

ON ROUNDS AT CCHS

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The Dean's Corner

This issue of On Rounds must go to the printer before Christmas but will not reach you until the first weeks of 1987. Although this is a good time for reflection and review of the progress and achievements in CCHS in 1986, I would rather share with you some goals and hopes for the college in 1987.

In keeping with the continued focus of the university on research and scholarly activity, we need to define more precisely and to expand support for those areas that will be our major emphases in the years ahead. One of these is clearly geriatrics/gerontology. The Center for the Study of Aging has led the way for us in gaining support for research on improving public agency support and services for the aging and in the development of useful methods of evaluating these services.

The missing element is research on the linkages between public and private agencies serving the socioeconomic needs of the elderly and the broad medical and health needs of this population. We are directing substantial amounts of time and energy to providing health services to the elderly at Capstone Medical Center, in DCH Regional Medical Center, and at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. Faculty members, family practice residents, and medical students are deeply involved in these activities, as are the support staff. Studying the very process of what we do for and to elderly patients, how we do it, and where we do it should provide rewards in the form of more efficient and effective health care for this expanding population.

A second natural area for research in the college is perinatal health. We have had major programs in perinatal health for many years. The Departments of Pediatrics, Community Medicine, and Obstetrics/Gynecology have been instrumental in the development of the high risk nursery at DCH, in administration and management of the state-provided perinatal grant for West Alabama, and in the Ford Foundation grant for prenatal and perinatal services and follow-up in Greene County, now extended to adjacent counties. This array of programs that require external support are coupled with direct services to infants and mothers that extend from the delivery room to the hospital nurseries and to follow-up ambulatory services at Capstone Medical Center. These programs have required cooperative efforts with private practitioners, rural hospitals, the West Alabama Department of Public Health, and West Alabama Health Services, Inc., based in Eutaw, Alabama. Further integration of these programs and services, accompanied by studies of the processes and effectiveness of these efforts, form a natural field for further study and analysis. College faculty have published several papers and reports based on these activities, but more coordinated studies are needed.

These are the research areas on which we should focus for the years ahead. This is not to suggest that these are to be exclusive of other research and scholarly activities. The growing program in occupational health, thus far concerned with provision of services to business and industry, is an example of another subject

that invites inquiry. Others could be mentioned. All of these fall within the purview and responsibilities of primary care physicians, and all have major unanswered psychosocial questions--an area of research strength within the faculty.

Research activities must, of course, be accomplished in concert with our responsibilities for teaching and patient care. I believe that we will have developed refinements in our methods of evaluating both students and teachers by the end of this year. Medical student evaluation is an issue of great interest nationally. Methods of assessing performance that include student behaviors and attitudes with patients, in addition to the ability to memorize and recite factual data, are being emphasized, and techniques for measuring these skills objectively are being developed.

Finally, I hope, and believe, that 1987 will see us return to a stable funding formula that will prevent the recurrent hasty reductions in budgetary allocations from state sources. The loyalty and dedication of faculty and staff during this year of severe budgetary cuts has been remarkable. Not once have I heard anyone suggest that we should do less because we have gotten less. This attitude has been extremely gratifying to me and reinforces my conviction that we can achieve substantial progress toward our goals for 1987.

W.J.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It has come to our attention that the article "CCHS's Volunteer Faculty" (Vol. 4, No. 1) failed to mention the significant contributions of Dr. E. Everett Hale and Dr. W. Omar Smith to the college's teaching program. We regret the omission.

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On October 24, senior medical student Teresa Finney and her mother, Mrs. Joyce C. Finney, were killed in an automobile accident near Meridian, Mississippi. They were returning from a visit to a residency program at the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana.

A native of Reform, Alabama, Teresa graduated from Pickens Academy in Carrollton in 1979 and received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Alabama in 1983. She was a President's Merit Scholarship recipient in 1979. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Freshman Honorary; Gamma Beta Phi, Sophomore Honorary; and Alpha Epsilon Delta, Premedical Honorary. She was on the Dean's List four times. Teresa served as a College of Arts and Sciences peer advisor and worked with the Student Coalition for Community Health. She was an active member of the Reform First Baptist Church.

Teresa was planning to enter a obstetrics/gynecology residency after graduation from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in May 1987. She was twenty-six years old.

Perinatal Services in West Alabama

In 1985, Alabama was provisionally ranked as the state with the fifth highest infant mortality rate, which is an improvement over 1984 when the state tied with Mississippi for the dubious honor of being first. A less well-known statistic is that for every three babies who die, two are left with severely handicapping conditions. For over a decade, Dr. David Hefelfinger, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, has been involved in regional and statewide efforts to improve the chances for survival and health for Alabama's babies.

Dr. Hefelfinger was instrumental in obtaining the state appropriation that funded and continues to fund the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at DCH Regional Medical Center. From 1977 through 1981, he was the project director of an Improved Pregnancy Outcome grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health.

In 1981, Dr. Hefelfinger began serving his first two-year term as chair of the West Alabama Regional Perinatal Advisory Committee. He is currently completing his second term and is also the regional representative to the State Perinatal Advisory Committee. Dr. Robert Northrup, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, served as chair of the regional committee for one two-year term. Dr. E. Kenneth Aycock, Clinical Professor of Community Medicine, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Obstetrics/Gynecology, and District Health Officer for the West Alabama District Health Department, will assume the position of chair in January 1987.

CCHS received its first funding under the Alabama Perinatal Program in 1979; amounts have ranged from a low of \$46,500 in the first year to a high of \$114,059 in 1985-86.

The purpose of the Alabama Perinatal Program is to develop systems that ensure that pregnant women and their newborns have access to appropriate levels of care. Perinatal funds are allocated to each region for the purpose of establishing the following components of a regionalized system of perinatal care:

1. standardized screening of all eligible pregnant women and early identification of high-risk pregnancies;

2. the provision of levels of care graded from high-quality, routine care (including a subsidized system of prenatal, delivery, and newborn services) to very specialized care;

3. coordination of a Level III Perinatal Center that provides:

- a. obstetrical units capable of providing maternal, fetal, and neonatal intensive care;

- b. transport systems for high-risk mothers and newborns;

- c. continuously available obstetrical and neonatal services;

- d. continuing education programs for hospital staffs, other health professionals, and the general public.

4. systematic follow-up and continued surveillance of high-risk newborns at least through the first year of age;

5. the provision of regional perinatal data.

The allocation for 1986-87 to the entire West Alabama region in support of the above goals is \$213,593. Of this amount, \$88,593 is shared by a consortium composed of the Maude L. Whatley Health Center, West Alabama Health Services, the West Alabama District Health Department, and the Capstone Medical Center (including the high-risk obstetrical clinic) to provide routine and specialized prenatal care to eligible participants, those under 150 percent of the poverty level who are not eligible for Medicaid or other third-party reimbursement.

Some \$8,000 is available for the emergency transport of at risk mothers and low birthweight or high risk infants to DCH Regional Medical Center's Level III NICU. DCH also receives a subcontract for \$12,000 from CCHS to provide outreach education in surrounding county hospitals to teach physicians and nursing staffs how to recognize and handle high-risk situations in mothers and infants. Another component of this educational program is to work with health departments, community groups, and high schools to distribute information and raise community awareness about infant mortality, birth control, and health maintenance during pregnancy.

The remainder of the funds coming to the West Alabama region are used to provide

services to the graduates of the DCH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The centerpiece of these services is the CMC Pediatric High Risk Follow-up Clinic, which receives nearly \$50,000 in funding. In the follow-up clinic, infants receive an examination from a neonatologist, either Dr. Hanseek Choi or Dr. Guillermo Godoy, laboratory evaluation, social services evaluation, nutrition assessment, growth and developmental assessment, speech and language evaluation, physical therapy, and an ophthalmology assessment when necessary. Some funds are also available for transportation expenses to the clinic and for sick baby visits.

Many of the high-risk infants continue to be seen in the follow-up clinic until their second birthday or until their medical and/or social situation improves to the point where discharge from the program is possible. However, because the long-term effects of some high-risk conditions are unclear, a sample of NICU graduates are being followed well beyond two years of age; the program is currently monitoring the progress of thirty-seven first graders. Data on all infants/children is being collected on standardized forms and compu-

terized for analysis.

A final service to graduates of the high-risk nursery involves the West Alabama District Health Department, which receives approximately \$35,000 to make visits to the infants' homes. Many of the patients are discharged from the nursery to a less than ideal home environment. The purpose of the nursing visits is to assess the home situation and to instruct the mother in proper care of her baby.

Much has been accomplished in West Alabama over the past ten years, but much remains to be done to meet the need. The major problem, according to Dr. Hefelfinger, is inadequate funding from the state. The Alabama Perinatal Association, of which Dr. Hefelfinger is an active member, is undertaking a major grassroots initiative to educate the state legislature concerning the problems and possible solutions related to the improvement of women's and children's health in Alabama. A \$2 million annual appropriation for the program statewide is not enough; according to Dr. Earl Fox, Alabama's State Health Officer, \$8 million might be. Contact Dr. Hefelfinger for additional information on the "Partners in Advocacy" program.

Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infancy Health Program

Despite significant improvements during the past decade in the medical capacity to care for sick and premature infants, the rates of infant mortality and morbidity among rural blacks far exceed the rates for whites. Since 1983, Dr. Robert Northrup, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, and Dr. James Leeper, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, in cooperation with West Alabama Health Services (WAHS) in Greene County, have served as co-investigators of a Ford Foundation Child Survival/Fair Start (CS/FS) intervention program designed to address the special needs of high-risk, black, childbearing women in rural Greene, Hale, and Sumter counties. The project, the Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infancy Health (RAPIH) Program, is directed by Dr. Sandral Hullett, a 1979 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency and medical director at WAHS.

Four other CS/FS programs are funded by the foundation: two target Mexican-American families in Texas and Florida; one, also in Florida, targets Haitian immigrants and refugees; and a fourth, in Tennessee, targets rural families in six Appalachian communities.

The Alabama program, like the others, is focused on improving health habits, maternal and infant nutrition, child health, parental skills, and the use of health services both during and following pregnancy. Key to the achievement of this formidable set of goals is the home visitor, a woman from the local community, a mother herself, who, from the beginning of the pregnancy through the baby's second birthday, acts as an intermediary between the client and special prenatal and postnatal programs offered through WAHS.

In all, the home visitor is scheduled to

make thirty-nine visits to each young mother, during which she addresses a particular aspect of prenatal or child health, depending on the mother's or infant's stage of development. The curriculum includes nutrition, fetal development, danger signs in pregnancy, community service agencies, labor and delivery, breast feeding, child discipline, toilet training, and much more. The visitor's individual preference and style, and the particular client's personality, jointly determine the method employed to convey this information.

There are seventy-nine mothers or prospective mothers in the third year of the treatment program. This year, the program graduated its first mothers from the home visiting program, and two clients have become home visitors themselves.

The investigators, with the project's research director, Dr. Christine Nagy, have recently been funded for a two-year extension in order to study the dimensions of the program's impact on the home visitors' and program mothers' personal development. WAHS plans to submit a proposal to the foundation to investigate procedures for carrying out the transition from a research/demonstration project to a routine activity of West Alabama Health Services.

Obstetrics in Family Practice

According to Dr. Earl Fox, Alabama's State Health Officer, the overwhelming reason for the state's high infant mortality rate is the fact that Alabama's poor women and children do not receive adequate health care. One of the major barriers to receiving care is that prenatal care and obstetric hospital services are unavailable in many areas. Currently, Alabama has twenty-one counties with no obstetrical delivery services.

Given the success of the CCHS Family Practice Residency at placing physicians in underserved areas and the emphasis placed on including obstetrics as part of a family practice during training, our graduates should be having an impact on the problem. A recent survey of eighty-five graduates of

the program, conducted by Dr. Paul Tietze, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, and Dr. Samuel Gaskins, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, reveals that about 50 percent do practice obstetrics after finishing their training. However, only 19 percent of the graduates plan to continue to practice obstetrics in the future.

The cost of malpractice insurance, fear of malpractice litigation, and the time required are frequently cited reasons for discontinuing obstetrics as part of a family practice. The mean malpractice premium for those family physicians doing obstetrics is more than three times the rate of those who do not. The results of this survey reflect a less well recognized but significant component of the problem of improving the health care available to Alabama's pregnant women and infants.

HSL News

DIALOG

The Health Sciences Library has been providing computerized literature searches of the National Library of Medicine's MEDLARS databases for several years. Recently, the library has also begun searching DIALOG. DIALOG provides access to over 200 databases covering all areas of medicine, science, technology, business, social science, current affairs, and the humanities. Medically related databases available through DIALOG include BIOSIS, EMBASE (Excerpta Medica), SCISEARCH (Science Citation Index), PSYCINFO (Psychological Abstracts), and International Pharmaceutical Abstracts. In addition to bibliographic citations, some databases also provide directory information, numeric information, and full articles.

Since DIALOG is a commercial service, search costs are much higher than search costs for MEDLARS. For example, a search of EMBASE is \$84 per connect hour plus extra costs for each citation printed, while a MEDLARS search is roughly \$15 to \$22 per hour. For more information on DIALOG, contact Barbara Doughty, Medical Reference Librarian, at 348-1364.

Art on Display at the CMC

The corridors of the Capstone Medical Center have been transformed. No longer are the long hallways blank and dull; they are now alive with images and color. With the opening of an exhibit by the Tuscaloosa and University Women Painters on November 2, 1986, the CMC became an art gallery as well as a multispecialty group practice.

Belle Strong, artist and spokesperson for the group, worked with CMC Administrator George Tulli to arrange what will be an ongoing exhibit of local talent. Special moldings were installed along two major corridors to accommodate the canvases. With titles like "Druid Spring," "Old Tavern," and "Late October, Bowers Park," the artwork reflects local settings as well as a variety of other subjects. Media also vary, with oils, acrylics, and watercolors all represented. Both patients and staff have responded to the new surroundings with great interest and pleasure.

The Tuscaloosa and University Women Painters have had limited exhibits at the Tuscaloosa Public Library and Ferguson Center on the University of Alabama campus. Commenting on the show at Capstone Medical Center, Ms. Strong says, "We are delighted. This is the best show we've had. The exhibit at Capstone has stimulated a lot of interest in the group to produce new works and to display our very best. There is a wide range of maturity in the paintings, from beginners to more experienced artists. We need something like this show to keep us encouraged."

Ms. Strong says the group plans to change the exhibit on the first Thursday of each month. Many pieces are for sale, and prices and artists' telephone numbers are available in the CMC administrator's office.



George Tulli and Belle Strong with paintings from the exhibit.

News Briefs

Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice for the period 1986-1993.

On September 25, 1986, the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama named Dr. R. Joe BURLESON Professor Emeritus of Surgery in appreciation and recognition of his contributions to the university.

The CCHS Family Practice Residency has been awarded continued full accreditation for five years by the Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, has been chosen president-elect of the DCH Regional Medical Center medical staff.

Dr. Robert GELLER, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, has been named a diplomate of the American Board of Medical Toxicology.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, has been elected president of the DCH Rehabilitation Pavilion medical staff and elected to the



DCH Health Care Authority Board. He has also been reappointed to the Alabama Academy of Sciences's Visiting Scientists Program.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, is the 1986-87 president-elect of the Alabama Health Libraries Association.

Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1986 in recognition of his outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community.

Tammy WEEKS has been promoted to Collections Clerk at the Capstone Medical Center.

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, has published an editorial titled "Treatment of Depression" in Science (October 1986).

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, presented "Waivered Medical Services in Alabama" at the conference Health Care in Alabama: The Medicaid Perspective on September 17-19 in Montgomery and "Social Work and Aging" at the Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Conference in Birmingham on October 16.

Sarah DEMELLIER, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs, conducted the workshop "Care and Support of the Ill and Dying Person" as part of the 1986 Alabama Aging Network Training Conference in Anniston.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, has published "Unemployment and Depressive Symptoms in a Southern Black Community" in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease (1986; 174:639-45); "Blood Pressure, Sex Roles, and Social Support" in the Abstracts of the 85th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 3-7); and, with Jose Ernesto Dos Santos and Fernando E. Viteri, "Blood Pressure, Ethnicity, and Psychosocial

Resources" in Psychosomatic Medicine (1986; 48:509-19).

Dr. Roland FICKEN, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral Science and Director of Medical Student Affairs, presented the workshop "Family Practice Residents' and Third-Year Law Students' Perceptions of the Current Medical Liability Climate" at the annual conference of the Association for the Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on October 7.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, presented "Changes in Taste Perception in the Elderly" at the Alabama Dietary Managers Association meeting sponsored by the College of Continuing Studies at the University of Alabama on September 18.

Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, has published "Bronchiolitis: A Clearer Picture is Emerging" in the Journal of Respiratory Diseases 1986; 7(11):17-27.

Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, presented "Storytelling: A Measure of Anxiety in Hospitalized Children," which was jointly authored with Carmen Hudson and Peggy Jessee, at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C., on November 14. Dr. Leeper was also a coauthor, with Ann Sirles, Dr. Robert NORTHRUP, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, and Michael O'Rear, of "The Education, Employment Situations, and Practice Activities of Nurse Practitioners in Alabama," which was published in the Alabama Journal of Medical Sciences 1986; 23(4):379-84.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, is the author of the Behavioral Sciences Section of FMGEMS Examination Review, Basic Sciences, vol. 1, 3rd ed. (New York: Medical Examination Publishing Co., 1986). He also coauthored, with Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging, and David K. Brown, "Evaluating Mississipp-

pi's Community-Based Long-Term Care Program for the Elderly," which was presented at the American Geriatrics Society's 43rd Annual Meeting/7th Annual Meeting of the American Federation for Aging Research/39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Chicago, Illinois, November 16-20.

Dr. Pieroni presented "Overview of Adult Development and Aging" and served as a workshop consultant for the project "A Statewide Elder Abuse Prevention Training Program" on September 30 in Montgomery, on October 14 in Tuscaloosa, on October 17 in Huntsville, on October 28 in Birmingham, and on October 30 in Mobile. In September, he spoke to students in the School of Social Work on "Normal Bio-Physical Aging" and "Cardiovascular and Heart Disease and Disorders of the Endocrine System." On October 16, Dr. Pieroni presented "Oriental Medicine" at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, presented a refereed paper on "WAHLIE and SEASHEL: Networking in Alabama" at the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 7.

Grant and Contract Activities

The Ford Foundation has awarded the Department of Community Medicine \$498,500 for a two-year continuation of the "Child Survival Project." Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, is the principal investigator.

The Department of Family Medicine has submitted the continuation application for the second year of funding under the "Grants for Graduate Training in Family Medicine" program. Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, is the project director.

Dr. Stephen GEHLBACH, Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has submitted an application requesting \$388,660 over three years to the Health Careers Opportunity Program.

Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, has submitted a supplemental

request for \$12,200 to the Alabama Bureau of Maternal and Child Health for transportation services related to the Perinatal Education Program.

Dr. James F. HOOPER, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, has received a contract from McNeil Pharmaceuticals for \$52,160.

Dr. Elizabeth RAND, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, and Lee BADGER, Coordinator of Research, Department of Psychiatry, have submitted an application to the university's Research Grants Committee requesting \$861 for the project "Recognition of Mental Disorders by Family Practice Residents: The Effect of GHQ Feedback."

Meetings, Workshops, Consultations

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, attended the Residency Assistance Program Panel of Consultants meeting September 10-12 in Kansas City, Missouri, and made a consultation visit for the program to Lutheran Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, November 5-7. He attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Medical Colleges in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 25-30.

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, and Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, attended a meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians in Montgomery on September 13. Dr. Anderson is serving on the Education Committee, Dr. Lumpkin is on the Family Practice Residency Program Committee, and Dr. Ware is on the Research Committee of the Alabama Chapter.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, attended the American Hospital Association, Long-Term Care Section meeting in San Francisco, California, November 8-11 and the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Chicago, Illinois, November 20-23.

Dr. Marcia CHESEBRO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, attended the annual

scientific meeting of the American Academy of Family Physicians in Washington, D.C., September 29-October 3.

Barbara DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, and Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Health Libraries Association in Gulf Shores on October 16 and the National Library of Medicine Online Update on October 17. Both also attended the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 5-7.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, attended the annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 27-31. She participated in a site visit for the ADA to Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, September 29-October 1.

Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, attended the UAB Residency Program Directors meeting in Birmingham on September 10.

Greg LEDET, Library Assistant III, attended a one-day workshop on OCLC, a computerized cataloging network the library will begin using in January, in Atlanta, Georgia, November 10.

Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, attended the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 28-October 2. Along with Dr. Christine NAGY, Research Associate, Department of Community Medicine, Dr. Leeper attended the annual meeting of the Ford Foundation Child Survival/Fair Start grantees in New York on November 12-13.

Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, participated in site visits for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals to Peoria, Illinois, September 22-23 and to Juneau, Alaska, October 6-10.

Dr. Paul MOZLEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, attended the 1986

Continuing Medical Education Joint Conference in China in October. Dr. Mozley, along with Dr. Richard GRIFFIN, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Dr. Jerry SHULMAN, Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, attended the teleconference "AHA/ACOG Obstetric Excellence Under Fire" at DCH Regional Medical Center on November 20.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, attended the Tenth World Congress of Cardiology in Washington, D.C., September 14-19; the symposium "Practical Aspects of ACE Inhibition in Clinical Practice" in Point Clear, Alabama, October 11-12; and the First Annual Course in Clinical Allergy-Immunology for the Practicing Physician at the University of Tennessee-Memphis on October 25-26.

Dr. William SIMPSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Surgery, Dr. William SHAMBLIN, Associate Professor of Surgery, Dr. John SHAMBLIN, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, and Dr. James THOMAS, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, attended the American College of Surgeons meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 20-24.

Jill STEWART, Medical Group Practice Coordinator, and Sheree CYR, Director of Nursing, attended the Medical Group Management Association annual seminar in Birmingham on November 19.

Community Service

Greg LEDET, Library Assistant III, is the Tuscaloosa coordinator of Angel Tree, an annual Christmas gift project for children of prison inmates.

Dr. Paul MOZLEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, was interviewed on "Post Partum Depression" for the Birmingham News Health and Science section and by the Copley National Radio Network.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "Immunizations in the Elderly" for DCH Regional Medical Center's Golden Years Program on September 22; "Folklore" for DCH's Brighter Days Program on October 13; "AIDS: The Disease of the Decade" to the

Alabama Scholastic Press Association North Central Regional Workshop on October 14; and "Alzheimer's Disease" to the Tuscaloosa Area Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support Group on November 10 and 11. In October, Dr. Pieroni was interviewed by the Alabama Public Radio Network on "Hay Fever" and by the Tuscaloosa News on "AIDS." An interview on "Fall Weather Relief for Allergy Sufferers" was printed statewide.

Arrivals and Departures

Leigh LOFTIS resigned her position as Collections Clerk at the CMC on October 31. She has moved to Montgomery.

Vital Statistics

Stephanie Meagan Peters was born to Fritz and DEBORAH PETERS, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, on February 17, 1986. Dr. Peters is in the family practice residency at Carraway Methodist Medical Center.

Matthew Burdick Smith was born to Becky and GREG SMITH, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa. Dr. Smith is currently in a radiology residency at Travis Air Force Base, California. The Smiths have two other sons, Ben and Luke.

Anderson Milton Starling was born to Tammy and MILTON STARLING, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, on November 24.

Kendal Ashley Strickland, birthweight 7 lbs. 4 oz., was born to Ken and CHERYL STRICKLAND, LPN at the Capstone Medical Center, on November 17.

Miscellany

The Center for the Study of Aging will be conducting an Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop at the Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile on February 2-3, 1987, as part of the annual conference of the Alabama Gerontological Society.

Drs. Bill and Susan OLIVER, both 1983 graduates of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, passed the written portions of Anesthesiology Boards and will take their orals next summer. They have coauthored an extensive article that they are presenting at several meetings before publication. Dr. Susan Oliver is doing research this year in neuroanesthesia. The Drs. Oliver plan to enter private practice in 1987.

Dr. David O. PARRISH, a 1981 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, and his family are now in Charleston, South Carolina, where Dr. Parrish is teaching in the Navy's family practice residency. For the last few years, they have been in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Dr. Leslie SMITH, a 1978 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, is resigning his commission in the Navy and returning to Nevada to practice internal medicine. He and his wife, Kitty, have three children.

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