Volunteers Lead the Way

CCHS Part of Largest UA Capital Campaign, Now Under Way

The Campaign for Alabama was officially kicked off May 25 during a celebration on the main campus quadrangle. The Campaign involves volunteers and influential alumni and friends in the most ambitious effort ever made by the University to increase support for every one of its divisions. Each Capstone school and college—including the College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS)—has Campaign goals based on needs assessment and planning for academic improvements conducted by faculty, deans, vice-presidents, and president Dr. Roger Sayers.

The goal for the CCHS portion of the Campaign for Alabama is $6 million. "The goals for the College of Community Health Sciences focus on endowed funds for faculty to improve our efforts to educate family physicians for practice in rural areas," said Dean Roland Ficken. There are opportunities for donors to select names (memorial or otherwise) for professorships, scholarships, or facilities they endow.

The Campaign seeks $165 million overall and has already received over a third of that amount during the advance gifts phase of the Campaign. The Campaign has received 12 major gifts of $1 million or more to date; in addition, over 50 individuals, foundations, and corporations have made commitments of $100,000 to $1 million.

"The main thrust (of the campaign)," said Marion Peavey, UA vice-president for development and alumni affairs, "is to increase the endowed base that will preserve excellence in perpetuity." He is quick to clarify what the Campaign is not. "It is not, cannot be, a substitute for present or future proration or reduced state funding. Proration is a state legislative issue, completely separate from this campaign."

President Sayers, interviewed by Alabama Alumni Magazine, explained that the Campaign is not "a bailout for hard times by any stretch of the imagination. We'll trim our programs to fit our budget, in terms of our ongoing monies. Then we'll use private gift support selectively to make a real difference in the quality of education here at the University."

The Campaign for Alabama is being organized and conducted by volunteers working closely with the deans and a small UA development office staff. The national Campaign is led by Thomas E. Rast, chairman; Richard Anthony, co-chairman; and Michael Thompson, co-chairman. Each dean has appointed for his or her division a volunteer steering committee of alumni and friends to work as part of the overall campaign. Dean Ficken of CCHS is now consulting with interested alumni and friends of the College to put in place an effective leadership team. His remarks on the importance of this venture appear on page 2.

Editor's Note: Campaign totals and goals are quoted from UA Development newsletter (Spring 1992). For more information, contact the UA Office of Development, Box 870122, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0122, (205) 348-4767.

Linda Jackson

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Capstone Seeks Administrator for Medical Center

Dr. Samuel Gaskins, M.D., has been appointed by Dean Roland Ficken to head the search for a new administrator for The University of Alabama Capstone Medical Center, the clinical training facility for UA School of Medicine students in the Tuscaloosa program. C. George Tulli, Jr., who for 11 years served as administrator of the medical center and director of operations for the Capstone Health Services Foundation, left June 1 to become deputy state health director for the Virginia Health Department. John Maxwell, assistant to the dean for financial planning and management, is serving as interim administrator while the search for a permanent replacement for Mr. Tulli is conducted.

"Capstone has good, experienced department heads reporting to the administrator," said Dr. David Helfelfinger, president of the Capstone Health Services Foundation, "and the center is financially sound with a stable income generated from patients. This is a desirable position, and we are seeking an administrator supportive of our mission as an educational center for medical students and residents."

Members of the search committee include Elizabeth Rand, M.D., discipline chief, Department of Psychiatry; Michael Taylor, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics; Deborah Watson, R.N., director of nursing; Capstone Medical Center (CMC); Jeannette Long, CMC business office manager; Kathy Buxton, director of medical records, CMC; and Maxwell.
Dean's Message

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That opening line from Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities probably applies to any time and every generation. It is also appropriate to the state of affairs of the University and the College of Community Health Sciences. We endured the second straight year of proration of the state education budget, and a promising first effort at tax reform was defeated in the state legislature. However, we have survived and will be much healthier and more productive if we focus our energy on "the best of times."

The College has perhaps never been as well staffed, both with faculty and support staff, as it is now. Not only are the numbers better, but the faculty and staff are eager, productive, and dedicated people. We are graduating one of the finest classes of students we have ever had, and another most promising class begins this July. Our faculty are unanimous in insisting that this class and the medical students we honored at the annual awards convocation in May are outstanding. I certainly agree. "The best of times."

We need some help to ensure that our attention can remain focused on our accomplishments. To be most successful in our primary tasks—to educate family practice residents and third- and fourth-year medical students and to make an impact on the health needs of Alabama's smaller towns and rural communities—we need to develop resources for more faculty positions and program enhancement. Fortunately, we have an opportunity to address these needs through the University's capital campaign. The five-year Campaign for Alabama, kicked off on May 23, has a goal of $165 million. That goal includes $6 million for CCHS priorities.

The Campaign is off to a good start. The College is developing an enthusiastic and dedicated Campaign steering committee chaired by Arthur "Pete" Snyder, M.D. We are delighted that Dr. Snyder has accepted this challenge. We all need to support him to continue "the best of times." We look forward to the continuing support and encouragement of our alumni and friends.

Have a good summer.

—Roland Ficken

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Additional CCHS Residents Graduate to Small-Town Practice

The 17th class of family practice residents to complete training in the College of Community Health Sciences was honored June 25 at a graduation dinner hosted by DCH Regional Medical Center. The former CCHS residents all plan to practice in the Alabama-Mississippi-Florida area, from which most of them hail.

"We are always proud to send our graduates in family practice to communities which need and deserve the best-trained doctors available," said Dr. Samuel Gaskins, director of the Family Practice Residency Program. "Many doctors this year will be going to smaller towns to begin their medical career," he added. (Already, 53 graduates of the CCHS residency are practicing in Alabama towns with populations of 25,000 or less. Of the total 177 residents graduated from CCHS, 89 now practice in Alabama and 87 practice in other states.)

Dr. Joe Barnes of Enterprise, Alabama, a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM), will return to his hometown.

Dr. Stanley Bradford of Demopolis, Alabama, also a UASOM graduate, will move on to Tallahassee, Florida.

Dr. Alan Calhoun of Crossville, Alabama, another UASOM graduate, is returning to Crossville.

Dr. Lisa Colomb of Birmingham, Alabama, a graduate of the University of South Alabama School of Medicine, will practice in Trussville, Alabama.

Dr. Edgar Donahoo of Indianola, Mississippi, who graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, will practice in his hometown.

Dr. David Eaton, also a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, will stay in Tuscaloosa to enter practice. He is a native of nearby Columbus, Mississippi.

Dr. Reid Kerr of Huntsville, Alabama, a graduate of the University of South Alabama School of Medicine, will go to Andalusia, Alabama, to begin practice.

Dr. Everett McKibben of Starkville, Mississippi, a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, is returning to Starkville.

Dr. Mike Peaden of Pensacola, Florida, a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, will practice in Northport, Alabama.

Dr. Remika Reddy of Anatapur, India, a graduate of Kurnool Medical College in India, is remaining in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. David Tuten, from Shelby County, Alabama, and a graduate of UASOM, has chosen to practice in Carrollton, Alabama.

Dr. Fred Yerby of Fayette, Alabama, a UASOM graduate, will return to Fayette as a family physician.
Data collection was concluded in May for a unique study of depression in which a team of standardized patients was sent to see family physicians and internists in Alabama, West Florida, and Mississippi. "The goal of the study is to find out methods used by primary care physicians to detect and diagnose depression," said Lee Badger, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry at CCHS and head of the project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. She explained the project's significance at a noon conference for continuing medical education held at CCHS on May 22. The "Patient on Clinical Duty at the Making" is a collaborative, interdisciplinary effort involving faculty and staff from the departments at CCHS. Study team members include Dr. Badger, Russell Anderson, M.D., Rosemary Ficken, and projekt. M.D. The project director is Mary Ann Plant, Ph.D. Several other faculty members have also contributed to the project.

The project's subjects were family physicians in the Alabama. The five were chosen by a panel of primary care physicians and two psychiatrists, which considered 30 cases with scripted predictive of the accuracy of diagnosis of depression in the early stages. Results will be published in the Journal of Family Practice, the most common presenting complaints of these patients are headaches, abdominal pain, fatigue, low back pain, dizziness, and nervousness," said Badger. June is one of those patients with preparing symptoms and behaviors taken from actual patient cases seen by primary care physicians in Alabama. The five were chosen as a part of the project presented with these complaints, multiple medical problems, and symptoms of a mood disorder. In three cases, major depression is primary; in two cases, the mood disorder is a symptom of lupus and hypothyroidism. Elizabeth Rand, M.D., chief of psychiatry at CCHS, said the "difficult" patient is having more psychosocial and psychophysiological problems than other patients, said Dr. Badger. "They are perceived to have more abrasive behavior than most patients. They have vague medical problems and are often doctor shoppers." According to a survey of family physicians published in the Journal of Family Practice, the most common presenting complaints of these patients are headaches, abdominal pain, fatigue, low back pain, dizziness, and nervousness," said Badger.

A major strength of our research design," said Dr. Badger, "is the utilization of standardized patients. With standardized patients there is control over the undesirable variability typically introduced when real patients are used as subjects. In general, the physicians in the study felt comfortable with the simulators and rated their performances 'very real,' usually saying they were typical of their patients, although somewhat more articulate."

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"Our project investigates the role of clinical problem solving in recognizing depression by primary care doctors," explained Dr. Badger. National research has shown that 54 percent of patients with mental disorders go only to the primary care sector for treatment, and that primary care physicians recognize mental disorders only 20 to 50 percent of the time. "In other words, under-recognition of mental disorder by primary care physicians is in the range of 50 to 80 percent," said Dr. Badger. "The RAND Medical Outcome Study finds that the functioning of depressed patients is comparable to that of patients with major chronic medical conditions." She concludes that the "ability of clinicians to diagnose and treat depression appropriately would clearly have a significant positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients and their families."

The study, which has been under way for the past two years, involves videotaping simulated patient interviews and then having the primary care physicians and psychia-
Problem-based learning will be the focus of a 1992-95 CCHS curriculum project in which small groups of students collaborate to study and address selected medical issues. Funded by a training grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the project follows up last year’s successful CCHS project applying problem-based learning (PBL) methodology to clinical medical education for the first time. That research was led by former dean Dr. Wilmer Coggins, since retired from CCHS.

Dr. Paul Tietze, associate professor of family medicine, will direct the new PBL project. Debbie Sidrys, M.D., is project coordinator, and Eta Berner, Ed.D., is a consultant for evaluation/education components. Tonye Fierre will coordinate logistics for the Objectives Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) portion of the project. Lee Badger, Ph.D., will serve as simulated patient training director.

"The project will build on core material from last year," said Dr. Tietze. "This innovative program is ideally suited to our (CCHS) goals: preparing medical students to address undifferentiated medical problems in a rural, largely minority population. The problem-based learning methodology has been used in the basic-science years of medical education at New Mexico, Wake Forest, and Harvard, and we involved consultants from New Mexico and Wake Forest as we constructed a problem-based learning approach to clinical medical education."

Problem-based learning in small groups will involve the development of hypotheses on selected problems; individual, independent research on various aspects of the problems; and collaborative work to solve the problems. "It appears to be a very effective way for physicians to maintain lifelong learning skills," said Dean Roland Ficken.

This type of learning is reinforced by the OSCE evaluation phase of training, in which a student receives immediate feedback from faculty and simulated patients after he or she does an examination or medical interview in the clinical setting. "It is a wonderful morale builder for faculty and students," said Dr. Tietze. "Students initiate their learning and own what they learn. Faculty can then see what their students have learned, instead of just lecturing and wondering what their students carry away."

**College of Community Health Sciences**


**Mission:**

To emphasize family practice and the other primary care disciplines in medical education for medical students assigned to this campus.

To provide a sound basic medical education for all medical students.

To establish and maintain a family practice program to meet urgent needs for family physicians in Alabama, the Southeast, and the nation.

To seek solutions for deficiencies in rural health care in Alabama and the region.

**Results:**

The College of Community Health Sciences has trained 263 medical students. Of these, 66 percent have chosen careers in primary care disciplines such as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology.

Of 177 family practitioners completing the CCHS residency program, more than half practice in Alabama and 53 are in towns of fewer than 25,000 people.
James Ramsay Philp, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.E., has been appointed professor and discipline chief of the Department of Internal Medicine in The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Philp and his wife, Elizabeth Philp, M.D. (who has joined the faculty of the CCHS Department of Family Medicine), are natives of Scotland and come to the University of Alabama School of Medicine Tuscaloosa program from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

At Bowman Gray, Dr. Philp has most recently held the position of professor of infectious diseases and immunology. He served on the school and community in various other capacities as well: chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, chair of the Protocol Committee, director of preclinical education and chair of the Case and Curriculum Committee and the Examination Committee for Parallel (Problem-Based) Curriculum Training. He is a graduate of the Medical School, he was head of the Patient Care Committee and member of the Quality Assurance Committee at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. In addition, he chaired units for the Committee on Medical Education, established a new integrated curriculum, developed a course in physical and differential diagnosis, and chaired the physical diagnosis and introductory clinical clerkship for the school.

Dr. Philp had earlier academic appointments at the University of Florida (medicine and microbiology) and St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London (bacteriology/infectious diseases). His postdoctoral experience in Scotland includes tenures as house surgeon and house physician at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and as senior research fellow in radiobiology at Aberdeen University. In the 1980s he was a National Institutes of Health Heart and Lung Institute consultant. He is a member of British and American professional societies including the American Federation for Clinical Research, American Society for Microbiology, British Society for the Study of Infection, Royal Medical Society (Edinburgh), British Medical Association; and the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Royal College Physicians-Edinburgh, and American College Physicians Reticuloendothelial Society, all three of which have named him a fellow.

Dr. Philp was born in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, and was educated at the University of Edinburgh. He graduated summa cum laude in microbiology, earned an M.D. and equivalent Ph.D. in clinical sciences, and received a commendation for his research on treating thyrotoxicosis with ionizing radiation. He and his wife have three grown children. He is active in civic and church leadership, and he enjoys music (especially violin), theological philosophy, golf, and camping.

Of Note

Deborah Potetz-Johnson, M.D., presented the paper "Alabama Day Care Providers' Knowledge and Attitudes about AIDS" at the Alabama Academy of Sciences in April 1992. The paper was co-authored by Peggy O. Jesse, Ph.D., and M. Christine Nagy, Ph.D. At the same meeting, Dr. Nagy presented the paper "Characteristics of Academic Physicians Interested in Agrimedicine," co-authored by John R. Wheat, M.D., Jerry T. McKnight, M.D., and Russell L. Anderson, M.D.

Dr. Jesse presented the paper "AIDS-Related Knowledge, Attitudes and Health Practices of Alabama Licensed Day Care Administrators and Teachers" at a meeting of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations and Alabama Council on Family Relations in March 1992. The paper was co-authored by Deborah Potetz-Johnson and M. Christine Nagy.

Loran A. Baumhover, Ph.D., keynoted an elder abuse seminar in Jackson, Tennessee, in May. He also led a June 18 seminar entitled "Protecting Seniors," sponsored by the North-West Florida Area Agency on Aging, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council, and the State Adult Protective Services division. Dr. Baumhover discussed the statistics, dynamics, and prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. His overview of elder abuse issues is available on videotape.

Dr. Baumhover and Robert Pieroni, M.D., will speak to the medical staff of the Southeast Alabama Medical Center about elder abuse on July 23.

Dr. M. Christine Nagy, Ph.D., and Susan Hulitt, M.D., have written "A Rural Clinic Reaches Out: The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Program" for inclusion in Fair Start for Children: Lessons Learned from Demonstration Projects, a book to be published by Yale University Press later this year. Robert Northrup, M.D., is a co-author of the chapter. Leeper, Nagy, and Hulitt also authored "Prenatal Diet Adequacy Among Rural Blacks" for the spring 1992 issue of the Journal of Rural Health.

A Profile of JCAHO Accredited Hospital Foodservice Directors," written by Dr. Nagy with Elizabeth Barrett and Roy Maier, shows salary discrepancies between male and female directors. It has been accepted for publication by the Journal of The American Dietetic Association. Dr. Jerry McKnight and Jerry E. Jones, M.D., published "Juvenile" in the March 1992 issue of American Family Physician. Elizabeth Rand, M.D., co-authored "Behavioral Science and Clinical Psychiary: Textbooks and Software Used," which was published in the spring 1992 issue of Academic Psychiatry. Dr. John R. Wheat was lead author of "Does Workplace Health Promotion Decrease Medical Claims?" published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Volume 8, Number 2, 1992.

Eugene J. Schneider, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at CCHS, has been appointed a diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Psychiatry based on his record of education and training, experience, and oral examination. Currently there are only 54 diplomates of the board. Dr. James Leeper of CCHS has been named an adjunct professor at the UAB School of Public Health.

Moves Provide More Clinical Space at Capstone Medical Center

Several academic and administrative offices have recently been moved out of the Capstone Medical Center to create more space for patient care. "Our goal is to make Capstone a clinical facility exclusively," said John Maxwell, assistant to the dean for financial planning and management. Maxwell handles space allocation for the medical school in Tuscaloosa, and he is working to provide more space in the Capstone Medical Center for internal medicine, pediatrics, occupational and preventive medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and family medicine.

Faculty physicians who see patients at the Capstone Medical Center now have their academic or administrative offices in other buildings. During the spring and summer of 1992, the family medicine academic offices were relocated to an annex of the medical center, and the Capstone Medical Center business office was moved into leased space on University Boulevard adjacent to the center.

Pediatrics academic offices were moved to the Educational Tower at DCH Regional Medical Center, while those of the Department of Psychiatry were moved from the Educational Tower to the third floor of Nott Hall on the University Quadrangle. Phone numbers and mailing addresses for the faculty and staff involved have not changed.

Dr. Philp Is Scotland Native

Bowman Gray Professor Heads CCHS Internal Medicine Faculty
CCHS Medical Students and Faculty Recognized at '92 Honors Convocation

The College of Community Health Sciences held its annual honors convocation May 16. The outstanding medical students and faculty recognized included Paul Michael "Mike" Davis, Jr., who received the William R. Willard Award (the Dean's Award). This singular recognition, conferred by vote of the medical school faculty, is awarded each year to the CCHS senior medical student whose contributions to the goals and mission of the College are most outstanding. Among the recipients of other CCHS awards was Ronald Beaudreau, who earned the Scholastic Achievement Award for the highest grade point average in clinical years.

Several awards for outstanding contributions to undergraduate medical education were presented to faculty members selected by vote of the medical students. William Winternitz, M.D., was honored with the Patrick McCue Award, and Edgar Donahoe, M.D., received the Resident Recognition Award. The senior class presented the Faculty Recognition Award to Michael C. Lindberg, M.D., for outstanding contributions to medical education during their junior year. Dr. Lindberg, who was the convocation keynote speaker, is completing a geriatric fellowship at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. In addition, James E. Stone, Jr., was the recipient of the James H. Akers Award, presented each year to the Tuscaloosa program senior who best personifies the art and science of the practice of medicine.

Departmental awards recognized outstanding medical students in each specialty area. Joseph Michael Webb received the Robert F. Gloor Award from the Department of Behavioral and Community Medicine. Beverly A. Joseph won the Family Medicine Award. Ronald W. Beaudreau was awarded the Internal Medicine Honor. Patricia K. Harris received the Teresa Finney Memorial Award, given by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as the Pediatrics Award. Douglas A. Wadeson received the Peter Bryce Award from the Department of Psychiatry. The Surgery Award was presented to Mike Davis and Christopher J. Hart. Mary Allison Cunningham was honored with the Research Award.

Also during the convocation, James E. Stone, Jr., was honored as Student of the Year by the Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Medical Center. Finally, Jennifer R. Bush, a medical student on the Huntsville campus, received the Larry Mayes Memorial Award, a scholarship that supports a student's work in an underserved area. Larry Mayes was a CCHS medical student who died in 1986 while serving a rotation in Africa. The annual award, which goes to a junior medical student at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, will enable Ms. Bush to do an elective on a Zuni Indian reservation in New Mexico.

Bennett to Discuss Gene Therapy at Bahar Lecture

J. Claude Bennett, M.D., chairman of the Department of Medicine and director of the University Hospital Chief Services Division, University of Alabama at Birmingham, will be the distinguished lecturer for the fourth annual Natica Bahar Memorial Lecture on December 3, 1992. He will speak on the rapid advances in gene therapy.

The Bahar lecture series was established by Dr. Bahar in 1987 in memory of his wife. Dr. Bahar is a respected Tuscaloosa physician, a member of the CCHS clinical faculty, and a former president of the Alabama Thoracic Society and the Tuberculosis Hospital Association. Bahar lecturers have included Dick D. Briggs, Jr., M.D., and Gerald M. Pohost, M.D., both from the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Briggs' lecture was titled "Interstitial Lung Disease: Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment." Dr. Pohost's lecture addressed applications of magnetic resonance imaging in cardiovascular care. In 1991 John W. Kirklin, M.D., presented the Natica Bahar Lecture, titled "Patient-Specific Predictions and Comparisons for Ischemic Heart Disease."

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New Faculty Arrive at CCHS

William Keith DeBell, M.D., has joined CCHS as an assistant professor of internal medicine. Dr. DeBell has a special interest in growth hormone research, insulin pump therapy for diabetes, diabetic cures, and hyperlipidemia. A graduate of Samford University and the University of Alabama School of Medicine, he spent his clinical years at the UAH School of Primary Medical Care in Huntsville. He completed an internship and residency in categorical internal medicine at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis and a fellowship at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center Division of Endocrinology in Charlottesville, Virginia. Dr. DeBell comes to CCHS from Nashville, Tennessee, where he was a member of Stone River Medical Consultants and the Donelson Hospital staff. He and his wife, Carol, have a two-year-old and a four-year-old son. Carol is the daughter of Dr. Henry Hoffman, retired director of admissions at the School of Medicine in Birmingham. Dr. DeBell's family is in Morgan County, Alabama. "We are looking forward to being closer to home and living in a college town again," said Dr. DeBell. His hobbies include running, woodworking, and growing orchids.

Ghassan Hamadeh, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, this summer begins a one-year fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at CCHS. Dr. Hamadeh received his B.S. in biology-chemistry degree with high distinction from the American University of Beirut, where he also earned his M.D. degree, completed an internship in internal medicine, and served as assistant professor and acting chairman of the Department of Family Medicine. He completed a residency in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina and has continuing education credits in colposcopy, teaching medical interviewing and history-taking, and advanced cardiac life support. Dr. Hamadeh has teaching experience with both medical students and residents, and he has developed curricula for school health programs, teaching agrimedicine, and computer literacy for family medicine residents. He has supervised resident evaluation (including preparing and administering OSCE exams) and consulted with the governments of Abu Dhabi and Libya about establishing family practice training programs. He has made presentations on dealing with AIDS patients, family medicine in the Arab world, characteristics of after-hours health users, and thyroid disease. His research interests include colposcopy, Norplant implantation, OSCE, computer use in primary care, patient-doctor relationships (including applying balint training in diagnosis of psychosocial problems), and the role of family, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds in health care utilization. Dr. Hamadeh holds professional membership and represents the State of Lebanon on the Examination Committee of the Arab Board of Family and Community Medicine. He also belongs to the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, and Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. A Lebanese citizen, he is a permanent resident of the United States. He is married to Ruba Ismail.

Class of 1994 Numbers

23 Medical Students

Medical students joining the Tuscaloosa program this summer to complete the third and fourth years of their course in the UA School of Medicine come primarily from Alabama, but the 23 class members include several students from other states. The new CCHS medical students are Bart M. Bailey, Gadsden, AL; Sandra R. Balk, Huntsville, AL; Robert C. Brunner, Miami, FL; John D. Creasy, Jackson, TN; John W. Crommett, Fort Walton Beach, FL; Kurt S. Dangl, D.M.D., St. Louis, MO; Andrew M. DeWitt, Midfield, AL; Mark S. Eich, Florence, AL; Jigme N. Gander, Ocoee, AL; Cody L. Hamadeh, Marietta, GA; Robert K. Hunt, D.D.S., Snellville, GA; Richard E. Jones, Mobile, AL; Christopher G. Kelley, Oxford, AL; Michael A. Kelley, Andalusia, AL; Narong Kultavanapoo, Daphne, AL; Kennedy F. Kuzo, Hoover, AL; Leroy Leving, Jr., Fairburn, GA; LaQuetta N. Morris, Talladega, AL; Regina M. Nepomuceno, Birmingham, AL; Wallace B. Pory, Jr., Anniston, AL; Dykes T. Rushing, Jr., Elba, AL; Robert G. Swanton, Metairie, LA; and John G. Wideman, Birmingham, AL.

"How's Your Health?"
will be the theme of the CCHS tent on the Quad at the UA Homecoming celebration.

Saturday, October 3, 1992
(before the South Carolina game)

Stop by for health information and refreshments!
Family Practice Residency Program Welcomes 15 New Doctors

Fifteen new doctors began residencies in family practice at CCHS on July 1. They come from San Antonio, Kansas City, Shreveport, New Orleans, Mississippi, and Rhode Island as well as from Mobile and Birmingham.

Scott Hall Boswell, entering as a second-year resident, is from Nonzapater, Mississippi. Scott attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, where he received a B.S. degree in biology in 1978. He received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson in 1983 and did a year’s transitional internship at the University of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, which he completed in June 1984. He also served four years in the Navy as a flight surgeon.

Jimmie Denise Clark is from Jackson, Mississippi, and received her B.S. degree from Tougaloo College in 1987. She earned her medical degree from Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1992. She is now pursing a fellowship in pediatrics.

Jeffrey Allen Donahue is from Shreveport, Louisiana, and received his B.S. degree from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana, in 1987. He will receive his medical degree from Louisiana State University Medical Center-Shreveport in 1992. While working at the ambulatory care clinic at his medical school, Jeff said he realized that to fulfill all of his aspirations, he needed to complete a residency in primary care.

Kelli Renee Ford is from Monroe, Mississippi, and received an A.S. degree from Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi, in 1985, and a B.S. degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1988. She will receive her medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson in 1992. The third of four children, she was raised on a farm in southeast Mississippi. Her junior college studies were directed toward the medical field, and a teacher at William Carey provided the encouragement she needed to realize she could become a physician.

Thomas Dwight Harper is from Holly Springs, Mississippi, and received his B.S. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1982. He will receive his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in 1992, where he completed his junior year made him realize that family practitioners force them to remain current on recent advances in medicine.

Beverly Angelle Joseph is from Birmingham, Alabama, and attended Samford University, UAB, and Oakchoporge University in Atlanta, where she earned her B.S. degree in 1986. Her medical degree will be awarded by the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 1992; she did her clerkship years in the Tuscaloosa program. Growing up in a loving, supportive family environment has been a most important influence in Beverly’s life, she said. She places great value on the family unit, and she hopes to practice in a rural community.

Frederick Wayne Kelly is from Chickasaw, Alabama. He received a B.S. degree from Mobile College in 1988 and will receive his medical degree from the University of South Alabama in 1992. He would like to practice in a rural community where the challenges faced daily by family physicians force them to remain current on recent advances in medicine.

Mark Douglas Miller is from Minden, Louisiana. He attended Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, where he received a B.S. degree in biology in 1986. He then attended UTMB-Galveston, earning a B.S. degree in health care science in 1989. He will receive his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio in 1992. Mark grew up in a small town and was influenced by a family physician who was loved and respected because he was a good clinician and treated his patients with compassion.

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