicing in Tuscaloosa and surrounding communities. Most conduct rounds and give conferences; others provide attending coverage, teach electives, and precept in their offices and at the Capstone Medical Center. As reflected in the accompanying profiles of Dr. John F. Burnum and Dr. H. Gordon King, practicing physicians were intimately involved in the founding of CCHS, and many have been volunteer faculty since the first residents and medical students came here in 1974.

The most striking example of the role and effectiveness of the volunteer faculty is the Department of Surgery, which has no full-time faculty at all, not even a full-time chairman. Dr. William R. Shamblin served as chief of the department for twelve years; Dr. William F. Simpson assumed that position in October 1985, both of them as part-time/volunteer faculty. Yet, the CCHS surgery clerkship is respected and popular with medical students throughout the UASOM system, in large part due to the intensive one-to-one instruction provided by volunteer faculty. The family practice residents also benefit from this teaching method during their two-month surgery rotation.

Among the volunteer faculty who have medical students for the general surgery clerkship are Dr. William Shamblin, Dr. John Shamblin, Dr. George Nunn, Dr. James Sherwood, Dr. James Thomas, and Dr. John Waits. Drs. John Shamblin and William Shamblin also have first-year residents on their services for most of the year; Drs. Sherwood and Waits have a first-year resident for four months annually.

The thoracic surgery component of the medical student clerkship is taught by Drs. William Simpson, Ronald (Terry) Olivet, and John Ferguson. Dr. Olivet's cardiovascular surgery elective is extremely popular with the medical students, as are Drs. Joseph Hill's anesthesiology elective, the ophthalmology elective with Drs. Earl Carpenter and George Kudirka, and the
urology elective with Dr. Gordon King and his associates. The above are also highly regarded by the residents.

Both residents and medical students receive their emergency medicine training under the direction of Dr. Phillip Bobo, Dr. Peter Weinheimer, Dr. Robert Posey, and Dr. John Murray, the latter two graduates of the CCHS Family Practice Residency.

One of the most esteemed members of the Department of Internal Medicine by both students and residents is Dr. Patrick McCue, Chief of Medicine at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa. Dr. McCue has two residents and one to two medical students on his service at all times.

A number of private internists provide attending coverage on Department of Internal Medicine's University Service: Drs. Donnie Smith, Ron McCormack, Cornelius Sullivan, George Miller, Theodore Cone, Algis Sidrys, and Glen Heggie, among others. Dr. William Curry is perhaps the most unusual in that he travels to Tuscaloosa from his home in Carrollton to provide coverage and teach medicine conferences.

In addition to the University Service and the VA service, each resident is required to spend a month in the intensive care unit under the supervision of Drs. Richard Snow, David Rice, and Thomas McDermott, who also teach an elective for medical students. Other requirements for residents include a one-month neurology rotation with either Dr. Scott Davenport at the VA or more recently with Drs. Gary Kilgo and Ben Lucy and two weeks on dermatology with Dr. Luther Richardson.

Dr. Donnie Smith (gastroenterology) and Dr. David Mauritson (cardiology) teach electives that are extremely popular with both medical students and residents. The residents also frequently select rheumatology with Dr. Randall Ayers or sports medicine, which Dr. J. D. Askew teaches with Dr. William deShazo of the full-time faculty. General internal medicine with Drs. John Burnum and George Miller or Dr. William Curry is often chosen by the medical students.

In the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. William Owings drives up from Bibb County one day a week to serve as an attending in the family practice suites. He has a resident with him in his practice twelve months out of the year and frequently a medical student on the family medicine/community medicine clerkship as well. Drs. Robert Thornton and Alan Maxwell act as attendings one-half day a week, and Dr. Glenn Peters comes in for a half-day every two weeks. Drs. Peters's and Thornton's private practices also serve as sites for the resident supervised practice experience. The practices of other recent graduates are being added to the list of preceptor sites: Dr. John Hollis and Dr. Daveta and Frank Dozier.

Along with Dr. William Owings and Dr. John Hollis, the following are among those who serve as preceptors for the family medicine/community medicine clerkship: Drs. John Brandon, William Curry, Sandral Hullett, Garry Magouirk, Sam Roberts, and Larry Skelton.

Part of the clerkship in obstetrics and gynecology is spent on the private service of a volunteer faculty physician; these volunteers also provide attending coverage for the family practice residents. The most active of these volunteer faculty are Dr. David Partlow, Jr., Dr. William Carlisle, Dr. Edgar Daly, Dr. Louis Payne, Dr. William Standeffer, and Dr. William Hawkins.

Among the most memorable training experiences for both students and residents is the time spent in the high risk nursery under the supervision of Dr. Hanseek Choi. For all of the town pediatricians, residents make night admissions and work up and follow private patients on the hospital pediatrics service. Drs. Earl Brandon, Jerry Davis, Jerry Palmer, Dorothy Reese, Ethan Ruben, Robert Snow, and Peter Trice all take medical students into their offices as part of the community pediatrics elective; a similar elective is also available to the residents.

All of the medical student clerkship and half of the resident rotation in psychiatry are spent at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, under the supervision of Dr. Charles Nevels, Chief of Psychiatry at the VA, Dr. Mark Shelhorse, and other practitioners on the VA staff.

One measure of the regard in which members of the volunteer faculty are held is the awards they have received from the students and residents they teach. The medical students' Faculty Recognition Award for the Senior Year was established in 1980, and thus far it has always gone to a member of the volunteer faculty. The first award was shared by Dr. Patrick McCue, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal
Medicine and Chief of Medicine at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, and Dr. H. Gordon King, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, who received the award again in 1984. Dr. McCue was a repeat recipient in 1981, 1983, and 1985. In 1986, the award was renamed the Patrick McCue Award in his honor. Dr. John F. Burnum, Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, received the award in 1982, and Dr. David R. Mauritson, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, was the recipient in 1986.

Four of the six Golden Stethoscope Awards presented by the residents have gone to volunteer faculty: Dr. Hanseek Choi, Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Dr. Patrick McCue, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, 1980-81; Dr. Patrick McCue, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, 1982-83; Dr. John L. Shamblin, Jr., Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, 1983-84; and Dr. H. Gordon King, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, 1984-85.

It is not possible to mention the valuable and valued contributions made by each of the 160 plus volunteer physicians. The purpose here has been to provide a broad overview of the kinds and levels of their involvement. Simply stated, without their selfless dedication and generous contributions of time and expertise, there would be no medical training programs in Tuscaloosa.

Profile

John F. Burnum, M.D.

There is an internist in private practice in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who publishes routinely in the most prestigious medical journals, who has served on advisory councils at the local, state, and federal levels, and who is the coauthor of the American College of Physicians Ethics Manual.

Dr. John F. Burnum's distinguished career began when he graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama in 1946. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Medical School in 1950. He was an intern and assistant resident in medicine at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center; a fellow in cardiology with Dr. E. A. Stead, Jr., and Dr. John Hickam at Duke University School of Medicine; and chief resident in medicine at the Medical College of Alabama.

Dr. Burnum entered private practice in Tuscaloosa in 1954. Since that date, he has served as a part-time consultant in medicine to the Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and as a part-time attending physician at UASOM; he was named clinical professor of medicine in 1967. In 1975, he was named clinical professor of medicine at CCHS. The quality of his teaching was formally acknowledged when he received the Faculty Recognition Award for the Senior Year from the medical students in 1982.

Profile

H. Gordon King, M.D.

Dr. H. Gordon King has been a keystone of the Tuscaloosa medical community for over thirty-five years. He joined the Druid City Hospital medical staff in 1950 and hospitalized his patients in the old Northington barracks, where University Mall now stands, before the hospital moved to its present site in 1952. Dr. King has served twice as president of the DCH medical staff and is a past-president of the DCH Foundation Board of Directors. He has also served on the hospital board of trustees. He is currently the president of the college's Lister Hill Society.

Dr. King received his medical degree from Tulane School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, did his internship at Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and completed his residency training in urology at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, just prior to coming to Tuscaloosa in 1950.

In the late 1960s, Dr. King was one of the strongest and most influential supporters of the concept of a postgraduate training program in Tuscaloosa because, he says, contact with a training program and easy access to continuing medical education upgrades all physicians and teaching makes practitioners feel more in touch with the innovations in medicine. Despite the fact that he is a surgeon, Dr. King was also among those who insisted from the beginning that the family practice residency should
On the national level, Dr. Burnum has served as a consultant to the secretary of the then Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; as a member of the Committee to Evaluate the National Center for Social Statistics; and as a member of the National Advisory Council for General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. For the American Society of Internal Medicine, he has served on the Committee on Primary Care, the Committee on Manpower and Primary Care, and as chair of the Institutional Relationships Committee; he is currently a member of the Peer Review Committee. For the American College of Physicians, he has served on the Task Force on Medical Practice and Technology and the Committee on Medical Ethics, and as mentioned above is coauthor of this organization's Ethics Manual.

Equally active at the state and local levels, Dr. Burnum has served as president of the Tuscaloosa County Medical Society, the medical staff of DCH Regional Medical Center, and the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine; as chair of the West Alabama District Board of Health; and as a member of the West Alabama Health Planning Council. Since 1983, he has been a member of the University of Alabama in Birmingham Medical Center Advisory Council. He was recently elected governor of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

As a scholar, Dr. Burnum has published, within the last decade, articles in the Annals of Internal Medicine, the Archives of Internal Medicine, the Internist, the American Journal of Cardiology, Postgraduate Medicine, and the New England Journal of Medicine. He has served on the editorial board of the Annals of Internal Medicine; he continues to review articles for that publication and for the Archives of Internal Medicine.

A guiding force in the establishment and growth of the medical education program in Tuscaloosa, Dr. Burnum was appointed to the University Medical Education Committee by Dr. Frank Rose, President of the University of Alabama, in 1968. He served as Special Assistant for Medical Affairs to Dr. David Mathews, successor to Dr. Rose, from 1969 through 1975. He also served as the representative of Druid City Hospital and its medical staff in the deliberations surrounding the establishment of the college, and he was instrumental in promoting the concept that the Tuscaloosa program should be a clinical program, not a basic sciences program. His intellect, wisdom, and influence were crucial in laying a solid foundation for the college, and he continues to serve as a master craftsman and model of excellence.

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Dr. John F. Burnum and Dr. H. Gordon King

be the only residency program at DCH in order to protect the quality of the training the residents receive.

Dr. King feels that the college’s programs are alive and well and that the prognosis is good for continued health.

In addition to teaching rounds and conferences he conducts for medical students, most residents spend two weeks on a urology rotation with Dr. King and his associates, seeing patients both in the hospital and in the office. Dr. King says that his intent is to show the residents what urology is about, what "tools" the urologist has and how they are used. He feels that the office practice, especially, provides a good cross section of what the family practitioner is likely to encounter, and a primary focus of his teaching is determining when the general physician should treat and when refer.

The effectiveness of Dr. King's teaching is demonstrated by the awards he has received from those he teaches: he has twice received the Faculty Recognition Award for the Senior Year from the medical students, in 1980 and 1984, and he received the Golden Stethoscope Award from the residents for 1984-85.

All involved in the educational programs at CCHS have been touched by his enthusiasm for the art and science of medicine and are grateful for his vision and his strength.
DCH Honors Graduating Residents

The annual graduation dinner for CCHS family practice residents was hosted by DCH Regional Medical Center on June 24, 1986. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Wilfred R. Gillis, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

Seated at the head table with Dr. and Mrs. Gillis were Allen Blackwell, Associate Administrator, DCH Regional Medical Center, and Dotty Blackwell; Dr. Joab Thomas, President of the University of Alabama, and Marly Thomas; Dr. Deborah Coggins, Associate Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry; Dr. Russell Anderson, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, and Carolyn Anderson; and Dr. Samuel Gaskins, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency, and Susan Gaskins.

Dr. Russell Anderson presented the William R. Willard Award to Dr. Billy Mack Pickering as the outstanding first-year resident.

Dr. William Winternitz, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, presented the Internal Medicine Award to Drs. Steve Lovelady and Jonathan Yoder. Dr. Yoder shared the Obstetrics/Gynecology Award, which was presented by Dr. Paul Mozley, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, with Dr. Allen Dunn.

Dr. Carol Mitchell Johnson received the Psychiatry Award from Dr. Deborah Coggins. The Pediatrics Award, which was presented by Dr. David Hefelfinger, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, went to Dr. Steve Lovelady. Dr. Russell Anderson presented the Family Medicine Award to Dr. Allen Dunn.

Chief Resident Chairs were presented to Drs. Steve Lovelady and Norman Stevens by Dr. Samuel Gaskins; Dr. Allen Dunn received a special plaque for his services as acting chief resident. Dr. Gaskins also presented certificates to the graduating residents.

The CCHS Family Practice Residency now has a total of 104 graduates.
BioPrep Funding Renewed

The Biomedical Sciences Preparation Program (BioPrep), housed in and administered through CCHS, was recently awarded renewed funding for an additional four years. The Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation of New York City approved a grant of $1.1 million to continue and expand the pilot program that began in 1982.

The original program, directed by Drs. Harry Knopke and Robert Northrup, was implemented in five rural West Alabama high schools—Hillcrest and Northside in Tuscaloosa County, Eutaw and Paramount in Greene County, and Greensboro Public School East in Hale County. Beginning with a cohort of 110 ninth graders, the program graduated 83 seniors this past May. These students performed exceptionally well, and as a result, most of them are recipients of academic scholarships, many at the University of Alabama.

The new phase of the program encompasses some 30 high schools in a nine-county region—Tuscaloosa, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Sumter, Lamar, Marengo, Fayette, and Choctaw counties. Under the guidance of new project director Dr. Larry Rainey (Drs. Knopke and Northrup retain their roles as co-principal investigators), BioPrep maintains the same goals that it held in the first phase, namely: to assist the students (1) to develop academic competencies in mathematics, sciences, and oral and written communication needed for successful admission to and matriculation in an undergraduate curriculum directed toward professional careers, particularly in medicine and the biomedical sciences, (2) to understand the nature and elements of the health care system and the professional roles that exist within it, and (3) to appreciate rural living and the rural environment and recognize the important role of a health care provider or biomedical professional practicing in a rural setting.

Major components of the program include extensive staff development efforts with high school teachers, special accelerated curricula, seminars and summer programs on the University of Alabama campus for the students, and community development efforts at each site.

First Fridays

As you approach room 101 in the CCHS Educational Tower ten minutes late for the Noon Conference, you can feel fairly certain about what you will find: the semidark room, the audience eating, the speaker reviewing the complications of an ectopic pregnancy or the latest in antibiotic cocktails for gram negative septicemia.

But today is different. On the brightly lit stage, a young man is bending a woman over the side of a couch. His hands are around her throat. He is shouting at her; "Confess yourself to heaven; Repent what's past; avoid what is to come."

A demonstration of an acute psychiatric emergency?

No, it is the first Friday of the month, and as part of the First Friday Letters, Science, and Medicine series, student actors from the University Theatre are assisting Dr. Edmond Williams, Professor and Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, in a lecture/demonstration called "Putting Hamlet on Stage."

On other First Fridays over the past three years, you might have interrupted James Tate reading from his poetry; Dr. Jack Sulentic unraveling the mysteries of quasars and galaxies; Dr. Jim Salem insisting that there are nude men in the magazine advertisement for a dishwashing liquid; or Dr. Norvin Richards asking if there is a moral difference between killing and letting die. On one particular Friday, you would have been blown halfway down the hall to endoscopy services by Steve Sample and the University of Alabama Jazz Ensemble.

As conceived by Dr. William Winternitz, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, and Dr. Harry Knopke, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Executive Assistant to the President, the purpose of the First Friday Conference series is to expose medical students, residents, faculty, practicing physicians, and other health care professionals to the rich variety of research and creative activity present within the university community. This has been accomplished by cloaking the unfamiliar in the standard garb of the Noon Conference—same time, same place, same audience—but the intent is to turn the eye
and the mind away from medicine, briefly, and to leave the participants refreshed, challenged, stimulated, and sometimes entertained. Conference topics have ranged from the physics of magnetic resonance imaging to the ideal female form in western art to world's fairs to the Holocaust to research on human memory to intercontinental bird migration to dance.

Sarah DeMellier, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs, is charged with maintaining the delicate balance among the arts, the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. She says that, given the wealth of talent at the university, she has no difficulty scheduling programs of value and interest. Presentations on John Barrymore, the actor, and Alabama politics have already been confirmed for this fall. Others planned during the year include the Bryant Museum, artificial intelligence, ethnobotany, IQ testing, and, by popular demand, music and dance performances.

The Larry Mayes Fund

The Larry Mayes Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the college's Lister Hill Society to honor the memory of the late Larry Mayes, outstanding student member of the 1986 class of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, whose untimely death interrupted his education while on an elective rotation in Africa. The fund was endowed in perpetuity by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees in June 1986. Thus far, 153 donors have contributed a total of $10,630 to the fund.

Annual interest earnings from the endowment will be used to award scholarships to rising seniors of the University of Alabama School of Medicine who elect to study abroad during their fourth year of medical school. The intent of the scholarship award is to promote a broader understanding of international health care needs as well as enrich the recipient's medical education.

In another gesture in honor of this exceptional student's memory, the CCHS Student/Faculty Discussion Group has been renamed the Larry Mayes Society. Organized by the students, the society meets four to five times a year for dinner, a program presented by the students, and informal discussions with faculty on such topics as the history of medicine and medical ethics.

News Briefs

Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, is the chair-elect of the Dieters in Medical and Dental Education Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association. She has also been nominated chair-elect of the Division of Accreditation and Approval for the American Dietetic Association.

Judy HODGES, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, has been appointed chair of the university's Staff Development Advisory Committee for the 1986-87 academic year.

On September 6, Catherine JACKSON, Staff Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, was installed as secretary of District One, Civitan International, for 1986-87, at the annual convention in Perdido Bay, Florida.

Dr. Harry KNOPKE, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Executive Assistant to the President, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society, on April 10, 1986.

Larry RAINEY, Project Director of BioPrep, received his Ph.D. from the College of Education in May 1986.

Dr. Eugene WADE, a 1984 graduate of the CCHS residency program who is now a family practitioner in Burlington, North Carolina, has been appointed by Governor Jim Martin to represent the medical community on the Indigent Health Care Study Commission.

Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, has been appointed to the board of directors of Phoenix House (alcoholism rehabilitation) and to the board of directors of Indian Rivers Community Mental Health and Retardation Center.
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Publications and Presentations


Dr. William DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Program Director of Athletic Medicine, presented a workshop titled "Potpourri of Sports Injuries and Medical Problems" at the UAB Family Practice Update, April 24-26.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, and his colleagues on the PRECAVAS Project, have published "Social Support and Arterial Pressure in a Central Mexican Community" in Psychosomatic Medicine 1986; 48:338-50. Dr. Dressler presented "Social and Cultural Influences on the Stress Process" at the International Conference on Medical Anthropology, New Hall, Cambridge University, June 30-July 3.

Dr. Roland FICKEN, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral Science and Director of Medical Student Affairs, presented "Self-Medication Problems Among the Elderly: A Curriculum Need in Primary Care Residency Programs" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, February 27-March 2 and "Self-Medication With Mood Modifying Drugs: A Study of 30 Families" at the North American Primary Care Research Group annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, April 13, 1986.

Dr. Robert GELLER, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, has published "Acute Amoxicillin Nephrotoxicity Following an Overdose" with Dr. Robert Chevalier and Dr. Daniel Spyker in the Journal of Toxicology/Clinical Toxicology 1986; 24:175-82. Dr. Geller has also published "Penicillins/Cephalosporins" in Poisonex, edited by B. H. Parmack (Denver, CO: Micromedex, 1986).


On June 10, Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "Medical and Psychological Aspects of Elder Abuse" at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa. He reviewed manuscripts for the Family Practice Research Journal, the Journal of Applied Gerontology, and the Journal of Respiratory Diseases.

Dr. Larry RAINNEY, Director of BioPrep, made the following presentations in spring 1986: "University-Secondary Collaborative Staff Development: A Model for Rural Systems" at the Rural Education Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico; "Excellence and Innovation in Rural Science Programs" at the American Educational Research Association Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and "The Quest for Excellence in Rural Science Programs: A University-Secondary System Collaborative Model" at the Kappa Delta Pi International Convocation in Denver, Colorado.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, organized a one-day workshop, "Personal File Management Software," for the Alabama Health Libraries Association on August 15. Barbara DOUGHTY, Medical Reference Librarian, and seventeen other hospital and health science librarians attended the conference, which was held in the computer lab of the Graduate School of Library Service at the university.

Dr. William SHAMBLIN, Associate Professor of Surgery, spoke to the Alabama Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses annual meeting on June 21. His topic was "Morbid Obesity."
Numerous CCHS faculty participated in "Geriatric Update," sponsored by DCH Regional Medical Center on September 5-7. Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "Aging in America," "Drug Use and Misuse," and "Elderly Abuse: Medical, Sociological, and Legal Implications," the last with Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, and Carol Wallace; Dr. Alan MAXWELL, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, presented "Evaluation of the Elderly"; Dr. William WINTERNITZ, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, presented "Diabetes Mellitus in the Elderly"; Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging, presented "Long Term Care of the Elderly"; Dr. David MAURITSON, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, presented "Coronary Artery Disease in the Aged"; Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, presented "Hypertension in the Elderly"; Dr. Glen HEGGIE, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, and Dr. Aulis SIDRYS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, presented "Hematology and Cancer in the Elderly"; and Dr. David BAHAR, Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, "Tuberculosis in the Elderly."

Grant and Contract Activities

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, has received $280,000 over two years from the Administration on Aging for the "Statewide Elder Abuse Prevention Training Program." Dr. Forrest Scogin, Assistant Professor of Psychology, is the co-project director.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, has submitted the proposal "Pooling Data Across Cultures" to the National Science Foundation. The application requests $30,791.

The Alabama Bureau of Maternal/Child Health has awarded $77,800 for the pediatrics section of the Perinatal Education Program for 1986-87. Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, is the project director.

A continuation application requesting $688,680 over three years for the Child Survival Project has been submitted to the Ford Foundation. Dr. Robert NORRIS, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, is the principal investigator.

Meetings, Workshops, Consultations

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, and Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians in Gulf Shores, Alabama, June 1-6, and hosted a reception for current residents and graduates of the CCHS Family Practice Residency. Graduates attending were Dr. John BRANDON (1981), Dr. Ray BRIGNAC (1980), Dr. Joseph FRITZ (1978), Dr. John HOLLIS (1984), Dr. David HOPPER (1982), Dr. Garry MAGOURIK (1983), Dr. Harry MOORE (1982), Dr. Roger MOSS (1983), Dr. Wendell SHANNON (1978), Dr. Mike MCBREARTY (1976), and Dr. Preston MCDONALD (1980). Residents attending were Dr. Vicki COE (first year), Dr. Ricky DEERMEN (first year), Dr. Kim JONGEBLOED (third year), Dr. Mike MACHEN (third year), Dr. Jimmy TU (second year), and Dr. Mark WOODS (first year). Also present at the reception were Dr. William OWINGS, Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, and Dr. Lee TAYLOR, Professor and Chairman of Family Practice, UASOM.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, served as a delegate to the International Conference on Social Service and Aging Policies held in Taipei, Taiwan, May 14-17.

Dr. Roland FICKEN, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral Science and Director of Medical Student Affairs, attended the Association of American Medical Colleges meeting in San Antonio, Texas, April 16-19. Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, attended the "Team Conference on Management of Diabetes Mellitus" conducted by the International Diabetes Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 19-23.
Dr. Harry KNOPE, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Executive Assistant to the President, consulted with the Flinn Foundation, Phoenix, Arizona, on precollegiate and professional education for minorities.

Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, consulted in Keams Canyon, Arizona, May 21-23, for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals. He also attended a JCAH regional surveyors meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, July 12-14.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, attended an advanced officers medical course in San Antonio, Texas, July 13-25.

Dr. Larry RAINEY, Project Director of BioPrep, is providing the following consultation services within Alabama: two contracts with the Hale County School System, one in elementary science, one in high school science; a one-week workshop for science teachers for the Lowndes County Board of Education; a two-week workshop for middle school science teachers for the Jasper City Schools; and a one-week science workshop for high school teachers in Marengo County.

Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, attended a medical student preceptorship meeting at UAB on August 13.

Guests and Special Events

The 1986-87 academic year Noon Conference series began with Alcoholism Week September 2-5; the special concentration was coordinated by Dr. Elizabeth RAND, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, and was supported by the Alabama Department of Mental Health, Druid Oaks, Mead Johnson Pharmaceutical Division, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, and a donation to the college's Lister Hill Society.

Community Service

Roland FICKEN, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral Science and Director of Medical Student Affairs, was the speaker for the April 29 initiation ceremony of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a premedical honor society.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "The Physical Exam" to the Student Coalition for Community Health on June 10 and served as a preceptor for them in Pine Apple, Alabama, June 26-27. He presented "Quackery and Unproven Methods of Treating Arthritis" to the Tuscaloosa Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation on June 19. On August 9, Dr. Pieroni served as deputy medical examiner for the Medical Association of the State of Alabama in Montgomery.

Arrivals and Departures

Michael ACKER resigned his position as Circulation Assistant in the Health Sciences Library (HSL) on July 27. Katherine KRAUSE and Barbara ROWELL, Graduate Assistants, received their master of library service degrees in August and have also left the library. Recent appointees at the library are Donna TUCKER, Circulation Assistant; Janet DOTREARD, Circulation Assistant; Tracy POWELL, Graduate Assistant; and Mary Axford, Graduate Assistant.

Joining the staff of the Center for the Study of Aging are Colleen BEALL, M.S.W., Research Associate; Tim WILCOX, Graduate Research Assistant; and Vivian LEWIS, Staff Assistant.

Three graduate research assistants have been appointed to the Child Survival Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation: Charles CALLANAN, Tom WYATT, and Young Hong PARK.

Dr. Richard C. GRIFFIN has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology. Dr. Mary Joyce MCGINNIS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, is on leave of absence and is currently in Schenectady, New York. Jacqueline MATTISON has been appointed Medical Staff Assistant in the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology.

Dr. James F. HOOPER has joined the full-time faculty as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry.

Dr. Barry NEWSON and Dr. Arthur SNYDER have received appointments as Clinical Assistant Professors of Surgery.
Carla PATE has been added to the CMC staff as a Medical Data Entry Clerk; Tammy WEEKS has been hired as an Insurance Clerk.

Dr. Sabi M. Shatila has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Debbie SMITH has also joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine. Dr. Smith received her medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and did her residency and fellowship training in nephrology and hypertension at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Vital Statistics

Karen Karea Bates, birthweight six pounds, was born on July 4 to Tanya and RUSTY BATES, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, now practicing in Fayette, Alabama.

Michael Timothy Clark, birthweight 6 lbs. 6 oz., was born to Deborah and STEVEN CLARK, senior medical student, on June 9.

On August 14, Martha and WILLIAM DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Sandy DUREN, Patient Financial Aid Counselor, CMC, was married to Al Norris on August 8.

Ann Blanchard Horton, birthweight 8 lbs. 14½ oz., was born August 8 to Mary and RANDALL HORTON, a 1979 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency. Dr. Horton is a partner in Acadiana Family Practice Associates in Franklin, Louisiana, with two other 1979 graduates of the CCHS program, Dr. Brent ALLAIN and Dr. Lou MCCORMICK.

College faculty and staff extend their sympathy to Leola JACKSON, Housekeeping, CMC, on the death of her mother on August 12.

Shannon JOHNS, Student Office Assistant, CMC, married Mike OWINGS, Student Assistant, Maintenance, CMC, on August 17 in Tallassee, Alabama.

CCHS faculty and staff grieve with Myra KOSTER, Medical Office Assistant, Department of Internal Medicine, over the death of her son Jeff in an automobile accident on September 19.

On September 13, Joe MALONE, Director of Materials Management, CMC, married Joanne Jones.

Our sympathy is extended to Arlene MEYER, Inpatient Accounts Clerk, Business Office, CMC, on the death of her husband, the Reverend Byron Meyer.

Krista Elaine Van Derwood was born on June 17 to Susan and JOHN VAN DERWOOD, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa.

Margaret Ann (Maggie) Woods, birthweight 7 lbs. 7 oz., was born June 27 to Nancy and JOHN WOODS, senior medical student.