New Residents Join CCHS

Beginning July 1, 1988, twelve first-year residents joined the Family Practice Residency Program at CCHS. We are fortunate in having many excellent candidates join our program. In order to acquaint you with our first-year residents, a brief biographical sketch of each is provided.

Bobbi Brister ADCOCK hails from Rosedale, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, where she received a B.S. degree in biology before attending the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Bobbi's interest in medicine began early in life when her mother was employed by a family physician and her father worked as an emergency medical technician. After completing college, Bobbi worked as an emergency medical technician and a certified cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructor. Married to Harry D. Adcock, she is active in her church and enjoys hunting and fishing.

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John David BULLOCK is a native of Bassfield, Mississippi. He holds baccalaureate degrees in biology (University of Southern Mississippi) and pharmacy (University of Mississippi at Oxford) and a medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. David, the son of a teacher and a farmer, worked summers as an emergency room and pharmacy technician, as well as a registered pharmacist. He had his wife Linda have a three-year-old son, Joshua. He enjoys travel, scuba diving, athletics, and camping.

Kyle Kelley CARTER is from Houston, Texas. He received a B.S. degree in biology from Abilene Christian University and a medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern (Dallas). Kyle's first exposure to the field of medicine occurred when he worked as a laboratory assistant in college. During the past year, he went on a medical mission trip to Honduras, where he worked with a physician in several general medical clinics. Kyle enjoys golf, water and snow skiing, softball, basketball, and backpacking. He is active in his church.

John Benton CRIDER, a native of Cullman, Alabama, received his baccalaureate degree in biology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. He ascribes his interest in medicine to his experiences in his teens as a volunteer at an inner city medical mission in Oklahoma City. John's father was a safety officer for the Alabama Highway Patrol and his mother was a homemaker. He is married to Donna, a special education teacher. His interests include guitar, tennis, tropical fish, and camping.

Lennis Kyle DIPPEL (Len) arrives at CCHS from Texas Tech University at Lubbock, where he received a Bachelor of General Studies degree, and the University of Texas Southwestern at Dallas, where he received his degree in medicine. A native of Temple, Texas, Len has spent much of his free time helping his grandfather manage the family cattle ranch. He enjoys ranching, running, and the German language.

Charles Martin EDDINS, from Monroeville, Alabama, is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa (B.S.) and the University of South Alabama College of Medicine (M.D.). Having observed his father, a general practitioner in a small town, Charles formed early opinions about what a
Ruben Barry JONES is a native of Oxford, Mississippi, where he received both the B.S. degree in pharmacy and medical degree at the University of Mississippi. Barry's interest in family practice developed as a result of his work in a community pharmacy. He and his wife, Christy, have a one-year-old son Charles. Barry's hobbies include gardening, photography, camping, hunting, and fishing.

Nancy Hamilton LINDBERG, originally from Newport News, Virginia, now resides in Fosters, Alabama. She received the A.B. degree from Sweet Briar College, Virginia, and the M.S. degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., where she also completed her first two years of medical school. Having done her clinical years at Tuscaloosa, her medical degree is from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Nancy and her husband, Dr. Michael C. Lindberg, have two small sons, Andrew and Timothy. Nancy is interested in photography, camping, canoeing, and birdwatching.

Farewell to the Class of 1988

On June 23, 1988, DCH Regional Medical Center hosted a Graduation Dinner to honor the family practice residents leaving CCHS. Approximately 110 people attended the dinner. Following a welcome from Mr. James Ford, Administrator of DCH, dinner was served. After dinner Dean Wilmer J. Coggins welcomed the graduates and their guests. Dr. Russell Anderson then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Deirdre Melessa Phillips, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following Dr. Phillips' address, the following special awards were presented:

The William R. Willard Award, presented each year to the outstanding first-year resident, was awarded to Robin S. Barton, M.D.

The Internal Medicine Award went to Billy Mack Pickering, M.D. Dr. Pickering also received the Pediatrics Award and the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Resident Teaching Award.

Cindy L. Dedmon, M.D., received both the Obstetrics/Gynecology and Psychiatry Awards.
The William F. deShazo Award for Family Practice was conferred upon Ricky G. Deerman, M.D.

Chief Resident Chairs bearing the university seal and a brass plaque were presented to Drs. Billy Mack Pickering and Thomas J. Smitherman for their services during the 1987-88 residency.

Wives of the graduating residents received certificates in acknowledgement of their support of their husbands over the three years of their residencies.

Graduation certificates were then awarded to the twelve residents who constituted the thirteenth graduating class of CCHS. The names of the departed residents and their destinations are as follows:

- Dr. Vicki Sue Cobb—Bossier City, Louisiana;
- Dr. Cindy Lyn Dedmon—Tuscaloosa, Alabama;
- Dr. Ricky Guinn Deerman—Rainsville, Alabama;
- Dr. John Taft Johnson—Crestview, Florida;
- Dr. Curtis Estes McLemore—Montgomery, Alabama;
- Dr. Grigor Vartan Merijanian—Lexington, Kentucky (anesthesiology residency);
- Dr. John Olen Newcomb—Tuscaloosa, Mississippi;
- Dr. James Bryan Robinson—Cleveland, Ohio (athletic medicine residency);
- Dr. Judy McHenry Russell—Gordo, Alabama;
- Dr. Thomas James Smitherman—Alabaster, Alabama; and
- Dr. Mark Anthony Woods—Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

These graduates bring to 129 the total number of family practice residents who have graduated from our program. We are proud of our graduates and of the contributions they have made to the health and well-being of the citizens of our state and nation.

Match Day: 1988

For senior medical students across the country, months of anxious waiting ended on Match Day in March. On that day, students learned where they would serve their residencies. Many uncertainties associated with this decision were laid to rest, and students began to focus on the next step of their preparation for a career in medicine.

This year’s matches for Alabama graduates are particularly exciting. Students from our state have selected residencies in a wide variety of settings, both in the Southeast and outside the region. This dispersion is evidence that our graduates are receiving widespread recognition. We strongly believe that they will further contribute to a favorable perception of our program. Below is an enumeration of graduating seniors, their residency programs, and their specialty choices.

Five of our twenty-three graduates will continue their training within the state. Nancy H. Lindberg will remain in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama Family Practice Program where she will continue her preparation for a career in family practice. Two graduates will go to Birmingham. Jeffrey A. Malone will serve a pediatric residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center, and I. Keith Fleisher has chosen a surgery preliminary at Carraway Methodist Medical Center. Steven M. Sanders has elected a family practice residency at the Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston. Chris A. Claassen will be at the University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile in an anesthesiology residency.

A large number of the graduating seniors will remain in the Southeast. Donald J. Derivaux will travel to the Alton Ochsner Foundation in New Orleans, Louisiana, for an internal medicine preliminary and a second postgraduate year (PGY2) in ophthalmology. Going to the Alton Ochsner Foundation for a surgery residency will be Taylor K. Pickett. Roddie R. Gant will be at the University of Kentucky Medical Center for a year in internal medicine and a year (PGY2) in anesthesiology. Harry D. Goldwasser, one of three students in North Carolina residencies, will specialize in psychiatry at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. S. Harbour Stephens will prepare for urology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine—North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-
Salem. Cathy L. GRESHAM will serve an internal medicine residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Darryl A. HAMILTON will continue his training at the University of Florida-Jacksonville Health Education Program where he will specialize in internal medicine. Melanie S. HAMNER PAULETTE, who has also selected an internal medicine specialty, will be at the University of Virginia Medical Center-Charlottesville. Melanie A. LEOPARD will continue her preparation for surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

A number of students have selected residencies that are geographically more distant. Lee C. CARTER will enter a transitional postgraduate year residency at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and remain in that state for a PGY2 residency in anesthesiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Mark E. COOPER will be in Houston, Texas, at Baylor College of Medicine preparing for a surgery specialty. Dur HUANG has chosen to continue his preparation for a career in family practice at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Samuel E. JOHNSON has selected McLaren General Hospital in Flint, Michigan, as the site for his residency in surgery. Lisa L. LARGE has chosen an internal medicine preliminary residency at Northwestern University-Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. Stephen H. NIGHTINGALE will journey to Bay State Medical Center-Tufts University School of Medicine in Springfield, Massachusetts, for a residency in medicine/pediatrics. Lauren C. SEEGER will complete a preliminary postgraduate year in internal medicine at St. Barnabas Medical Center-New Jersey Medical School in Livingston, New Jersey, then return South for a PGY2 neurology residency at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Timothy W. WINKLER will brave the winter weather of Rochester, Minnesota, to pursue a surgery residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.

Our best wishes for a successful and satisfying career accompany our graduates.

Poison Control Centers in America: How Well Do They Perform?

The number of poison control centers in the United States has been declining rapidly over the past 10 years, from 308 in 1985 (half as many as ten years earlier) to 208 in the following year alone. Seventeen percent of the remaining poison centers currently meet criteria established by the American Association of Poison Control Centers necessary to qualify as regional poison centers. What are the operational differences between regional poison centers and nonregional poison centers? In an emergency, if you lived in an area served by a nonqualifying center, would you receive equivalent and/or quality service? In other words, do operational differences affect how well the centers perform?

These questions were the focus of a recent multidisciplinary research project led by Dr. Robert Geller, former Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. Working with him were John C. Fisher III, Pharm.D., Adjunct Instructor of Family Medicine, James D. Leeper, Ph.D., Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, and Sulabha Ranganathan, M.S., former Research Assistant in Behavioral and Community Medicine.

It was no small task to design a study to answer these questions, especially because research subjects (in this case the centers) may not be studied without their permission. In a clever two-stage design, the project team addressed the first research question (are there operational differences between the centers?) while preparing the way to answer the second (does it matter?). A questionnaire was mailed to all centers in the United States requesting the call volume, staffing patterns and qualifications, follow-up protocols, and other similar information. In addition, by soliciting the directors' informed consent, the researchers simultaneously paved the way for the second stage: a series of unannounced "test-case" emergency calls. Following standardized poisoning incidents of varying severity, research assistants made three separate telephone calls to all participating
centers. These calls were tape recorded and later analyzed for the completeness of story-taking, accuracy and completeness of recommendations given, and the length of the call.

What answers did the research uncover? First, the study found that there are a number of significant operational differences between regional and nonregional centers such as calls per capita, staffing, and medical direction. These results are described in detail in the June issue of Annals of Emergency Medicine. For an answer to the question, "Do these differences affect how well poison centers perform?", keep posted.

AIDS Information Center

Keeping abreast of the most current information on AIDS in the medical literature is difficult due to the vast number of articles being published on AIDS and ARC. The Health Sciences Library has established an AIDS Information Center in the reading area of the library to facilitate the use of AIDS literature for CCHS faculty, staff, residents, and medical students. DCH Regional Medical Center medical staff and personnel have also been informed of the availability of the Center.

The collection of AIDS materials includes (1) bibliographies, (2) selected journal articles compiled in notebooks and organized under Medical Subject (MESH) subheadings such as classification, diagnosis, and drug therapy, (3) current audiovisuals, and (4) special sections on AIDS in Alabama and AIDS in children. The journal articles are being updated monthly by Barbara Doughty, Medical Reference Librarian, with the advice of Dr. Mary Sawyer, former Assistant Professor of Pediatrics.

All materials in the AIDS Center are on reserve, including audiovisual materials. Audiovisuals can be previewed in the library. If an AIDS audiovisual is needed for a class or other presentation, the material must be reserved at least two days in advance and may be checked out for the time period of the presentation. For more information on requesting the use of an AIDS audiovisual, call Greg Ledet at 348-1363.

CCHS users of the AIDS Information Center are urged to provide input on the collection by completing a short questionnaire on the shelf in the Center. The evaluations will be used to determine modification or expansion of the materials included in the AIDS Center. For additional information on the Center, call Barbara Doughty or Frances Williams at 348-1364.
Profile

William F. deShazo III, M.D.

On February 1, 1988, Dr. William deShazo, Professor of Family Medicine and Program Director of Athletic Medicine, retired from CCHS. A retirement party was held in his honor. Dr. deShazo will be missed, but his dedication to the practice of medicine will be remembered.

Dr. deShazo was a native Alabamian who dedicated his considerable talents and energies to the improvement of health among residents of this state. After receiving his undergraduate education in biology at Howard College (now Samford University) in Birmingham, William deShazo went to Louisiana where he received his M.D. degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in 1948. Returning to Alabama, Dr. deShazo interned at the Employees' Hospital (now Lloyd Noland Hospital) in Fairfield, Alabama, and then set up private practice in Atmore, Alabama.

Within two years his career was interrupted by a period of active naval service in the Korean Conflict. During his two years of service, he served as Chief Medical Officer of the Leprosarium at Tinian Island in the Pacific. During this time he also saw a number of the last survivors of Japan's Imperial Navy.

Following cessation of hostilities in 1952, Dr. deShazo returned to private practice in Alabama, this time in the South Alabama town of Jackson. He remained there for twenty years during which time he served on the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama.

In 1972, Dr. deShazo came to the University of Alabama as Team Physician for the University's Athletic Department, a position which he held until 1985, and as a Staff Physician at the Russell Student Health Center. In 1975 he joined the faculty of the College of Community Health Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program. After two years he was appointed as Chairman of Family Medicine. Three years later he was named the Director of the Division of Athletic Medicine, the post he held until his resignation. During that period, Dr. deShazo's skill and dedication as a teacher and preceptor were acknowledged by his promotion to Associate Professor and Professor.

Dr. deShazo was dedicated to the practice of family medicine. He was a Charter Fellow of the American Association of Family Practice. His continuing service to that organization was recognized in 1981 when he received a Recognition Award for 25 Years of Service. During the forty years in which he practiced medicine, Dr. deShazo was a member of virtually every professional medical society related to the practice of family medicine or sports medicine. In addition, he has served on the Medical Licensure Commission for the State of Alabama and as a team physician for the United States Olympic team.

Dr. deShazo will indeed be missed at CCHS, but he will not be forgotten. Our wishes go with him for a healthy and happy retirement.

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Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Dr. Russell L. ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, has been appointed to the Editorial Review Panel for Postgraduate Medicine magazine for 1987-88.

Dr. Lorin A. BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, has been appointed to the Governors Task Force on Elder Abuse.

The following promotions of clinical faculty within CCHS were effective August 15, 1988:

- William F. SIMPSON, M.D., Clinical Professor in the Department of Surgery;
- William A. CURRY, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine;
- John D. FERGUSON, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery;
- Gabriel FERNANDEZ, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery;
- Michael L. JOHNSON, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine;
- Patrick MCCUE, M.D., Clinical Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine;
- Joe W. O'NEAL, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery;
- Larry O. SKELTON, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine;
- Richard M. SNOW, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine; and
- Arthur F. SNYDER, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. William W. DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, will represent CCHS on the Graduate Council of the University of Alabama for the next three years.

Dr. James D. LEEPER, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, was promoted to Professor on August 16, 1988.

Barbara Jeanne LONG has been promoted from Data Control Supervisor to Administrative Specialist, Capstone Medical Center.

Dr. Paul D. MOZLEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, has been appointed to the newly established Task Force on the Psychiatric Aspects of New Reproductive Technology of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, was appointed Officer in Charge of the Civilian Training Unit, 75th Field Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, last December. He has been appointed to the Research Committee of the Northeastern Gerontology Society and to the Department of Defense Civilian External Peer Review Program.

Dr. W. Larry RAINNEY, Project Director of BioPrep, has been appointed Vice-Chairman of Science Education of the Alabama Academy of Science, Section VII. He has also been appointed to the Boards of Directors of the Southern Rural Education Association and the National Center for the Advancement of Blacks in the Health Professions.

Dr. Elizabeth H. RAND, Assistant Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry, has been appointed to the Scientific Program Committee of the American Psychiatric Association for 1988-91. From 1987 to present, she has also served as Region VII Coordinator for the Association of Academic Psychiatry.

Residents from CCHS have been elected to the following offices and committees of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians:

- Dr. Hudson LAZENBY—President, Resident Chapter;
- Dr. Bruce LONGEST—Secretary-Treasurer, Resident Chapter, and Mental Health Committee;
- Dr. John VAN DERWOOD—Legislative and Publicity Committees;
- Dr. John MITCHELL—Membership Committee;
- Dr. Brian ELROD—Public Relations Committee; and
- Dr. Johnnie CARTER—Education Committee.

Dr. Michael R. WATKINS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, received Board Certification in Ob/Gyn in December 1987.
Publications and Presentations

Dr. Russell L. ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, presented the paper "The Residency Agreement: The Foundation of Due Process" at the Residency Assistance Program Consultants Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, March 28, 1988.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, presented the keynote address "Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives on Elder Abuse" at the Sixth Annual Workshop on Family Violence in Mobile, Alabama, November 1987. Dr. Baumhover also presented "Political and Economic Impact of an Aging Society" at Update '87: Impact of Today's Health Policies on Tomorrow's Human and Economic Resources, sponsored by the UA School of Public Health, in Birmingham, December 1987. With Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, he presented "Elder Abuse Indicators" at the Annual Nutrition Program Conference in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, last October. Dr. Baumhover, with Dr. Pieroni and Carolyn CLARK-DANIELS, Center for the Study of Aging, presented the paper "Physicians' Knowledge and Willingness to Report Elder Abuse: Results of a Survey" at the Seventh Annual Conference of the Alabama Gerontological Society in Sheffield, Alabama, March 22-25, 1988. Dr. Baumhover also presented "Elder Abuse: A Statewide Intervention Program" at the Eighth Annual Geriatrics Conference at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, March 31-April 2.

Colleen BEALL, Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Aging, presented "National Model Programs in Elder Abuse" at the Alabama Gerontology Society meeting in March and "Caregiver Training as an Elder Abuse Intervention" at the Southern Gerontology Society meeting in April.

Dr. Marcia J. CHESEBRO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, had her article "Passive Smoking" published in the May 1988 issue of American Family Physician.

Barbara P. DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, presented "Review of Information and Resource Manual Compiled by the Alabama Health Libraries Association" for the Ninth Statewide CME meeting in Montgomery, February 10. Her article "Old Parr: or How Old is Old?", was published in the Southern Medical Journal in July.

William W. DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, has had "Social Consistency and Psychological Distress" published in the Journal of Health and Social Behavior in March 1988. Dr. Dressler, Gerald A. C. Grell, Philip N. Gallagher, Jr., and Fernando E. Viteri have published "Blood Pressure and Social Class in a Jamaican Community" in American Journal of Public Health, August 1988.

M. Janice GILLILAND, Assistant Director of BioPrep, and Dr. James R. BINDON, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Assistant Professor of Anthropology, presented "One Year Follow-up of Growth and Fitness Among Black and White Adolescents in West Alabama" at the Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Kansas City, Missouri, in March. An abstract of this paper was published in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology, 1988.

Dr. James D. LEEPER, Associate Professor and Chief, and Dr. M. Christine NAGY, Research Associate, both in the Department of Behavioral and Community Medicine, presented the paper "The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Program: Six Month Outcomes" at the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs Training Institute in Washington, D.C., in December 1987.

Dr. Paul D. MOZLEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, published the paper "Chronic Pelvic Pain: How Much is in the Head?" in Clinical Decisions in Obstetrics and Gynecology in March 1988. Dr. Mozley presented a paper on the same topic to the Thirty-Sixth Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Boston, Massachusetts, in May. He also presented "Rectovaginal Fistulas" to the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Surgeons annual meeting at Point Clear, Alabama, in May.

Dr. M. Christine NAGY, Research Associate in Behavioral and Community Medicine, Dr.
James D. LEEPER, Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, Dr. Sandral HULLETT, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Behavioral and Community Medicine, Dr. Robert S. NORTHRUP, former Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, and Wanda Newell coauthored the article "The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Program," which has been published in the August 1988 edition of Family and Community Health.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, has published the text National Boards Examination Review for Part II, Clinical Sciences, 3rd ed., in 1988. Dr. Pieroni was coauthor of "Policy Implications of Reporting Elder Abuse in Alabama," which was presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, South Carolina, in March. He presented two papers "Tracing a Typhoid Carrier" and "Occult Arsenic Poisoning: A Case Report" and was a coauthor of papers presented concerning "Problems of Alzheimer's Patients and Caretakers" (with Dr. Lorin A. BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, and Susan Ramey), "Quinine Associated Thrombocytopenia" (with Stan BRASFIELD, senior medical student), "Attitudes Toward Euthanasia in the U.S. and the Netherlands" (with Dorothy Pieroni and Barbara HINTON, Educational Assistant in Internal Medicine), "Acute Mesenteric Ischemia in the Elderly" (with Dr. John O. NEWCOMB, a 1988 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, and Nick BRASWELL, senior medical student), "Factors Involved in Falling Episodes" (with Walter Jones and James Johnson), "Factors Involved in Drug Errors" (with Walter Jones and James Johnson), and "Clinical/Medical Librarian in Medical Education" (with Maridy Bronstein) at the Sixty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science at Auburn in March. Dr. Pieroni presented two papers "Digitalis Toxicity in the Elderly: Options for Therapy" and "The Clinical Significance of Hypokalemia in the Elderly," for which he won the "Best Poster Award," at the Eighth Annual Geriatrics Conference at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, March 31-April 2, 1988. He presented "Autopsies of the Elderly: Are They Really Useful?" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Atlanta, Georgia, in April. In June, he presented "Update on Immunization" to the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians in Point Clear, Alabama. At the Asia-U.S. Conference on Social Services and Aging Policy, which met in Pensacola, Florida, in August, he presented "Folk Medicine in the U.S. and the Orient" and "Geriatric Teaching in U.S. Medical Schools and Residency Programs."

Dr. W. Larry RAINEY, Project Director of BioPrep, presented the paper "Honors Science Courses for Talented Students: Piaget, Chemistry, and Recombinant DNA," which he coauthored with Elaine MARTIN and Jonnie SKINNER, Graduate Research Assistants, BioPrep, at the Alabama Academy of Science annual meeting in Auburn, Alabama, March 24-25. Dr. Rainey, Antoinette S. PIERCE, Coordinator of Academic Activities, BioPrep, and Steve TIERLING, Consultant, BioPrep, were members of a panel which presented the paper "BioPrep: An Academic Honors Program for Rural Students" at the annual conference of the Southern Rural Education Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April.


Dr. Robert C. SNYDER, a 1987 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, Dr. Samuel E. GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, and Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, published "Rubeola" in American Family Physician in February 1988.

Dr. Paul E. TIEFZE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, Dr. Samuel E. GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, and Dr. Mary Joyce MCGINNIS, former Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, had their article, "Attrition From the Practice of Obstetrics Among Family Practice Residency Graduates" published in Journal of Family Practice, February 1988. Dr. Tietze presented "Newer Management of Hyperten-
sion" at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians in Point Clear, Alabama, in June.

C. George TULLI, Jr., Administrator, Capstone Medical Center, has published "One Key to Practice Growth: Improving Other Practice Encounters" in the November/December 1987 issue of the Group Practice Journal.

Dr. Bradley R. WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Behavioral and Community Medicine, presented "Content, Role, and Use of Didactic Instruction During Family Medicine Clerkship/Preceptorship Experiences" at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Predoctoral Conference in Galveston, Texas, in January 1988. Dr. Ware also presented "Predoctoral Education" at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Southeastern Regional meeting in Johnson City, Tennessee, October 1987.

Grant and Contract Activities

BioPrep has been awarded $58,875 by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation for the BioPrep On-Campus Summer Session for students. Dr. Harry J. KNOPKE, Executive Assistant to the President and Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, will be the Principal Investigator, and Dr. W. Larry RAINEY, Project Director of BioPrep, will be Project Director.

Dr. James F. HOOPER, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, has received $3500 from The Upjohn Company and $900 for the UA Research Grants Committee to conduct "A Double Blind Study of the Treatment of Agoraphobia in Homebound Patients With Alprazolam."

Carmen J. Hudson, Instructor in Human Development and Family Life, Dr. Nick Stinnett, Visiting Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Life, and Dr. James D. LEEPER, Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, have received a grant from the CCHS Research Committee to investigate the "Relationship of Family Strengths to Self-Concept, Social Competence, and Creativity of Young Children."

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, and Dr. Phillip A. Bishop, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, will be co-principal investigators of "Time Required to Store 80 and 120 Kilocalories of Heat of Personnel Performing Heavy Work at 70°F in the Chemical Defense Ensemble," a project sponsored by Universal Energy Systems.

Arrivals and Departures

Nancy ABRAMS was named Purchasing Expediter I at Capstone Medical Center (CMC) in September 1987.

Jan APPLING has joined the Dean's Office as Secretary III in Financial Planning and Management.

Ruth BEHM is on leave as Patient Financial Aid Counselor, CMC; she has been replaced by Katherine ROULAINE.

The following have been added to the business office staff at the CMC: Betty J. HARRISON, Secretary; Rhonda A. LESLEY, Collections Clerk; Elizabeth NEIDERT, Data Entry Operator; Sheryl T. TUBBS, Insurance Clerk; Debbie WARRREN, Medical Data Control Supervisor; and Janice M. WHITE, Case Review Clerk.

Charles CALLAHAN, Research Assistant in Behavioral and Community Medicine, resigned on June 6, 1988, to accept a position at Partlow State School and Hospital.

Betsy J. CARDEN has joined the staff as a Medical Technician in the CMC Laboratory; she replaced Sherron WALDROP.

Dr. Cynthia M. COLE will join the Department of Behavioral and Community Medicine as an Assistant Professor in September 1988.

Dr. Cindy DEDMON has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology.

Dr. Robert J. GELLER resigned as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics on June 13, 1988, to take the same position at Emory University School of Medicine.
Dr. James F. HOOPER resigned his position as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry on September 1, 1988, to accept a position at Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility.

Gloria KELLER resigned as Secretary III, Department of Psychiatry, in February to take another job on campus; she has been replaced by Patricia BAILEY. Denise KELLY is the new Medical Staff Assistant in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. David E. LEWIS, Assistant Dean, resigned his post at CCHS in April.

Anne MARCUM is a part-time staff member in the Health Sciences Library. She will be assisting patrons at the circulation desk.

The Department of Medical Records at CMC has added four employees. Yvonne SMITH has joined the Transcription Area and Susan CRAWFORD, Patricia HAMILTON, and Angela JEFFREYS are working in the Records Room.

Susan SANSING was appointed Assistant Director of Nursing at Capstone Medical Center in June 1987.

Robin TAYLOR is the new secretary in the Department of Pediatrics.

Jean S. THOMAS resigned as Secretary III, Department of Family Medicine, on July 22, 1988, to accept a position at Phifer Wire Products; she has been replaced by Mary CARLSON.

Three new employees have joined the nursing staff at CMC. Marian LOLLAR is an LPN in the Blue Suite; Danette ROGERS is an LPN in the Pediatric Suite; and Brenda SMELLEY is an LPN in the Blue and Red Suites.

Cynthia G. WALKER is the new receptionist in the Blue Suite, CMC.

Vital Statistics

Kyle Kilgore Brignac, birthweight 7 lbs. 15 oz., was born to Camille and RAYMOND BRIGNAC, a 1980 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, on May 22.

Terri Lyn DAVIS, third-year resident, and Stephen D. Hyatt were married on February 6, 1988.

James W. (Will) Ervin III, birthweight 9 lbs. 3 oz., was born to Joan and JAMES W. ERVIN, third-year resident, on January 20.

Born to second-year resident BRIAN E. INGALLS and his wife Jill was an 8 lb. 7 oz. son, Andrew Robert Ingalls, on April 24, 1988.

Timothy Hamilton Lindberg, birthweight 7 lbs. 8 oz., was born to Michael and NANCY LINDBERG, first-year resident, on June 13.

Second-year resident MICHAEL MCINTYRE and his wife Wanda became the parents of a 7 lb. 6½ oz. son, Thomas Michael McIntyre, on July 9, 1988.

Greg MERIJANIAN, a 1988 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, married Judy Lorraine Franklin at Forest Lake United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on May 21, 1988.

Dr. Debbee S. SMITH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, was married to Dr. Algis P. SIDRYS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Hematology/Oncology), on December 5, 1987, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. After a reception at North River Yacht Club, the couple honeymooned in Aruba.

William C. STANDEFFER, Jr., junior medical student, married Susan S. Beck at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 20.

Richard S. Whitlock II (Whit), birthweight 8 lbs. 3 oz., was born to Maura and RICHARD S. WHITLOCK, third-year resident, on June 20.

Our sympathy is extended to Frances WILLIAMS, Medical Staff Assistant, Health Sciences Library, on the death of her mother on February 22.

Katherine Frances Woods, birthweight 7 lbs. 2 oz., was born to Susan and MARK WOODS, a 1988 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, on March 21.
College faculty and staff extend their sympathy to Bonnie Wright, Case Review Clerk, CMC, on the death of her father.

Community Service

Dr. David C. Hefelfinger, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, participated in a program "Issues and Answers: Those Who Survive the Other Side of Infant Mortality," sponsored by the Women's Health Forum of West Alabama, at the University Club, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 14, 1988.

Drs. Mark D. Kelsey and Debbee S. Sidrys, Assistant Professors of Internal Medicine, made presentations at the Law Enforcement Academy's conference on AIDS in December 1987.

Dr. Robert E. Pieroni, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, made numerous presentations to community groups. Presentations made last fall and winter included "Myths of Aging" at the Women's Health Center of DCH Regional Medical Center; "AFRAIDS: Acute Fear of AIDS" to the Alabama Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta; and "AIDS" to the West Alabama Chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon Teachers' Honorary. Dr. Pieroni also taught classes on "Pulmonary Disease and Gastrointestinal Disease," "Cardiovascular and Heart Disease," "Disorders of the Endocrine System," and "The Immune System" in the School of Social Work, University of Alabama/Tuscaloosa.

Dr. William R. Shamblin, Associate Professor of Surgery, presented a conference on "Diagnosis and Treatment of Breast Cancer" to the UPFRONT support group at DCH's Women's Health Center in February.

Miscellaneous

Drs. Vance G. Blackburn and James W. Ervin have been selected as Chief Residents for the period July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989 in recognition of their leadership.

The College of Community Health Sciences, the Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Medical Center, and the Southeastern Regional Medical Education Center will co-sponsor a Family Practice Faculty Development Workshop in Psychiatry, to be held at the Tuscaloosa Ramada Inn South, on September 27, 1988.

The Public Relations Committee of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians recently sponsored a competition open to all family practice residents in the state to develop a newsletter to be used by Alabama family practitioners. The competition was won by third-year resident Dr. John G. Van Derwood.